

# Bond County Genealogical Society News

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## Bootlegging, Burglary, & Blood

Left: (1 of 5 photo-postcards published by Alvis Mitchell) Charlie Birger's boys strike a pose at their hideout, Shady Rest in Williamson County, Illinois in 1926. Birger (center), seated atop the driver's door, with a bulletproof vest and Thompson submachine gun, sent at least four men to Bond County that November to rob a mine payroll at the Bond County State Bank of Pocahontas, as part of an ongoing



violent gang war with the Shelton brothers. Right: (Associated Press Photo) Birger lieutenant Arthur Newman is on the stand in Greenville 1936, called to identify L. Roy Green, last man captured in connection with the robbery at Pocahontas, as Slim McGuire.

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Bond County Genealogical Society membership dues are \$10 per 2-person household for the current year. A lifetime membership for a 2-person household may be purchased for a one-time payment of \$175. Members are eligible to vote and to serve as BCGS officers and appointees.

If you would like to become a member please send your name, address, phone number, email address, and the surnames you are most interested in researching with appropriate check or money order to:

Bond County Genealogical Society,  
P.O. Box 172, Greenville, IL  
62246-0172

Membership forms also are available on our website. [www.bondcogen.org](http://www.bondcogen.org)

*"Leaders are the ones who keep faith with the past, keep step with the present, and keep the promise to posterity."*

*- Harold J. Seymour*

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P.O. Box 376, Greenville, IL 62246

Membership forms are also available on our website.

[www.bondcountyhistorical.org](http://www.bondcountyhistorical.org)



## Monthly Society Meetings

It was decided in 2013 that the two societies would meet jointly for Program Meetings and this practice continues. Meetings are generally the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please check the Greenville Advocate newspaper, [www.bondcogen.org](http://www.bondcogen.org) or WGEL Radio (101.7 FM) for times and locations. Announcements will be made ahead of time whenever there is to be a business meeting for one or both of the two societies. Also, there will be no December meeting.

The Bond County Historical Society specializes in questions about the history of the county and communities. If you have questions about family history, burial sites, census records, birth records, or death records from Bond County, please contact the Bond County Genealogical Society instead.

All genealogy requests submitted via email to [info@bondcogen.org](mailto:info@bondcogen.org) will be researched and answered in order received as time permits. There is no flat fee for requests as we attempt to reply with electronic documents, but if your request requires printing, postage, or original document access and retrieval you may be responsible for those charges.



**Invite a friend  
to an interesting and educational program meeting or special event!**

## 2016 Events Calendar

July 26, 2016 Tour of DeLaurenti Store/Strand Theatre on Pocahontas Square.  
Aug 23, 2016 Rural Church History Potluck & Program @ Sorento Presbyterian.  
Sept 27, 2016 Genealogical Society Program, Topic To Be Announced.  
Oct 2016 Historical & Genealogical Societies Annual Dinner Meeting plus Elections.  
Mar 18, 2017 15th Annual Quilt Show at Greenville Free Methodist Church.

*Share your  
ancestor's  
tale in the  
Bond County  
Genealogical  
Society  
News!*

## Uncharted Territory: What's Your Story?

"Uncharted Territory" are the stories found deep in your family tree. What's Your Story? Was your ancestor a Bond County native or did he pass through, stay briefly and then move on? Where did she live? What kind of work did he do? What clues did your ancestors leave to mark their path in, around or across this county?

Have you considered sharing your ancestor's tale in the B.C.G.S. News? If you have a story you'd like to share, please contact the editor. Please find submission details and guidelines on Page 19.



## Hoiles-Davis Museum



*The Hoiles-Davis Museum is located at 318 W. Winter Street in Greenville, Illinois.*

*Open Saturday 10 a.m. to noon and Sunday 2 to 4 p.m.*

*May—October*

*Tours also by appointment.*

New Hoiles-Davis Museum exhibits and artifacts are on display for the 2016 season! Find a detailed article on page 12 of this issue.

Another recent acquisition on exhibit is a vintage 1958 RCA Victor "Deluxe" wood console television set. Featuring antenna reception and black and white display, one had to twist a knob to tune a station between channels 2 through 13. Does that trigger fond memories or is that a foreign concept for you? Do you have more mid-century modern furniture and/or décor sitting around your home, office, or storage space? We may be collecting items for a 2017 special exhibit, so take a look around, pick out an item or two and contact the society about your donation/loan for consideration!



The museum display committee always needs more volunteers to help plan and create seasonal and permanent exhibits. If you are interested, please contact the Bond County Historical Society.

The Hoiles-Davis Museum is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Sundays 2 to 4 p.m. May through the end of October. It is located on the corner of Winter and Fourth Streets in Greenville, Illinois. Tours are also available by special arrangement. Admission by donation. Groups welcome. Advance notice required for guided tours. Visit [www.bondcountyhistorical.org](http://www.bondcountyhistorical.org).

With the installation of a new answering system, the Hoiles-Davis Museum invites you to leave a phone message at any hour of the day. Schedule a tour, donate an artifact, or discover more of Greenville's history! (618) 664-1590

## Genealogical Society Library Shelf

The Genealogical Society Library collection is housed on the lower floor of the Greenville Public Library. There is a booklet in the room which lists all the holdings and a microfilm reader/printer for doing research in the [Greenville Advocate](#) and other Bond County newspapers. The building has wireless internet access so you can do supplementary research while you are there. The room is kept locked, so the key must be requested at the Circulation Desk. The Greenville Public Library's hours are posted on their website: [www.greenvillepubliclibrary.org](http://www.greenvillepubliclibrary.org) ~ 414 W. Main Ave. Greenville, Illinois (IL) ~ Phone 618-664-3115 ~ Fax 618-664-9442





## Quilt Show featured Bed Turning Program & Winter Quilt Blocks

Congratulations to the Bond County Historical Society on its 14th annual Quilt Show, held Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Greenville Free Methodist Church. Entered quilts numbered 91 and approximately 215 people attended.

