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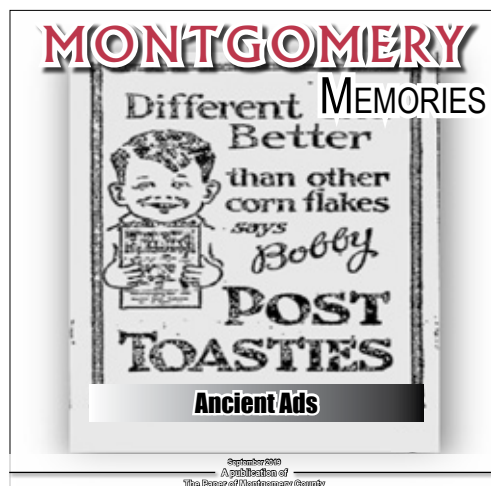
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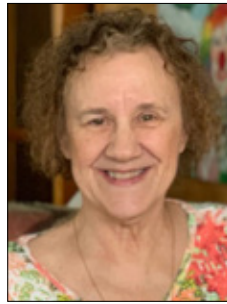
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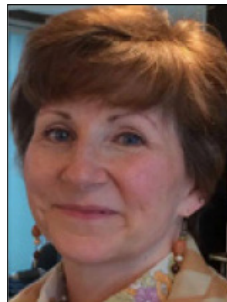
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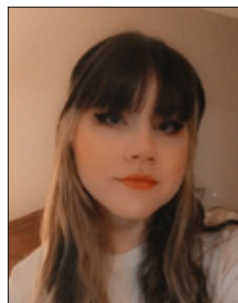
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October Feature: "Meet the County's Best Genies"

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

My 50 plus years as a genealogist/historian (if you're good at it there's no distinction in my opinion) has given me so, so many wonderful friends, relatives and acquaintances and that is what I've chosen as the topic for the feature this month since Historians/Genealogists is the theme this month. Perfect, huh? Well, yes and no! It should be an easy write I could just breeze right through; however, there are so many, it is going to be almost impossible as I know I will miss someone or several very important ones to me or MoCo or the state or world, but what is here is the best I can do! So, read on!

Elaine my best friend from school for so many years now (I was in her wedding, she in mine – that type thing) has always been interested but has really dove into her genealogy the past few years. We got together quite often until covid hit. She is a double, or maybe triple, or even quadruple Oliver, having a couple of lines back centuries but stuck on a direct Oliver on one of the sides in Putnam County. Have so much fun when we get together – love her dearly and we're gonna' crack that Oliver one of these days!

I met John Cowan not too many years ago when he asked for help on his Cowan side here in the county, then he got interested in perusing the WWI Draft cards since his father had been in WWI. He typed every single one from Montgomery County and donated them for me to put on the GenWeb page. They are soooo awesome! Got to meet John and his lovely, smiley, adorable wife at the library when he brought me the final project and he let me type up his dad's letters from that time frame, too.

Norm and Mary Cramer were always fun whatever genealogy project we were working on and Norm's Funeral Home project at CDPL is just amazing.

I've written about this wonderful lady several times but couldn't write this article without at least a mention. Believe I first met her when I was dating Jim and helped him with his English, Eleanor Herr his teacher. He had never gotten an A in English, not once and I believe we started in about fourth grade and he relearned everything. When I did meet her, she told me she had never had a student do such a switch-around. She was a super help and influence guiding our kids in CAR, her grandson Jeff and our son

both past state presidents.

Gwen Ballah Frees was a miracle in my book, the only one of two sets of twins to survive, born to Otis Freeman and Elva Irene (Cooper) Ballah. She was lots of fun and a great genealogist, always helping someone.

I have an interest in Montgomery County, because I was born, raised and except two years when Jim was at Purdue, have always lived here. It amazes me how many not having any connection envelope themselves in our

when John Bowerman complimented me on an article and told me he thought I had finally gotten the knack!

Harold and Ruth (Clodfelter) McCormick were amazing tutors. I have kind of a natural knack for history, but they taught me to persevere and just try looking in a different way. Such wonderful people, the three of us were always going here and there to do some genealogy searching. Tally a cousin of theirs, Katherine Hallet – I'd go to her house about once every 6 weeks or so and she

always insisted on making lunch always homemade and delicious. Her hub's was a cousin of mine so we worked on lots of different area names. Ellen Burkett "Gma' Burkett" was so kind to get me started and I learned along the way and even helped her find a few of hers before she passed away way too young and suddenly!

