

# Bond County Genealogical Society News

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## Horseman & Saddler Presents at Museum



Martin Roach, owner and proprietor of CMR Saddlery in Smithboro, IL, poses with a few of his antique rebuilt horse saddles during Bond County Museum's Open House, part of Greenville's Second Annual Museum Day, Saturday, May 7, 2022. Once a profession found in every community, these days a talented saddler can be hard to come by, and Mr Roach is a busy and sought-after man. Find a full article detailing Roach and more Museum Day attractions on Page 16.

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## **Bond County Genealogical Society**

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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*

## **Bond County Historical Society**

### 2021-2022 Officers

President - Cary Holman  
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Bond County Historical Society membership dues are \$15 per family for the current year. Members are eligible to vote and to serve as BCHS officers, directors & appointees.

If you would like to become a member please send your name, address, phone number, email address, and a check or money order for \$15 to:

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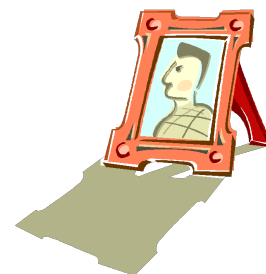


## Monthly Society Meetings

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 Bond County Historical Society's Facebook Page, 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!**

## 2022 Events Calendar

- July 26 Historic Cemetery Tour @ Mount Auburn in Greenville.
- August 25 Rural Church Potluck & History Program @ Woburn Baptist.
- September 10 Trivia Night Fundraiser @ Greenville First Presbyterian Church.
- September 27 Local History Talk/Tour at Smithboro Village Hall.
- October 24 Historical & Genealogical Societies Dinner/Elections & Guest Speaker.
- November 22 Business Meeting @ Bond County Museum. Help us plan 2023!

*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 29.





*Bond County Museum is located at 409 S. Fourth Street in Greenville, Illinois.*

*January-December:  
Open Saturday  
10 a.m. to noon*

*June, July, August:  
Open Saturday 10 a.m.  
to noon and  
Sunday 2 to 4 p.m.*

*Tours also available by  
special appointment or  
during announced  
events.*

## **“Bond County Museum” News**


*Support the  
New Museum!  
Donations are being  
**MATCHED!***



### **Financial Gifts Sought to Support New “Bond County Museum”**

Bond County Historical Society needs your help to raise funds to complete Phase 2 necessary renovations and improvements to the historic U.S. DeMoulin Mansion. Bond County Museum opened to the public with regular weekend hours in May 2021. Please consider a donation to help us reach our goal! As BCHS is recognized as a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, your contribution may be tax deductible. Donations of any size are encouraged; all contributions above \$50 will have their name on a special donor's plaque inside the museum unless marked anonymous. Download the donation form at [www.bondcountyhistorical.org](http://www.bondcountyhistorical.org), the society's Facebook Page, or mail check to: Bond County Historical Society, attn. ADA Renovations, PO Box 376, Greenville, IL 62246.

## **Genealogical Society Library Shelf**

 **To reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19 coronavirus, Greenville Public Library may have precautions in place. In planning your visit, contact them or follow them online for updates on the status of Walk In visits, Grab & Go appointments, and other services in 2022.**

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, Sun, 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





## Bond County Genealogical Society President's Note

Greetings from your Bond County Genealogical Society President of six and a half years! Bond County Museum had the pleasure this spring semester of welcoming a student intern: Kaitlyn **Coady**, a senior from Greenville University. She started in January 2022 and her last day was Greenville's Museum Day, May 7, 2022, one weekend before graduation. Her family and friends came in that day during our Open House and explored the museum exhibits and the upper floors' storage areas, seeing everything.

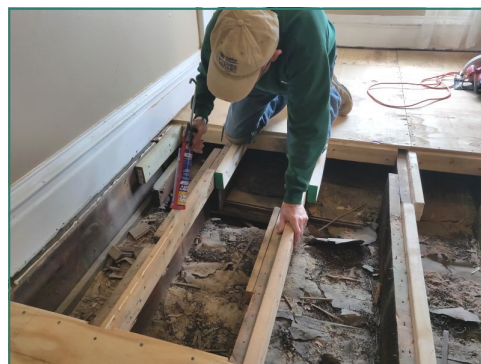
All spring, Katy worked upstairs on the historical society's behalf, going through boxes, making sure the boxes' written labels matched what was inside, and grouping boxes together. And if there was no label on the outside of the box, Katy would label it. Checking and improving labels was one of her main priorities, as many times, I would bring a box downstairs from the archives but the label was incorrect and I had to go back up and search again! Katy also tackled some of the society's newer collections of acquisitions, and began to put like things with like: school things, political things, retail store things.

Katy got through as many boxes as she could, working all hours of the day in her spare time from school and other activities. Bond County Historical Society president, Cary **Holman**, and I are quite pleased with her accomplishments. Still, much more work remains for the Archives Committee and hopefully future student interns! Our next step will be to continue organizing, shelving, and cataloging boxes, artifacts, books, and other media. One of our jobs is to make the Display Committee's job easier. Would you like to help us? Come to a meeting or program or speak to any of the society officers or directors listed on Page 2.

**Cindy Tischhauser, BCGS President & BCHS Archives Organization Committee Chairperson**

### TLC and Facelift for Section of Floor on Upper Level of Museum Building

Eric **Reelitz**, a director with Bond County Historical Society and chairperson of the Building & Grounds Committee, led the project this spring to replace the floor in the southwest bedroom of the U.S. DeMoulin Mansion, a room the society is using for museum storage of items not currently on display. That project is now completed, so shelving, boxes, and artifacts can be moved back in. BCHS directors Michelle **Haller** and Cindy **Tischhauser** initially removed the boxes and carpet from the problematic room, revealing the extent of past water damage and additional issues. Then Eric removed all the damaged components and spent several weeks repairing the sagging joist supports to level the construction. Next he installed the new plywood subfloor, foam underlayment, and Melamine-hardwood flooring. As a result of Eric's skills and labor, the result is absolutely gorgeous AND safe AND functional. Thank you! *Photo by Cary Holman.*



## **Bill Furry of ISHS on “Future of the Past in Illinois”**

On Tuesday, February 22, 2022, Bond County Historical Society enjoyed a stimulating presentation from William “Bill” **Furry**, executive director of Illinois State Historical Society and editor of its popular magazine, *Illinois Heritage*. In addition to society members, guests of the presentation included a group from Clinton County Historical Society and individuals from as far away as Indiana and Kentucky. Prior to Furry’s speaking was BCHS’s annual Soup and Chili Supper.

Furry’s thought-provoking talk titled “Future of the Past in Illinois” began with a description of his own roots in Greenville before recognizing the city’s centennial businesses. The main subject of the presentation made the observation that while “history” is written record, citizens must start looking at Illinois before the record. They must see the evidence and interpret and record precious stories before they are forgotten. Furry included a full PowerPoint slideshow of examples of mostly lesser known Illinois characters. He introduced the audience to a WWI nurse, a steel magnate, a Russian priest, an African-American physician, poisoned factory workers, indigenous tribes, and several more.

While Furry himself hails from Springfield, Illinois, his grandparents are from Greenville and buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery. A grandfather with a number of “greats” lived and farmed in Pleasant Grove Township, Coles County south of Mattoon and Charleston, Illinois and has the honor of forever resting in the same cemetery as Thomas and Sarah **Lincoln**, President Abe’s father and step-mother.

Furry compiled an incomplete list of the Greenville Centennial Businesses he’d discovered while preparing for his talk:

- ◆ Greenville Public Library was dedicated in August 1905.
- ◆ The Greenville Advocate published its first edition in February 1858.
- ◆ Bradford National Bank founded in 1910 began in 1867 as **Bradford & Son**.
- ◆ DeMoulin Bros. was founded 1892 as Ed **DeMoulin** Co.
- ◆ Greenville University incorporated as Greenville College in 1892, having purchased Almira College established 1855.

Additions to his quick list are:

- ◆ Durley Camp and Retreat Center was established before the turn of the century by the Free Methodist Church, the open air Tabernacle being built in 1901.
- ◆ Donnell-Weigand Funeral Home began in 1893 as W.D. **Donnell** Furniture and Undertaking.



Bill Furry, ISHS executive director and editor, asks in his presentation if our legacy is yet as permanent as the first Illinois inhabitants’ rock art.

*Photo by Michelle Haller.*

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- ◆ Bass-Mollett Publishers - which today offers stationary, software, urns and other keepsakes, “meeting the special needs of funeral directors” - began as **Harris and Bass** Funeral Home in 1919.

On what becomes HISTORY... Authors, filmmakers, teachers, speakers, monuments, or markers, even names chosen for children, all pluck a story to be celebrated or vilified; but why THAT story, why told in that manner, and not another? Stories can be forgotten - and are forgotten every moment, to the detriment of our future. Stories ought to be told – and remain visible in the community – of positive people and events, negative people and events, and especially complicated people and events.

Just a few of the Illinois stories Furry touched on included:

Often called a robber baron, Andrew **Carnegie** became one of the richest Americans in history with his expansion of the steel industry in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Though his business success created a unique opportunity to share his individual gain within his company, he instead slashed the wages of his workers and crushed their unions. At the same time Carnegie was a generous philanthropist, and gave away millions to communities building libraries and churches desiring pipe organs – Greenville, Illinois benefited from both! It is believed the Greenville First Presbyterian Church received the gift of such an instrument.

