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UPcoming!

-by Jennie Rauch

Now that we've had good crowds exploring the Indiana Room and LDS FamilySearch website, I hope the rest of the programs we're offering this year will equally pique your interest!

On May 21, at 10 am, I'm excited to announce that we'll have TWO Native American Indian women speaking on Challenges Faced In Tracing Native American Ancestry. As we've discovered already, religious and ethnic groups have their own particular identity, customs and processes for documenting their history. As we peek into the Acoma and Cheyenne-Arapahoe tribes of New Mexico and Oklahoma, hopefully we'll not only be intrigued by their stories, by maybe even discover clues to help us find some "lost" ancestral records! REMEMBER! We're trying a morning meeting this month, at members' requests! We'll be meeting at 10 am in the Library Red Room.

Our annual July 23 pitch-in picnic (indoors!) starts a little earlier than usual, at 12:30, followed by a short program. Surnames A through L, please bring, to share, a salad (e.g. pasta, tossed, chicken. . .) M through Z please bring a dessert to share. Drinks and table settings will be provided. It is a nice time to socialize AND share any items in your genealogy toolbox you may be finished using! Put your name & price on it if you'd like to sell an item/items, otherwise just swap what you don't need for something you'd like to try. We had old technique books, magazines, CDs, etc., last year, and it was interesting to see some things we'd maybe only heard about.

Our July program will find us mining for gold, genealogical gold, that is! Donna Kuhlman, one of our very knowledgeable Genealogy Society Board Members will help us locate helpful information in Deeds Records. Even if I had the records, I'm not sure I'd know what to do with them, so I'm looking forward to learning the next steps to further my family tree expansion! Remember to come early for lunch!

If you have program ideas for next year, we're always looking for those, so don't hesitate to speak up! See you in May!

BCGS 2011 Officers

President: Margot Green
Vice President: Jennie Rauch
Secretary: Carolyn Wheeler
Treasurer/Membership: Sarah Bush
Genealogist: Donna Kuhlman
Genealogist: Karen Loy

Calendar

May 21: Native American Identity & the challenges faced in tracing American Indian Ancestry

Jul 23: Genealogical Gold Found in Deed Records

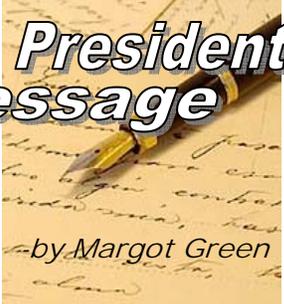
Sep 17: Migration of Ulster Scots to the 'Colonies' & Influence of Scots thinking on the American Revolution

Nov 19: Annual Mtg Celebration & Election of Officers

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Editor's Note: Many thanks to all BCGS Board Members for their time and articles to make Ancestors the "Voice of BCGS" ! As a courtesy, and to insure the personal communication with each of you, their columns are not edited. Hope you enjoy !



President's Message

by Margot Green

A BCGS Website

From our founding in 1990, BCGS has been dedicated to promoting genealogical research and to providing tools, techniques and programs to assist people interested in collecting and preserving their family histories. Now, in our twenty-first year, we are taking a major technological step forward by developing our own BCGS website, with the help of three of our members who are familiar with website design and hosting. We are

in the early stages, and details are being worked out, but we hope to have the website piloted and up and running sometime this summer.

We are designing the website to benefit both members and others interested in genealogy. We will offer general information about BCGS as well as specifics covering our program dates, locations, speakers, and topics. In addition, we will outline member benefits and let people know how they may join.

Website users will be able to submit genealogical queries and requests for assistance to us, and they can use the BCGS website to link to other databases or organizations of genealogical interest such as the Bartholomew County Courthouse Archives, Historic Columbus, the Historical Society, etc. People can also use the site to order our Family Histories and Cemetery Books directly from us.

*Finally, in a password-protected Members-Only Section, our members will have access to constantly updated Surname Lists, information about upcoming area genealogy conferences and other events, copies of available handouts from BCGS programs, and possibly electronic copies of **Ancestors**.*

Developing a website would not be possible without the leadership and technical assistance of members Larry Haak and Marcus Speer, who are working directly with us here in Columbus, and member Diana Moore, who lives in Indianapolis and stays in touch via email. We are grateful for their expertise and their willingness to volunteer their time and talent. Editor Kim Ray will serve as the link between the BCGS Board and the website development team, and we will keep you informed as we move ahead. Stay tuned!