Dellie Craig is amazing, such a hard worker for local history. She's had many sorrows in life but bless her, bounces back I seriously believe by helping others! Two awards have found their way to her lately for the preservation of local items and such and they are so well deserved.

Must make sure I include Bridgie Brelsford. She was on the band wagon for genealogy-related Boy Scout projects and I helped her and vice-versa with several. She is also the one who insisted I stop working for hours and hours on projects at the library for free and go to college, come back and work there. I did and have blessed her so many times for that. We had

lots of fun together and I still miss her so much! Our boss, Mary Bishop was always encouraging for anything local history!

Read the County Connection for two more amazing gals and yep, know I've left many out of here and only room for those two left. Shucks! Quickly, though I'd like to thank these folks for encouraging my writing which is my true love of these combined hobbies – Martha Flanigan; Jeff Bennett; Bill Boone; Jeanie Walden; Mary Lou Weliever; Diane Cross; Debbie Barry; so many who have helped with articles throughout my 45 years of writing them; a multitude who have sent things for the GenWeb pages and especially my wonderful family who puts up with me constantly having my nose in some research project! Love you all!



Photo courtesy of the Crawfordsville District Public Library

From left, Pat Cline, Mary Bishop, Bridgie Brelsford, and Dick Robinson.

area's history. Couple perfect examples are Ted Gronert who wasn't even born in our state but when he came to Wabash to teach history, he fell in love with the local aura. He and Dr. Jim Barnes (what a wonderful person and historian with a super wife) both promoted local and Wabash history.

Then, there is my first editor (my current one, Tim Timmons also sees the worth of Mo Co history – go, TT), Pat Cline. She was totally amazing – she, John Bowerman, Joe Boswell, Gaidene Hamilton and others began the Montgomery Magazine. I was asked to write a temporary genealogy column (filling-in for Steve Thompson while he went north to teach) but I was still writing it when the magazine closed-out. Pat, like Tim, was always supportive and encouraging – my kind of boss! Never forget

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

Reasons for doing genealogy vary, but it does seem one of them is to get money or items from an estate. In 1891, Curtis Edwards of Mace made a trip to Louisville, Kentucky to attend a meeting of the Edwards heirs. Millions were to have been involved with 700 claimants to the Robert Edwards' line. Those who attended the meeting formed an association they named Edwards Association and empowered some of the

number to head out to New York and bring suit in the name of that association on or before July 16th as the time for legal action expires then. A committee was appointed to hunt up the original lease of Robert that was said to be in the hands of a NY attorney who is also one of the heirs with representatives as follows: 2 from Indiana; 2 from Kentucky and Illinois; 1 from Tennessee; 1 from NC; 1 from Canada; Virginia; Missouri and Iowa. Work was to begin immediately by securing a draft of the several families show their genealogy back to Robert. The sum of \$1,650 was called by the Secretary FT Fox. The total cost of the suit was estimated to be about \$2,500 and the value of the property involved estimated at \$350,000,000. Mr. Edwards' thought the legal talent they had employed thought there was no doubt of the heirs' success.

The genealogy of Carter Edwards of Mace appeared to be quite easily traced (Crawfordsville Weekly Journal 30 May 1891 p 4) – Robert Edwards who gave the lease for the property about 1780 for 99 years had three brothers and a sister (David, Thomas, William and Anneka Jane Edwards). Robert died in St. Mary's County NJ age 101 having never married as did his sister pass single. Some of the heirs of David and William were still in the Eastern States but many scattered over several states as well as Canada.

Thomas Edwards, bother of Robert is the father of Sarah, David, Charles and Curtis Edwards, Sr. Sarah married William Tomlin (NJ) while Charles and Curtis Jr. moved from NJ in an early day to Hamilton County, Ohio. Charles is the father of Curtis Jr of Mace. Curtis has several brothers and sisters or their heirs in Montgomery County. Curtis has two daughters and two sons living and one daughter, Mrs. SB Linn, dead while his brother, Hiram has four children living in this county three boys and a daughter now the wife of David Campbell near Crawfordsville. His brother Jonathan moved to Kansas in 1859. He is now dead but had four children. His brother David has six children all in this county except two one daughter, Mrs. Cale Brown of Boone County and one son in NY.