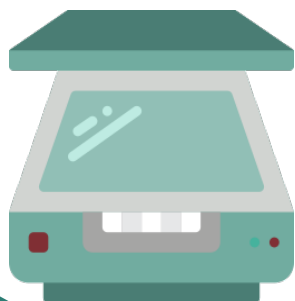
Father John **Kocherov**, martyr of the Bolshevik revolution, was one of a number of young educated Russian Orthodox priests who came to the United States in the late 1890s as missionaries among the Slavic immigrants lured to southern Illinois by dangerous jobs in the coal mines. A number of communities still boast Russian church buildings and cemeteries full of Russian cross marked tombstones.

American Red Cross Nurse and nursing educator Helen Scott **Hay** went to Europe in 1914 with a group of American nurses at the onset of World War I to work in Kiev, Ukraine and Sofia, Bulgaria. In 1917, she helped to organize the U. S. Army School of Nursing in Washington, D.C. and was awarded a Florence **Nightingale** Medal for her work. She was born in Carroll County, Illinois and earned her registered nurse degree in Chicago in 1895.

The Lewis Sanatorium in Harrisburg, Illinois was founded in 1927 by pioneer black physician James Henry **Lewis**. Originally from North Carolina, Lewis put himself through college in Wheaton,

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## Back Issues of Quarterlies/Newsletters Available



The entire back catalog of Bond County Genealogical Society News Quarterlies, published 1982-2011 & B.C.G.S. e-Newsletters published 2014-2022 are currently available at no charge and with no password to members and the general public. Access the issues at <https://www.bondcogen.org/newsletter.html>. Volumes of the printed quarterly are also available to read and research in bound book form in the BCGS Library located on the lower level of the Greenville Public Library.



### Digital Images of Books

*There are several sites where complete digital copies of out-of-copyright books can be downloaded. Some of the main sites are:*

- ◇ *Archive.org*
- ◇ *OpenLibrary.org*
- ◇ *Google Books*
- ◇ *Hathitrust*
- ◇ *World Digital Library (wdl.org)*
- ◇ *Digital Public Library of America*
- ◇ *FamilySearch*

*There are others – feel free to tell us about your favorite!*

*Not all sites have the same books and some sites have better scans than others.*

## Online Genealogical Resources

### WolframAlpha.com for Genealogy

It's really a math website, but it will do a variety of things that a genealogist might find helpful, including:

- ◆ Calculate the days between two dates.
- ◆ Specific number of years, months, and days before a certain date.
- ◆ Specific number of years, months, and days after a certain date.
- ◆ What day of week a date was on (and other historical facts about that date).
- ◆ When a holiday was in a certain year.
- ◆ Popularity and other information about a given/first name or a surname/last name. This doesn't work so well with unusual names.
- ◆ Information on a town in a specific state.
- ◆ Geographic conversions. (Google's good at these too)
- ◆ Cousinship questions. Their charts aren't the best, but give an idea.

There are other things you may find helpful on WolframAlpha.com as well—including math stuff! It's a BIG site, so use keywords in the search bar.

### One-of-a-Kind Site for Descendants of Enslaved People

There was an exciting launch in 2020 of a much-anticipated (and freely accessible!) database entitled Enslaved: Peoples of the Historical Slave Trade at <https://enslaved.org>. The site will serve as a central clearinghouse hub for a massive ensemble of records – crucially important to the worldwide descendants of enslaved African people.

With the help of scholars, educators, and family historians, Enslaved.org is rapidly expanding in 2022. They are building a robust, open-source architecture to discover, connect, and visualize 600,000 (and growing) people records and 5 million data points. From archival fragments and spreadsheet entries, we see the lives of the enslaved in richer detail. Explore the data and life stories on Enslaved.org and read articles on data-driven research about the lives of the enslaved in the *Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation*.

The primary focus of Enslaved.org is people—individuals who were enslaved, owned slaves, were connected to the slave trade, and worked to emancipate slaves. Submissions by the public of content for the hub are welcomed.

### Elephind: Search Multiple Free Newspaper Collections

The goal of Elephind.com is to make it possible to search all the world's online historic newspapers from one place. They aren't there yet, but the site is

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## Online Genealogical Resources, continued...

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adding more newspapers every day. Visit <https://elephind.com/>.

With Elephind it is now possible for family historians, genealogists, and researchers to search historic digitized newspaper archives from around the globe. Elephind is much like Google, Bing, or other search engines but is focused on only historical, digitized newspapers. It enables you to search, for free, across many newspaper sites simultaneously, rather than having to visit each site separately. By clicking on the Elephind.com search result that interests you you'll go directly to the newspaper site which hosts that story.

Many of the smaller newspaper sites are not well known and may be difficult to find with the usual search engines but are searchable from Elephind.

They're continuing to add more newspapers to Elephind, so if at first you can't find what you're looking for, please check back later. Or you can add your name to their mailing list, and they'll email you when a new collection is added.



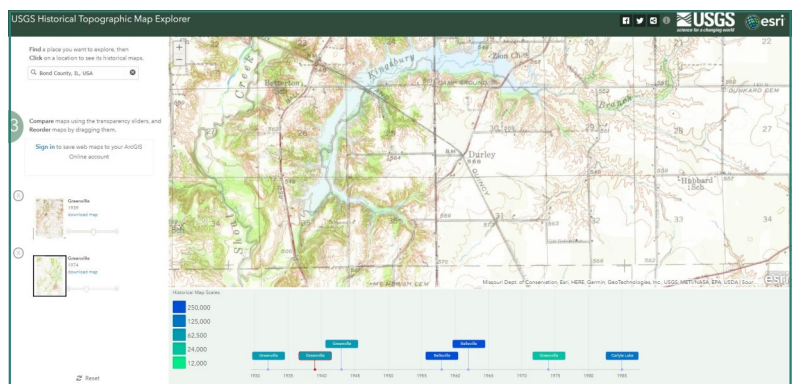
## Clues and Answers in USGS Historical Topographic Map Explorer

The USGS Historical Topographic Map Explorer is a web application you can use to explore a trove of maps that date to the late 1800s. It was released by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and Esri recently updated it, giving you the ability to save these historical maps to an ArcGIS Online web map.

Historical maps play a number of important roles—they provide a record of past landscapes, record changes through time, and offer insights into geographic knowledge or perceptions from different periods of time. They are used in land resource management to study and monitor urbanization, forest perimeters, wetlands preservation, glacial extents, and political boundaries. Many of us also admire the maps' stark beauty and lose ourselves in them in the course of armchair exploration.

Explore how a place changes over time and locate landmarks such as roads, streams, schools, churches, cemeteries, utilities, and industries. Load multiple years of historical maps. Reorder maps by dragging them. Compare maps using the transparency sliders next to the images in the left pane. You may discover a road you didn't know existed, or a house where you did not know one existed!

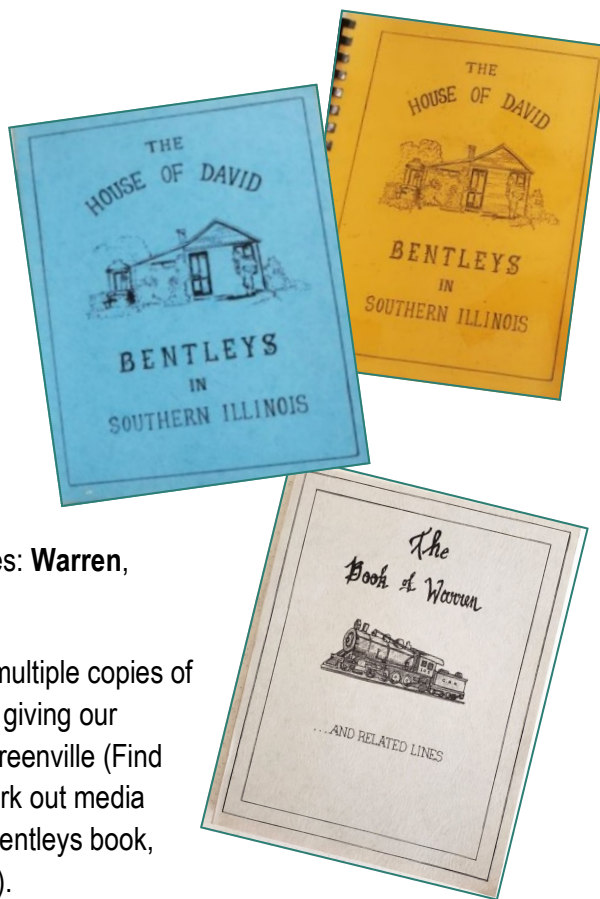
The historical topographic maps are available at <https://livingatlas.arcgis.com/topoexplorer/index.html>



In this topographical map of a portion of Bond County, 1974 overlays 1939. We see the community of Durley south of Kingsbury Creek (now Governor Bond Lake), Shoal Creek, the Burlington & Quincy Railroad (now BNSF RR), plus long gone one-room schools, lanes, and a church. *Image from USGS Historical Topographic Map Explorer.*

## Family History Book Giveaway

The House of David: Bentleys in Southern Illinois by David Murl Wall. This blue softcover 379 page tome published in 1989 is "dedicated to the memory of Nancy Luke (Bentley) Wall. [It was] researched and prepared by David M. **Wall** & Norma Jeanne (**Metzler**) Wall expressly for their children Joe, Steve, Dan, Mike, Pat, and Debbie." The line of David **Bentley** (1790-1853) contributed largely to the population of Madison, Macoupin, Montgomery and Bond Counties, Illinois.