BCGS Website Coming!
Stay Tuned!

Highlights



-BY CAROLYN WHEELER

OUR SOCIETY GOT OFF TO A MARVELOUS START THIS YEAR AS OUR JANUARY MEETING HAD 58 IN ATTENDANCE. JASON HATTON'S PRESENTATION OF "HIDDEN WONDERS OF THE INDIANA ROOM" WAS PACKED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE THERE. WE LEARNED THEIR LOCATION, WHETHER THE BOOKS CAN CIRCULATE OR NOT, AND WHAT IS IN PRINT VERSUS WHAT IS ON MICROFILM OR IN FILE DRAWERS. EACH PERSON WAS ALSO GIVEN A MAP AND A HANDOUT OF DATA THAT WAS QUITE HELPFUL.

NEARLY HALF OF THE BOOKS MAY BE CHECKED OUT. THESE FILL ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE NORTH WALL AND ARE CATEGORIZED BY THE DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM. YOU MOVE FROM FICTION TO BIOGRAPHY TO NON-FICTION WITH SUBJECTS AS VARIED AS RELIGION AND POLITICS TO BOOKS ON FAMOUS CRIMES OR BIRDS OF PREY. NEXT BEGINS THE REFERENCE SECTION. THERE ARE OBITUARY, BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE INDEXES, CEMETERY BOOKS, CITY DIRECTORIES, AND COUNTY AND STATE HISTORIES. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS YOU MAY WANT TO SPEND TIME WITH THE *REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL OF STATE OF INDIANA* FOUND AT 352.926 IND. THERE ARE 8 VOLUMES AND THE FIRST FOUR HAVE INDEXES.

THE ROOM ALSO HAS MANY AIDS FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH. YOU'LL FIND IMMIGRATION AND PASSENGER LISTS, ATLASES, GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINES, AND MAPS THAT SHOW THE LOCATION OF THE ORIGINAL FAMILY PLOTS FROM EARLY DAYS IN BARTHOLOMEW AND OTHER NEARBY COUNTIES. ATOP THE WOODEN FILING CABINET IS A NOTEBOOK WITH A LISTING OF GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL LOCATED IN THE ROOM. I DISCOVERED THERE ARE SOME INTERESTING FAMILY STORIES TO BE FOUND IN THE MIDDLE DRAWER OF THAT CABINET.

IT WOULD BE WORTH YOUR WHILE TO VISIT THE INDIANA ROOM FOR AN AFTERNOON AND EXPLORE THE SHELVES AND DRAWERS OR PERHAPS STEP TO THE MICROFILM AREA ON THE MAIN FLOOR NEAR THE DVD CHECKOUT DESK AND LOOK AT PAST ISSUES OF *THE REPUBLIC* (1872-PRESENT).

OUR MARCH PROGRAM FEATURED KATHLEEN BUSSELBERG WHO GAVE US AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW BETA FAMILY SEARCH WEBSITE WHICH IS ACCESSIBLE AT THE COLUMBUS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER. IT IS LOCATED AT THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS BUILDING AT 3330 30TH STREET. THE HOURS ARE 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON MONDAYS, 6-8 P.M. ON TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, AND 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M. ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. SIX COMPUTERS ARE AVAILABLE, AND ALL SERVICES ARE FREE EXCEPT FOR COPIES AND MICROFILM RENTAL.

MANY WEBSITES ARE AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH, COVERING SUCH SUBJECTS AS THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR, UK RECORDS, SWEDISH CHURCH RECORDS AND ALSO HERITAGE QUEST AND ANCESTRY.COM. A POPULAR SITE IS WWW.FAMILYSEARCH.ORG WHICH IS LINKED TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST COLLECTION OF GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES AND A GLOBAL NETWORK OF RESEARCH CENTERS. THERE ARE HISTORICAL RECORDS, FAMILY TREES AND LEARNING RESOURCES THAT TEACH BASIC STEPS IN DOING FAMILY HISTORY.

