

The Quarterly Bulletin
RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA, HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
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January 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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▲ **January Quarterly Meeting Canceled**

The Historical Society meeting for January 10, 2021 has been canceled. Our next meeting will be held April 11, 2021. Our program for the meeting "Until All Know" will be presented by Della Menchhofer.

▲ **Library Hours Have Changed Until Further Notice**



NOTICE: The library will be closed and open by appointment only until March 1, 2021 due to the Covid-19 virus. We will be monitoring emails and snail mail to answer your requests. 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. Our website: www.rchslib.org e-mail: staff@rchslib.org. We look forward to serving your research needs.

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▲ **Annual Dues**

Remember to renew your membership for another year. 2021 Yearly Dues are due in January. Mail your renewal for 2021 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, Wednesday 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.

Main Street Versailles 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest



Ripley County Historical Society



Ross' Run Chapter DAR

The Ripley County Historical Society and Ross' Run Chapter DAR entered their trees in the 2nd Annual Versailles Main Street Christmas Tree Decorating contest. The square was lit up with twenty-one decorated trees by area businesses and organizations.



WE PAY TRIBUTE

Mary F. Manship, 59, of Freetown, formerly of Versailles passed away at 2:45am, Sunday, November 1, 2020 at the Schneck Medical Center in Seymour. She was born in Kokomo on October 21, 1961 the daughter of Leonard and Kathryn Fangman Manship. Survivors include two sisters Germaine (Richard) Grapevine of Seymour and Deldea Klueber of Terre Haute; nephews Andy Klueber of Terre Haute and Joseph Zagata of Seymour; nieces Melissa (Joseph) Wilson and Andrea Zagata both of Seymour, and Amanda (Matt) Betz of North Vernon. She was preceded in death by her parents. Mary was a 1980 graduate of Jac-Cen-Del High School and had taken courses to receive her genealogy certification. Mary was a homemaker and a member of the St. John Catholic Church in Osgood. She was very fond of animals and was proud that her family could donate the ground where the Ripley County Humane Society now sits today. Mary's wishes were to be cremated and a service for her will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family with burial in the Cliff Hill Cemetery in Versailles. Memorials may be given to the Ripley County Humane Society in care of the Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Diane Weber for the donation to the Historical Society in honor of her Weber and Bohannon families. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

NEW ITEMS

Thank you to John Ulmer for the donation of *Ripley County's Part in the World War 1917-1918*.

LOOKING BACK

Enjoy these former business ads from the past. Do you see your ancestors?

HAY TOOLS
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

THE FAMOUS MYERS CARRIERS,
The Jumbo Carriers,
KNOT-PASSING PULLEYS.
Single and Double Carriers.

Porter Carriers,
Genuine Nellis
Forks.

In this line we handle only the best goods in the market, and guarantee our prices to be as low as the lowest on the same class of goods.

Yours Truly,
JOHN ECKERT, OSGOOD, IND.

OTTO C. BEER,
SUNMAN, IND.



Has a large stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Musical Instruments, Sewing Machines, Oils, Needles, etc. Repairing of all kinds done on short notice. All goods and work warranted.


Attention, Farmers!



If you need anything in the line of Agricultural Implements, call on me. I handle the Minneapolis Binders and Mowers, McSherry and Campbell Corn Drills, Cultivators, Hay Rakes, Disc and Spring Tooth Harrows, Binder Twine, etc.

Trusting that our former dealings with you may merit a share of your future patronage, I remain
Yours truly,
JOHN C. MEYER, Delaware, Ind.

The very best makes of
COOKING STOVES
for
\$9, \$11, \$12.50, \$13,
\$16 to \$35
at
ALF. SHOOK'S
Osgood, Ind.



The largest stock of Heating Stoves and Tinware ever offered in the county.

SAVE THE TEETH
NATURE GAVE.



Prices Low . . .
First-class dentistry:
DR. P. A. ROW,
Office at Residence Osgood, Ind.
Opposite M. E. Church.

HASSMER HOUSE,
SOUTH SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE,
VERSAILLES, - - IND.
First-class accommodation, boarding by the
week, day or meal, feed stable in connection.
E. H. HASSMER, - Proprietor.
Jan 25-17

JOHN LIMBERG,
POSTON, IND.,
Manufacturer and Dealer in all kinds of Picture Frames,
Picture Pins, Glass, Cords, Picture Mats, Etc.
Pictures enlarged and framed at reasonable rates. Moul-
ding from 2½ cents per foot to the finest.
Give us a call.


UNDERTAKING.

I am prepared to furnish on short notice Coffins, Caskets,
Ladies' and Gent's Robes, etc., at moderate prices.
I also have a complete line of
FURNITURE.
GIVE US A CALL.
WM. COBS, - - - - - SUNMAN, IND.

THE NEW STORE!

Having opened up my store at New Ma-
rion, I would respectfully ask that you
call and examine goods and prices. We
have a complete line of Dry Goods, Station-
ery, Books, Maps, Stationery, Hard-
ware, Paints, Etc., etc.
Our prices are in keeping with the high-
est market prices.
IRA McCOY, - New Marion.

This space belongs to Lubbe & Carnine, the Young
Storemen, of Cross Plains. They are too busy sell-
ing goods to write out their advertisement. In the
place of it they send us a cut of one of their com-
petitors who does not advertise.



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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 Wanning	\$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 Bra 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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