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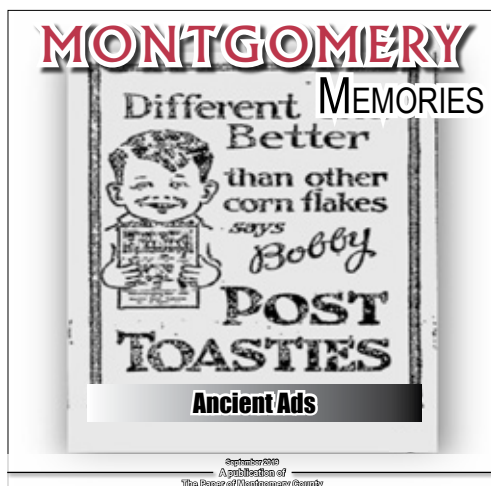
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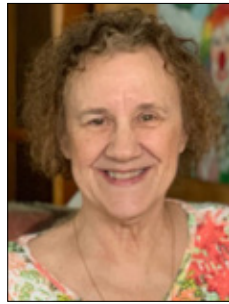
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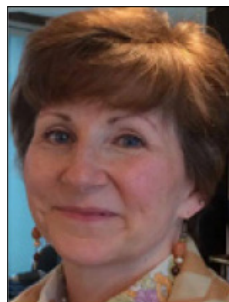
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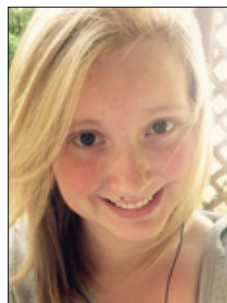
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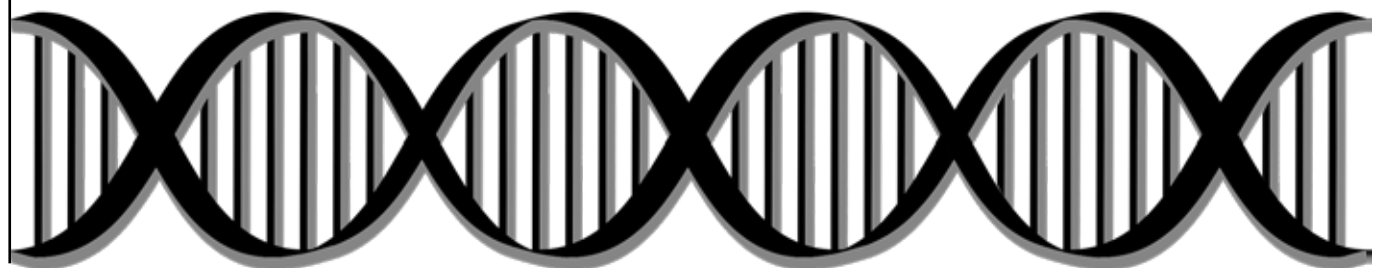
CHUCK CLORE After a lifelong career in visual communications, Eureka! Chuck discovered that noodling the nuances of the written word can be just as much fun as tweaking a font into an iconic logo. *Montgomery Memories* is the perfect venue to explore his treasured C-ville's east-end recollections. An Athenian boomer from the class of 65, he delights in graphic design, cartooning, and story telling. Chuck's articles reveal how a CHS senior corduroy artist eventually evolved into an award winning designer and aspiring writer.



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August Feature: "The Well-known Hiatt Twins: Matilda & Malinda"

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Always looking out for a good twin story and know/researched many, but Malinda and Matilda were fairly new to me until researching for our "Twin" Montgomery Memories. Last name, Hiatt, mother an amazing woman, our "first Montgomery County female doctor," and according to the Bowen History of Montgomery County, "whose heroism as a horsewoman was proverbial and regardless of seasons, flood or storm, Mother Hiatt answered every appeal for help." For 42 years she was famous for obstetrics and called by just about any gal in the area to come birth the baby, having delivered well over 400, losing nary a one. Of course, she was present for her own eight.

Besides the twins, Sarah Kenworthy and her husband, John B. Hiatt parented six others, including the first-born male child in the county, their son, Silas Hiatt (Aug 5, 1823), the first child having been a daughter of William Offield, Montgomery County's first settler. A funny I read on Silas was that he had found a new cure for the grippe – "he takes castor oil, same as he uses to grease his buggy!" (C'ville Review 13 Feb 1892).

Isaac Hiatt, their first-born child entered the world on September 10, 1817 in Hamilton County, Ohio, but grew-up in Montgomery County. He moved to Fulton County, Indiana about 1853 with his family. He and wife, Elizabeth Tribbett produced several grandchildren for John and Sarah Hiatt.

Next was daughter, Mary J, born March 1, 1819 who married Samuel Davidson and they parented six children. It was obvious that Sarah loved children and I can only imagine her great joy with each child and grandchild. Mary is buried at Mt. Pleasant in New Richmond.

Another daughter, Rachel (born Nov 7, 1821) married John Ramey and they had one child. Almost all of the Hiatt girls married at an older age (30s) so some didn't have as many children as the norm. Rachel later married a Dittmore and is buried in Darlington IOOF cemetery along with other family members.

Sarah was tallied in her mother's article mentioned above as having married John C. Allen and mothered five children.

