

The Quarterly Bulletin

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HAPPY EASTER!!

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▲ April Quarterly Meeting

Our next meeting will be held April 10, 2022 at the Ripley County Historical Archives. The meeting will begin at 2:00 pm. Cheryl Welch and Barbara Eades will give a program on the 1950 Census. Refreshments will be served by Adams Township. We look forward to seeing you in person. Masks are requested.

▲ Library Hours



NOTICE: The library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 1 pm-4 pm. For those not able to visit us in person, email your requests for information to staff@rchslib.org or regular mail to P O Box 525 Versailles, IN 47042. We look forward to serving your research needs.

NOTICE: The Museum is open by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call Cheryl Welch, President 812-621-0418, Duane Drockelman, Vice President 812-852-1313 or Barbara Eades, Director at Large 812-701-9238.



▲ Annual Dues

Remember to renew your membership for another year. 2022 Yearly Dues are due in January. Mail your renewal for 2022 to RCHS at P.O. Box 525, Versailles, IN 47042 Dues: Annual \$15; Life \$150.

▲ Research

Research is free to all members and \$7.00 for non-members. Copies/scans are \$1.00 per page for everyone and can be sent via email or in paper form. To take pictures of copies a \$2.00 charge will be taken. Please make your research requests via email or regular mail.

▲ Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to donate 3 hours of their time one day a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. If you live in Delaware Township, please consider volunteering to be a director from your township. Contact Cheryl Welch if you are interested in filling any of these positions.

▲ Books

See our list of books available listed on the last page of this newsletter. The WWII War Veterans Book, titled *LEST WE FORGET* by Joan and Norris Krall is still available. It can be obtained for \$25 at (1) Batesville Historical Society which is located on George Street next to the Post Office, (2) the Osgood Museum on South Buckeye Street (on Friday or Saturday afternoons) or (3) in Versailles at the Ripley County Historical Society Library on the west side of the Courthouse Square (open every week-day afternoon from 1 to 4). Checks should be made payable to Ripley County Historical Society. Books may be shipped for a \$7.50 shipping and handling fee.



THANK YOU

Ripley County Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the grant received from the Southeastern Indiana REMC Operation Roundup to purchase a new dehumidifier for the archive building.

DIRECTORS

Delaware Township has an open position for Director. If you are interested in serving your community through the Historical Society, please contact Cheryl Welch, President.

1950 Census Records

Taken every 10 years since 1790, the United States census provides a snapshot of the nation's population. There is a 72-year restriction on access to the records. **On April 1, 2022, the 1950 Census will be released.** This population census is the 17th decennial census of the United States. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has digitized and will provide free online access to the 1950 Census population schedules for U.S. states and territories, enumeration district maps, and enumeration district descriptions.

During the 1950 census, approximately 143,000 enumerators canvassed households in the United States, territories of Alaska and Hawaii, American Samoa, the Canal Zone, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and some of the smaller island territories. The U.S. Census Bureau also enumerated Americans living abroad for the first time in 1950. Provisions were made to count members of the armed forces, crews of vessels, and employees of the United States government living in foreign countries, along with any members of their families also abroad.

Census records are an invaluable tool for researchers.

Reports and statistics from the 1950 census are available through the U.S. Census Bureau.

Records from the 1950 to 2010 Censuses can **only** be obtained by the person named in the record or their heir after submitting form BC-600 or BC-600sp (Spanish) found at www.census.gov.

Questions Asked on the 1950 Census

Questions for all persons

1. Name of street, avenue, or road
2. House and apartment number
3. Serial number of dwelling unit
4. Is this house on a farm or ranch?
5. Is this house on a place of three or more acres?
6. Agricultural Questionnaire Number
7. Name
8. Relationship to head of household
9. Race
10. Sex
11. Age on last birthday
12. Marital status: Married (Mar), Widowed (Wd), Divorced (D), or Separated (Sep)
13. State or country of birth
14. Naturalization status if foreign born (Yes, No, or AP for born abroad of American parents)

Questions for persons fourteen years of age and over

15. Was this person working (Wk), unable to work (U), keeping house (H), or doing something else (Ot) most of last week
16. If H or Ot in item 15: Did this person do any work at all last week?
17. If No in item 16: Was this person looking for work?
18. If No in item 17: Even though he didn't work last week, does he have a job or business?
19. If Wk in item 15 or Yes in item 16: How many hours did he work last week?
- 20.a. Occupation
 - b. Industry in which person worked
 - c. Class of worker: Private employer (P), government (G), in his or her own business (O), or without pay on family farm or business (NP)

Questions for persons on sample lines (six per sheet)

21. Was he living in this same house a year ago?
22. Was he living on a farm a year ago?
23. Was he living in this same county a year ago?
24. If No in item 23: What county (24a) and state or foreign country (24b) was he living in a year ago?
25. What country were his father and mother born in?
26. What is the highest grade of school that he has attended?
27. Did he finish this grade?
28. Has he attended school at any time since February 1st? (Yes, No, or age 30 or over)

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29. If Yes in item 17: How many weeks has he been looking for work?