10 FABULOUS SOURCES FOR FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS ONLINE

(Editors Note: This article, written by Kimberly Powell, was published by About.com)

Published family and local histories offer a potential rich source of information about your personal family history. Even if a family genealogy has not been published for your ancestors, local and family histories can offer insight into the places your ancestors lived and the people they may have encountered during their lifetime. Before you head to the local library or bookstore, however, take time to explore the hundreds of thousands of genealogies, local histories and other items of genealogical interest available online for free! A few major fee-based collections (clearly marked) are also highlighted.



1. [BYU Family History Archive](#)

The BYU Family History Archive, a free collection of over 17,000 family histories, local histories, city directories and other genealogy books online, is the result of a partnership of three major genealogical libraries - The Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library; and FamilySearch's Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Digitized books have "every word" search capability, with search results linked to digital images of the original publication. When complete, this massive digitization effort promises to be the most comprehensive collection of city and county histories one the Web. Best of all, access will remain free!

2. [Google Books](#)

Select "all books" to include books which allow viewing of over a million books, many out of copyright, but also others for which publishers have given Google permission to display limited book previews (which often includes the Table of Contents and Index pages, so you can easily check to see if a particular book includes information about your ancestor). The list of useful books, pamphlets, newspaper articles and ephemera that you might encounter includes many county histories and biographies published in the late 1800s and early 1900s, as well as family histories. See [Find Family History in Google Books](#) for tips and search suggestions.

3. [HeritageQuest Online](#)

HeritageQuest is a genealogical resource offered for free by many libraries across the United States and Canada. Most participating libraries even offer their patrons remote access from a home computer. The HeritageQuest book collection includes about 22,000 digitized family histories and local histories. Books are every-word searchable, or can be viewed page by page in their entirety. Downloading is limited to 50 pages, however. You generally won't be able to search HeritageQuest directly through this link - instead check with your local library to see if they offer this database and then connect through their site with your library card.

4. [Internet Text Archive](#)

The nonprofit Archive.org, which many of you may know for its Wayback Machine, also hosts a rich text archive of books, articles and other texts. The biggest collection of interest to family historians, is the [American Libraries collection](#), which includes over 300 city directories and 1000 family histories free for searching, viewing, downloading and printing. The [U.S. Library of Congress collection](#) and [Canadian Libraries collection](#) also include genealogies and local histories.

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10 FABULOUS SOURCES FOR FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS ONLINE

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5. [Canadian Local Histories Online](#)

The Our Roots project bills itself as the world's largest collection of published Canadian local histories. Thousands of digital copies in French and English are available online, searchable by date, subject, author or keyword.

6. [Hathi Trust Digital Library](#)

The Hathi Trust Digital Library hosts a large online (and free) Ancestry and Genealogy collection with searchable text and digitized versions of thousands of genealogy and local history books. The majority of the content is from Google Books (so expect a lot of overlap between the two), but there is a small, increasing percentage of books that have been locally digitized.

7. [World Vital Records \(subscription\)](#)

There are a lot of genealogy and local history books from around the world in the online Rare Genealogical and Historical Digitized Book Collection of subscription-based site, World Vital Records. This includes over 1,000 titles from Genealogical Publishing Company (including many focused on early American immigrants), several hundred books from Archive CD Books Australia (books from Australia, England, Scotland, Wales & Ireland), 400+ family history books from Canadian publisher Dundurn Group, and almost 5,000 books from Canadian-based Quinton Publications, including genealogies, local histories, Quebec marriages and biographical collections.

8. [Ancestry.com - Family & Local History Collection \(subscription\)](#)

Journals, memoirs and historical narratives, plus published genealogies and record collections make up the bulk of the 20,000+ books in the Family and Local Histories collection at fee-based Ancestry.com. Among the offerings are the Daughters of the American Revolution Series, slave narratives, biographies, genealogies and more gathered from genealogical society collections from around the U.S., as well as the Newberry Library in Chicago, the Widener Library at Harvard University, the New York Public Library, and the University of Illinois at Urbana. See the [Family and Local Histories Learning Center](#) for instructions and tips on how to best use the collection.

9. [GenealogyBank \(subscription\)](#)

Search historical books from the 18th and 19th centuries, including digitized versions of all available books, pamphlets and other publications printed in America before 1819.