John was born in 1831 in mid-June and married Mary Lowman, possibly a sister to William Lowman, coming up below. William Lowman was in Co I, 11th Indiana as was John Hiatt so stands to reason they likely married within the families. John was a miller (saw?) in the Darlington area.

So, meet our featured twins, Malinda Virginia and Mary Matilda Hiatt, born March 26th in 1828, in Montgomery County of course. They both lived around the area all their lives. After the death of Malinda's husband, Civil War soldier William Lowman, she stayed in her Lebanon home but was at her twin's Darlington home just as much. In December 1898, there was a small piece in the Weekly Journal saying they looked very much alike (no picture, of course) and were both hale and hearty at age 70. Several articles referred to them as "The well-known Hiatt twins!" At age 81 there was a photo

HIATT REUNION—TAKEN AT RIVERSIDE PARK
AT DARLINGTON, INDIANA
AUGUST 20, 1916



and article but it was very smudged. In that article, it noted when the twins would walk the streets of Darlington, that only intimate friends could distinguish Matilda from Malinda.

In the 1850 census, you would not know they were twins as Matilda was listed at age 23 and Malinda, 22. Pretty funny! I thought this was perhaps an indexing mistake but viewed the original census and sure enough 23 and 22 = twins? In that census, the grandfather, Elisha Kenworthy is living with them. Always seemed to be someone with them.

Malinda was married by the 1860 census, but Matilda, older

sister Rachel (36) and their mother, Sarah (age 64 who was listed as a farmer but still practicing her obstetrics), plus brother, John, wife and son were all living with momma. Malinda and her husband, William Lowman were farmers in the Darlington area, living with their six-month old child, Robert. The girls are both listed as age 32, but of course not living together at that time! Sorry, still laughing at their different ages. In the 1870 census, Sarah Kenworthy Hyatt is living with the McClures, (William and Matilda and their two children, John and Mary). So, Sarah stayed close to her twins.

Quakers, they attended the Sugar Grove Monthly Meeting but Malinda got in trouble for something and was testified against by the women's group in June of 1847. Those gals must have been vicious or perhaps the twins were stinkers, as Matilda was completely ousted out because of testifications against her by women in Sept 1858. Not sure what either did but would love to know.

Bill and Matilda McClure lived long lives together, he dying on the 4th of July in 1901 in Franklin Township, age 72. They are buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Darlington. They had John and Mary mentioned above and Bill had a son, James Moses McClure with a first wife, Mary Jones who passed during or shortly thereafter in childbirth with James Moses. Think he was likely raised by the Jones' grandparents as he and mother are both buried in Iowa. Bill and Matilda were married in January of 1862 so made it to about their 40th anniversary.

William Lowman and Malinda married in March of 1859 and their youngest child Robert was just a baby in the 1860 census with them. As far as I know, they had only one other son, Andrew Wilford who was married with three sons of his own. He was a newspaper reporter. Seems it was the death of Andrew in early 1912 that family lore says killed his mother, who had not been particularly ill but died on April 30th of that year. Their other son did not show-up in other census so must have passed young, as well. William and Malinda are buried at Oak Hill – but in Lebanon OH, not C'ville.

That left Matilda as the only Hiatt. NO doubt she missed her twin sister, every day but especially at get-together times (such as the Hiatt Reunions – this one, photo from Hiatt history above - 1916 see #39). She was well treated by her son and family and daughter, Mary McClure (married carpenter, Frank Gobel – they had no children but raised her brother John's first born, Merle). John's second wife (Lou Chesterson) presented him with two daughters Lois and Nola. They had an extremely clean, nice-sized dairy farm (Direct Lineage and History of John B and Sarah Kenworthy Hiatt – thanks Dellie) that supplied the whole town of Darlington with daily milk. The Gobels lived in Cloverdale where Matilda passed. She had not been there long. Matilda was returned to Darlington where she rests with her dear husband. Two interesting individuals, very much alike, very different for sure!

Odds & Ends – Collected & Commented on by Karen Bazzani Zach

Twins, the subject of our Montgomery Memories this month, brought some interesting odds and ends to share with ya'. Twins are and I would guess have always been fascinating but Lon Young was double-blessed as it was announced in the Crawfordsville Weekly Journal on 25 March 1893 that Lon "is the proud father of the second pair of twins. We hardly know whether to congratulate or sympathize with the poor fellow!"



In late August 1881, the wife of Frank Surface gave birth to male twins with a total weigh of 10#, pretty large for the times.

Although there were a few single births reported in the old newspapers, have a set of twins and you're guaranteed at least a line or two. For instance, in the CWJ 1 May 1896, under the "Hunt's Corner" news, - "A pair of twins arrived at Grant Ward's last Thursday, a boy and a girl!" First page, 8 March 1901, it was announced the same type set were born to Rev. and Mrs. JS Crowder of Darlington on Sunday night. Funny, I always wanted one of each, too. Did have one of each (my kids look alike) just three years apart – lol. In the CWJ 7 Aug 1896 a three line note said, "One of the twins born to Mr. and Mrs. John Small at Waynetown died Tuesday night. It was the boy." That was a very common notification to lose one or both twins in the 1800 newspapers.

However, sometimes there was a different story. CWJ 20 Jan 1899 – Forest and Fern the little twins of Elbert Titus and wife are very sick this week. They both lived for decades thereafter – sure do love the happy ending ones. Think their photo is in the twins collection of the Crawfordsville District Public Library's Image collection.