Personal Census Information	Available for census year(s)
• Census year	1910–2010
• County where taken	1910–1980
• State where taken	1910–2010
• Name	1910–2010
• Relationship to head of household	1910–2010
• Name of person in whose household you were counted	1910–2010
• Age at the time of the census	1910–1950, 1970–2010
• Date of birth	
Year and quarter	1960
Month and year	1970–1980
Year	1990
Month/day/year	2000–2010
• Place of birth	1910–1950
• Citizenship if requested or if foreign born	1910–1950
• Occupation (if requested)	1910–1950

Fun Facts from the 50's

- RCA broadcasts the first color television program on June 25, 1951.
- Sam Phillips opens the "Sun Records" record label in Memphis, TN, March 27, 1952.
- Francis Crick and James Watson discover the spiral structure of DNA on February 28, 1953, and report the findings in *Nature* on April 25, 1953.
- Memphis DJ Dewey Phillips introduced radio listeners to Elvis Presley on On July 8, 1953, when he played "That's All Right" on his "Red, Hot, and Blue show."
- Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* receives a 1953 Pulitzer Prize. In 1954, the author is awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.
- The USS Nautilus, the first nuclear submarine, launches on January 21, 1954.
- On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refuses to vacate her seat aboard a Montgomery, AL, bus.
- Fred Gipson publishes the novel, *Old Yeller* in 1956 and receives a Newbury Honor in 1957.
- CBS debuts *Leave It to Beaver* on October 4, 1957.
- Brazil wins its first Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup, beating Sweden 5-2, on June 29, 1958.
- Alaska and Hawaii become the 49th and 50th states, respectively, in 1959.
- Rod Serling's *Twilight Zone* begins airing October 2, 1959.

BOOKS FOR SALE

A Century of Schools	by Alan Smith	\$20.00
Adams Township Cemetery Directory		\$10.00
Broken Wings	by Robert Kelly	\$20.00
Brown Township Cemetery Records		\$10.00
Brown Township Tales	by Alan Smith	\$20.00
History of Adams Township	by Harold Freeland	\$20.00
Historic Travel Guide to Ripley County	by Paul R Wonnig	\$20.00
In These First Bright Days of Elvis Book I	by Josephine Rascoe Keenan	\$16.00
In Those Dazzling Days of Elvis Book II	by Josephine Rascoe Keenan	\$16.00
In Those Glory Days of Elvis Book III	by Josephine Rascoe Keenan	\$16.00
Jackson Township Cemetery Records		\$13.00
Johnson Township Cemetery Records		\$10.00
Lest We Forget a Tribute to the World War II Veterans of Ripley County	by Norris & Joan Krall	\$25.00
Milan, Indiana: A Storied Past 1854-2004		\$16.00
Napoleon & Vicinity Sesquicentennial 1820-1970		\$12.00
Old Timbers	by Chilton Thompson	\$23.00
Osgood Indiana Sesquicentennial 1856-2006		\$17.00
Passing Point	by Don Morrison	\$ 8.00
Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots with Ties to Ripley County Indiana	by Marlene Jan McDerment	\$34.00
Ripley County, IN Vintage Post Cards	by Alan Smith	\$20.00
Ripley County History Volume I		\$65.00
Ripley County History Volume II	(Paperback)	\$25.00
Passing Point	by Don Morrison	\$ 8.00
Story of the Bradt Fund, the F. Hale Bradt Family and their Versailles, Indiana Farm 1906 – 2001		n/c
Sugar Branch #1	by Don Morrison	\$16.00
The Dark Line #2	by Don Morrison	\$20.00
Come Safe Home #3	by Don Morrison	\$20.00
Tales of Versailles	by Alan Smith	\$16.00
Versailles, Indiana School Life 1818 -1966	by Alan Smith	\$20.00
Wilbur's War (Abridged)	by Hale Bradt	\$15.00

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