Here are your 2016 Quilt Show Viewer's Choice Awards:

- ♦ "Circles on Circles", made and quilted by Juanita **Burge** - Contemporary/Art Quilt.
- ♦ "Story Tellers", made by Dora **Vinson** and quilted by Dora's Spinning Wheel – Machine Quilted.
- ♦ Radiant Star with appliquéd flowers, made by Creative Stitchers and quilted by Cuisine Quilters – Hand Quilted.
- ♦ "Three Squeaks: A teaching quilt about counting and sharing", made by Nadine **Baldwin** and quilted by Farmland Quilting – Wall/Baby Quilt.

In the Antique Quilt Bed Turning program, a series of vintage quilts were displayed and their individual stories were told.

Featured quilter, the 12 member Black Diamond Quilt Guild, showcased over two dozen beautiful and varied quilts, created over a number of years, many award winning.

All the 2016 "Winter" themed quilt block contest entries were on display, including adult winners Nadine Baldwin's 1st place Ice Skating Penguins; Nichole **Koonce's** 2nd place Catching Snowflakes On Your Tongue; Betty **Boehm's** 3rd place Lois **Jean's** Errand In A Snowstorm; and Emma **Nordmann's** Honorable Mention Christmas Tree Farm inside Frost Crystals. Kids category winners were: age 5-8: Lucy **Bowers** (1st place) and Rebecca **Baldwin** (2nd); age 9-12: Samuel **Bowers** (1st), Josie **Maples** (2nd), Anna **Helmkamp** (3rd) and Brooklyn **Seyler** (Honorable Mention); age 13-18: Lexie **Seyler** (1st).

During the show, June **Wise** was honored for her 14 years of service on the quilt show committee. She has retired as a quilt show committee member. John **Goldsmith** (this year's Show publicity coordinator) and Nadine Baldwin (this year's Show chairwoman) honored June in part by presenting a framed quilt blocks wall hanging featuring the Hoiles-Davis Museum.

"I was thrilled to be able to honor June Wise for her dedication to the Quilt Show," John Goldsmith said. "When we started the Quilt Show 14 years ago, it was part of Heritage Day, which the Historical Society sponsored for a few years. June was the first person I asked to be part of the planning. Heritage Day is long gone but the Quilt Show continues.

The Quilt Block Contest theme for 2017 is "County Fair"! Entry forms for display quilts and the block contest are made available on Bond County Historical Society's website, [www.bondcountyhistorical.org](http://www.bondcountyhistorical.org).



Nadine Baldwin (left) and John Goldsmith (right) presented June Wise (center), who is retiring from the quilt show committee, a framed quilt blocks wall hanging featuring the Hoiles-Davis Museum in honor of her 14 years of dedication. The Black Diamond Quilt Guild showcase is partially visible in the background.

## Scavenger Hunt Fun at the Museum

The Hoiles-Davis Museum welcomed special, off-season, young guests the evening of Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Diana **Doll** brought fifteen of her Girl Scouts to the Hoiles-Davis Museum. Several parents accompanied the group as chaperones but found themselves just as mesmerized by the local history exhibits. Members of Bond County Historical Society also created a twenty-five question scavenger hunt to aid in the Girl Scouts acquiring their 'museum' badges. Museum guides, Kevin **Kaegy** and John S. **Coleman**, presented their tours before turning the girls loose in pairs with scavenger hunt sheets in hand.

As one might expect of a history museum quiz, the questions highlight items, people, stories, and other facts in key areas of Greenville and Bond County's history: Greenville College, PET Milk, Abraham **Lincoln**, Civil War figures Col. **Reid** and Capt. **Colby**, dental x-rays, a Victorian hair wreath, even a question about the Boy Scouts flag on display. By completing the quiz, each Girl Scout received a Greenville Bicentennial collectors coin to take home, as well as earned a museum badge for her green vest.

While the hunt was specifically developed for the Girl Scouts tour, it could see many other applications such as school classes, church or 4-H groups, families, etc. Historical Society members will seasonally evaluate the hunt's quiz questions to be sure they are applicable to the exhibits currently on display and write new ones where necessary.



## Another Tree Planted in Honor of City's Bicentennial

Last autumn, Greenville Garden Club gave an October Glory Red Maple to the city's Montrose Cemetery in celebration of the 2015 Bicentennial. Now this past Spring, Greenville Shakespeare Club (founded in 1888 with the object of "mutual aid and inspiration in literary work, and the cultivation of the higher types of social entertainment") has planted their own sapling on the grounds of Greenville Public Library, a Flowering Dogwood! A plaque marks the gift. Take a moment to enjoy and reflect on the young tree's beautiful and colorful potential as you're visiting the library to research Bond County's people, places, events, or your own family tree in the Bond County Genealogical Society Resources Room in the lower level of the library.



## Upcoming Conferences

### **Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois 2016 Family Conference and Book Fair**

August 13, 2016 @ John A Logan College in Carterville, Illinois.

Featured speaker will be Lisa Louise **Cooke**, author and owner of Genealogy Gems. Conference Registration is not necessary to attend the free Book Fair. Find registration information and more about the speaker at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilgssi/conf2016.html>

Early Bird Registration before July 30, 2016. For more information: Jackie **Lyell** at [jmlyell@gmail.com](mailto:jmlyell@gmail.com) or 618-922-1393 evenings OR Melodie **Penrod** at [melodiepenrod@yahoo.com](mailto:melodiepenrod@yahoo.com).

### **FGS 2016 National Conference: "Time Travel: Centuries of Memories"**

August 31 – September 3, 2016. Hosted by the Federation of Genealogical Societies with local host Illinois State Genealogical Society in Springfield, Illinois.

Join genealogists at the Prairie Capital Convention Center which is in walking distance of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum. Over 160 sessions, 72 expert speakers from around the world, 10 luncheons with speakers, 7 workshops, 2 interactive seminars, and exhibit hall. Expert-led sessions and workshops are designed for all skill levels - beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Plus attend the FGS 40th Anniversary Gala on Friday night.