The small children of Center Christian Sunday School met at Jacob Fulwider's home in late June 1896 to enjoy a get-together with homemade ice cream as the center of the festivities. Eighteen boys and twelve girls were in attendance including the Elmore and Dazey twins. At 5:30 after an afternoon of play, Frank Pittenger drove them all to their homes. FUN!

Mary Davidson Nicholson went to visit her daughter (her husband had passed) in Chicago in mid Spring of 1897, and upon her return she discovered a large amount of her fancy clothes had been stolen. It was the notorious "Sullivan twins," who lived on East Main near the Vandalia Station. Carrie and Callie Doris had been seen by some neighbors, and upon questioning Carrie (Doris had gone to their sister's in Terre Haute) who by the way, never fessed-up (although she filled the Sheriff's ears with some high times the twins had been involved in lately) but said perhaps Doris had taken them and she'd let her know that if she did take them that she best get 'em back. Upon securing a warrant for the arrest of the twins on a charge of larceny, our local policeman found that both girls were gone. He and Detective Dwyer went to Terre Haute to the sister's home and although no one was there, the men did find all the clothes but one item (which was found at the C'ville residence) all neatly packed up for return. In the plunder, there were dresses, skirts, underclothes, all types of fans, gloves, hose, silverware, watches and MUCH more. It was a good haul, but since all was returned, the "Sweet Sullivan Sisters" were not prosecuted.

The girls weren't finished making the news, however as on April Fool's Day (CWJ) 1898 we find: "The Sullivan twins" have gone to Brown's Valley and Carrie has returned to the fond em-



brace of her aged but loving husband, George Daily. A report from them naively recites that they are "as happy as June bugs." The twins will doubtless create quite a sensation in quiet BV!" The twins were reported as dashing beauties, full of vim and vigor so I'd think BV was an interesting place at the time. Daily was a well known and thought of man of the area, with grown children, all excellent young folks. Daily (CWJ 18 March) was noted to have dyed his beautiful white whiskers a "foxy black." The article said, "The transplanting of a sweet flower is often the means of bringing about the consummation of its exotic beauty – may the gods give them great joy!" Note: Carrie was 18 and George 60. Well, the whole affair didn't last as George was in Judge West's court in November of 1901, petitioning for divorce. He said that the letters he had received from her prior to their marriage indicated she was a devout Christian woman, but when she got to his farm and discovered their fare was bacon, beans and hominy, that she was soon demanding steaks, lobster, and oyster on the half shell. Thus, noting he couldn't afford to waste his money so foolishly, he desired a divorce. Carrie was just fine with that and requested her maiden name returned. By 1905, she and Callie appeared in the Muncie City Directory on 1224 E. 1st Street, far away from the ham and beans.

Many times, twins did not make it long as the twins of Blanche and Roland Schleppey, twin boys born Nov 27, 1895, one passing the 29th and the other the 30th. Buried Oakland Cemetery. Then, the story of Fannie Phelps and her twins was one of the saddest I've ever read about – On Thursday, 5 April 1900 twin babies (boy and girl) were born to Jason and Fannie (Chrisman) Phelps in a strong marriage that had remained childless for 20 years. Great joy? No, the twins passed the next day and Fannie on Saturday the 7th. They were all three buried together in one casket on Sunday in the Darlington IOOF cemetery. Jerry Ward and his wife had twins in April 1902, in New Richmond, a boy and girl, one weighing 3 and the other a half pound more. The son passed but not real sure what happened to his sister. Now, this set of twins, I would guess made it, the Whitaker twins born just over in Putnam County – they were born the last day of the year in 1919 and weighed – ready? 10 # each!

Jumping forward a few years would be to highlight the Peacock twins, as they were well known as doctors. Norman Francis Peacock were born in Ontario, Canada 9 September 1873 son of George William and Isabella Buchanan Peacock, both born in Canada. He was a doctor in the Darlington area for about 35 years before he passed away. As most Peacocks, he was medium built, medium height and had black hair and coal-black eyes. He fathered the good doctors we all knew – William Frederick and Norman Franklin (photo from cdpl – and they never changed a bit). The Peacocks originated in Bepton, Woolwich which was a part of London on the shores, the oldest one known being a sea captain (Capt. William). The twins served their country in WWII, were devout Catholics and good men! The Catholics also seemed to have several sets of twins as seen in this float from the C'ville Public Library – 1916 Indiana Centennial. Pictured (left to right): Marion and Mildred Perkins; Oakel and Otis Bayless and Edith and Ethel Elmore.

I could literally go on and on with stories of twins from the old times but let's suffice to say, although Montgomery wasn't a twin producing county it has had its share!

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Nifty at Ninety - And Beyond

Joy Willett, Montgomery Memories

For this edition of Nifty at Ninety... we meet twins Elizabeth "Lizzie" and Rachel Frances Mason. They were born in Union Township on June 5, 1860. The girls were the youngest children of William and Nancy Lambert Mason. Their oldest brother, who died in infancy, was Albert. Their other brothers were Thomas L. (born 1849) and Frank B. (born 1855). Their two older sisters were Lavender (born 1852) and Nancy A. (born 1858).