His brother, Seth Edwards had six children all in the county except James who was in Lebanon. His older sister married Jacob Thompson, son of Enoch Thompson one of Montgomery County's pioneers. His second sister married Jacob W. Miller – no children. Third married Burrel McCormick now dead and she has several children living in Union Township.



Well, sorry don't know what happened with this but gee, to have the family all laid out and to have such an exciting story in your background, guess it pays to comb those old newspapers – lol.

Sometimes obituaries just are so and so died today maybe an age or where they are buried but one in the Crawfordsville Weekly Journal 20 Aug 1897 p 1 for Henry Carson Campbell told a late that he was old and feeble, fell and dislocated a hip and collar bone and together with his old age, did him in. It gave his birth date/place (Jan 15, 1818 near Cincinnati) and when he came to MoCo (1839) married Ruth Humphrey – began their life at Alamo where he basically remained, his son John the first child born in Alamo proper. He was a cooper owned considerable land in the area and kept a hotel near Cincinnati during the war. However he followed the Army building bridges – after the war he returned to Alamo following the cooper's trade. "He was of Scotch descent and a first cousin of Kit Carson, third cousin to Alexander Campbell, the Christian Reformer." His father came to America in 1800 and had with him a "neatly arranged genealogy of his lineage from the year 1600." Passing away at his daughter's home in Alamo, he was buried in the cemetery there, leaving his wife and seven children.

So, to do this article I played around, reading several articles about genealogy, family history, family stories and the like, but the best would definitely be the one in the CWJ 25 May 1854 about "an innocent in the Ohio State Prison,"

with a "cloud upon its genealogy" – its pedigree is not ascertained with the precision which is desirable." Who is its PA???? No one responding. Seems "the state of Ohio is the paternal ancestor of the babe born there but newspaper were riled saying "the rhetorical figure of personification has long been assigned the feminine gender. Hence we speak of her greatness and of the people of the State her children. Therefore, the paternity assumed is a physiological impossibility." Oh gracious!!

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Nifty at Ninety - And Beyond

Joy Willett, Montgomery Memories

For this edition of Nifty at Ninety... we meet Helen Louise Thomas. Helen was born on May 12, 1914 in Coal Creek Township, Montgomery County, Indiana. She was the oldest of Anson Sherman Thomas and Jennie Caroline Deeter's three children.

Anson's maternal grandparents, George James Driver and Mary Cook, emigrated from England to Montgomery County, Ohio where they married on August 19, 1855. We know that they were in Montgomery County, Indiana by 1864, because Fannie, Anson's mother, was born there on September 24. I've written before about Anson's paternal grandparents, Levi K. Thomas and Elizabeth Davidson. Levi served as a Commissioner for Montgomery County in the early 1880s. Elizabeth's parents emigrated from Northern Ireland. They had Anson's father, George, in 1856. Elizabeth lived to be 90 years old and made quite an impression on those she left behind. Helen, who was 10 years old at the time of Elizabeth's death, certainly remembered her "Irish" great-grandmother. She too would have remembered Mary Cook, who died in 1921 at the age of 83. How wonderful for Helen to have the experience of knowing family from the "old country."

Jennie Deeter was the daughter of Michael Starry Deeter and Mary Grace Kerr. Jennie's maternal grandfather was Robert Houston Kerr. The Kerr family migrated from Maryland to Ohio and then to Indiana, where they settled in Fountain County. Robert was born there in 1826. Jennie's maternal grandmother was America Jane Rankin. The Rankin family migrated from Virginia to Ohio and then to Tippecanoe County. America was born there on April 7, 1835. She and Robert married the 5th of May in 1859. Sadly, he died in 1870. She lived as a widow until 1894, when she married William Marvin. Her obituary in the Lafayette Journal and Courier, dated July 21, 1928, referred to her as a "pioneer woman." It must have been a treat for Helen to know a grandmother who shared stories of life in early Indiana. Jennie's paternal grandparents were Elias Deeter and Leah Starry. Elias was born in York County, Pennsylvania, while Leah was born in Adams County, Pennsylvania (Indiana, U.S. Death Certificates, 1899-2011). By the late 1860s, the family was living in Fountain County, Indiana. Their son, Jennie's father, Michael Starry Deeter, was born there on January 5, 1860.

