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Corporation

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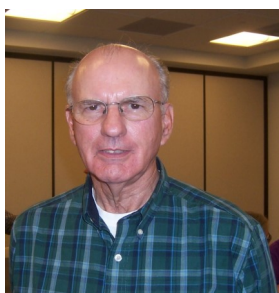
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2015 Club Officers

The Family Bible Project is now available on the Crawfordsville District Public Library web site at: <http://history.cdpl.lib.in.us/bibles.html> The Bibles have been transcribed and scanned and are searchable by family name. There are currently 52 bibles online with more being added every month thanks to an IGS grant and club volunteers,



Dian Moore

Summarized Secretary's Report

By Dian Moore, Secretary

The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, Indiana, continues to meet the second Tuesday of every month at Crawfordsville District Public Library. The Club currently has 51 members. Visitors and new members are welcome at all meetings.

In August, Chandler Lighty, from the Indiana State Library, spoke on *Indiana Memory Project*. Indiana Memory is a collaboration between libraries, cultural institutions and museums that offers free digital access to collections concerning Indiana Heritage. Additionally, he spoke on the Indiana Digital Historic Newspapers available through the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Historical Society.



Chandler Lighty

The September Annual Dinner had a program by Michael and Ann Packham and Stephen Thompson about the *Probate Record Preservation Project*. The current LDS project is digitizing Montgomery County Probate Records, 1824-1888, and showed examples of the information contained in the Probate Records. They also gave a brief introduction to the use of the Family Search website and encouraged everyone to add their family tree information and pictures to the site.



President Joann Spragg officiating her last meeting with speakers, Michael and Ann Packham and Stephen Thompson

The October meeting was used for 2015 club reorganization and projects for the coming year. Please see page 7 for committee information

The Club After Hours Genealogy Research continues quarterly in January, April, July and October on the fourth Friday of the month, 5-9pm. Reservations are required by 5pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month. This is a great time to get help with your research.



Annual Dinner and Meeting
took place in September
38 attended the dinner and
meeting



Daniel Rankin and the Shakers



Ruth Coats Evans

My Great Great Great Great Grandfather was Daniel RANKIN. He was born circa 1754, probably in Maryland. During the Revolutionary War, he enlisted in the Maryland Regiment in 1776 and served until December 27, 1779. He served at Valley Forge, White Plains, Fish Kill and Middle Fork. In 1792, he married Eleanor (Ellinder) TONGUE (TONG) in Loudon County, Virginia. Eleanor was born Aug. 7, 1771 in Frederick County, MD.

Daniel and Eleanor moved to Adams Co. OH in the late 1700's and in 1801 Daniel purchased 100 acres of land on the East Fork of Eagle Creek in Adams Co, OH. This land would be in the area south and east of present-day Decatur, OH.

Starting in 1805, many families living on Eagle Creek, including the Daniel RANKIN family, were converted at camp meetings to Shakerism. "After five or six years or 1811, the 150 believers from Eagle and Straight Creeks were moved to Union Village and Busro in Knox County, Indiana. The Busro settlement was located sixteen miles north of Vincennes on Busseron Creek in Busseron township of Knox County." (Ohio Archeological and Historical Quarterly volume 46)

In preparation for the move to Indiana with the Shakers, Daniel sold his 100 acres of land and other articles. On March 4, 1811, the 10 members of the Daniel RANKIN family with their belongings joined fellow Shakers



Typical Keelboat in early 1800's
from Wikipedia

that boarded one keel boat and a flat boat ready to set sail for the mouth of the Wabash River in Indiana. They stopped in Jeffersonville, Indiana, unloaded and set up the wagons (the horses having gone by land) so that on March 9, 1811 three wagons with seven families started from Jeffersonville for Busro, a distance of 120 miles. They arrived there on March 16, 1811.

(A Cincinnati news article of 1811 reported that over a hundred families of Shakers from southwest Adams and southeast Brown counties floated past Cincinnati en route to form a Shaker village on the Wabash River in Indiana.)

Union Village Shaker Farm in 1916
from Wikipedia



Because of troubles with Indians, the War of 1812 and especially because of deaths caused by Wabash river bottoms malaria, many of the new settlers gave up and returned to Ohio. The Daniel RANKIN family, among others, must have decided to abandon the settlement at Busro and return to Ohio through Kentucky late in 1812. An entry in the Shaker records* for November, 1812 about a group traveling back to Ohio by horse and wagon notes: "We started early -- passed through Lexington (KY) soon in the day - where Daniel RANKIN took the road to Limestone (modern Maysville, KY) – and all his family (except the oldest son, Daniel, who stayed with the Shakers) followed him to the old place on Eagle Creek, Ohio. The rest of the company moved on..." When Daniel and Eleanor and all of his family except Daniel Jr. returned to Adams County, Ohio, they lived on the land that he had sold in 1811 until he could repurchase it. On June 2, 1814, Isaac PORTER sold Daniel RANKIN back the 100 acres that Daniel had sold him in 1811.