William and Nancy were married on March 2, 1843 in Fountain County, Indiana. The Episcopal ceremony was officiated by Reverend Nathaniel P. Charlot. William, who was 16 years older than Nancy, was born on June 10, 1801. After they married, the couple made their home in Union Township, Montgomery County, Indiana, southeast of Crawfordsville.

I've written previously about the progenitor of the Mason family in Montgomery County, Thomas Mason. (1760-1846). From 1778 to 1782, he served as a private during the Revolutionary War (US Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783). He was a member of the "Delaware Blues" as well as other regiments, and fought at the battle of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina. Twelve years after his service ended, he married Mary Pawson (who retained her maiden name). "Pawson" later became "Dawson" and is Welch in origin. Thomas and Mary came with their family to Indiana from Ohio in 1837 (Biography of Thomas Mason, by Eulalia Mason). They settled in the countryside southeast of Crawfordsville. Mary died in May of that year. The couple was interred in Crawfordsville's Old Town Cemetery. Their granddaughter, Jane McGovney Stoddard, donated land in Linden for the Stoddard Park.

Nancy Lambert's grandfather, Joshua, was born in England in ca. 1743. Joshua came to the colonies to fight for the British during the Revolutionary War, serving as a Fifer. He marched from Boston Commons to Yorktown. After the war, Joshua became a "stout American" (History of Clermont and Brown Counties Ohio). He married Anna (surname unknown) in Virginia, where their son Mordecai (1790-1869) was born. They moved west to Ohio in the late eighteenth century. Mordecai married Sarah Liming on March 16, 1816 in Brown County, Ohio. Sarah's father, Joseph, was also a Revolutionary War soldier (The History of Brown County, Ohio Containing A History of the County; Its Townships, Towns, Churches, Schools). Mordecai and Sarah had eight children. In 1834, Mordecai is recorded as purchasing land in Hancock County, Indiana. By 1840, the family had moved to Foun-



tain County where they lived for less than five years, but where Nancy had the opportunity to meet and marry William. Mordecai and Sarah spent the remainder of their lives in Concord, Iroquois County, Illinois.

Elizabeth and Rachel spent their formative years on the Mason farm, which, by the hard work of William with the help of his son Thomas, grew to 240 acres (historicmapsworks.com). William died on June 15, 1875 and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Crawfordsville. After his death, Nancy stayed on the farm. Frank, Elizabeth, and Rachel helped their mother. Nancy died in 1893, living long enough to know four of her grandchildren.

On March 10, 1880, Rachel married Charles H. Cockefair. The Mason and Cockefair families lived as neighbors. Charles' father, also Charles, was born in New Jersey and worked as an engineer. His mother, Eliza Kinswordy, was born in Yorkshire, England. Rachel and Charles had one son, William Franklin. Charles died in April 1891 due to senility, which was a complication of cancer. That year, on August 12, Rachel married John Barnett Linn, a widower with two children, Herman (1884-1973) and Ola May (1887-1964). Rachel and John had two children of their own, Floyd (1897-1943) and Cora (1901-1987). John worked as a sawmill engineer, carpenter and cement contractor. He passed in 1928. After his death, Rachel stayed in the home she had shared with him in Walnut Township.

Elizabeth married Churchill Rush in 1881. Churchill was one of 11 children born to Jephtha and Susannah Stonebreaker. The Rush family came to Indiana from Tennessee in ca. 1837. The Stonebreaker name was German in origin, and was originally spelled Steinbrechter. The family settled in Pennsylvania before migrating west to Butler County, Ohio and then to Montgomery County in ca. 1935. Elizabeth and Churchill made their home in Brown Township, where they farmed and raised seven children: Walter, Bertha, Merle, Ethel, Susie, Juanita, and Pauline. Churchill died January 15, 1923 due to pneumonia caused by influenza. Elizabeth didn't remarry, and during her later years she lived with her son Walter and his wife Sally on their farm in Ripley Township.

Rachel died on March 19, 1932. She was interred at Oak Hill Cemetery. Six months later, Elizabeth passed on the 10th of September. She too was buried at Oak Hill. May the sisters, entwined since birth, rest in peace.



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Double Trouble



Double Takes!

Photos by Chuck Clore

The novelty of seeing double was a real attention-getter in the 50s and 60s. Wrigley's flooded all the magazines and airwaves with images of identical twins. They were playing tennis, riding bikes, or running down the beach. Engaged in healthy activities they promised you could, "Double your pleasure, double your fun, with double good, double good, Double-mint Gum! 🎵". Two sets of identical twins on a double date drive down the road in a convertible with the wind blowing their hair. Each enjoys a stick of Doublemint Gum, and all is good.

Double takes can be a bit confusing to a seven-year-old. The first time I saw the Pickett twins, was at a family gathering at Aunt Helen's place. Granny, Delta (Stonebraker, Clore) Smith, lived at the east edge of Alamo, Indiana. Her sister, Helen (Stonebreaker) Pickett, lived at the northwest edge. Of course, Alamo is so small it was mostly edges, so Helen's was a very short bike ride from Granny's.

"Can I ride my bike to Aunt Helen's? It is not that far. Please, Granny, please?" I begged.

"Oh, alright, Chucky."

Only Granny could call me Chucky. Anyone else tried spouting that name, and I would kick them in the shins.

"Watch out for cars. Be careful. And don't be stopping for candy at the store on the way. You will spoil your appetite for the picnic. Your cousin, Wanda, and I will walk on up in a few minutes."