The Book of Warren – and related lines by David Murl Wall. This gray softcover 197 page tome contains the families: **Warren**, **Cobble**, Metzler, and Wall.

Bond County Genealogical Society has been donated multiple copies of these family histories and we don't need all of them! We are giving our extras away free! Pick one up at Bond County Museum in Greenville (Find our open hours on Page 4) or send us an email and we'll work out media mail shipping! We actually have a few early editions of the Bentleys book, too (spiral bound, yellow cover, with handwritten corrections).

## Discovering More Recent Family History: Americans' Knowledge of Their Family's Past

**More than half of Americans (53%) can't name all four grandparents...** and only 4% can name all eight great-grandparents.\* Not being able to name all four grandparents varied by city. 74% of those in Philadelphia, 34% in Boston, 46% in New York City, 51% in Washington, D.C., 49% in Los Angeles, 66% in San Francisco, and 64% in both Chicago and Dallas could not name all four.

1 in 3 don't feel knowledgeable about their family history and origins. People have learned about their family history through stories from their Parents (43%) and Grandparents (40%).

Two-thirds wish they knew more about their family history, including:

- ◆ Stories of their ancestors when they were young (51%)
- ◆ Their ancestors' connection to historical events (46%)
- ◆ Where their last name comes from and/or what it means (42%)

What are most people interested to learn about their family from the 1950 U.S. Census?

- ◆ Employment details (salary, status, hours worked) (38%)
- ◆ Occupations (35%)
- ◆ Names (34%)
- ◆ Ages (34%)



\*Data from a survey conducted by OnePoll on behalf of Ancestry.com from March 17-22, 2022, with a panel of 2113 Americans, including 1911 from top 10 DMAs and 202 from Salt Lake City, UT.

## Bill Furry, continued...

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Illinois and graduated from a medical college in Nashville, Tennessee. He interned at City Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri and learned that there was no hospital or clinic at all in segregated Harrisburg, then the largest city in southeastern Illinois. So Dr. Lewis opened his Sanatorium and welcomed all patients without regard to race.

The Radium Girls represent a dark chapter in labor history. Hundreds of young women painted watch faces amidst the glowing dust of the radium-dial factories, one of those in Ottawa, Illinois. Told the glow paint was harmless, they were even encouraged to lick their paint brushes to give them a fine tip. The resulting radiation poisoning caused disfigurement or death and led to cries of corruption, scandal, and a groundbreaking legal battle for workers' rights. Five women in Illinois who were employees of the Radium Dial Company sued their employer under Illinois law, winning damages in 1938.

There are 800 year old petroglyphs in Shawnee National Forest that were etched into the rock by the Mississippians 500 years before the first Europeans set foot in the Prairie State. Those stone carvings are definitely more robust and more likely to last than big box stores or social media posts. Other Native American sites in Illinois are over 4,000 years old. Yet despite this pre-historic evidence, despite a deep tradition and connection to the land, these tribes of Mississippian culture, the Illinois Confederation, and others that today's residents of modern immigrant backgrounds usually struggle to name are often relegated to undeserved irrelevancy in written history. Indigenous sites, burials, and art can be marked on a map and enclosed in a visitor center, but their Illinois stories are larger, much larger.

ISHS's mission is "to foster awareness, understanding, research, preservation, and recognition of history in Illinois." Furry asked his listeners to ponder: how will current Illinois be remembered 100 years from now? He charged his audience to make their past matter, as there is no past without the future.



Bill Furry (left) presents BCHS President Cary Holman a gift of a limited edition Illinois State Historical Society holiday ornament. *Photo by editor.*

## Social Content, Hashtags Encourage Conversation

As part of an initiative started by Bond County Historical Society's reconvened Brochure & Outreach Committee, our Facebook Page Admins have been publishing themed posts with hashtags on social media. On #MuseumMonday, we feature an #ArtifactOfTheWeek. We might choose a book, an invention, a souvenir, a tool, a work of art, a piece of furniture, a toy, or any other artifact in our society's current collection. Then on #WayBackWednesday look for a photograph or image to trigger your nostalgia or present a mystery to solve. So what are you waiting for? "Follow" Bond County Museum on Facebook! Leave a kind comment or share!

## **Thorsons Bring the Basics of FamilySearch.org**

Bond County Genealogical Society and Bond County Historical Society hosted an informative meeting Monday, April 25, 2022, with guests Ellen and Greg **Thorson** who presented the basics of FamilySearch.org. Even with our decades of family history research experience, we learned something new and are excited to begin using even more of the “Free Forever” website’s family tree features, records, and searches!

“Every person deserves to be remembered,” Ellen Thorson declared. That is why Family Search is a growing website and database system, committed to preserving the world’s genealogical records forever through evolving technologies. It is funded by donations, staffed by volunteers, and fueled by commitment. The Thorsons – based in DeSoto, Missouri and with a combined 47 years of genealogical experience – describe themselves as both ambassadors and “record scouts.”

Volunteering with Family Search International for almost two years, said Greg Thorson, the pair has managed to visit all 42 southern Illinois counties in their assigned district. The married couple has been privileged to introduce or reintroduce Family Search to local societies, encouraging family tree building and helping projects get started or continued in the digitizing of records kept safe (but not fully accessible) in society archives.

### **Records Preservation**

In order to digitally preserve unique and aging physical documents and other public access records collections housed in local societies, libraries, and personal collections, Ellen and Greg facilitate record custodians. Family Search has established a process for inventory listing and the submitting for consideration of digital preservation which can include both image capture and indexing. Successfully digitized records can either be released for online access on FamilySearch.org or kept private, depending on the record custodian’s wishes. Once records are digitized, free copies are provided back to the custodians. Additionally, in the event of original records’ destruction by calamity, Family Search will donate free copies to replace the ones lost.

Record types considered for the digitization project include vital records, business records, cemetery records, censuses, church records including membership lists, tax lists, obituaries, prison records, poor farm records, and court records. Oftentimes these types of records must be at least 70 years old, but laws vary.

Other digitally preserved materials might fall under Family Search’s “Digital Library” category. These are items covered by copyright laws and privacy such as books, directories, society journals, yearbooks, and family histories. Several Bond County Genealogical Society publications are already available to view or preview in Family Search’s Digital Library database.

### **Family Trees**

Family Search is a website for both research and sharing. Preserving historical records helps build family



Ellen and Greg Thorson are volunteer representatives for FamilySearch International, a nonprofit organization “dedicated to helping all people discover their family story.” *Photo by editor.*

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trees. Ellen urged all in attendance to log on and create our own “Global, Enhanced Family Tree.” Doing so is designed to build an accurate, sourced, preserved, common family where we can know more about ourselves through knowing our ancestors; plus it is a valuable collaborative effort with cousins around the world. Ultimately there should exist one profile for each person; those working on their trees can merge believed duplicate persons into one. Living persons in the tree are always hidden from publicly shared views.

Start your family tree with yourself. Add your parents – if they are deceased, they may already have a tree profile and the system will suggest those matches. If not, create each person and move ahead to their parents – your grandparents. Your tree could link up to the global tree in no time at all! Once you have created your close family profiles, flesh them out with more vital dates and places (birth, death, marriages), add family members such as children and siblings, being aware that deceased persons may already have a profile in the system and it is ideal to use an existing profile or merge duplicates.

Before changing an existing “fact” provided by another member, analyze why your information may be different: do you have a reliable document proof, firsthand knowledge, or only a pencil note in the margin of a letter? If there is a dispute about the accuracy of a person’s life facts or relationship connections, one can open a “Discussion” about the issue before editing.

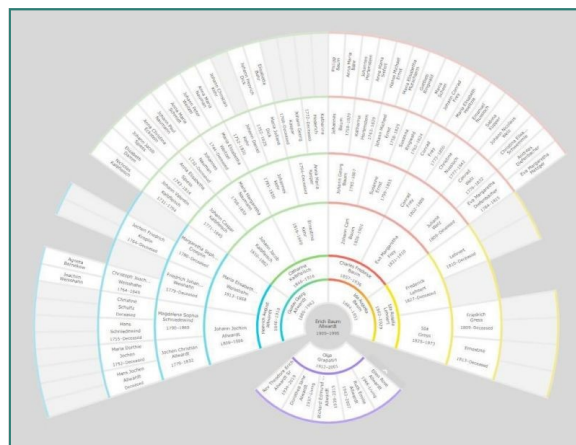
Once your tree contains names and dates and relationships, it’s time to attach database sources of historical records, images, and indexes. These sources will back up or amend your inputted facts, link people to places and experiences, and provide incredibly valuable clues to your ancestors’ lives.

### Types of Searches

Searches available within Family Search include Historical Records (mainly comprised of Artificial Intelligence-read microfilm image reels. There are 43 collections with Illinois in their title), Places (find out how to research in or about a particular region), Images (digitized records not yet indexed), Genealogies (publicly searchable, download your family tree to a static, non-collaborative version), Catalog, Books (Family Search’s Digital Library as described earlier in this article), the Research Wiki (highly amenable to improvement by crowd-sourcing), and Memories.

Memories are your personal archive and you are allowed 1,000 per account. Keep them private or allow public viewing. Upload photos, documents, stories, or record oral history clips. Memories are one of Family Search’s newest contents. It’s easy to enrich your family tree’s photos and stories with voice. There’s even a smartphone app!