Daniel and his family lived on his original 1804—100 acres of land until his death in 1833. When he originally purchased the land, it was in Adams County, OH. However in 1818, the county lines were redrawn and Daniel's 100 acres ended up in Brown County, OH. Thus it appears that Daniel moved from Adams County to Brown County when in fact he never moved at all. Needless to say his adventure with the Shakers did not turn out as Daniel RANKIN and his family had expected.

*** Shakers of Ohio: Fugitive papers concerning the Shakers of Ohio with unpublished manuscripts.** John Paterson MacLean, Heer Printing Co., Columbus, Ohio 1907, pg.303.

This article was excerpted from the RANKIN FAMILY written by John H. COATS, Kalamazoo, MI., brother of Ruth (COATS) EVANS.



Group of Shakers photographed by James E Irving circa 1870 from Wikipedia

Note: Information found on Wikipedia states that the Busro or West Union Settlement was the western most Shaker settlement. It was only inhabited from 1809-1827 and had around 300 Shakers, including many "free blacks", living in the settlement by the summer of 1811. Indian attacks, violence from existing settlers, swampy land, disease, tornados and New Madrid fault earthquakes were some of numerous trials the Shakers faced in Indiana. The area today is privately owned farmland.

"We must be truthful and fair in the ordinary affairs of life before we can be truthful and fair in patriotism and religion."

Edgar W. Howe (1835-1937) born in Treaty, Indiana; author, journalist and editor of *Atchison (KS) Daily Globe*.



Dellie Craig,
Local History
Librarian

Expanding our Collection

Chris Atkinson called from Shingletown, (near Redding) California a couple weeks ago saying he was coming across country to bring a photo to the library on October 27th. The panoramic photograph of the "1923 Alamo Homecoming" taken on 2 Sep 1923 was from his deceased brother Curtis Atkinson's collection. Chris thought Crawfordsville would be the best place for it. The first thing he said during the visit was -- "Its home, where it belongs." Chris is pictured below holding the photograph.

You can find current and past
Genealogy club newsletters
and a membership application
on the Crawfordsville District
Public Library Website
www.cdpl.lib.in.us
Find us under the services tab
and click on Genealogy Club
of Montgomery County



Additionally, Tom and Donna Staggs from Michigan, who have been members of our Genealogy Club, came to Crawfordsville for genealogy research September 29-30. They also met with Judy Harvey, who they had not seen in several years.

The Genealogy Club of Montgomery County—Committees

Standing Committees for 2015

Activities Committee:	Lynn Scharf, Chairman Dian Moore Steve Simms Ruth Evans
Finance Committee:	John Hooper, Chairman Mike Mitchell Dellie Craig
Membership Committee:	John Hooper, Chairman Mike Mitchell Sam Evans Nelson Wilson
Nominating Committee:	Lynn Scharf
Public Information Committee:	Larry Hathaway, Chairman Nelson Wilson Judi Kleine

Project Committees for 2015

4-H /Scholarship Committee	Judi Kleine Dellie Craig Linda Templin
Bible Project Committee:	Dellie Craig Ruth Evans Dian Moore Mike Mitchell
Bylaws Review Committee:	Larry Hathaway Dian Moore
Cemetery Committee:	Larry Hathaway Kim Hancock Judy Harvey Dian Moore
Grant Committee:	Judi Kleine Charlene Hutchison Ted Ratcliff

Seeking Information

On Fri, Oct 3, 2014 at 8:53 AM, Janice Pranger <jan.pranger@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

I'm looking for an obituary, cemetery or death record for my 4th great grand aunt, Phebe **VANCLEAVE HARRIS**, b. c. 1764 Rowan Co., NY, daughter of William **VANCLEAVE** and Abigail **FROST**.

Col John Vawter wrote an article about her in 1754 from Morgantown that was picked up in the Louisville Journal and the Kentucky Statesman. He interviewed her on 20 Jun 1854 on behalf of Lyman C. Draper.

Phebe was 14 when her family left NC for Kentucky with Daniel's Boone's party, and she lost a sister and an aunt in the Long Run Massacre. Vawter describes her as 91, 45 years a widow, and a devout Baptist.

In 1850, Phebe **HARRIS** was living with her son, James **HARRIS** in Brown, Montgomery, IN; by 1856, James was living in Wapello Co., IA, and Phebe is not with him on that census.

Her other children included Jonathan **HARRIS**, Ellenor **HARRIS** who married Jonathan **TEETOR**, Jane **HARRIS** who married Edmund **BRYANT**, Abigail **HARRIS** who married Thomas **ALLISON**, and Elizabeth **HARRIS** who married Andrew **WOODFILL**. Phebe appears to have outlived at least two of her daughters.

Can you offer any suggestions about how I could research Phebe's death, which probably occurred not long after 20 Jun 1854, very possibly in Montgomery Co., where it would be of interest to the large **VANCLEAVE** clan there? Sincerely, Jan Pranger

On Sat, Oct 18, 2014 at 3:54 PM, Linda Widau <swidau@kc.rr.com> wrote:

I sure have a big problem. I am looking for a Nancy **ALEXANDER** b. 1798 Ky, d. 29 June 1880 Montgomery County. Married David Armstrong **SHANNON** 28 Dec 1819 in Washington County, KY. Died in Scott, Montgomery Co, IN. I have all the paper trail for them to this point. Who were her parents?