10. [Their Own Words](#)

A digital collection of books, pamphlets, letters, and diaries, dating from the latter eighteenth through the early twentieth century, that reflects the history of the United States. The 50+ books in the collection include a few biographies, autobiographies, and military journals and regimental histories.





Researcher's Resources

-by Jane Johnson

Commercial genealogy sites keep expanding but there are still many free sites that every family researcher should explore. We are all indebted to the following three individuals who promoted web-based genealogy. Their work has made genealogy accessible for many.

Cyndi's List (www.cyndilist.com) was a ground breaking organizational system for genealogists before search engines became powerful. Since 1996, Cyndi, a librarian, has continued to organize and present genealogy linked information in an understandable manner. Many commercial sites are now the new genealogist's entry point for research, yet the information presented through Cyndi's list is valuable as an indexing source for both the contents of commercial and free sites. For example, www.cyndislist.com/databases.htm organizes many different site offerings that you may find helpful to your research under topic listings: gene resource sites, birth & baptism, cemeteries, deaths, land locality specifics, and more.

Another lesser known site is www.stevenmorse.org. Morse, the developer of One-Step simplified web searching can guide you to some new research sources that you may never have tried before. Try his first developed Ellis Island search. He has special web pages for Births, Deaths, and Other Vital Records, New York Census, US Census and Soundex (1790-1940), and Other Immigration Ports. There are direct links to these Steven P Morse sites under his valuable instruction page that was just updated in February, 2011.

There is yet another newer resource from an experienced genealogist. The website www.genealogybranches.com Genealogy Articles, Tips, and Research Guides by Joe Beine is actually a series of very valuable links to other websites. If you have not ventured into the realm of State Censuses, this is a place to begin. Census Records, Irish Genealogy, Military Records, and Naturalization topics offer valuable links. Beine does an especially fine job addressing Native American Genealogy. Beine is a genealogist's genealogist. He often is an entry point for professional genealogist researching in an unfamiliar area.

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Karen's Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness

-by Karen Loy

[Editor's Note: This is the 3rd of 4 articles Karen submitted on Civil War Veterans from The Evening Republican.]

The Evening Republican
Monday, July 1, 1940

JOHN WAGNER PASSES AWAY

Jennings County's Last
Civil War Vet Dies –
Funeral Thursday.

John H. Wagner, 97,
Jennings county's last Civil
war veteran, died yesterday

at his home at Commiskey,
following a 3-month illness.

Funeral services will be
held at 2 o'clock Tuesday
afternoon at the Coffey
Creek church in Jennings
county and burial will be
made in the church
cemetery.

Mr. Wagner was born in
Jackson county, but had
lived in Jennings county for
70 years. He was a member

for 65 years, of the Paris
Crossing Masonic lodge.
He was in good health until
his recent illness.

He enlisted in the Civil
war at an early age and
served along with W. A.
Abbett of this city in the
67th company Indiana
volunteers.

Surviving are his wife and
six children, Delco Wagner,
Miss Retta Wagner, Mrs.

Etta Ogdon of Illinois,
Lamont Wagner of South
Bend, Mrs. Will Smith of
Goshen and Mrs. R. F.
Banister of Indianapolis.
Mel Ruddick of this city is
a nephew and he and his
wife and Mr. and Mrs.
Everett Wagner will attend
the funeral.

KAREN LOY IS THE STATE PRESIDENT
OF COLONIAL DAMES OF THE 17TH
CENTURY. IN APRIL SHE WILL TRAVEL
TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO THE
NATIONAL MEETING.

**Congratulations,
Karen !**

Ancestors in the News

Transcribed by J. Johnson

The Evening Republican

Tuesday April 27, 1886

...H **Griffith** has consented to make the race for court First Ward.

He is too well and favorably known to the people of town by any words of commendation from us.

S **Stansifer**, W O **Hogue**, W J **Lucas**, E T **Crump**, Jr, Committee.

Mr and Mrs Fred **Volland** went to Cincinnati this morning. Mr Wm **Whiteside** will leave this evening ...for Albany remain three or four months.