Ellen made sure to tell us to not be afraid to ask for help on the Family Search website. There are many links, articles, and forums for assistance with the site itself or your family history work. Plus there are



Advantages of the Fan Chart view in Family Tree: see up to 7 generations at once, identify where family lines end, and see in what countries different ancestors were born and which ancestors have photos, stories, and sources attached to the person pages. Image is of Ellen Thorson’s own Fan Chart.

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Virtual Consultations! Get help from a real professional genealogist. Account members can utilize one free session per week. Plus there are virtual classes and workshops. Wield that sledgehammer of cooperation to get past your brick walls!

Will you work with us and the Thorsons to preserve your records? Custodian, society, or individual, you can inventory, digitize, and share with the help of FamilySearch.org: free forever collaboration.

Visit <https://www.bondcogen.org> for the Thorsons' PowerPoint presentation and a separate PDF handout of the FamilySearch.org articles/searches with a Bond County focus, i.e. the links provided at the end of the PowerPoint.

## 1950 Census Community Project at FamilySearch

As of July 20, 2022, "Review Families" in Illinois was at 6% completion. Once Illinois is 100% complete, the improved index will become available for research and spark "hints" at FamilySearch.org

The following article is compiled from multiple announcements provided by official representatives of Family Search's 1950 U.S. Census Community Project.

Friends, it's been a crazy four months since the census launch at midnight on April 1, 2022. And FamilySearch's 1950 U.S. Census Community Project thanks you for your support reviewing and improving an automated index created by Ancestry using handwriting recognition technology to ensure

that it is complete and accurate. Thanks to the work of over 180,000 volunteers like you, the review process is going smoothly and quickly. The full Name Review—a compelling experience—was completed in June.

Over the first few weeks of the project we evaluated the entire process and looked at options to help us get the whole project done more quickly. We thought it would take about 4 years to finish at our original pace, and that just wasn't going to work... We are so excited about some changes made at the end of May, and we know you are, too. Additional changes are coming in mid-July and early September.

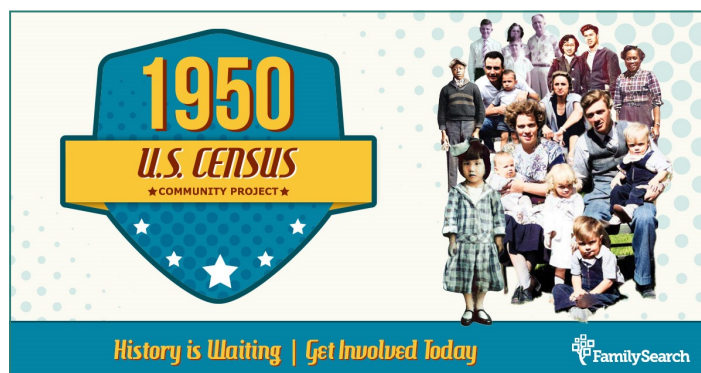
First, you can now search for reviews by county or city! This means your society/group can center all their focus on your area of expertise. You can also use this great tool, combined with the surname tool, to find ancestors more quickly.

Second, Header Review, which is still essential to the project's completion, is being handled through a new review process outside the project itself. Header Review shows as 100% complete in all states.

Third, Family Review has been simplified. Some of the more challenging fields are also being reviewed through new processes. This change reduces the number of fields volunteers are reviewing from 70 to just 12!

Finally, in order to accelerate the publication of the census, we will be completing the volunteer review of

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the project by Labor Day, September 5th. We hope that we will reach about 25% of the Family Review by that point - we're at 14% now, and the work we all have done and will continue to do over the next couple months is still vital! The remaining Family Review will be completed through another review process so that we can bring the publication of the census to everyone more quickly and to ensure that nobody in the census is lost to time.

On July 14th, we transitioned 15 states to this accelerated review process. Illinois was not chosen as one of these first for Family Review to become unavailable, but at some point in a few more weeks, it will. On September 6, the final states will be removed from the project. If a state you have been working on becomes unavailable, please consider reviewing one of the remaining states. Rest assured, all the review done to this point has been saved and will be included in the final index. The volunteer hours that have been spent so far since April have been very much needed and incredibly valued. We couldn't take the next steps without what everyone has done so far.

You may have questions about Ancestry's published indexes. They have published the original computer index of all the states. They will update their states with the corrected FamilySearch reviewed information as we finish each state. Corrections done on Ancestry do not show here, but will also not be written over by our changes.

Again, thank you for all you have done in this monumental effort. Thank you for sharing the fun things that you've found with our official 1950 Census Community Project Facebook Group, and how you are making this fun for yourselves and others. Thank you for asking questions, and even for sharing your concerns. Thank you for joining us on this journey! Haven't joined yet? We could still use your help, even for a single day or a single hour. Log on to FamilySearch.org and "Get Involved" with the Census AI Index Review!

## Don't Forget the BCGS Publication List & Book Shop

Just a reminder that Bond County Genealogical Society has put together many publications to assist you in your research. This is a short list, but the longer list and an order form can be obtained at the society website's Book Shop [www.bondcogen.org/for\\_sale.html](http://www.bondcogen.org/for_sale.html). We've also updated shipping prices to reflect the current postal rates. \$5.00 for the first book, \$1.00 each additional. Contact us first for large orders! For more information or to make a purchase, email [info@bondcogen.org](mailto:info@bondcogen.org) or write us a snail mail letter.

Cemetery Books (Indexed, some include obituaries):

- ◇ Duncan Cemetery
- ◇ Paine Cemetery
- ◇ Cemeteries in Burgess Township: Burgess AKA Ethridge/Wilds, and Britt
- ◇ Cemeteries in Mills Township: Hill's Fort, O'Byrne, Hunter, and Dewey

The House of David: Bentleys in Southern Illinois by David Murl Wall

Obituaries from the Greenville Advocate, 1858-1899 (Transcriptions, Indexed)

Obituaries from the Greenville Advocate, 1900-1923 (Transcriptions, Indexed; multiple volumes to be purchased separately)



## Museum Day Cowboy and Paranormal Investigators

Saturday, May 7, 2022, City of Greenville held its second annual Museum Day, featuring six hours and nine stops of open houses at museums and tourist attractions.

As WGEL FM 101.7 Daily News reported, "The weather was excellent for local residents to visit the Greenville attractions and attend other events during the day. Tourism Director Jes **Adam** was pleased with it. He said everyone involved feels it was a success. He estimated about 3,500 people in town for the various events. Jes said it was fun to see people posting photos from the day on social media. He said Museum Day is a great way to invite people from out of town to show them what Greenville offers."

Bond County Museum saw more than 75 people or families signed into the guestbook on Museum Day from at least 18 communities and 3 states. Bond County Museum's special offers on May 7 included new seasonal exhibits and two guest presenters: a leatherworking horseman and a team of paranormal investigators.

### Saddlery Is Both Past and Present

Martin **Roach** is a saddler and horse trainer from CMR Saddlery of Smithboro, Illinois. Roach's family hails from Pleasant Mound Township in east central Bond County. With a farming background, his grandparents retired to Smithboro near where he operates his tack business today: where Third Street winds east out of the village and becomes Seagraves Cemetery Road.

While he bought his first horse at 18 years old for \$50 – Roach had never ridden a horse before. He rode this one bareback quite a while before buying his first saddle for \$5. His father showed him how to saddle that first horse, but as far as saddlery, leather work, and horsemanship, he's mainly self-taught. Roach worked with horses for about nine years before his other job – managing movie theaters, including Bond Theatre in Greenville – took him to Indiana and other Illinois cities. Then he returned to Smithboro in 1989, setting up his stable and saddlery workshop.

Roach has "always" raised and trained horses; he purchased them already "broke" or engaged his own philosophy of training a young horse until they're effectively both broke and trained. As Roach describes it, to break a horse, you're forcing them to do what you want; they fear disobeying you. When you train a horse, you're working with them, using the trust you've built to teach the horse how to do something you'd like them to do. You're partners with the horse in the training and it's a special feeling, making that connection. At times

Roach's paddock has held up to twelve horses, but today he's down to three. In his seventies, Roach still rides every day. He never shoes his horses; the environment he rides and trains on hasn't required shoes.

Roach figures he's one of just three saddlers in the business in central to southern Illinois. His customers seek him out from all over the region, the nation, and the world. He's done leather work repairing or completely rebuilding saddles and fabricating other items for individuals and companies on five continents!

Even Auggie **Busch** has had a saddle repaired by CMR Saddlery!



Martin Roach (on left) answers leatherwork questions from Hook N Ladder Paranormal investigators, Brandon and Seth.

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## Queries



Edward **Campbell** | epcampbell@me.com

Researching my great-grandfather: John Wesley (or Wilkes) **Marion**, b bet 1852-1855. He graduated 1876 from Westminster College in Fulton, MO. College alumni records include a John Wesley Marion graduating then, with a home city of Greenville, IL. In the 1880 Census, he is a single lawyer in Albany, Gentry, MO. He later worked in public education in MO, KY, and GA. John's brother was F Marx Marion b 1846 d 1916. I am looking for the identity of John's parents and more information about his early years.

Joyce **Gearhart** | gearhartjoyce@gmail.com

Researching John **Cox**, b 1778, d 1832. He enlisted to serve in the Black Hawk War. His company (Captain Thomas **Stout's** of the Third Brigade) organized May 5, 1832 in Bond County, IL. I believe his grave is also in Bond County but have no idea which cemetery. I am seeking death/burial location.