If you have never attended a state conference, treat yourself to a very rewarding experience. Expand your genealogy knowledge through the exceptional speakers, meet other genealogists from around the country, and stock up on the latest genealogy supplies from the many vendors in the beautiful exhibit hall. Check out the FGS website for details and registration at [www.fgsconference.org](http://www.fgsconference.org)



### **2016 General Society War of 1812 Annual Meeting – War of 1812 in the Illinois Territory**

September 15, 16, & 17, 2016 @ Wyndham Springfield City Centre, Springfield, Illinois.

This 200th anniversary commemoration of the end of the War of 1812 includes bus tours, dedications, guest speakers and panels, and special presentations highlighting the end of the war that led to Illinois statehood. Guest speakers include Kevin **Kaegy** (author and speaker), William **Wilson** (chair of the Illinois in the War of 1812 Commission), Barbara **Kay** (Dolley Madison re-enactor), Gillum **Ferguson** (author of *Illinois in the War of 1812*), and others. Tours of the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site, Hill's Fort, and Oak Ridge Cemetery are planned. A banquet will be held on Saturday.

All 1812 members and families are welcome and invited to Springfield!

For more information call the Illinois State Historical Society at 217-525-2781. Or visit the Illinois Society War of 1812 Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Illinois-Society-War-of-1812-167004446711317/>

### **18th Annual Conference on Illinois History co-sponsored by Illinois Historic Preservation Agency**

October 6 & 7, 2016 @ Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Springfield, Illinois

The Conference on Illinois History welcomes more than 300 people each year who appreciate opportunities to share their interest in the history of Illinois. The conference is also an excellent source for teachers with a desire to bring new perspectives and teaching techniques into their classrooms. The sessions include scholarly papers, panel discussions, and workshops. For more information visit [www.PresidentLincoln.Illinois.gov](http://www.PresidentLincoln.Illinois.gov) and [www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Involved/Pages/Conference.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Involved/Pages/Conference.aspx)



## Online Genealogical Resources

### BillionGraves App Joins Game of Helpful Mobile GPS & Photo Tools

BillionGraves is a lot like Find-A-Grave: they both keep crowd-sourced records of who is buried in what cemetery. A very helpful tool while out searching for family tombstones, it will show every cemetery in the vicinity of your car and detailed directions how to get there. You will also see a satellite view of the cemetery; very handy when searching small county cemeteries. Give it a try, it's FREE!

The app complements the [BillionGraves.com](http://BillionGraves.com) website and is available from Apple's App store, the Google Play store, and Windows Store. From their website: "BillionGraves is the world's largest resource for searchable GPS cemetery data, and is growing bigger and better every day. Our free iOS, Android and Windows mobile apps make taking photos a breeze! Document an entire cemetery and capture the GPS location all in one step! No data plan required!" Be sure to take the time to work through the app's tutorials before heading out to the cemeteries - look for the "Get Started" link.

### Ancestry.com's Family Tree Maker Back From The Dead

Word across the blogosphere is not all dark news for those genealogists who have relied heavily on Family Tree Maker, software Ancestry.com stopped selling as of December 31, 2015. While the current TreeSync capability between an Ancestry Member Tree and a Family Tree Maker file will be retired after January 1, 2017, several choices exist to continue your data's accessibility. Besides these soundbytes found below, please do your own hunting to find out what the best and latest options are for your digital records and research system.

- ◆ "Be assured that Ancestry, in cooperation with Software MacKiev and RootsMagic, will continue to support you as you discover your family history." - [GeneaBloggers](#)
- ◆ "RootsMagic Genealogy & Family Tree Software will soon work with Ancestry sync, search and hints later in 2016 similar to Family Tree Maker software!" - [RootsMagic Blog](#)
- ◆ "Software MacKiev has bought New Family Tree Maker from Ancestry.com and will continue to develop and support it." - [TamuraJones](#)

### Newspapers.com Adds St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Southern Illinoian

If you have ancestors from Missouri or surrounding areas, check out the [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#)! [Newspapers.com](http://Newspapers.com) now has issues starting from the newspaper's inception in 1878. Also included under the [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) title are some issues of the paper's predecessors, the [Dispatch](#) and the [Evening Post](#), dating

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*Newspapers.com, a subscription database with searchable index, now has St. Louis Post-Dispatch issues starting from the newspaper's inception in 1878.*





## Online Genealogical Resources, continued

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back to 1874. You might find your St. Louis area ancestors in lists of births, marriage licenses, divorces, deaths, or burial permits or in columns about social activities, travel notes, gossip, club activities, and news from nearby towns—just to name a few. Their high quality digital images and powerful viewer provide the best look at these historical papers and make it easy to print, save and share what you find. Plus you can narrow your search by county! Find out how in this article: <http://blog.newspapers.com/tip-how-to-search-by-county/>

Another of Newspapers.com's newest additions is the full run of the Southern Illinoisan, a paper based in Carbondale, Illinois. Between the Southern Illinoisan and its predecessor, the Free Press, the site's collection of the two papers currently documents 80 years of southern Illinois history, from 1899 to 1980.

### Decatur Herald & Review Newspaper Digitized

The complete microfilm archive of the Herald & Review has been digitized for easy online access. This means for the first time in history, you can search names in past Decatur, Illinois area newspapers just like searching on a website. Included in the archive are issues of the Decatur Daily Review and the Decatur Herald as far back as 1853, issues of the Herald-Dispatch from the 1880's, and recent Herald & Review issues from 1981-2013.

Major news out of Greenville includes a 1950 tornado, a 1940 auto accident which killed 4, a 1936 near-drowning of 4 Greenville College students in Lake Decatur, certain marriages & deaths, election coverage, and plethora of sporting event results. Access the Decatur Herald & Review here: <http://herald-review.newspapers.com>

*[Editor's Note: My maternal family hails from the Decatur area, so this archive has provided a wealth of happiness for my mother and I, finally discovering dates for previously unknown issues containing **Smull** relatives' obituaries, wills and probate notices, and society news.]*

### Search Tips for Google News Archive (by Kimberly Powell for About.com)

Google News Archive at the URL <http://news.google.com/newspapers> offers a wealth of digitized historic newspapers online - many of them for free. A simple search of the archive, however, will generally fail when searching by name for everything ranging from obituaries to marriage announcements due to imprecise OCR and poor digital scanning. Surnames are often mangled to the point you won't even recognize them, and sometimes even simple words such as "marriage" or "died" are not to be found. In many cases only MAJOR headlines are searchable. In addition, Google News has continued to deprecate this service, and has made it almost impossible to search for content prior to 1970, although they have hundreds of digitized newspaper titles prior to this date. Thankfully, the newspapers digitized under this program do still exist online.