Granny was reputed to have built-in radar, so I went straight to Aunt Helen's as she said. As I skidded to a stop in the gravel driveway, there stood Wanda on the front porch. How in the world? She couldn't be faster than my Schwinn. She is old. I mean, really old, maybe 20 or 25. Little did I know it was Wanda's twin sister, Eilene. A twilight moment like that can warp a kid for life.

A year after CHS graduation, I went off to college in Minnesota. Minneapolis and Saint Paul, the Twin Cities, felt like a million miles from Crawfordsville, Indiana. North Central Bible College was a world apart from my friends in C-Ville. Four years of Hermeneutics, Homiletics, and Systematic Theology, were designed to prepare me to storm the gates of hell with

Double Trouble Double Takes

By Chuck Clore



table.

Early on, the girls developed their own language. April and Carrie could communicate with each other long before they could talk to Judy and me. To encourage sleep, not play, we placed their baby beds on opposite sides of their room. They quickly discovered by rocking their cribs back and forth, they could move them together in the center of the

room, thus subverting sleep time. Twin toddlers can travel in multiple directions at the speed of light. You have to be nimble to out-toddle two toddlers.

They are fraternal twins, but they looked identical all the way through school. Don't tell them, but Judy and I sometimes had difficulty telling them apart, especially if they were on the move. As soon as they learned to dress themselves, they quit dressing alike. They wanted to be known as individuals, April and Carrie, not The Twins. It was a tell-tale sign that they were up to some twin mischief if they dressed alike.

Once, they dressed alike for senior high. April had an assignment for her speech that day. Carrie posing as April delivered the introduction. On cue, April entered the classroom to the astonishment of her classmates and finished the presentation. The subject? You guessed it, TWIN IDENTITY.

Today, both are strong independent women, each with an identity of her own. April and Carrie, you make your momma and poppa proud.

evangelistic fervor. If you want to know how that turned out, check the 2019 June issue of Montgomery Memories. Look for my article entitled "Anticipation."

A banner year for milestones in the life of this Hoosier, 1970 I took a beautiful Minnesota bride, Judy, the love of my life. That spring, I graduated with a B.A. in Theology and Pastoral Studies. By fall, I started my first position as Assistant Pastor. But wait. There is more. Just before the end of the year, in a blinding Minneapolis snowstorm, we drove to Abbott Hospital, where Judy presented us with our very own set of Minnesota Twins, April and Carrie. What a year!

You garner a lot of attention pushing a double-wide stroller through the narrow aisles of the Southdale Mall in Edina. Total strangers stop and ask, "Oh, are they twins?" This was years before Captain Obvious appeared on the scene.

The twins were fully synchronized, which meant you had to be lightning-fast spooning strained carrots. You would barely get one mouth filled before the other was crying for more. Synchronization also demanded Mom and Dad both pulled double doody duty at the changing

Poetry and Puzzles

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It Takes Two
Joy Willett

Lewis and Clark,
Sacagawea too,
traveled far
to the Pacific blue.

Although pretend,
Sherlock solved mysteries
that Watson penned
as if they were history.

Orville and Wilbur
looked to the sky
saw the future
and learned to fly.

With slapstick, pratfalls,
and hilarious gaffes,
Laurel and Hardy
made us laugh

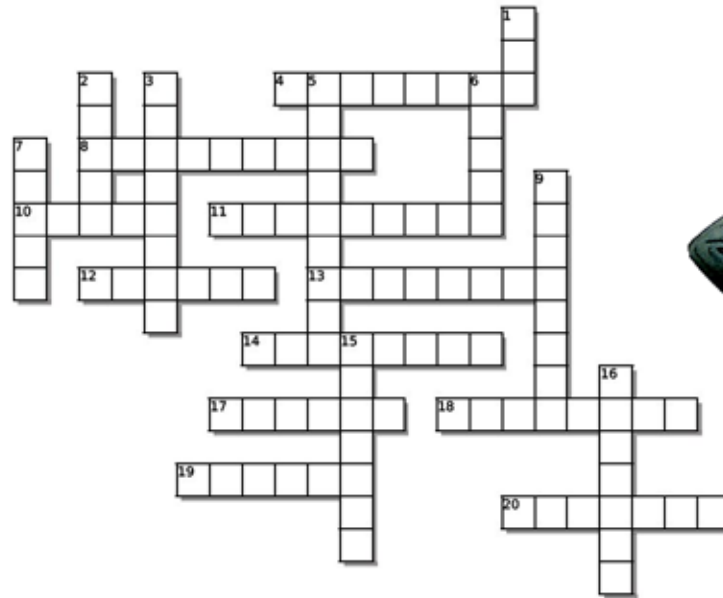
Watson and Crick,
at Kings College, London,
discovered DNA
with Rosalind Franklin.

Their thoughtful advice
to the forlorn,
Abigail and Ann Landers –
twins they were born.

Venus and Serena,
played on the doubles court,
their powerful lobs
made them tops in their sport.

Sometimes, most often,
to get the job done,
it takes two, together
until it is won.