The story of Jennie's childhood had a lasting impact for Helen. Jennie and her sister Edna were born in Sumner County, Kansas, where their parents had gone to grow wheat.

However, Mary Grace took up with the hired hand, Mr. Crawford. Understandably her behavior so upset Michael that he abandoned his Kansas fields and returned to Indiana alone. In time, Jennie and Edna were sent to live with Michael. While he worked his fields in Coal Creek Township, Jennie and Edna stayed with their Uncle Allen and his wife Mary.

Anson graduated from New Richmond High School in 1909. Jennie and he married on February 11, 1911. In addition to Helen, they had Ruth (1917-1962) and Warren (1919-2013). The family lived next door to Anson's parents, George and Fannie. Anson farmed and was engaged in raising sheep and hogs. He was active in the Farm Bureau from its beginnings, and led the Montgomery County chapter. When Anson was promoted within the Farm Bureau organization in the late 1920s, the family moved to Danville to be closer to his office in Indianapolis.

Helen graduated from Danville High School, then went on to Central Indiana Normal College, where she studied to become a high school business teacher. She travelled extensively, taking the train to Denver where she spent many summers. She also traveled to Europe. On February 12, 1950 Helen married Leo John Ernestes. John worked for International Harvester. The 1964 yearbook for Franklin Central High School, where Helen taught for many years, listed that she enjoyed "Music, plays, sewing, and sporting events...and that she...teaches bookkeeping, office practices, typing, salesmanship, and consumer economics."

Helen, my second cousin once removed, was the family genealogist. During our visits, she and I poured over family records, and she told me about her childhood. Her admiration of her parents, and appreciation for all they did for her, was evident. She was proud of Jennie, who lived independently in her Crawfordsville home until her death at the age of 104. I was enthralled by Helen's stories of traveling alone cross-country, and I was impressed that she was an independent career woman who didn't marry until the age of 36.

In 2006, while John was being treated for lung cancer, Helen took a fall. While she recuperated from surgery for a broken hip, he died in the same hospital. She fully recovered and lived 10 more years. She passed on April 8, 2016 while residing in a nursing home in Lebanon. May Helen, who is still an inspiration to me, rest in peace.



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Autumn Assignment

By Chuck Clore



Crawfordsville is already the home of Athenian pride. Early on C-Ville earned the moniker of The Athens of Indiana because of its contribution to Hoosier culture in literature and the arts.

CHS adopted the brave Athenian Warrior as its mascot back when my dad was a kid. But the CHS graduating class of 1965 created the icon that I believe is still the official High School logo today. Tom Dawson and the Pallettiers Club made their mark that continues to boost Crawfordsville High School spirits. Go Athenians!

Paul Hadley from Mooresville, Indiana, made his mark on Hoosier history by winning a competition sponsored by The Daughters of the American Revolution. Paul created what I consider to be the best designed state flag in the Union. Of course I may be bias. It was Indiana's first official state flag and has remained unchanged since Mr. Hadley created it back in 1917.

A blue field with a gold torch represents liberty, freedom, and enlightenment. The rays stand for Indiana's far reaching influence. The stars in the outer circle represent the original thirteen states. The five stars in the inner circle represent the next five states to receive statehood. The larger star centered above the flames is Indiana the nineteenth state. What a regal looking banner.

Could it be time for C-Ville to establish a banner of it's own to symbolize our Athenian pride and heritage? It might look something like the art below.

The flag is a symbolic representation of the city. There should be no lettering on a flag.

PANTONE Blue 072 C
Top crest represents the plume on an Athenian helmet. It pays homage to Crawfordsville's strong cultural contributions of the past.