You can improve your chances of finding great info on your family in Google News Archive with a few simple search strategies. Find them in the continuation of this article at the URL below:

<http://genealogy.about.com/od/newspapers/a/Search-Tips-For-Google-News-Archive.htm>

## Grave Matters: Putting Wright Cemetery Right Again

By Rebecca Clausen, interview with Rod Cripe by Jane Hopkins



*Visit via bicycle from downtown Greenville (6.5 miles - 35 minutes): Ride north from Greenville (I took Beaumont Ave northeast to Red Ball Trail, but you can alternately take Illinois Route 140 east to Woburn Rd). Take Red Ball north, across the wooden single lane bridge over the BNSF rail tracks. Turn right onto Woburn Ave (turn left onto Woburn Ave if you've taken Woburn Rd north). On either route be sure your rear brakes are tuned up and strong because there are fairly serious hills in these roads!), turn north onto Heuter Rd and Wright Cemetery is 300 feet ahead on the right.*

"Now my husband wants to be buried there!" jokes Shelli **Cripe**, the wife of one of the industrious men who have recently taken it upon themselves to manage clean up, restoration, and continued tending of a small, nearly forgotten, family roadside cemetery north of Governor Bond Lake on the border of Mulberry Grove and LaGrange Townships.

In 1875, the town of Woburn was still Newport in the plat book and it boasted 250 inhabitants including the "enterprising farming community" surrounding the town, affirms the Bond County 1875, Illinois Atlas published by Warner & Beers. The **Wright** family owned properties west of Newport along what was then the Alton & Vandalia Road (now Woburn Avenue). The land extended north to what is now Hastings Cemetery Road. Today, short Heuter Road links Woburn Ave to Hastings Rd and tiny Wright Cemetery (sometimes referred to as Wright/Caldwell), with its quaint mixture of 19th c. and modern stone grave markers, lies nestled on three sides by crops 300 feet north of Woburn Ave on the east side of the road.

Nelda **Neer Anthony's** 1988 cemetery index lists 41 names of known burials. The database at crowd-sourced [FindAGrave.com](http://FindAGrave.com) lists 28 interments. Bond County ILGenWeb, found at <http://bond.illinoisgenweb.org>, lists 64 burials (information and several photos contributed by Frank **Elam**). Confirmed family names include Wright, **Hueter, Isley, Koonce, Vaughn, and Jett** (Wright daughters married men named Jett, Isley, and Vaughn). More family names included on Bond County ILGenWeb's list are: **Lawson, Marshall, Peterson, Reynolds, Riggins, Roddick, Salisbury, Scharf, Thompson, Volentine, Wall, and Williams**.

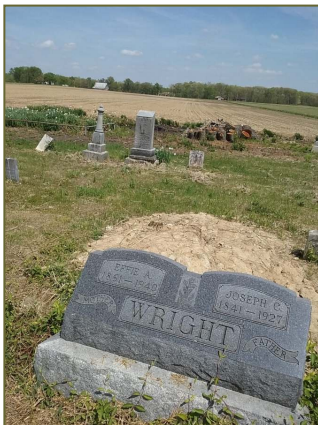
Between 1897 and 1910, Jonas Hueter owned Woburn's Mill and Creamery complex south of the Woburn school, and in 1925, Joseph Wright and Joseph Isley had property in town (Glen **Diamond's** 1992 A Brief History of Woburn, Illinois, 1875 Atlas, and Geo. A. Ogle & Co.'s Bond County 1900 Atlas).

Wright family members and neighbors actively used the private cemetery from the 1860s to about 1945, the last burial is believed to be Clarence Wright as recently as 1982. Bond County's Probation Department did a fair job maintaining the cemetery up until about fourteen years ago. Since then it has suffered periods of severe neglect and thoughtless burnoffs. In 2008, Wright Cemetery had been somewhat cleared, but by 2012, it was again overgrown with small trees, thorny brush, weeds, and other debris.

Enter Jimmy **Snow**, and Rod Cripe. Cripe, a farmer who has lived in the area his entire life, has no relations in Wright Cemetery but happened to be driving by early in 2016 when he spotted his neighbor, Snow, and Snow's grandsons fighting the grave-swallowing overgrowth and offered his chainsaw to help. Now that the worst is cleaned up, Cripe now

keeps a weekly mowing schedule and he has plans to finish righting a few more of the older stones; restore the fence, gate, and sign; and improve the slope along the road making it safer for people and the mower to get into

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Above left: Wright Cemetery on April 24, 2016. Above right: Wright Cemetery on November 8, 2013. Same gravestone is visible in foregrounds of photos. Both photos by author.

## From Early Days into the Technological Age, your Library is Forever

Thursday, April 14, 2016, at the Bradford Community Room in Greenville, retired librarian Mary **Hoiles** and Bond County Historical Society president Kevin **Kaegy** shared their program entitled: "History of the Greenville Public Library." The fundraiser benefiting summer reading programs at the library drew fifty attendees.

Mrs Hoiles read from a classic historical essay of the library that included funny and anecdotal stories about the growth of the



books collection, activities of the Ladies Association, the courting of Andrew **Carnegie's** philanthropy to finance the construction of the present building in 1905, and interesting incidents of library card holders, fees, and lost books. When the library association was founded in 1856, it only survived due to regular fundraising including dinners, concerts, and lectures. Some traditions are too good to lose!