Dr R B **Kent** of Louisville yesterday purchased a four John W **Robbins**, of Hope, paying \$400 for him. He by Charles **McCallie**.....

In the suit of Oliver H **Stout** vs Sandford E **Givan** or was rendered by default for \$335.18.

Moore's Vineyard

Mr **Snively** is very sick....

Andrew **Hughes** is very low with dropsy and the physician only a question of a little time for him.

The Evening Republican

Friday May 28, 1886

Jacob B **Young**, from near Jonesville was bound over **Reeves'** court yesterday at Seymour in the sum of \$200. Seymour man senseless with a piece of fencing.

The second child of Professor and Mrs **Wertz**, of Hartsville, died yesterday evening of the dread disease, diphtheria.

Dr **Banker**, accompanied by Dr **Francis** of Jerseyville, Ill, went to Flatrock to-day to perform a difficult surgical operation.

The Columbus Republican

Thursday, May 25, 1911

Infantile Paralysis Now Gets Attention
Indianapolis May 19 _

Dr J N Hurty, secretary of the State Board of Health, has issued a bulletin....concerning the epidemic poliomyelitis.Dr Hurty (estimates) there were 300 cases in Indiana during the summer of 1910. About sixty deaths and 150 cripples resulted....there have been a total of 100,000 cases in the United States since 1905...

Personals

Miss Callie **Kassabaum**, a teacher in the high school, left this morning for her home in Aurora to spend her vacation. Mr and Mrs Stanley **Stader** and little son arrived from Youngstown, Ohio, this morning to visit his parents, Mr and Mrs W W **Stader**.

Mrs **Pruitt** and daughter, Lois Mary, returned to their home in French Lick this morning after visiting her mother, Mrs Mary **Gelfius**, and family in East Columbus.

Mrs Charles **Branham** of Madison spent yesterday in Elizabethtown. Her mother, Mrs R C **Newsom**, who has been in ill health for some time, accompanied her home...

Mrs Ray **Fulp** and son, Norton, of Taylorsville, and Raymond Norton, were the guests of Miss Minnie **Thayer** at Clifford today.

Modern Woodmen to Decorate Graves

Columbus Camp No 3415 has arranged for their annual decoration day exercises and memorial service...The Knights of Pythias will decorate the graves of the dead in the afternoon.....

Kim's Korner

-by Kim Ray

I want to share with you a wonderful genealogical experience I had recently. My aunt & I are researching Zephaniah H B Anthony's family, who came to Bartholomew Co. in 1840. Zephaniah H B died 5 years later and was buried on his property. His great granddaughter documented his stone many years ago as 'a single grave on the Henry Behrman farm'. I learned this stone hadn't been seen in many years & was not found the last time the property was surveyed. Naturally, now I want to FIND the stone.....and if you can picture this quest.....from meto my

aunt.....to a friend.....to a neighbor.....to a sister.....to our husbands.....to the property owner.....it was like a fantastic genealogy snowball gaining momentum on curiosity & excitement !

There have been many property owners over the years, and somewhere along the line the stone broke & was removed from the gravesite. But, it has been preserved and is in the hands of the current property owner !! How exciting to see this old stone that was for many years long forgotten !! All the neighbors were absolutely wonderful in helping us find this piece of history ! We spent the day under a beech tree looking around the gravesite area..... scanning in deeds from their abstract... looking at a newspaper clipping...and enjoyed Carol's brownies ! Thanks so much to my Aunt Fran Land, Ed Tower, Carol & Larry Barnhill, Betty & Norman Ryle, Jim Dudley, and my husband, Chuck !

I'd call that a "This is why I do genealogy" Day !
Afterall, how can you not get excited about an 1845 long lost gravestone for a guy named Zephaniah H B ?



Genealogy Quotes and Poems

- Can a first cousin, once removed, return?
- Cemetery: (n) A marble orchard not to be taken for granite.
- Genealogy: It's all relative in the end anyway.
- Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.
- Every family tree has some sap in it.

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The public is invited to attend any of the BCGS meetings/outings. The meetings are held in the Bartholomew County Public Library Red Room at 1:00 on the 4th Saturday, bimonthly from January to November. Please always check the calendar for alternative times and locations. For more info, please contact us at: bcs47202@yahoo.com