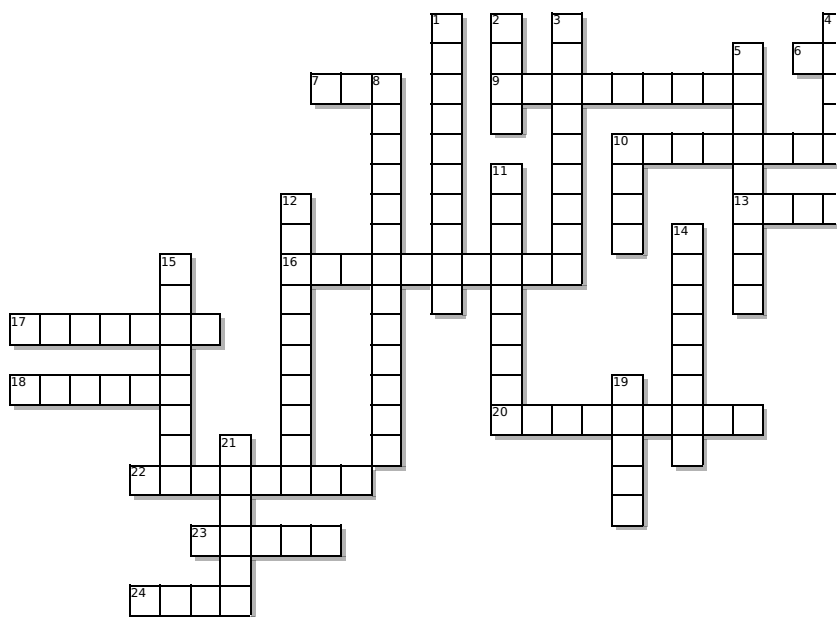
PANTONE Yellow/Orange 123 C
Bottom crest represents the golden rays of the sun illuminating Crawfordsville's many talents and accomplishments of the present.

PANTONE Light Blue 292 C
The flared stripe represents the good life on the banks of Sugar Creek.

TOGETHER
The crests form the iris of an eye focusing on opportunities and Crawfordsville's vision for the future. Together they also form the letter "C".

Graphic Design by Chuck Clore

Searching the Past



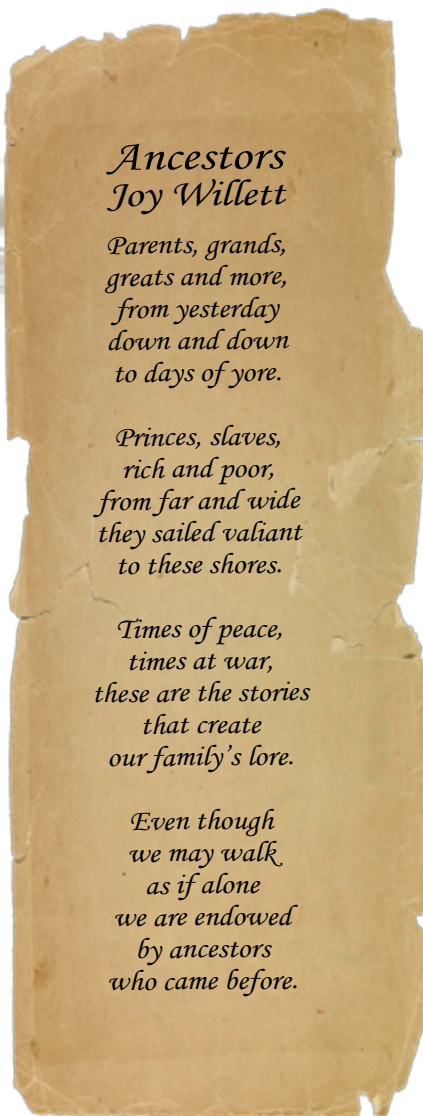
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- 6 Given name of Karen's current editor
- 7 Org. for women with Rev. ancestors
- 9 Aunt Olga's _____ Salad
- 10 Ancestors on your mother's side
- 13 Joy's 2nd cousin 1x removed
- 16 _____ Magazine
- 17 Story of the past
- 18 Karen's best friend from school
- 20 Place for newspaper clippings
- 22 People are dying to get in there
- 23 Surname of Karen's first editor
- 24 Where the heart is

DOWN

- 1 Central N/S street in C'ville
- 2 C'ville library's initials
- 3 Study of our ancestors
- 4 War between North and South
- 5 How genealogist spend their time
- 8 War for independence
- 10 Unfolded, they help us find our way
- 11 Relatives from the past
- 12 It has many branches (2 words)
- 14 Soup in KBZ's turkey casserole
- 15 Library now a museum
- 19 It doesn't fall far from the tree
- 21 _____ Craig, library historian