Mr Kaegy focused on the locally famous people and families involved in the founding, sustaining, and transformation of the library: Reverend **Lippincott** and his Congregational Presbyterian Church (the site of the present library); Reverend **Hynes** and family (whose name adorns the Children's Reading Room); Juliette **Hoiles** (prominent banker's wife who served as LLA president and primary correspondent with the Carnegie Foundation); Almira **Blanchard Morse** (one of the four ladies who started a "library of choice books for public use." The bookcase and contents was kept in her parlor for several years.) and Almira's sister Millicent Victoria **Allen** who wrote her paper entitled "Reminiscences of the Ladies' Library"; Virginia **Breuchaud** (librarian 44 years, 1929-1971); and Winifred **Huffman** (27 years of service, book mender from 1963, librarian 1971-1989).

In the 1990s under librarian Tom Shea, the card catalog and lending systems went digital and online, ensuring the Greenville Public Library's relevance and service into a great future of education, information, and entertainment resources. You can say hello to current head librarian, Christal **Valentin**, library director H. Michael **Westbrooks**, or visit the non-circulating Bond County Genealogical Society reference materials in the lower level of the facility during business hours.



## New Season at Hoiles-Davis Museum is “Best Yet!”



Bill Donnell donated several items once owned by Greenville physician Dr. Katherine Luzader. Donnell (left) and BCHS President Kevin Kaegy pose with pieces from Donnell's gift made November 29, 2015.

Dr Katherine **Luzader's** exhibit has been coming together piece by piece for nearly a year. Cindy **Catron**, who portrayed her in the Greenville Bicentennial Montrose Cemetery Tour last September, used several photographs and clippings owned by the Historical Society to create a display. She also borrowed several personal items of Luzader's from Bill **Donnell** to use as props in her living history presentations. During Greenville Bicentennial's time capsule open house November 29, 2015, Donnell brought those Luzader artifacts to the museum for use by the Historical Society in the new exhibit.

Martha Donnell worked for Dr Luzader as a nurse and her husband, H Denny Donnell, Jr, pro-

cured for her the medical bag with forceps, electrical stimulation tool, and other instruments inside. Bill Donnell acquired the bag, a painted metal “shingle” sign that H Denny purchased from the Lester Harnetiaux collection, and a walnut walking cane (cane not on display). Another object came to Bond County Historical Society President Kevin **Kaegy** in 2006. Kaegy's acquisition note to himself reads: “Dr Luzader's Portable [Remington] typewriter used to type prescription on. Howard **Krober** kept this for near 40 years and gave to Dr [Richard] **Stephens** who gave it to me for the Historical Society, Kevin Kaegy, 3-29-06”.

The evening of the museum's open house preview, April 26, 2016, Bill **Davidson** donated a hand-carved walking stick which he had purchased at Dr Luzader's estate sale. She died in 1967. “College kids or faculty were cleaning out her house,” Davidson told the editor of the B.C.G.S. News.

Military Moms showcase in their exhibit the labor of love the organization does to support active military - “keeping and recognizing the honor of their sons and daughters” - including care packages, flag raisings, holiday greetings, walking in parades, publications, and the annual Greenville Advocate newspaper listing of the 50+ citizens from Bond County currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Also in the display are artifacts from retired and late service personnel. Awarded to U.S. Cavalry and Armor units, the Order of Saint George Medallion and the Order of the Spurs are on loan from Ted **Troemel**, Sgt First Class, U.S. Army (retired). Hoiles-Davis Museum is proud to exhibit former BCGS president and editor Carlos **Hawley's** U.S. Navy enlisted sailor's dress blues



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uniform jumper [shirt], on loan from his family and never before displayed publicly. A machine gunner, Carlos was a member of Torpedo Bomber Squadron 46, Atlantic Theater. He served March 5, 1944 – June 22, 1946.

Daughters of the American Revolution Benjamin Mills chapter curates an exhibit featuring their original 1913 charter, other important documents, proclamations, awards, and achievements. A 1980s Greenville Advocate newspaper clipping shows elementary school student winners of the chapter's essay writing contest. Thick and worn, a vintage scrapbook is mounted with meeting "programs" from 1913 on. The Historian's Notebook is of the same era as the program scrapbook. A National Society D.A.R. 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary bowl is on loan from Vice Regent/District VI Officer Lisa **Stephens**. A portrait of Cornelia Haven **Casey Davis** smiles out at visitors. One of the charter members of the Historical Society and a major promoter and donor towards the Hoiles-Davis Museum, Cornelia served on various Benjamin Mills chapter committees and offices during her active membership (1929-1997).

Three businesses, all built by local families, celebrate long histories in Greenville/Bond County and receive museum displays in 2016: Watson's, Nevco, and Bass-Mollett.

Watson's Drug Store: "Since 1881" this establishment has offered Greenville its drugs, medicines, cosmetics, and notions. Druggist Charles W **Watson** opened the store on the south side of the courthouse square. His nephew Frank E bought the business in 1902. Frank's son Charles I, continued as owner in 1940 and former State Senator and pharmacist Frank C. Watson took over in 1972, expanding the store to include all three "Miller Block" buildings. Objects in the Watson's display include a cabinet card print of Chas W by Ed **DeMoulin's** photography studio; a lithograph cut for a print ad; 1920s photos of Chas I - employee, pharmacist, and future owner; an announcement of filling their one millionth new prescription; a soda fountain ice cream menu; pharmacy lab equipment and glassware such as vials, beakers, tubing, and a mortar and pestle; and a copy of a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party banner listing all four Watson family owners, eleven attendance prizes, and vintage and contemporary storefront images.



Nevco Scoreboard Inc.: Founded in 1934 by Ralph "Bus" **Nevinger**, his son Jan took over as president from 1973 to 1992. He brought the company into the international marketplace where it stands today as a leader in quality standard scoreboard products. Mary Gayle Nevinger, president in 2003,

loaned the exhibit items to the society for the season. On display are photos of products manufactured over the company's history, flyers and pamphlets for marketing to customers; an action shot of the St Louis Steamers 1980 pro soccer team playing a match below an elaborate 4-sided Nevco scoreboard in the old Arena; and an approximately 3.5 foot wide and 2 foot tall portable suitcase-style scoreboard with LED lighting from 2000 which can be used with several different sports. Advertising flats ranging from the 1930s up to 2016 show the evolution of print ad and product styles, even graphic design techniques.