Shawn **Thacker** | shwnthacker@gmail.com

Seeking death/burial information for Louella **Sugg**, b 1878, dau of Samuel **Ray** and Julia **Ellis**, m Ralph Sugg, b 1878, d 1929. They had no natural children but adopted a son: Theo **Newhouse**. Louella's sisters and their husbands are buried Hazel Dell Cemetery and Donnellson Cemetery. Ralph is buried Smith Grove Cemetery, but Louella has no death date on the same stone with him. I can find her as a widow living in Greenville, IL in the 1930 (Ella Sugg, 52), 1940 (Lola Sugg, 62), and 1950 (Luella Sugg, 72) U.S. Censuses.

### Comets Give Back Day, Original Story by Rachel Terry, Greenville Advocate News Staff



Bond County Historical Society President, Cary **Holman** (left), speaks to GHS students in the BCM foyer. Photo by Michelle **Haller**, a director with BCHS and a volunteer museum greeter.

Greenville High School's Give Back Day returned on Friday, May 6, 2022 after a two-year hiatus. The event is an opportunity for students to go out into the community and give back to show appreciation for the support the community has given the high school. The majority of the students participated, with students placed at 45 different locations throughout the community.

Some of the past sites were again visited along with various city locations, Patriots Park, the Fairgrounds, Bond Christian Service Camp, and Bond County Humane Society. Several new sites were added, such as the Sheriff's Department, Courthouse, Bond County Museum, Greenville Public Library, and Double J Doggie Play N Stay.

Comets students and faculty volunteered over 1,000 hours.

At Bond County Museum, six GHS students and history teacher Ryan **D'Arcy** received a tour of the mansion and exhibits, expanding their understanding of the rich heritage and tradition in their own backyard. Society leaders then put them to work with some "chores." We really appreciated their assistance moving heavy shelving from storage areas into new archive library areas on the upper floors. Thank you, and come back any time!

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For creating a multitude of detailed leather impressions, Roach has even made his own stamping and carving hand tools. When the desired stamp pattern was not available from commercial suppliers, he used grinders and dremel to alter the shape of twenty penny nail heads into a horseshoe, hoof, stars, and many more. His display and demonstration included close to sixty CMR custom-made stamps. The stamps emboss the leather by either digging free-hand groove patterns, or hammering with his rolled rawhide mallet.

Roach collects antique saddles; he's always needed to repair, restore, and even rebuild his acquisitions. Each saddle is a unique piece of functional art. His Museum Day display included 19th century military (which really haven't changed much over the decades), pre-Civil War cowboy/horseman, turn of the century western, and a 1920s saddle. The 1920s saddle is the only one that could be used with a modern horse, as horses' sizes and shapes also have changed in 160 years. As the display suggests, saddles have increased in complexity over the years – leather and metal embellishments have added functionality and distinction for ranching, riding, or rodeo tricks. He advises that if you're just getting into horseback riding, don't go for broke with an expensive new saddle; much smarter to buy a used one, have it reconditioned and modified for you and your new four-legged best friend.

When he speaks – always soft-spoken – of his decades working with horses and their equipment, you can't miss the obvious proud twinkle in Roach's eyes even while he modestly bows his cowboy hat covered head, trying to defer to the industry and art of saddlers and trainers and not his own personal ability and legacy. You're a treasure, Martin Roach of CMR Saddlery!

### Spirits of the Past

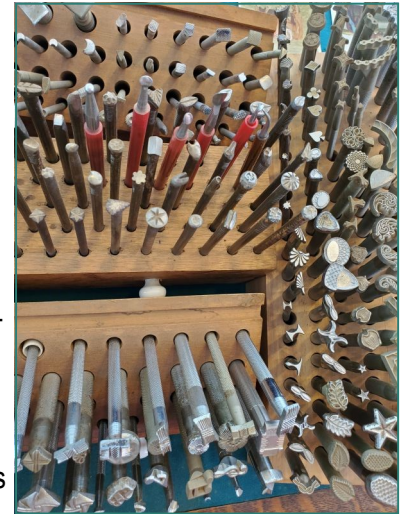
Bond County Museum welcomed additional special guests on Museum Day: Brandon **Cooley**, Shelby **Spengler**, and Seth **Tischhauser** of Hook N Ladder Paranormal.

As their name suggests, the trio investigate paranormal mysteries, especially spooky ones, using comprehensive historical and geographic research and sensitive scientific and recording equipment. As their name further suggests, Brandon and Seth are volunteer fire fighters. A fourth investigator focuses on the research side of things: Cindy **Tischhauser**, president of Bond County Genealogical Society.

At the museum Saturday, May 7, Hook N Ladder Paranormal displayed scientific equipment the group uses to investigate paranormal activities, photos of locations they have examined, and a list of places they plan to visit in the future.

Based in Greenville, Hook N Ladder focuses on Bond County locations, but has already ventured into Missouri as well. The group officially formed in early 2021, but collectively, the members have over twenty years' experience between them.

Brandon's interest in unexplained phenomenon goes back to his open minded mother. Raised in Texas and often hearing stories of weird goings on, hauntings, and disappearances, she instilled in Brandon a curios-



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ity and persistence to ask questions and accept the possibility of supernatural activity. Shelby started in “ghost hunts” with Riverbend Paranormal of Alton, Illinois, learning that group’s techniques for paranormal investigation and responsible collection and interpretation of potential evidence.

Hook N Ladder always focuses on research: history, newspapers, government reports and records, interviews. They go into an investigation fully expecting to be able to debunk most claims, as true hauntings are exceptional and difficult to prove definitively. So when they do collect indisputable evidence such as shadow and thermal figures, disembodied voices, phantom music, lights that go on and off on command, the trio can feel a bit over the moon.

Scientific equipment frequently utilized by the team include EMF (electromagnetic field) reader, infrared camera, night vision cameras, zoom digital voice recorder, motion activated equipment, REM pod (radiating electromagnetism pod), and spirit box (device that runs through radio channels creating white noise). It is widely believed that an entity (spirit) can interrupt electromagnetic fields, drain batteries, create cold or hot spots, and project its voice onto audio recordings. Other evidence can be observed as apparitions, footsteps, or knocking.

Always approaching an investigation and potential spirits with respect, the group typically will ask yes or no questions hoping for an intelligent spirit to manipulate their equipment in repeatable, sensible answers, rather than random interference. Hook N Ladder also seeks out anomalies occurring outside the baseline EMF readings. This often leads to tailoring questions and experiments to determine whether a haunting may be likely “interactive traditional” (the consciousness of a person who once lived) or “residual” (not a ghost, but a replay of a past event). In most cases, if the spirit is interacting, they seem grateful for the chance to make themselves known to people who are interested in them, reaching out to them, and not afraid. But sometimes a location responds more negatively so the team increases their caution with the spirit – the last thing paranormal investigators want is an “attachment” to go home with them or endure a physical attack, such as pushing, tripping, or even scratch marks on their bodies.

Once an investigation night is done, Hook N Ladder Paranormal reviews footage and experiences of evidence they’ve collected. Next they plan a meeting with the person or people who invited them to investigate the location to present any evidence and conclusions.

The team has investigated the U.S. **DeMoulin** mansion (home of Bond County Museum) twice already, documenting activity – particularly music – that centers around the third floor ballroom. They are currently researching the Iron Gates Kingsbury Park District nature preserve and the Third Street Jail building (now **Thacker** Insurance) – so many legends to untangle before going forward investigating these locations.

When asked about the craziest locations they’ve looked into so far, the answer was fast and easy: Smithboro Fire House and **Cooley** Family Farm in rural Pocahontas.

The fire house building’s history as the site of a former grade school, plus lots of old mine shafts and tunnels crisscrossing the land, has resulted in frequent personal experiences and multiple pieces of evidence,



Hook N Ladder Paranormal exhibits gadgets for ghost hunts.

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including piano music and apparitions. Shelby says, "We get a lot of shadow figures. Also we get a lot of foot-steps and doors opening at the fire house."

At the Cooley family farm, Brandon explains, tales have been passed down of how when a gravestone was moved to create additional farmland, the body was not, which has led to trouble for the living. The team looks forward to documenting how (or if) the reported claims manifest into audio or visual proof of an ominous energy after dark.

Basically, the team members are "hopeful skeptics with mounting evidence to believe."

The trio attempts to probe new and recurrent locations every few weeks. Impromptu investigations at Smithboro Fire House transpire much more often. "We investigate whenever we get a chance," says Seth. They'd love a busier schedule, as that would lead to more opportunities to collect (or debunk) claimed paranormal evidence.

Hook N Ladder Paranormal is still building their brand, getting their name and purpose out there in the community, and accepting donations for expenses such as innovative equipment and replacement batteries. They're networking with like-minded parties, potential new group members, and home and business owners who need help examining peculiar occurrences on their property.

Feel free to join their Facebook group and share their information with your friends and family. And you'll always know who to turn to when things start going bump in the night!

### New Seasonal Museum Exhibits for 2022-23

New exhibits this season at Bond County Museum include Dakota **Hyde's** doll collection, athletics in Bond County schools, advertising pieces on loan from John **Goldsmith** featuring county community businesses and organizations, and a 3D printed and painted model of downtown Greenville created in 2017 by John **Junod**. The museum itself is located in the former U.S. DeMoulin mansion, a grand, 122 year old, three stories, Victorian residence with wraparound porch and turret.