Double Take



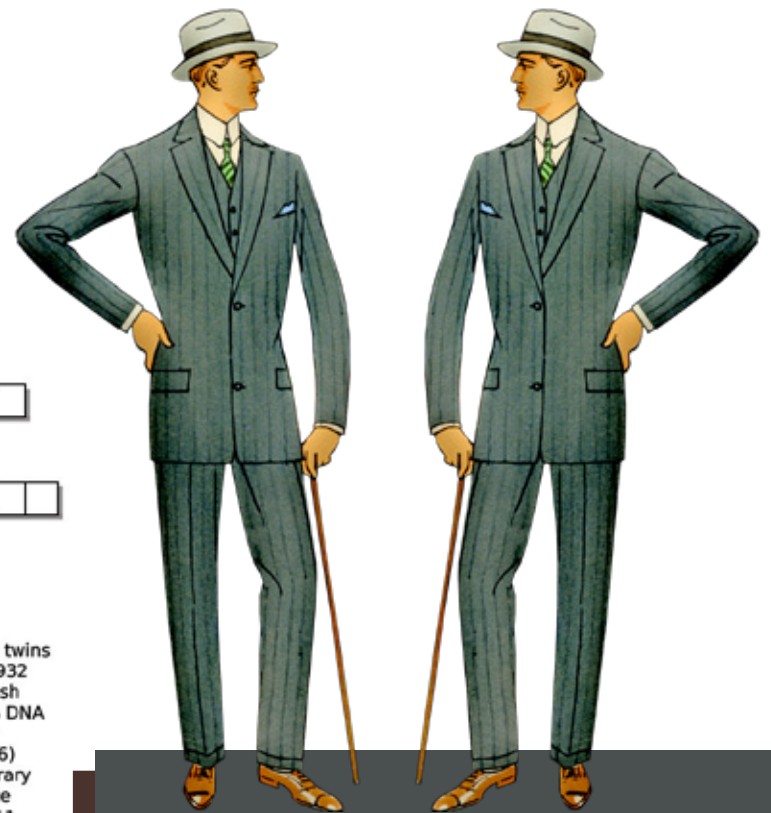
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Karen's Kitchen

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Twins, out topic this month left me a bit frustrated as to a recipe, as to my knowledge, I have no recipe from a twin. So, as my mind works, I thought, "Okay, silly, you have twin brothers. Give a recipe apiece they liked."

This was easy with my brother Garry. My Aunt Hulda made him Red Cinnamon Candy every Christmas for years. I took over after she passed away. It's pretty simple, just kind of a pain, but it's worth the effort, much better than what ya' buy

Red Cinnamon Candy

2 C. White Sugar

1 C. White Karo

½ C. Water

Boil to hard crack. Take off of stove and add ½ tsp. cinnamon oil (Gar liked it doubled) and ½ tsp. red food coloring. Pour into a greased pan – let it get hard, then take the back of a spoon and whack it – yep, literally whack it into pieces. I usually put it in a bag with some sugar and shuffled it around inside it to get the sugar (sometimes I used powdered vs. regular) all around it then put it out to dry and munch away. YUM, YUM!

Although he is one super skinny fellow, my other brother LOVES sweets, too, like me only it always shows on me. I could pick for him about anything I've made he's eaten but since I had some zucchini given me (by the way if you make this don't use big zucchinis – smaller the better, actually) and know his wife (Linda, she's an amazing cook) has made this so thought I'd share it as it's fresh on my mind (and in my tummy)!

Zucchini Bread

Not sure where this recipe came from but my dad used to make it and think I gave him the recipe. Just not sure where I got it!

Mix: 2 Cups Sugar (I use 1/2 Sugar & 1/2 Splenda)

1 C. Oil

3 eggs, beaten

3 tsp. Vanilla

Add: 2 Cups unpeeled, coarsely grated, closely packed Zucchini

Add: 2 C. Flour

2 tsp. soda

¼ tsp. Baking Powder

1 tsp. Salt

2- 3 tsp (I usually use more) Cinnamon

Add: 1 C. Chopped Nuts (I've used pecans and also English Walnuts - both are good)

Bake 350 for 45-50 minutes (kind of depends on your oven so after about 45 keep an eye on it)

Makes 2 regular or 3 small loaves (it bakes super well in those small aluminum loaf pans with 3 in it – great for gifts - this is REALLY scrumptious – freezes super well, too!





County Connections - "Blanche & Madge" ... "Madge & Blanche"

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

The Coffel twins were not Montgomery County born, but certainly MoCo-bred. Blanche and Madge Coffel came into the world two days before 1906, beginning life in Clark County, Illinois, daughters of Walter and Lenna Leota (Carrell) Coffel. The girls were twelve or so when the family moved to the city settling in their long-time home at 312 Mill Street. Walter was a supervisor on the Pennsylvania RR while Lenna concentrated on raising their large family (Theron, Cyril, George, Martha, and Carrell, besides the twins). Extremely active at CHS, the girls were in several activities together and in some individually. Blanche seemed to be the go-getter of the two, being captain of the Girls' basketball team and playing all three years, whereas Madge played only her Jr and Sr ones. Both were in the Sunshine Society and Commercial Club, Blanche the Editor of its paper and Madge served as Treasurer. Madge sang in chorus one year, Blanche two. Both were in the Classical Club, as well.

In the early CHS annuals, there was always a quote that reflected upon the personality of the individual. Blanche: "Age cannot wither her, nor customs stale her infinite variety." Madge: "Wit and humor are marks of genius alone!" I can picture them in my mind as Blanche aged but it never bothered her being involved with so many things. Madge I view as always learning and enjoying all of it.