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Bass Funeral Home / Bass-Mollett Publishers: Mr and Mrs E.L. **Bass** opened Bass Funeral Home and Ambulance Service in 1919 on Main Street, moving in 1931 to the former Hoiles Mansion, the same year the Basses' daughter Dorothy wed Sterling **Mollett**. Sterling soon joined the business and the name changed to Bass-Mollett Funeral Home. When E.L. could not find a suitable publisher to create a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary book for his parents, he decided to just do the project himself, and Bass-Mollett Publishers was born. By 1951, the funeral and publishing operations were taking up equal time and resources so he sold the funeral services to focus on the publishing. In 1983, the business moved to Monroe Street. Nationally known with a catalog of 2500 items, today Bass-Mollett primarily produces printed products, personalized products, and accessories for use by funeral directors. Our exhibit includes that pivotal Golden Anniversary book and news clippings about the businesses.

A striking and colorful new map graces the Civil War room. The approximately 30" x 22" artistic cartograph, created by graphic designer Elizabeth Ann **Kaegy**, daughter of BCHS President Kevin Kaegy, based on the research and data collection by Paul W. **Shetley**, follows the 9<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry's battles and movements across the southern states. Nine states are included in the regiment's history including Union General **Sherman's** 1864 "March To The Sea". Two hundred men from Bond County served with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Illinois who fought in many of the same engagements. Also new to our Civil War room is a Harpers Weekly illustration on loan from Dale **Reeves**. The image depicts a scene entitled "Bombardment of Fredericksburg, VA by the Army of the Potomac commanded by General **Burnside**, Thursday, December 11, 1862."

2016 marks the third and final year we display Colonel John B. **Reid's** presentation sword that claimed fame in a January 2014 episode of PBS's *Antiques Roadshow*. The sword's owner, Reid's great-great-granddaughter Ms Victoria **Betz**, lives in Las Vegas and traveled to Boise, Idaho to have the sword appraised and the producers chose her story for air. She and her sister (and many more Reid descendants!) made the trek to Greenville for a 2014 Memorial Day visit to Montrose Cemetery and Mausoleum, the Hoiles-Davis Museum, and other area sights. In 1864, the citizens of Bond County raised the money to purchase the sword for Col. Reid who served in the Illinois 130<sup>th</sup> Regiment and the sword has remained in the Reid family all this time. The Bond County Historical Society graciously thanks Ms Betz again for allowing us the privilege of displaying her gg-grandfather's blade these past three seasons.

Charlie **Birger**, whose prohibition-era gang of southern Illinois "businessmen" were involved in the November 1926 Bond County State Bank of Pocahontas robbery rounds out the newest museum exhibits. Birger sent at least four men to Bond County to rob a mine payroll at the bank as part of an ongoing gang war with the **Shelton** brothers, a crime family that rivaled Al Capone's for control of Illinois. Related hearings and a trial were held at the Bond County courthouse in Greenville through 1933. Peruse several never before exhibited items in the Birger display case: A mid-1920s Wanted Poster, advertising a \$1000 reward



Civil War Room at Hoiles-Davis Museum, Colonel Reid display case in foreground.

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for bank robbers to be paid out by the Bond County Bankers Federation; a World War I Army rifle that served as old-time bank security for Bradford National Bank, for decades kept loaded and hidden behind an office door; and finally an Associated Press 1930s court trial photo taken in Bond County courthouse. Birger lieutenant, Arthur **Newman** is on the stand, called to identify L. Roy **Green**, last man captured in connection with the robbery at Pocahontas, as Slim **McGuire**. The accused was acquitted.

Also on display is the Highland News Ledger full page article detailing the 2003 PBS dramatiza-

tion of the daring bank robbery. The WSIU documentary - "The Legend of Charlie Birger" - covers Birger's entire story and life, too. The DVD is available through Greenville Public Library's Illinois Heartland Library System interlibrary loan service.

Learn more about Charlie Birger's gang, the prohibition era, and organized crime in Southern Illinois at other area attractions—Franklin County Jail Museum & Franklin County Garage and Auto 1910 Museum, both in Benton, Illinois; and Williamson County Jail Museum in Marion, Illinois.

Recommended books—Bloody Williamson: A Chapter in American Lawlessness by Paul M. Angle; Southern Illinois: An Illustrated History by Bill Nunes; Tales and Trails of Illinois by Stu Fliege; A Knight of Another Sort: Prohibition Days and Charlie Birger, Second Edition by Gary DeNeal; Secrets of the Herrin Gangs by Ralph Johnson & Jon M. Musgrave; Brothers Notori-

ous: The Sheltons - Southern Illinois' Legendary Gangsters by Taylor Pensoneau; The Shelton Brothers of Illinois by Anne Fafoutakis; The Shelton Gang: They Played in Peoria by Bill Adams; and Inside the Shelton Gang, One Daughter's Discovery by Ruthie Shelton.

Plus, for a little bit more Charlie Birger in this issue, see the feature article on page 16.



## Illustrating Crime

A pencil drawing by talented but untrained artist Harvey **Dungey**, one of Birger's men, depicts the 1926 Pocahontas Bond County State Bank Robbery. Many of Dungey's drawings, done years after the events, hang inside the cellblock at the Franklin County Jail Museum in Benton, Illinois. Dungey was killed at age 60 by a night watchman in a tavern break-in attempt in 1958. He had recently been released from prison after serving an armed robbery sentence. Photo by Rebecca Clausen, July 10, 2014.





## Youth Gone Wild: Clarence Rone Sang, Charlie Birger Hanged

By Rebecca Clausen

*Bloody Williamson County, Egypt, Illinois. July 10, 2014*—In Maplewood, a division of Marion City Cemetery, my mother and I located the forever resting place of Clarence **Rone**, my

favorite booze-running, concealed weapons toting, accomplice to murder (directly or after the fact, we'll never be sure) singing jail bird Prohibition-era gangster. Only twenty years old, he unluckily died of pneumonia shortly after earning himself a deal for a reduced sentence for his involvement in the organized crime activities of Charlie **Birger**.