Bond County schools ephemera include: athletics, theatre and music, commencements, yearbook photos, one room schools map, teachers' directories, and other souvenirs, pins, and stickers.

Advertising pieces include: highway survey ordinances, ledger store pages, lodge bylaws, church plate, ashtray, brush, pie knife, and yard sticks— from the communities of Pierron (aka Baden Baden), Pocahontas, Keyesport, Sorento, and Mulberry Grove.

In addition to an updated collection of dolls in our parlor curio cabinet, many representing nations and cultures around the world, is a small child's toy stove. It is made of cast iron and tin, from Kenton Manufacturing in Kenton, Ohio, circa 1915. This was originally Lillian **Roddy Hebrank's** toy stove. Daughters, Judy and Mary, and the granddaughters all played with it. It is on loan from Kevin Kaegy, having acquired it from Mary Hebrank **Hoiles** estate auction in 2022.



Small child's toy stove, currently on display at Bond County Museum and on loan from Kevin Kaegy.



## Rumored Rare *Vicksburg Daily Citizen* Wallpaper Edition Does Not Deliver

By Rebecca Clausen, editor B.C.G.S. News

On July 4, 1863, Vicksburg, Mississippi surrendered [after 47 days of siege] to the Union army under General Ulysses S. **Grant**. When the army marched into Vicksburg, many units were dispatched to important buildings: warehouses, offices, and government buildings.

This included the newspaper, *The Daily Citizen*. At that time the publisher/proprietor, J.M. **Swords**, fled. When the Union forces arrived at the newspaper office, they found the type of *The Citizen* already set and still standing.

Like several other southern newspapers of the Civil War period, the stock of news print paper became exhausted. Publishers resorted to the use of wallpaper. The *Citizen* was published on this substitute paper on these known dates: June 16, 18, 20, 27, 30, and July 2, 1863. Each was a [single full sheet of paper], four columns wide, printed on the back of [patterned] wallpaper. [This kind of broadside was not folded into multiple leaves like a pamphlet or book.]

The Union men ran a few copies, then decided to replace two-thirds of the last column with other matters already in type. They also noticed that the masthead title was misspelled as "CTIIZEN." This error was corrected; however other typographical errors were allowed to stand. An unknown number of copies of this version were printed [BCGS News editor note: based on various soldiers' statements, there may have been at least fifty copies] – many have been lost, burned, destroyed, but some have survived.

The copies of June 16, 18, 20, 27, 30 and July 2 "unchanged" with misspelled masthead "CTIIZEN" are considered to be the hardest to find and most valuable.

It is interesting to note one of the changes made by the Union men for column four (last column mentioned above) was an answer to a statement left in:

*On Dit.—That the great Ulysses—the Yankee Generalissimo, surnamed Grant—has expressed his intention of dining in Vicksburg on Saturday next, and celebrating the 4th of July by a grand dinner and so forth. When asked if he would invite Gen. Jo. **Johnston** to join he said, "No! for fear there will be a row at the table," Ulysses must get into the city before he dines in it. The way to cook a rabbit is "first to catch the rabbit," &.*

So the [victorious] Union publishers printed a [good natured rebuttal] at the bottom of the fourth column:

*JULY 4, 1863 Two days bring about great changes, The banner of the Union floats over Vicksburg. Gen. Grant has "caught the rabbit;" he has dined in Vicksburg, and he did bring his dinner with him. The "Citizen" lives to see it. For the last time it appears on "Wall-paper." No more will it eulogize the luxury of mule-meat and fricasseed kitten - urge Southern warriors to such diet nevermore. This is the last wall-paper edition, and is, excepting this note, from the types as we found them. It will be valuable hereafter as a curiosity.*

The above background for the existence of the wallpaper editions of *The Daily Citizen* was prepared by Van Robert Reid. Notes inside brackets have been added for clarity by Editor.

A New York Public Library website article by Meredith **Mann** explains, when the *New York Herald Tribune* re-

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ported on the existence of the newspaper in 1929, it prompted a letter to the editor from W.T. **Gardner**, an army veteran and former printer's apprentice who shared:

"I am the Grant soldier who set up the type of the item dated July 4, 1863, and did the press work on an old Franklin press. The [July 4] item was written, if I am not mistaken, by Sergeant **Lanfield** (or **Landfield**), Company G, 97th Illinois Volunteers... When we entered the little one-room printing office we found everything as it had been left on July 2. Mr. Swords, the proprietor, was not in, but he had kindly cut up a quantity of wallpaper and sprinkled it and piled it on the floor ready for use... we used it all and then, dividing the papers up, started out to sell them at 25 cents a copy."

As suggested in the note, this edition became a wartime keepsake, and over time, "leading to commemorative copies and facsimiles that muddy the waters" (Mann). The Library of Congress has authored a guide for distinguishing an authentic *Citizen* from a reprint.

Colonel John Barclay **Reid** was the highest ranking officer in the Civil War to hail from Bond County. He took an active part in the training of soldiers for enlistment into the Union army and served in the 130th Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers. He was the only field officer who remained with the Regiment from its organization to muster-out three years later. He was well known and well connected in the local community and had strong ties to the Presbyterian Church. Reid held various offices in Bond County, including postmaster, and served as the Circuit Clerk. Reid's letters home to Greenville from the Civil War have been transcribed and make up much of what is known about Bond County's involvement in the Civil War.



Kevin Kaegy, BCHS Historian, looks over Van Reid's wallpaper newspaper. A Michigan resident, Reid stopped over in Greenville this spring on his way to visit family.

Importantly for this article's subject matter, Colonel Reid, then a major, fought at the siege and victory of Vicksburg. He, along with his men, entered the defeated city several times that July and August while encamped in the rear of and then below the city. At the same time, he wrote home regularly to his wife, Emma **Holden** Reid.

Will **Carson**, editor of *The Greenville Advocate*, typed up Col. Reid's original pencil-written letters in about 1903-1905. This saved them from falling apart. Then a few years later the editor abridged out some extraneous personal family contents from the letters and printed them in his newspaper in 1913, fifty years after the Civil War. If a letter was written the first week of April, Carson re-printed it the first week of April. The following are a few of the Col. Reid letters mailed from Vicksburg in the summer of 1863.

June 28, 1863 (Rear of Vicksburg, Mississippi) – Dear Wife,... I begin to fear now that we will not be able to spend the fourth of July in Vicksburg, but God's will, not mine, be done... Our men are getting closer to the rebel works every day. We are now close enough that the men throw clods at each other and the nearer we get the more dangerous it becomes...

June 30, 1863 (same location) – Dear Wife, I leave in a few minutes with the regiment and a section of the artillery to go on a scouting expedition up the Big Black River to see if the enemy are crossing over and to obstruct the

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## Was President Lincoln's Tailor a Greenvillian?

Alexander **Tripod**, with his wife Julia and family, came to this country in 1849 from Switzerland. According to his obituary, published in *The Greenville Advocate*, he died September 2, 1874, "aged 71 years, 6 months, and 28 days... He settled in Greenville in 1852, where he lived almost constantly until his death. He returned from a lengthy visit to his native place about two months ago, during an excessive hot spell of weather which appeared to prostrate him beyond recovery."

### Daughter of Man Who Was Lincoln's Tailor Is Buried

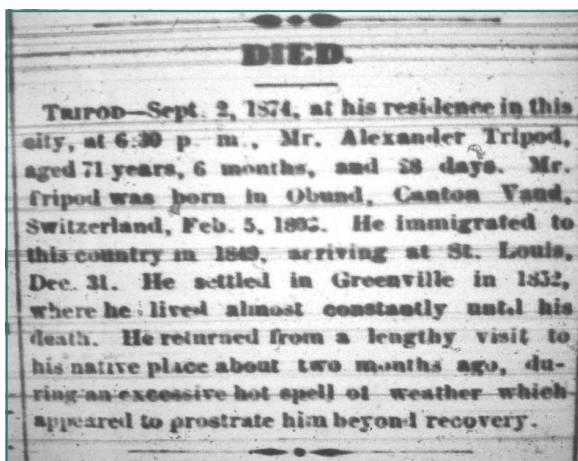
Mrs. Sophia M. Prendergast, 92, whose father Alexander Tripod served as tailor for Abraham Lincoln, died at Cedar Rapids, Ia., July 14, from heat prostration. Funeral services were held yesterday at Greenville, Ill.

It has been a tradition in the family that Mrs. Prendergast, to the embarrassment of her parents and the amusement of Lincoln, once told Lincoln if he raised a beard it would improve his appearance. Lincoln later did wear a beard.

Mrs. Prendergast, who moved from St. Louis four years ago to reside with a daughter, Mrs. Clara Wagner, at Cedar Rapids, was born in Switzerland. She came to this country with her parents when she was 14. Her husband, Ennis Prendergast, died about 20 years ago.

In July 1936, Alexander's daughter, Mrs Sophia **Prendergast**, also "died from heat prostration" in Iowa at age 92. Her obituaries, published in the *St Louis Globe-Democrat* and *Belleville News-Democrat*, make several fun assertions about her father's connection to Abraham **Lincoln**. We've no proof as of yet to corroborate either claim of the late Mrs Prendergast. Most histories credit 11-year-old Grace **Bedell** of

Westfield, New York for the suggestion the future president grow a beard. If you have some evidence, send it our way!