Blanche went on to ISU where she was in sports in various capacities and I'm guessing where she met her amazing husband, Robert Franklin Taggart. He attended Rose Poly and graduated in Mechanical Engineering. Get this? Magna Cum Laude at Rose! He wasn't just gifted in brains, but like Blanche was an amazing athlete, landing in the Athletic Who's Who in 1928. He played with the Cleveland Indians after graduation but the Depression stopped



that and he went to work with a long-time friend in the construction field. They lived in the Cincinnati area and he was the most proud of their building the Riverfront Stadium there. Definitely his Field of Dreams! Bet they saw lots of games there, too!

Blanche was and remained involved in athletics and was an "I" woman her senior year at Indiana State Teacher's College (ISU) - her photo from the Indiana State Archives - and stayed close to her family. She also was a member of Mu Zeta Sorority there and was always coming up with great ideas, including a Colonial Ball. That would have been so much fun! The Taggarts were married over 50 years when she passed on September 5, 1985. Bob and Blanche (love the ring of that) had retired to Phoenix, Arizona a decade before her death. She raised their son, Walter (named for her beloved father) and enjoyed her four grandchildren. She was quite active in the YWCA and her church, the Salem United Church of Christ. Bob lived on for 18 years, enjoying their seven great grandchildren. He passed at age 97. Madge, too, had one child, a daughter, Bettie "Joanne" who was born here in



Montgomery County. She like her mother and aunt was an athlete, quite active for years in the Santa Rosa Shores (Florida) Golf Association. Joanne had Madge a grandson and granddaughter.

Madge was a stenographer for the JQ Tank Company until her marriage to Belmont Donald Howell, an amazing mechanic who surprisingly had only a 9th grade education, although keep in mind, for the times, many men and women had less than that. The Coffels, however, were quite into education, so that was why it is such a surprise. They looked odd on the census records with her the high school graduate, but they seemed quite happy and that indeed is what counts. For some of their lifetime together, he worked for the Naval Ammunition Depot. He was the son of Smith and Nellie (Dean) Howell of Crawfordsville. Madge and Belmont lived in Fountain



County several years, as well as in Bedford, Indiana where he worked for the Maxon Construction Company. These two retired to Florida where Madge passed away in 1990, age 84. Like her twin sister, she and Belmont were married over 50 years when he passed in 1980. They are buried at Gulf Breeze, Florida. Love their tombstone (photo from findagrave, taken by Lakegirl). Having lost my own twin sister at birth, I had a fun time following these two CHS graduates, so hopefully, they had as happy of a life as it seems!

2021 Montgomery County Museum Scene



MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tour Hours Wed-Fri 1-4 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sat 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Upcoming Events – Christmas Tour Nov 27 and Civic Band concerts!



ROTARY JAIL MUSEUM OF CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN

Admission to the museum is \$5 for 12 + and \$3 6—11. Younger kiddos are free. You might want to e-mail ahead of time to book a tour (contactus@rotaryjailmuseum.org). They are closed holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day ..) Partnering with the Paper of Montgomery County, STAR Ambulance Service and the Rotary Jail Museum, \$1,036 was made for the Indiana Veterans' Home and Veterans of the Community. \$500 of it would go to the Christmas Gift Program for the Community Veterans and the other \$536 to the Veterans' in the Indiana Veterans' Home (items purchased from their wish lists). Awesome!



CARNEGIE MUSEUM

Carnegie@cdpl.lib.in.us if you need to contact them (362-4618) but overall go enjoy from Tues-Sat 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission is free. Lots of great things for the kiddoes especially today but then again, I have fun every time I go in, too! The Carnegie Museum is now hosting Indiana Historical Society's "A Visual Journal," celebrating 30 years of LGBT history as seen through the lens of photographer Mark A. Lee. (AIDS and Marriage Equality the topic through Aug 28th.

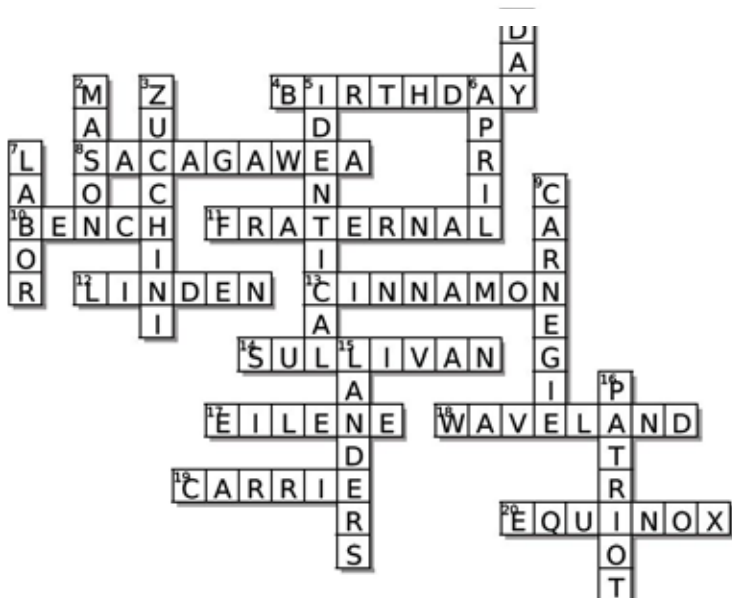


GENERAL LEW WALLACE STUDY

The Flower Lovers' 100 year anniversary brought the museum a great treat – a new limestone bench. Awesome!