Check out page 10 for the solution



*Ancestors
Joy Willett*

*Parents, grands,
greats and more,
from yesterday
down and down
to days of yore.*

*Princes, slaves,
rich and poor,
from far and wide
they sailed valiant
to these shores.*

*Times of peace,
times at war,
these are the stories
that create
our family's lore.*

*Even though
we may walk
as if alone
we are endowed
by ancestors
who came before.*

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Karen's Kitchen

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Was viewing my recipes on the Family Recipes in the GenWeb page and saw this one that I thought was extremely appropriate for this month's theme – although I've not made this, I will say I made one almost exactly like it (no egg) many times that my mother passed down to me and which she got I believe from our principal's wife and neighbor, Zula Pence who was one amazing cook! So, try it, you'll like it, I have no doubt! The bottom recipe we'd watch my cousin, Betty get out of the car to see if she was bringing this to our Morgan Family Reunion – soooo good!

Aunt Olga Patton's Pineapple Salad

Source: Robison-Shaw Reunion Cookbook. furnished by Stephanie Simms
Montgomery County Genealogy group

Ingredients:

1 can crushed pineapple, drain and reserve juice

1 egg

½ c. sugar

1 T. flour

Cheddar cheese, diced

Small marshmallows

Chopped nuts

Directions:

Whisk together egg, sugar, flour, and juice from pineapple. In small saucepan, cook mixture over medium heat. Let stand until cool. In a medium mixing bowl combine mixture with pineapple, diced cheese, small marshmallows, and chopped nuts.

Turkey Crunch Casserole

Mom's first cousin, Betty Morgan Devitt was an excellent cook (all the Morgans were) and she brought this recipe quite often to the Morgan reunion as we ALL loved it.

Ingredients:

Turkey Mixture: 3 C. Cooked Diced Turkey

2 hard-boiled Eggs, chopped

1 T. Chopped Onion

1, 4-oz. can Mushrooms

Then add: ¾ C. Mayonnaise

¾ Soup can Milk

10-oz. can Mushroom Soup

Then toss in: 1 C. Diced Celery

½ C. Almonds

Directions:

Mix together ingredients -- add soup, milk and mayo. Toss with turkey mixture.

Put in 2-qt. casserole. Sprinkle with noodles. Bake 350 degrees 30 minutes. Can

use chicken. medium mixing bowl combine mixture with pineapple, diced cheese, small marshmallows, and chopped nuts.





County Connections - "Three Stooges"

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Well, one of my County Connection girls, Pat Ferguson, was born and raised here but her hubs was in the service so she was out and about and back again whereas the other, Barb House Taylor, was raised in Warren County but lived many decades right here in our area when her husband, Dick, came to work here (many years at RR Donnelly).

They were both a bit older than me, and when their kids got up and gone and mine

were in school, we went on so many adventures I can't begin to tell you about each and every one, but here are a few. We went to the state library quite often – one of the librarians even knew us by name (probably knew mine as I needed shushed a lot – I'm the odd-ball librarian who believes it should be a FUN place to go but I tried real hard and she was precious).

On one trip we parked way high up in the parking garage and my car wouldn't start – I had to get home for the kids and I think Pat had grandkids coming so we decided they could push me and the car down, jump in and maybe it'd start. Very dangerous and crazy but it worked! So, off we went!

Another crazy happening was when we were indexing the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Covington – we could see each other but were not right together. Pat and I heard Barb screaming and carrying on and she came running over by us so nervous, shaking and yelling, "Karen, you go index over there – I almost fell in a sunken grave!" We teased her a great deal with all kinds of crazy ideas. Another cemetery story was when we stopped and asked a man where this particular cemetery was and he said, "Now, you watch out because people are just dying to get in there!" I know, sick humor, but it got us pepped up laughing. We laughed a lot!

On one of our trips, we had stopped to eat breakfast because it was raining so hard. A waitress came up to us after we had ordered and been sitting and blabbing awhile, saying, "Did you have a Scirocco?" Hmmm, new type of breakfast food? I said, "No, I had biscuits and gravy!" Although I got one strange look from her, my partners both knew what a Scirocco was and since my car was shaped somewhat like one, they thought we needed to go roll-up the windows. Luckily, I had already and the B&G was amazing! Plus, the teasing was on!