**Genealogy Tips Of The Day** from Michael John Neill's blog: [genealogytipoftheday.com](http://genealogytipoftheday.com)

### Before You Hire a Professional

Sometimes records are only accessible onsite and travel is not an option. Sometimes records are in a foreign language and someone who can read and translate them is necessary. Sometimes things just don't make sense and you need someone with expertise and experience to review your materials and make suggestions or do some research.

Before you even consider hiring a professional: 1) organize what you have—go through it, put it together, find the "sources," transcribe it, summarize it; 2) see if there are other ways to access the records you need; 3) see if there's a Facebook group, message board, email list, or other group where you can post your questions—or get suggestions for someone who may be able to help; 4) see if you can translate the records yourself—but make certain you are understanding words correctly in their context; 5) coordinate with relatives to share costs; 6) consider what it would cost to travel there and "get it yourself." It may be cheaper—or not.

## Wallpaper, continued...

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roads as much as we can. We have orders to take three days rations and I probably will not be able to write again until I return if God may so be willing. We may have severe fighting and may never return. I am in full command of the regiment for this expedition, both the Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel being sick and not able to go, so that I feel quite a responsible load upon my shoulders.

July 6, 1863 (same location) – Dear Wife, I received your letter of June 24th just after mailing you one which I wrote on the 4th of July and in which I told you we had finally successfully accomplished the surrender of Vicksburg [*Will Carson note: this letter of July 4 is not found in letters of Col. Reid*]. It seems as though my health must have been held up by the excitement of the siege for I am now so afflicted with chills and fever that I have been ordered off duty. I am supposed to be an inmate of the hospital although I manage to go in and out as I feel able... I will go into Vicksburg this morning to mail this letter and will then return to my comrades here. About 100 of our regiment were left behind on account of being unable to stand the march [in pursuit of General Joseph E. Johnston] in this warm weather. Yesterday I was in Vicksburg and talked to several of the prisoners, they are all as tired of the war as we are and express hope that it may be brought to a speedy close. I feel that the capture of Vicksburg means a great deal for our cause and I believe the right will finally prevail...

July 13, 1863 (Vicksburg, Mississippi) – Dear Wife, I am writing this letter in the city of Vicksburg and have been here for two days on a visit with some friends... I find the city of Vicksburg a very hard looking place and it shows the effects of the forty days siege very plainly. It is a week today since the surrender and the rebels are being paroled and are leaving the city. They look very hard, their clothing in bad condition and most of them much emaciated and from the way they talk I think a few of them could be induced to enter the army again and it is my hope they will be permitted to remain at home...

August 4, 1863 (same location) – Dear Wife, It is one year today since I joined the army, a day you and I shall never forget and I trust in God that I may never regret, although I have suffered many privations since I left home and dear family. Still I trust in God that it has not been in vain, for if our beloved country comes out of this struggle for justice and law and freed from the course of slavery, then all the loss of life and suffering will not have been in vain... I very seldom go into the city of Vicksburg now, as we have seen everything there worth observing and we did hope to be moved to Natchez before this time but movements in the army are slow, and we may remain here several weeks before making a change... Kiss the children for father. Your Loving Husband, John B. Reid

And someplace, sometime, Colonel John B. Reid acquired an unusual newspaper and held on to it as a souvenir.

Van Robert Reid, a resident of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and a great-great-grandson of Colonel Reid, visited Greenville on Thursday, May 12, 2022. He brought with him a single page, four columns edition of Vicksburg, Mississippi's *The Daily Citizen* newspaper printed on a cutting of wallpaper dated July 2, 1863 with a note in the bottom corner dated July 4, 1863. He showed it to members of Bond County Historical Society, including your B.C.G.S. News editor. Col. Reid also owned the sword (featured on PBS' hit show *Antiques Roadshow* in 2013) currently on open-ended loan from Victoria **Betz** (another gg-grandchild of the colonel) to Bond County Historical Society and on display at the Bond County Museum.

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A first edition of the 159 year old paper would be the most traditionally desirable to collectors of Civil War memorabilia, but Van's edition (above) is priceless to him. It's been passed directly down the line to him, through four generations, from Greenville's favorite son: Colonel John B. Reid.

Congress which could prove it an authentic original. Not a fake, Van's newsprint is more likely a very early reproduction.

As Phil Barber, an expert collector and seller of historical newspapers, writes on his [historicpages.com](http://historicpages.com) website, "*The Vicksburg, Mississippi, Daily Citizen* of July 2/4, 1863 is among the most commonly encountered fake old newspapers. If you have one, it is almost certainly a later reproduction with little or no value to collectors. The originals are quite uncommon, while there have been at least thirty different reproductions, with tens of thousands of copies printed... The earliest of these were printed [even on wallpaper] as 'curiosities' for G.A.R. reunions in the midwest in the 1870s, and later in other parts of the country."

Still, the souvenir newspaper is of interest and Van Reid answered questions about his connection to it and the legacy of the colonel.

Van's first visit to Greenville with the purpose of connecting family history to stone was likely in the 1970s. He found our city's little basement Bond County Museum at the Greenville Public Library and received directions to Montrose Cemetery where he'd find the Reid and Holden family graves on their prominent rise, guarded by a tall white obelisk engraved with the name of Col. John B. Reid's son, Lincoln Ransom Reid, who died of rheumatic fever in 1883, one day short of his eighteenth birthday. Van became forever a friend of our society.

The *Vicksburg Daily Citizen* came directly from Van's grandfather, George William Reid, Jr., who got it from his father who was the firstborn child of the Colonel. Van remembers that even as a child of ten years old, the Reid family artifacts fascinated him. His grandfather "Bill", a prominent jeweler and watchmaker in Marshall, Missouri, ran a jewelry shop with a safe where the man stored the Reid keepsakes. Van liked to pop into the store, request to see the items and his grandfather would oblige, carefully pulling out and sharing stories for old and yellowed newspapers, a scrapbook, a Bible, and other things. Bill died in 1973 and now the heirlooms belong to Van outright.

In addition to the wallpaper newspaper edition, Reid family heirlooms in Van's possession include a watch (given to his grandfather by HIS grandfather, the colonel), the Reid family Bible (a treasured genealogy chronicle), two additional 1863 newspapers (*Greenville Advocates*), and Col Reid's scrapbook which includes various bills of Confederate paper money and a signed oath dated June 16, 1864 stating he wouldn't fight against the Confederacy if they released him from POW camp (he broke his promise and fought for the Union again). Van even owns one of the original pocket-sized letters the colonel mailed home to his wife Emma from a Civil War camp.

This newspaper, framed between two plates of glass, certainly originated with Colonel Reid. It and the story have come down through Van's grandfather, George William Reid, Jr – grandson of Col Reid – who believed it to be the real deal.

On a basic inspection, the broadside sheet already does NOT resemble examples of authenticated copies available for view on websites such as the Library of Congress and American Antiquarian. It includes a "flag" masthead which spans the four columns, the wallpaper pattern is not listed among those four patterns described as genuine known patterns available in the printing office that day, and the layout of the type is different enough to change where articles' text break lines and flow into succeeding columns, i.e. the top lines of the second, third, and fourth columns all begin with incorrect text. Taking a closer look, it fails at least eight of the ten layout and text tests authored by the Library of

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## Wallpaper, continued...

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When it's not on the road with him, Van displays his favorite newspaper in his back room in his Michigan house. Around 2008, he finally took the wallpaper edition to a professional in Lansing for preservation. It was treated with deacidifying solution and encapsulated between two panes of archival, UV blocking glass. It must be kept in a moderate cool temperature and never exposed to direct sunlight.

Van's favorite feature of the contents is the Union note mocking the fall of the city in direct answer to the Confederate publisher's claim that there is no way Grant shall sit for dinner in Vicksburg on the nation's birthday.

Van's serving as custodian for so many Reid family heirlooms has led to new friendships. One of his friends has an ancestor who fought at Gettysburg the same week as the end of the siege of Vicksburg. They enjoy their show-and-tells together. Van has also gotten close with several cousins, particularly Jennifer Reid **Baughner** in Illinois and another cousin in Missouri. They can meet and discuss the rich family heritage and the artifacts ad nauseam. And of course Van enjoys his friendship with Kevin **Kaegy** and the rest of Bond County Historical Society, including the late Lester **Harnetiaux** as he, along with local Reid descendent the late Robert Ward **Wilson**, took part in planning and executing the Reid family reunion in Greenville on Memorial Day 2014. It was at this reunion where the Reids participated in a special visit to Montrose Cemetery and presented Col. John B. Reid's sword for museum display.

No one had inquired about purchasing the *Vicksburg Daily Citizen* from Van (until May 12th when Bond County Historical Society Historian, Kevin Kaegy, lowballed him a joke offer!). Van's is a suspected early reprint so its value lies in the sentimental, educational, and potential as a museum exhibition. In 2017, an original genuine wallpaper broadsheet of the July 4, 1863 edition sold at auction for \$923 through Cowan's Auctions; for over 20 years, Cowan's founder and principal auctioneer Wes **Cowan** has been a featured appraiser on PBS' *Antiques Roadshow*. A 2020 auction estimate for the misspelled masthead version is \$3,000 to \$5,000, per pbs.org.