Double Take



LINDEN DEPOT MUSEUM, LINDEN, IN

(The) Linden Depot Museum's mission: is to preserve and protect the historic 1909-built Linden Depot and its railroad memorabilia as well as to promote its related railroad history. The mission includes the acquisition, restoration, preservation and display of railroad equipment, artifacts and momentos related to railways past and present.





Grandcestors

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I come from a very long line of twins. Believe there were 11 sets at one of the huge Barker reunions we used to have at the Lafayette park. Of course, my brothers, Larry and Garry were a set. Oddly, I found out years later I had a twin as well but my body absorbed her vs “Sharon” developing as she should have then when I had an emergency hysterectomy we discovered pieces of her all inside me. It had been suspicioned before this and my mother swore it from day one but this was the first confirmation. So, my mom basically had two sets of twins.

The twins began as far as I could tell anyway on the Day side with Reuben and Martha “Patsy” Prunty Day. Patsy had Sally and Lucy; John and Patsy, two sets of twins. Their not a twin (as far as I know) daughter, Anna married Jesse Barker. Until I began studying my family or I should say restudying for this article, I had always been told the twins came from the Barker side, but actually it came from the Day side, daughter Day marrying the Barker, so kind of both but technically the Days. Anna had two sets of twins, as well (my ancestor John Bryant and his twin, William R); and Nancy and George. Her eight children were within 12 years of each other – can you imagine?

John Bryant did not father a twin nor did his daughter Amanda Catherine Barker Morgan, my great grandparents. One of their sons, Stanley fathered twelve children,

all single births. Seems odd but true as far as we know. The twins then came not the next generation but the next with my mother (daughter of Sarah Hazel Morgan Smith) having what we thought was one set but was actually two. Could be many of those out there, too. John Bryant and Annie Elizabeth Sowers’ daughter, Phoebe had a set of twins, Manford and another John Bryant (last name Lawson). Their daughter Margaret Emaline (married Joseph Starkey) may have had a set of twins, but have never been able to specifically pin-point a date, but their Jean and Estin were always the same age on the census records)

Even with all this twin background, I’ve never heard such a crazy story as the one in the Crawfordsville Weekly Journal 9 April 1874 – 1st page and it well deserved to be. The Boston Medical Journal stated that on the 21st of August 1873 (note several months prior to the article) Mrs. Timothy Bradlee of Trumbull County, Ohio gave birth to eight children (three boys and five girls) – they are all living and healthy but small. Mr. Bradlee was married six years ago to Eunice Mowery who weighed 273 pounds on the day of her marriage. She has given birth to two pairs of twins, and now eight more making 12 children in six years (blows my mind). Mrs. Bradlee was a triplet, her mother and father both twins and her grandmother was mother to five sets of twins. Okay, so my little

RINGSIDE IN HOOSIERLAND

How Many Twins In Your School?

Betty Beverly Dean Dale Linda Brenda

BY WAYNE GUTHRIE

How many sets of twins does your local school have? Can it match or beat the unusual record held during the 1963-4 school year by the Waveland school? It had four pairs.

It would be interesting just what school has or had at any given time the greatest number of twins.

This interesting information about the Waveland school was brought to my attention by Ruth Newman Nickell, Bloomington, from or of whom I had not heard since I was clerk of the inn at Turkey Run State Park during the summer vacation of 1920—before I came to The News.

From her and, with a valuable assist from Donald Cooper, principal of the school, I was able to round up the pictures of those twins. However, the number of

Dean and Dale Miller, age 12, 8th grade, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller.

Brenda and Linda Hartle, age 8, 3rd grade, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hartle.

Waveland school has an enrollment of approximately 300. Mrs. Nickell recalled names of many folks who were on the staff of Turkey Run State Park and its inn back in 1920. Mention of them will bring back fond memories to many who knew that place then.

These included Peter Luke, superintendent of state parks; Mrs. Luke, operator of the inn; Viola Catterson, chief cook; Mable and Thelma Poe, waitresses; Tom Harm, handy man, and Viola (Birdie) Brown “whistling while she worked or playing the piano (by ear) for the would-be dancers.”

How small that hotel was—only 11 rooms, without bath, just one universal bath room.

Larry Garry

The remaining twins are: Betty and Beverly Myers, age 12, 8th grade, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers.

twin claim to fame means zip!

However, one town in Montgomery County has a bit of a fame in the twin department -- Dean-Dale. Karen-Sharon. Larry-Garry. Mary-Shari. Tim-Jim. Betty-Beverly. June-Jack. Ottis-Otto. Brenda-Linda. As you have guessed, names of twins I have known, mainly from Waveland. In fact, the year my brothers graduated from WHS, there were four sets of twins

from Grade 1 through 12th grade going to school there and the year the Waveland grade school closed (or right in there) there were four sets of twins just in the sixth grades and Kindergarten – two sets of Watsons; Thornburg and Bowman families. One year there were three sets in one class. Overall, I’d not say Montgomery County has been real productive with twins, but Waveland sure was!



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