

The Quarterly Bulletin

RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA, HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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HAPPY FALL!!

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▲ October Quarterly Meeting

Our next meeting will be held October 10, 2021 at the Ripley County Historical Archives. The meeting will begin at 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you in person. Masks are optional.

▲ 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 were 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.

WE PAY TRIBUTE



Charles "Bill" Gloyd, 86, recently of Versailles, long-time resident of Osgood, passed away at 10:57pm, Thursday, August 12, 2021, surrounded by family at his home. Bill was born in Charleston, West Virginia, on April 13, 1935, the son of Oran and Ruth Baylor Gloyd. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Sandra (Kelso) Gloyd. Surviving children are daughter Jerri Gloyd of Versailles, daughter Beth (Tim) Scanlon of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, son Steve (Debbie) Gloyd of Osgood and daughter Carol (Mark) Jordan of New Paltz, New York. Bill and Sandra's seven grandchildren are Eric Gloyd of Chicago, Meghan Scanlon of Pittsburgh, Conor Scanlon of Portland, Oregon, Erin (engaged to Logan Alloway) Gloyd of Indianapolis, Kaya Jordan of Santa Monica, California, and William Jordan and Adi Jordan both of New Paltz, New York. Bill is also survived by his sister, Marjorie (Norman, deceased) Crum of Milwaukee. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Lisa,

and his brother Larry Gloyd and sister-in-law Del Gloyd. Bill was a 1953 graduate of Osgood High School and attended Hanover College for one year before joining the US Army in 1956. Bill and Sandra married that same year, and Sandra joined Bill in Nuremberg, Germany, where he was stationed until 1958. Bill took pride in a job well done from an early age. As young boys, Bill and lifelong friend, John Ward, shared a paper route. While working at Pemberton's Service Station, Bill was the last person to deliver ice to homes in Osgood. He began working in his parents' hardware store in Osgood as a young boy and returned to Gloyd Hardware upon discharge from the army. This family business formed a strong foundation for a career in the hardware industry. He advanced his career with Van Camp Hardware in Indianapolis as a salesman on the road. This led to his founding of Gloyd Sales Inc., which he operated as a manufacturers' representative until his retirement in 2012. Bill was dedicated to his community. Throughout his life he served on several boards and committees and spearheaded projects. Bill served on the Jac-Cen-Del School Board, the Ripley County Bank Board of Directors, the Greendale Cemetery Board, as Center Township Trustee, The OHS Alumni Committee and the Osgood Beautification Committee. He was a member of the Osgood United Methodist Church, Osgood Masonic Lodge, Osgood Fire Department, Osgood Civic Club, and the Ripley County Historical Society and a former RCHS director. Along with his wife, Sandra, and Doug Thayer, he was a founding member of the Osgood Historical Museum. Bill loved his family and his country. He especially enjoyed providing an experience of history through travel with his young children and then grandchildren.

THANK YOU

Tuesday evening, September 14, on the 165th birthday of Mr. Jim Tyson, the Versailles Tyson Fund granted to eight organizations \$599,283. Mr. Tyson started this trust fund in 1930 and this is the 90th year for grants. The fund was started with \$74,000 of Walgreens stock and is now worth \$22,000,000. Thanks Uncle Jim.



Left photo - RCHS Treasurer Owen Menchhofer receiving check from Board Trustee Bob Meyer. Right photo - Grant recipients representing Main Street Versailles, Ripley County Historical Society, Tyson Activity Center (TAC), Town of Versailles, Tyson Library, Versailles Fire Department, Tri-Kappa, and Versailles Lions Club. The Ripley County Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the grant received from the Tyson Fund to purchase a new front door for the archive building.

RIPLEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS 100 YEARS and STILL GOING STRONG

July 14, 1921, in the Grand Jury Room of the Court House at Versailles, a meeting was held to organize a Historical Society for Ripley County. Charter members were Mesdames Ella Row, M F Holman, Davison Yater, G G Holman, Minnie E Wykoff, Clay Breeden, Mr. & Mrs. W D Robinson, Mr. & Mrs. Charles S Royce, Peter Holzer, Charles H Willson, Cromwell Hunter, Roland H Jackson, Daniel K Marsh, Joseph Hassmer, L A Burns, Dailey E McCoy, Dr. Florence Olmsted-Wilson, Clara B Jones, Misses Pearl Roberts, Hazel Long, and Violet Toph. The purpose of the organization is to collect and preserve relics of the early days and to collect data concerning the development of our county.