In researching our Summer

2014 trip to Benton and Marion, I learned Rone the Birgerite was also a newlywed, which none of the books or articles I'd been reading previously mentioned. They barely mention Rone died young either, though in some histories such as Gary **DeNeal's** 1998 definitive Birger biography, *A Knight Of Another Sort: Prohibition Days and Charlie Birger, 2nd ed*, there is subtle reference to his being pale, frail, and usually under the weather during the gang's heyday (his friends chalked it up to drinking hangovers). Descendants of his wife and her second husband have an online genealogy presence where they speak of her first husband, Clarence, and his mother. Rone's older brother, Ray, also worked jobs for Charlie Birger and was in and out of prison.

Already serving a prison term for his participation in Lyle "Shag" **Worsham's** murder, but to avoid being charged with the murder of Ward "Casey" **Jones**, a bartender for Birger who knew too much, Clarence Rone testified as a state's witness against several of his fellow gangsters, playing a part in sealing the murder conviction against Birger for ordering the death of West City mayor Joe **Adams**.

The Lincoln Nebraska Star printed, "Rone, a pale-faced convict of less than a score of years, testified July 18 [1927] in Benton that Charles Birger, his former gang chief, planned and paid for the murder of Adams, for which Bir-

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### YOUNG CONVICT ACCUSES BIRGER

Clarence Rone Testifies  
His Former Chief  
Planned Killing.

Widow and Daughter of  
Slain Mayor Are Prose-  
cution Witnesses.

BENTON, Ill., July 19—(AP)—Clarence Rone, a pale faced convict of less than a score of years, Monday testified that Charles Birger, his former gang chief, planned and paid for the murder of Mayor Joe Adams of West City, for which Birger, Art Newman and Ray Hyland are on trial in Circuit court here.

Birger, who has been called the "tyrant of Egypt," in the language of southern Illinois, sat with tense lines creeping over his face as Rone described the inception of the plan which the state alleges Birger formulated to kill Adams, who harbored the rival Shelton gangsters, then in the throes of a bitter feud with Birger.

Beginning with the evening of last December 11, the night before the murder, Rone described the arrival of the Thomasson brothers, Harry and Elmo, in a small roadster at "Shady Rest," Birger's fortified roadhouse between Marion and Harrisburg. Harry Thomasson, who confessed that he and his brother, now dead, killed Adams under orders from Birger, was here yesterday in readiness to take the stand.

**Ritter Paid Killer \$150.**

Rone haltingly related how he heard Birger "boast right smart" of the Thomasson brothers after they were alleged to have followed his orders and killed Adams. He said he saw Connie Ritter, a missing lieutenant, and Birger pay \$150 to Harry Thomasson at Birger's command. Harry, he said, gave \$50 to his brother and \$50 to Hyland, a defendant and alleged driver of their automobile.

Rone also charged that Ritter handed a pistol to Harry Thomasson before the killing and gave him





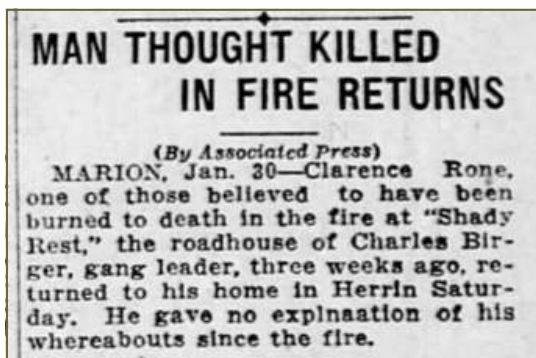
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The author in Charlie Birger's jail cell in the Franklin County Jail Museum in Benton, Illinois, on her visit July 10, 2014. Birger was hanged outside the Franklin County Jail on Friday, April 13, 1928, for the murder of Joe Adams, the mayor of West City, Illinois, and he lies buried in Chesed Shel Emeth, a Jewish cemetery on Olive Boulevard in University City, Missouri.

War, "There were many others. These boys were loyal to Birger, and Birger himself related at least one story of Rone's loyalty to him when Rone would have been rewarded for betraying his chieftain. Birger said that the Shelton boys captured Rone in Marion one night, and knowing his affiliation with their enemy, debated as to his fate. Finally they decided to free Rone and to pay him to return to the cabin and signal them when Birger was there. Rone, according to the story, was to display a white handkerchief in one of the windows of the cabin when Birger arrived. Instead, he warned Birger of the plot, and the gang leader was prepared to withstand any surprise attack."

Maybe Clarence Rone is resting in peace now. Maybe he's laughing at our long-lived fascination with century ago southern Illinois crimes. But maybe he's still racing illegal Florida coast booze for his boss in a souped-up automobile, stopping in at a spectral roadhouse full of live Jazz, jovial buddies, pretty ladies, and high stakes card games.



Clippings courtesy Newspapers.com—Previous page: Lincoln Nebraska Star July 19, 1927. This page: (left) Decatur Illinois Herald January 30, 1927; (right) Decatur Illinois Evening Herald August 17, 1928.

ger, Art **Newman** and Ray **Hyland** are on trial in circuit court..."

Rone testified that he was at Shady Rest, Birger's drinking and gambling establishment (and hideout), when Birger handed the two **Thomasson** brothers the note written by Connie **Ritter**, one of the Pocahontas Bank robbers, which was to be given to Adams and again when he congratulated them for a job well done (Southern Illinois: An Illustrated History by Bill **Nunes**—source: Supreme Court of Illinois opinion for one of Birger's death sentence appeals).

"The Thomassons and Rone were but three of the youths attracted to Charlie Birger," E. Bishop **Hill** writes in his 1927 book, Complete History of Southern Illinois' Gang

## Former Birger Gangster Dies of Pneumonia

(By United Press)

HERRIN, Aug. 17—Another chapter in the history of the Birger gang of Southern Illinois closed here Friday with the funeral of Clarence Rone, one-time youthful member of the gang. Rone, born in 1908, died Wednesday of pneumonia.

It was Rone more than any other member of the gang who was credited with clearing up the murders of Mr. and Mrs. Lory Price, although he was said not to have had any part in the affair. His testimony to authorities led to the sensational confession of Art Newman, Birger's lieutenant.