Van has not had his newspaper authenticated independently, appraised, or insured. While he proudly claims he's done a substantial amount of research and study himself, and the family provenance is strong, he's yet overlooked the obvious red flags: a majority of the points identified by the Library of Congress. As *Greenville Advocate* editor Will Carson noted, any letter from Col. Reid to his wife dated July 4, that could have confirmed his acquiring a 25 cent Vicksburg broadsheet newspaper that day, could not be found in the family's collection 40 years post-war.

There is no doubt Van Reid's wallpaper newspaper is old: the fragile paper is aged a deep tea-color brown, tape has repaired rips caused by heavy fold lines. It has been in the Reid family a very long time. But is it 159 years old? Was it printed on July 4, 1863?

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## Flagpole Dedication Part of Pie & Ice Cream Social



Left: Boy Scout Troop 8057 leads the Pledge of Allegiance as part of our Flagpole Dedication Ceremony while Historical Society President Cary Holman (on stage) and members of Mulberry Grove American Legion Post 1180 look on. Right: Historical Society Secretary, Jane **Hopkins**, and Vice-President, Jim **Schutte**, serve desserts during the second half of our Pie & Ice Cream Social. *Photos by editor.*

What a great turnout Thursday, June 23, 2022, to our Homemade Ice Cream & Pie Social! Our cashier counted at least 80 plates purchased to benefit collections and upkeep at Bond County Museum. We were nearly sold out by the end! Thank you!! The Greenville Municipal Band also enjoyed an excellent attendance; the cool First United Methodist Church sanctuary probably helped with that! All the activities were moved from the museum to the church when the evening's forecast predicted sweltering heat. Thank you again to all the historical society volunteers who baked pies, made ice cream, and helped serve both, to event coordinator Cindy **Tischhauser**, and to all who participated in the flagpole dedication ceremony: Bond County Historical Society President and ceremony emcee Cary **Holman**, presentation of colors by Mulberry Grove American Legion Post 1180 (who also donated the pole for our museum grounds some years ago; and bonus thanks to Past Commander Charlie **Bone** who spearheaded the project!), Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 8057, "The American Flag" poem read by Benjamin Mills Chapter NSDAR regent Karen **Bauer-Reelitz**, and the closing "Military Prayer" by Bond Co. Memorial VFW Post 1377 Sr. Vice Commander Max **Sussenbach**.

### Genealogy Tips Of The Day from Michael John Neill's blog: [genealogytipoftheday.com](http://genealogytipoftheday.com)

#### Chronologize that Obituary or Biography

If you are fortunate enough to find a biography of an ancestor, consider creating a chronology from the events and dates it contains. This can be an excellent organizational tool and thinking about how every event in the biography fits into a larger timeline can be helpful. Be certain to include all events—ones stated directly and ones stated indirectly. The same approach can be used with obituaries.

#### It Came from a Book

A friend was excited to discover a printed reference in a 1930s publication to her ancestor that contained the year and place of his birth in Germany in the early 18th century. I had to tell her that she was just getting started. A printed reference nearly 200 years after the fact may be correct, may be wrong, or somewhere in between. Best to use the reference as a clue to further research. Also look into any listed sources the book used.



## In Tribute To Those Friends BCGS Has Lost



### William Daniel Wilson January 24, 1944 — November 7, 2021

William Daniel **Wilson**, "Bill" to his colleagues and peers, "Tippy" or "Joe" to his West Virginia relatives; entered into rest on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Nordike Funeral Home in New Baden. Burial with full military honors followed at Greenmount Cemetery in New Baden.

Bill graduated from Kingwood, WV High School in 1961. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served 1961-1971. Trained in heavy ground radar, he was stationed in Texas, Iran, Ramstein Germany, Montana, and Alaska. Upon leaving the Air Force he earned degrees in Business & Marketing, ACHR, and occupational education; and taught courses in public schools, correctional centers, and community college. Upon retiring in 1999, he became interested in the War of 1812 and genealogy. He was instrumental in building a replica of Hill's Fort in Greenville, IL. He traced his wife's heritage back to the first 18 families that settled in the territory which became Illinois after the Revolutionary War, which prompted him to write one of his six books The Grotts/Seybold Family Heritage: Early Illinois Pioneers. Bill was a lifetime member and past president of the Hill's Fort Society, a member of the General George Rogers Clark Chapter of the SAR, member and past president of the Illinois Society of 1812. He was also a member of the VFW, DAV, and the American Legion Post 1026 of Albers, IL. He received the lifetime achievement award from the Illinois State Historical Society for his work promoting the history of 1812 through innumerable public lectures and educational programs. He was an author and co-author with Kevin **Kaegy**, and editor of six books of the 1812 era, most notably The Forts and Blockhouses of Early Illinois.

Bill was born January 24, 1944 in Albright, WV, the son of Alston Daniel Wilson and Doris June **Gallatin**. He married Rose Marie **Grotts** June 6, 1986 in Belleville and she survives in Albers. In addition to his wife he is survived by six children; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; a brother, Gary (Sid) Wilson of Kingwood, WV; a sister, Carolyn "Sue" **Parks** of Terra Alta, WV; and several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

In addition to his parents and parents-in-law, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Diane **Pullen**; a granddaughter; a sister, Doris **Fulmer**; a brother, Daniel Richard Wilson; several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, and his grandparents, James Harvey Wilson & Clara Ellen **Minor**; William Fleming Gallatin & Fannie Nicholson **Shrout**.

Memorials may be made to Hill's Fort Society or the Albers American Legion Post 1026.

### Max Dean Kaegy May 20, 1935 — October 10, 2021

Max Dean **Kaegy**, age 86 of south of Greenville, passed away peacefully at 4:40 p.m. Sunday, October 10, 2021 with his family at his side in the same room where he was born. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the Donnell-Wiegand Funeral Home in Greenville with Matt **Mendenhall** and Kurt **Simon** officiating. Interment followed in Campground Cemetery south of Greenville.

Max, the son of Loren Everett Kaegy and Edna Mary **Gaffner**, was born on May 20, 1935 in his grandparent's home on the Kaegy farm that Max now owns. He grew up nearby and attended the Dudleyville one room school and graduated from Greenville High School in 1953. Max purchased the Kaegy family farm in 1962. He was a member of the United States Army reserve in Greenville from June 2, 1957 until June 1, 1963 and was a Sgt. when he was discharged. Max joined the Southwestern Electric Co-Op in 1959 where he was staking engineer for 36 years retiring in 1995. He was a founding board member and later president of the Bond-Madison Water Company from 1993 until 2016. Max served on the Campground Cemetery association for over 50 years. Along with his employment he also ran the Kaegy farm both grain and hog operations. Max was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to hunt mushrooms, turkeys, and deer. He attended all of his sons' activities as well as grandchildren's.

Max and Jane-Ellen **Jarvis** were united in marriage on July 3, 1960 at the Troy Presbyterian Church and she survives. They are the parents of two sons who survive: Kevin John Kaegy of south of Greenville and Michael Edward Kaegy and his wife Ann of south of Greenville. Also surviving are five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and 2 siblings: Sharon **Berlin** of Modesto, CA, and Dan (Shirley) Kaegy of Breese, IL, and many nieces and nephews. Max was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to the Greenville First Presbyterian Church or to the Campground Cemetery Association.



## Share Your Story: Southern Illinois in the COVID-19 Pandemic

We are living through an important moment in history, and we want to hear how it is affecting the people of Bond County, Illinois and immediate surrounding areas. As the COVID-19 pandemic changes life to a “new normal,” Bond County Genealogical Society is asking you to share, in your own words, reflections of your experience during the pandemic, for the benefit of future generations. Whether you are in quarantine, sheltering at home, working in the medical field, homeschooling your kids, or adjusting your business model for uncertain times, your story is unique and valuable.

These submissions will be collected into a digital archive. In the short-term, we will share some of these submissions on social media, our newsletter, and in online exhibitions. In the long term, these submissions will be used to inform future generations about life in Illinois during the COVID pandemic. Thank you; get recording!

## 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 and/or serialization over multiple issues. 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.

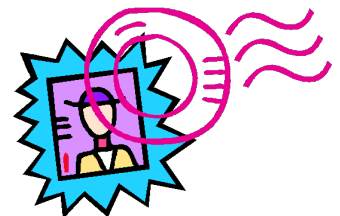
Genealogical queries with connections to Bond County and its communities in Southern Illinois are published free of charge to members (and non-members!) in our Newsletter (though members have priority on query space). Anyone is invited to submit the names and brief identifying information of ancestors 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.

*SAMPLE QUERY: Researching Edmond DeMoulin, b 11 Jun 1862 Clinton Co IL, mov to Greenville Bond Co IL abt 1886, m1 Constance Vulliet, m2 Anna Diehl. dpl Los Angeles CA 1935. --Submitter's name, address, and email address*

*Good queries  
are:*

*Clear—  
Specific—  
Simple—  
Concise*



**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 2023!

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 OFFER!** Join both societies (Genealogical and Historical) for only \$20.00 - a \$5.00 savings! Find membership information on Page 2 of this issue and on both societies' websites (see URLs at left).

## "Scout Me In" for Museum Yard Clean-Up Night!



Scouts BSA Girls Troop 8053G completed some grounds clean up in mid-May 2022. They took time out of their busy evenings to help spruce up the outside of Bond County Museum! Raking gumballs, weeding, and cleaning out the landscaping around the mansion were just some of the jobs these industrious 11-17 year olds accomplished.

Thanks a million, Scouts!

*Photos and story by Michelle **Haller**, a director with Bond County Historical Society.*