Now, it wasn't all fun. We did a lot of work together too. If you have the 1988

Family History Book of MoCo, believe me a great deal (and a lot of other fab folks as well) of our work went into it. I worked at the library at the time and okayed it with our great boss, Mary Bishop, to have the people drop off their family histories to me there. Barb I believe read them and proofed them and Pat did the money (or maybe that's reversed). I also wrote several, revamped some and what have you but the three of us worked so amazingly well together that the book came out great. We took a bit

less (for the Genealogy Club) because we wanted a total name index to it not just an index to the main folks. That was a major job – daughter Suzie helped me and we did several other total name indexes of county histories that Turner Publishing printed afterwards.

We were all in DAR and Barb and I especially (since we were about the youngest) got the meetings with the food. Always jumping into some crazy idea, once we got yelled at by one of the ladies because we didn't have coffee. We had cider to go along with our Indian theme (it was a great one – we had everything corn-oriented or at least fall and it was fun to plan and carry out and the rest of the ladies raved about it). Go figure!

Bridgie Brelsford, Local Historian at the Crawfordsville District Public Library (now Carnegie Museum) decided to join a state project (a

grant I think) and index all the major county books. Not sure how many Montgomery did (more than most other counties, though) but I think I alone did 7-8 and the girls both (fairly sure) worked on that as well. Great fun and we actually got paid so much per so many pages I think is how it worked.

The other large project I remember working on was to put the major maps of the county together. 1864; 1878; 1898 and 1917 – of course, we indexed those, as well. I may have enjoyed this project the most simply because maps are not my expertise (I always ask Jerry Turner or Dave Fullenwider if it's place related) and it helped me considerably learning the pluses of using them in research.

Sadly, we lost one of the trio, Pat, in 2009 and Barb and I haven't done much together in the last few years. She is still active in DAR, but I am not in much anymore because of the health. Hopefully though, she knows how much I appreciate her and when we do get to talk, we laugh over our crazy but fun genealogy adventures! Definitely, two amazing genealogists here in our County Connections.



2021 Montgomery County Museum Scene



MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Touring Seas – ended. Upcoming Events – Christmas Tour Nov 30th – free to the Public. Dec 6 – Holiday Tea & Fashion Show. Dec 12th – Lane Place Holiday Shop



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225 N. Washington Street. Tours through Dec 15th. Oct 22 at 8 p.m. – Grim Stories, Ghost Hunt & Lock In – but check this on their web page and sure you have to call for an appointment. Heard it's great fun, though!



CARNEGIE MUSEUM

The Carnegie Museum has many Fall time wonderful activities going on, including a take-home kit – with all type of elementary fall-themed things for kiddos to do. A wonderful Railroad display was created by Owen Bennett, a Wabash College intern who worked at the Museum. Trevor Billings, MoCo's own (NMHS grad of 2013 and having served in the US Marine Corps thereafter and graduating from PU in 2021) has now joined the staff there. Welcome Trevor!