## How to Fail at Family History Research in 10 Simple Steps

From [familyhistorydaily.com](http://familyhistorydaily.com)

Genealogy is an exciting adventure into a unique past — that of your very own family. It's full of twists and turns, validation and insight. What could be better?

But family history research is, unfortunately, also full of pitfalls. Pitfalls that can hinder or derail your research if you don't avoid them...or at least try to overcome them.

We thought it would be fun and useful to address a few of the most common pitfalls that new (and intermediate) family historians often make by compiling a simple list of ways to 'fail' at your family history.

- ◆ Step 1. Jump right into your family's history without taking the time to talk to any of your relatives. Whatever you do, do not ask parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or cousins what they know about your family's past.
- ◆ Step 2. Get a subscription to Ancestry.com and never, ever leave their site. Do not, under any circumstances, check out the [many free genealogy websites](#) that contain oodles of unique, helpful information.
- ◆ Step 3. Forget original research. There are already so many wonderful family trees on the web. For the fastest family tree possible, [just copy those as needed](#).
- ◆ Step 4. Do not keep a research journal. Never write down or [record](#) anything you learn, because you are sure to remember the details at a later date. This is especially true for details shared by aging family members, links to possible record matches and small tidbits of information that don't fit neatly into your tree.
- ◆ Step 5. Never cite your sources. The details are what's important, not where those details come from. Sources don't provide credibility or valuable context to a fact, nor do they allow you to expand or improve your research later.
- ◆ Step 6. Keep your genealogy research in only one location, preferably on your computer or in an online family tree. [Do not back up your data](#) to more than one location since electronics and online businesses are always very, very reliable.
- ◆ Step 7. Make assumptions. Assumptions are the perfect way to make genealogy research more manageable by limiting discoveries.
- ◆ Step 8. Never use Google or other search engines to expand your resources. And if you do, [use only the most basic searches](#) to filter through the millions of results.
- ◆ Step 9. Be sloppy. It doesn't matter if that location or surname is spelled correctly, or if that date is recorded just right or if you took the time to write down the occupation you found in the 1910 census. It doesn't even matter if great, great grandpa John shows a death date before great grandpa James was even born. Most likely, nobody will even notice at your next family gathering.
- ◆ Step 10. Give up easily. If you don't [find what you are looking for quickly and easily](#), you probably never will.

We've all made at least some of these mistakes, so don't worry if you find you've completed more than a few of these 'steps.' Just take this as a fun reminder to review those aspects of your research in 2016. After all, every mistake we make is an opportunity to learn something new and become a better researcher.

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the cemetery. Snow's wife Brenda decorated with flowers and flags for Memorial Day. Daffodils and other perennials bloomed in late Spring, proving that grateful Wright Cemetery has renewed life and promise in it yet. Bond County Genealogical Society heartily thanks Jimmy Snow, Rod Cripe, and their families for their hard work and continued dedication!

In addition to fixing up Wright Cemetery, Snow and his grandsons are currently working in and mowing nearby Snow Cemetery northeast of Wright. Cripe serves on the board for Mt Moriah Cemetery south of Coffeen and is a trustee of legally embattled Laws Cemetery.

Wright Cemetery, mid-clean up, April 24, 2016.  
Photo by author.



## Submissions and Genealogical Queries

The B.C.G.S. News is published 2 times a year—January & July. The Bond County Genealogical & Historical Societies invite members to submit articles on Bond County families or histories, research techniques, announcements & queries. Typed submissions are preferred. Please E-Mail to the newsletter committee at [bcgs\\_editor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcgs_editor@sbcglobal.net) or send to: Bond County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 172, Greenville, IL 62246.

All submissions are subject to editing. Your articles and photos shall remain your property. DO NOT send copyrighted material unless you hold the copyright or you supply proof of permission to print with your submission.

Genealogical queries with connections to Bond County and its communities in Southern Illinois are published free of charge to members (and non-members!) in our Newsletter (though members have priority on query space). Anyone is invited to submit the names and brief identifying information of ancestors they are researching, so that those researching the same persons can exchange information with them.

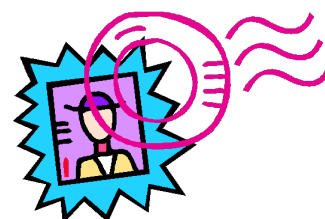
To make your query more effective, include dates, places and full names whenever possible. The query may also be published on our Website. You may E-Mail your queries to the newsletter committee at [bcgs\\_editor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcgs_editor@sbcglobal.net) or send Snail Mail to: Bond County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 172, Greenville, IL 62246.

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**General questions for Bond County Genealogical Society and requests for Research & Library help should be emailed to [info@bondcogen.org](mailto:info@bondcogen.org)**

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## Renew Your Dues for 2016!

Bond County Genealogical Society membership dues are \$10 per 2-person household for the current year. A lifetime membership for a 2-person household may be purchased for a one-time payment of \$175. Members are eligible to vote and to serve as BCGS officers and appointees.

**SPECIAL 2016 OFFER!** Join both societies (Genealogical and Historical) for only \$20.00 - a \$5.00 savings! Find membership information on Page 2 of this issue.

## A Cool Dessert for a Warm Evening of Music

Raspberry, Cherry, or Apple-Cranberry? All of these fruit pies taste best with the fresh, cold, homemade ice cream served at the Historical Society's annual Pie & Ice Cream Social! June 23, 2016, the Hoiles-Davis Museum hosted the fundraising event prior to the Greenville Municipal Band's performance on the lawn. Volunteers **Cindy Tischhauser**, **Kathy Brewer**, **Gina Lewis**, **John Goldsmith**, **John S. Coleman**, and **Kevin Kaegy** were among the hardworking crew organizing, serving, clearing, washing up, collecting money, and giving tours.



Left: Munny Band Director **Chris Woods** leads his musicians in an hour long performance on the grounds of the Hoiles-Davis Museum. This night, many of the songs in the program sailed into the theme "The Sea." Above: BCGS President **Cindy Tischhauser** serves a pie slice and scoops of homemade ice cream to Historical Society member, **Jane-Ellen Kaegy**.