I found a James H **ALEXANDER** with this family in 1850 Montgomery Co. He was a few years younger (brother maybe). Then I did a search and found Scott Deeds (said KY but?) Deed Book G Page 539. Dec. C, 1820 "Wm **ALEXANDER**'s hrs. to Wm, T. **COLE**, W T **PHILLIPS** and wife Margaret (Peggy):

Wm **ALEXANDER**; D A **SHANNON** and wife, Nancy **SHANNON**; Ann S **ALEXANDER**;

Jas H. **ALEXANDER**. I have searched and searched and still have no clue because "Nancy" doesn't pop up anywhere. I thought maybe Joseph **ALEXANDER** B 1756 IRE D. 19 Nov 1839 Montgomery Co IN S32091 might be the one. But again no Nancy in all the records I have uncovered. My Grandparent **SHANNON**s were in Putnam County..Fincastle to be accurate. It is just this Nancy **ALEXANDER** that has me befuddled. I don't really think that she is a Joseph **ALEXANDER**s daughter. But how did she get to Montgomery Co. and why did David Armstrong **SHANNON** go too. There are no living male "Shannons" in my line as far as I know. I am past Regent of the Kansas City Chapter DAR and have exhausted that! Belong to fold3 and ancestry.com. My info on ancestry is not correct for Nancy..I was fishing for information when I put that out there. Was hoping someone would say "NO NO, this is the correct info!" No such luck. We have a wonderful Genealogy Only Library here in Lees Summit, MO. I just can't find anything on Nancy. Would appreciate any help.

Thank you,

Linda Shannon Widau, swidau@kc.rr.com, (816)741-1828

Upcoming events

November 22, 2014—10am-11am

Indiana State Library One-on-One Family History Consultations on the Third Saturday of every month. Email spfundstein@library.in.gov to schedule an appointment.

November 22, 2014—10am-noon

Indiana Historical Society program “How Hoosiers got Hitched: Marriage in Indiana” cost \$10—Indiana History Center, Indianapolis—register at www.indianahistory.org

December 5, 2014—3-6pm

Low Wallace Study Holiday Tea & Fashion Show - cost \$25, call 765-362-5769

December 6, 2014—8:45am-11:30pm

Montgomery County Historical Society Bus Tour to Madison, IN “Christmas Tour of Homes” reservations at 765/362-3416

December 7, 2014—1pm-3pm

Indiana Historical Society program “Growing Little Leaves: Teaching Children Genealogy Basics” Cost \$8—Indiana History Center, Indianapolis—register at www.indianahistory.org

December 9, 2014—7pm

Genealogy Club Meeting
Christmas Pitch-in

December 20, 2014—10am-11am

Indiana State Library One-on-One Family History Consultations on the Third Saturday of every month. Email spfundstein@library.in.gov to schedule an appointment.

January 13, 2015—7pm

Genealogy Club Meeting
Refreshments provided by Judi Kleine

January 16, 2015—10am-11am

Indiana State Library One-on-One Family History Consultations on the Third Saturday of every month. Email spfundstein@library.in.gov to schedule an appointment.

January 23, 2015—5-9pm

Free After Hours Program at CDPL
Reservations required by January 20th
Call 765-362-2242 x118 or email delliejean@yahoo.com

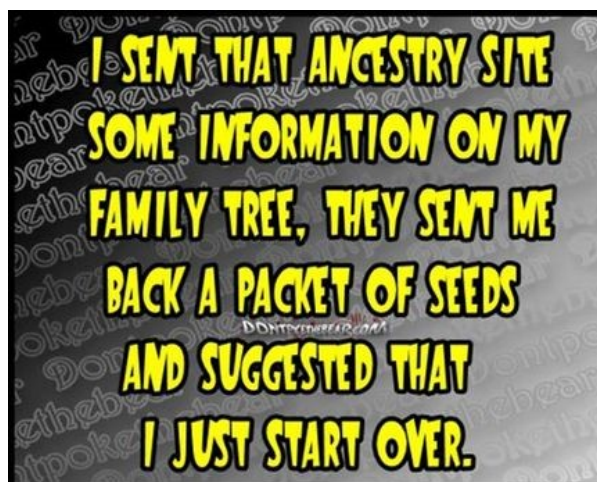
February 10, 2015—7pm

Genealogy Club Meeting
Refreshments provided by Judy Harvey

April 25, 2015—9am-5pm

Indiana Genealogical Society Annual Conf at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN featuring Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL, of The Legal Genealogist
Register at www.indgensoc.org/conference

All articles and other submissions for the February newsletter must be submitted by January 24, 2015



Submitted by member Nelson Wilson
He found this on Facebook

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The annual dues of the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County Indiana Inc. for the period October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 were due in September 2014.

They may be given to Dellie Craig at the Crawfordsville District Public Library or mailed to the Club Treasurer (John Hooper, 1576 E 400 N, Crawfordsville, IN 47933).

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