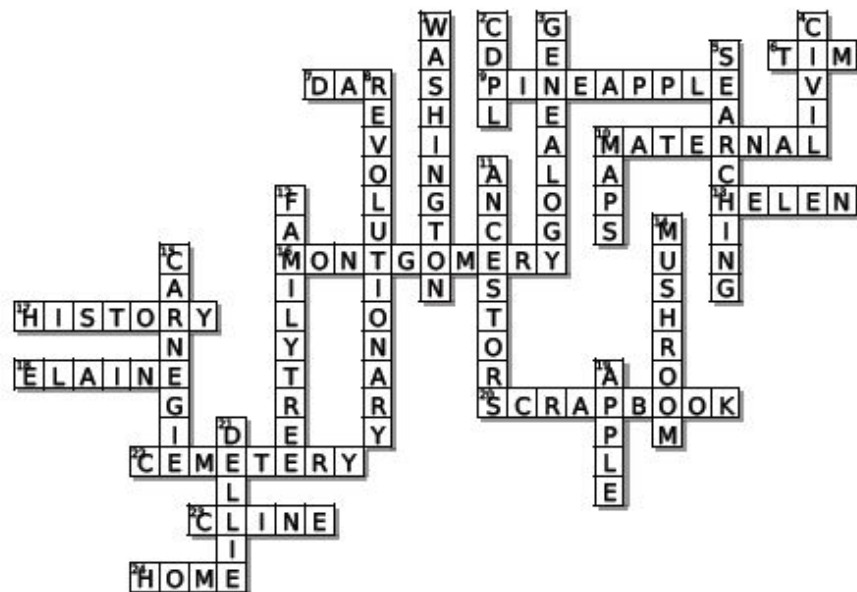


GENERAL LEW WALLACE STUDY

Tues-Sat 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit the online booking page – adults \$7; Military \$5; Student 13-18 (ID) \$3; 7-12 \$1 and anyone under 6 is free. You can visit their online booking page to plan your visit. A grew book will be discussed in the Book Club – Whistling Past the Graveyard – Nov 18 – 7-8 p.m. but sign up on their great www.ben-hur.com page



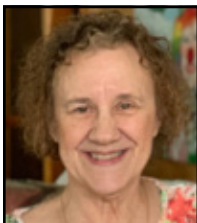
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Grandcestors

Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories

Wasn't quite sure what to put in this month's should be easy topic, but as with the feature, who/what do I include. But, then I thought as we talk about on the Indiana Genealogy Facebook page I monitor, figured out I'd just discuss those who went before me who also loved this hobby in some way or form.

Luckily, I was the only girl in both sides of the family. Carl and Hazel (Morgan) Smith my maternal grandparents both liked history, she especially into her family history, cutting out every little piece of interest from the local newspapers (they didn't only take the Waveland one but the Rockville and C'ville ones as well and some magazines besides that as they were big readers, especially Pap). Now, the big problem here was that my aunt's dogs (Pekingese – not sure if that's a trait or not but they all did it each chewing away more of my family history) loved to gnaw on her beautiful huge scrapbooks she made complete with pictures and notations. When I became interested I did save some of it but most was gone or ruined with slobber – UGH! My gpa' loved history in general and mysteries, so that was a one on one there. His big desire was to have the Smith bible that went back into the 1700s. His cousin had it and Pap begged him for it; however, the man felt (he had lost his only child in the Korean War) the bible would be better off in a library and since the Terre Haute Public was gathering them



he took it down there – problem is, they wanted the info not the bible proper which is fine but to burn 14 family bibles afterwards – well to me, that was a crime. Long, long story short here – they had three groups extract information from the bibles. Two were wrong so for years we had cousins in DAR on the WRONG George Barker (they were on George Jr. who was not their ancestor – his brother Simeon was) but luckily, the old George did some hauling and was listed as a contributor in the Revolution so finally it was all straightened out!

My other grandparents were totally different. He had no desire to enjoy history at all. My Italian grandmother, my Nona did like Italian history, family history and she knew all that stuff off the top of her head, not making a mistake)



and our country's history as well. My aunt would come home and teach my grandmother everything she learned in school that day and American History was her favorite subject. Dad loved it, too and we'd get into amazing conversations about this and that history topic.

To me, a family bible kept well (oh, my the one that was burned had every detail) by someone makes that person a true historian. In fact, through that family bible I cracked a long-time problem. The gal who began that was my great great grandmother Sarah Coleman and her father used that bible in his will with each one of them named exactly that with the birthdates matching, etc. so knew it was him. Oddly, Sarah didn't mention her parents at all but just started it with her and George Smith,

but her father grabbed those dates and it was exactly as the bible (minus one who had passed before her father, Joseph Coleman did – mother, Sarah Salmon).

There is a quote that “We are the chosen ones,” and I kind of believe that as when I was a youngster and on I'd rather be with older people, especially my grands to talk of the old times than run around with kiddoes. When I was five, I went to a neighbors who lived way back on a lane and just visited with the old folks. My mother was frantic and the whole neighborhood was out looking. I was fine, enjoying the conversation – heehee. So, my question here is who will continue as the chosen

one? Both our children semi-enjoy it (my daughter being an amazing local historian when she worked at the library and son is amazing with the technical/photographical things) but not sure if either will continue it. He and a friend did use my database when it was probably 1/3 its size now (100,000 then) to create a genealogy program for Lenox and he's still using it even with it being more than three times larger now. It'd be fun for them to work on it together (my brother, Larry and I have been on a couple of neat excursions genealogy-wise and are always asking each other family questions) as I've not had much time to do my own the last few years, so hopefully one of them or one of our grands will continue forward!



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