The Historical Society archive houses Marriage Records 1818-1999, Will Records 1818-1973, Probate Records 1834-1974, Birth & Death Records 1882-1907, Toph Papers and Toph Peoples History, Obituaries, Cemetery Records, Family Surname Files, Family Genealogy Books, Revolutionary War and Civil War Records, Searchable Newspapers 1883-current plus many books and photos. The archive is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 1pm – 4pm.

The Museum houses many Civil War relics and uniform from various wars, family heirlooms and photos. Contact the Historical Society for a private tour.

RIPLEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

July 11, 2021

The summer quarterly meeting of the Society was held at the RCHS Archives Building on July 11, 2021. President Welch called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Frank Keenan read the minutes from the October 2019 meeting, which were approved as read. In the absence of Treasurer Owen Menchhofer, Cheryl distributed the Treasurer's report, in which Owen points out checking and savings account balances, as well as balances from investments with the Farm Bureau and Woodley.

Under Old Business, President Welch pointed out that the rocks around the cabin had caused water to splash up and rot the bottom logs. These 6 – 8, approximately 6-foot-long slabs of rock now being stored outside on a farm, and the question was posed as to what should be done with them. Barb Eades suggested that they could be used as a walkway between the cabin and the museum, or as a patio or steps in back of the museum. Secretary Keenan reminded the group that such an uneven walkway could pose legal issues, should someone trip or fall on them. No solution was reached. The museum currently is open by appointment only, however, Cheryl suggested we have it open on July 31, 2021, for the Taste of Versailles. Duane added that it should also be open for The Pumpkin Show.

The Society discussed what we needed money for in order to request a grant from the Tyson Fund. Barb suggested that the carpet in the Archives Building be replaced with something that could be easily cleaned. It was also discussed whether we should apply to Tyson for money to be spent on a maintenance contract for the scanner. Dannie Welch suggested that a better use of our money would be to simply wait for the scanner to break down and to then have it fixed, rather than invest \$3600.00 a year on a maintenance contract when the scanner might not break down for several years. The Commissioners, who bought the scanner for the Society, no longer uses it, and consequently, they will not pay for its maintenance any longer.

Cheryl bought a new rope for the flag. Discussion followed on how to get it put on the flagpole. August 31 is the deadline for RCHS to report on the new Ripley County History Book being printed by Tracy Winters, the last book having been published in 1989. All information has been sent to him, including a story by Delbert Abplanalp on Fox Drives, but we have not yet received the completed book. If we do not make the deadline for the report to Clarise Patterson with the Ripley County Commissioners Foundation, we will have to return the \$5000.00 grant.

Cheryl pointed out that recent bulletins report that RCHS replaced historical markers and the County did the bridges. Also, Signature quilts were pictured in the latest bulletin, telling how they were made and what they signified. For ten cents, a person could sign his or her name and have it included in a quilt. The quilt money went to the Red Cross after WWI.

Cheryl also mentioned that the Beacon Newspaper, a free on-line paper at www.gobeaconnews.com, featured an article on historical societies. The next feature will be on inventors. Dannie reported that the hot water heating system is not working well, the pumps went out and it requires lots of maintenance - \$10,000 for a new thermostat; \$1300-1400 for pumps. It's a nightmare, according to Dannie.

The next meeting will be held on October 10, 2021. Brown Township will provide refreshments. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. and ice cream was served.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Keenan, Secretary

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.

Wishing you a Happy

COLUMBUS DAY

HALLOWEEN

VETERANS DAY

THANKSGIVING

CHRISTMAS

NEW YEAR

We look forward to your visits at the Ripley County Historical Society.

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 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

New Reference Book – *The Cades Cove Story* by Randolph Shields (Cades Cove, TN). Includes Cades Cove Land Grants, Land Sales Report, Burchfield Store Records 1911-1912. Thanks to Donna Linville for donating this book.

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