



# BUREAU COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## PROGRAM PREVIEW

The **September 25<sup>th</sup>** program will be presented by Peoria historian, Patricia Goitein. Her topic will be the "Early Trails Through Bureau County." She will talk about the Galena Trail and its history, giving particular attention to this county. She will discuss the Galena Trail, the Coach Road, the trail spurs, and the impact they had on the settlement of the area during the early part of the 1800's. Pat has written historical papers for the Illinois Historical Society Quarterly and is the chairperson and newsletter editor for the Galena Trail and Coach Road Society. Please join us at **7:00 p.m. on September 25<sup>th</sup>** at our Library to learn more about early Bureau County history.

[NOTE: Be sure to read the abstract of Pat's article on pp. 53-54 of this issue.]

On Thursday evening **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** plan to be a part of a special program we will call "October Masquerade." Have you ever wanted an excuse to wear Aunt Sophie's hat or Uncle Bill's bowtie? Maybe you have a dazzling brooch of Grandma's or perhaps Grandpa's cane. We invite you to come as an ancestor and tell us about that person. The only stipulation is that what you tell us needs to have content that will sharpen our genealogical research skills or enlighten us about area history. Plan to speak for 3-5 minutes. We will begin a sign-up of speakers at the September meeting. Please consider being one of our speakers. If you do not wish to speak, you are still welcome to come with a prop or costume.

Start looking through your boxes or trunks of "old stuff" and choose an item to share with us at **7:00 p.m. on October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We're looking forward to all the interesting things we can see and learn about.

## TRIP TO ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

We will again be going to this wonderful genealogical library in Ft. Wayne, IN to do research for three days. We will leave early on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and will return to Princeton late Wednesday evening, November 12<sup>th</sup>. We will car pool and stay at a local motel. Please contact Carol Mc Gee or Elaine Newell if you would like more information about this trip or to sign up. Those of us who went last year had a great time.

## NEW MOTEL IN PRINCETON

The AmericInn Lodge & Suites opened this spring. The building is brand new and the rooms are very nice. Some even have fireplaces and antique furniture. It is located just south of I-80 at 2120 Claude Bailey Parkway in Princeton. Call 800-634-3444 or 815-872-5000. For information about our other motels, see our web site.

## BCGS MEMBERS in the SPOTLIGHT

We extend congratulations and best wishes to **Marion Carper**, one of our original members in 1990, who recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Marion lived in Buda and taught school in and near Buda for 44 years. She now lives in Princeton at Colonial Hall Care Center and is able to enjoy activities there.

Congratulations to BCGS member **Linda Heaton Matthews** of Huntsville, AL. Photos she submitted were included in Maureen A. Taylor's article "House Hunting" in the September 2008 issue of *Family Tree Magazine*.

## BCGS WEB SITE

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilbcgs/>

Be sure to visit our web site periodically in the coming weeks. It is being re-designed and who knows what you might find?! ☺

## LIBRARY NEWS

### PURCHASES:

- *The Underground Railroad in Western Illinois* by Owen W. Muelder, 2008

### DONATIONS – THANK YOU !!

- from the author Ken Pinter of Santa Fe, NM: *A History of the Pinter Family*, 2008
- from Pete & Mary Ellen Nelson of Princeton: *Amish & Amish Mennonite Genealogies*, by Hugh Gingerich & Rachel Kreider, 1986
- from Jone Booth of Princeton: *City of Elms - Princeton Civic Buildings; Bureau County Centennial*, by Mr. & Mrs. E.B. Cushing & Geo. O. Smith, 1928; *Princeton Souvenir Book - City of Homes*, by S.P. Herrick & the Princeton Commercial Club, 1914
- from the Bureau County Historical Society: *Beautiful Bureau County*, by G.W. Skilling & C.H. Masters
- from Sharon Feldman of Magnolia, TX: *Glover-Paden-Zimmerman; Master Charts for Glover-Paden-Zimmerman; Master Charts for Fletcher-Glover Photographs*
- from Linda Heaton Matthews of Huntsville, AL: *Data CD & Index for Heaton, Hensel & Steele*
- from Carol Mc Gee of Princeton: *The Genealogist's Guide to Researching Tax Records*, by Carol Cooke Darrow & Susan Winchester, 2008
- from Marilou Jacob of Louisville, KY: *This Is Your Life - An Autobiography - Ella Devenney 1901-1999*, 2008
- from the author Kathleen Haas of Chicago, IL: *War of 1812 Soldiers Buried in the State of Illinois*, 2008
- *Obituaries from Barto Funeral Home, Vol. 3*, compiled and indexed by Judy Munn of Tiskilwa
- *One-Room Schools*, compiled by Carol Mc Gee of Princeton [mostly newspaper articles]

## SOCIETY UPDATE

Gas prices are up but we are still seeing researchers who have traveled long distances to do research in Bureau County. A number of our members who live out of state have visited. It's always nice to meet these members.

Due to a severe storm in July, our canvas awning needs to be replaced. We are in the process of purchasing a new canvas that will cost approximately \$750. Our insurance will pay for part of this. We recently had our asphalt parking area behind our building sealed for \$200. We also purchased a projector for \$500 for power point presentations.

Dorrie Simon, one of our members from Owatonna, MN redesigned the society's brochure and made it look superb. We thank her for all her work.

Chad M. Brokaw from Brokaw Imagination in Princeton is redesigning our web site. It

may be finished by the time you receive this newsletter.

We continue to have our learning sessions, led by Joan Ecklund, on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 10:00 a.m. The past few months those who attended toured various cemeteries in Bureau County to see where they are located and learn more about them. We thank Gary Browning and Bill Diller for helping with these cemetery tours.

We recently obtained permission to copy additional funeral home records for the Tiskilwa area to add to our collection. We thank Jane Jones for indexing the funeral home records from the Princeton, Spring Valley and DePue areas that we obtained within the last year. These records are very useful to researchers.

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We also thank Judith Munn for indexing the remaining obituaries that came from the Barto Funeral Home in Spring Valley. Judith is now organizing our newer obituaries from the *Bureau County Republican*, *Peoria Journal Star*, and *LaSalle News Tribune* and will index these in the future.

Phyllis Sims is currently indexing historical newspaper articles about Sheffield, and Kathy Mueller is indexing the town histories printed in the *Bureau County Republican* in the early 1900's. The town histories have many nice biographical sketches.

Pat Smith is almost finished indexing our proof of heirship books. These books, which were given to us by our former Circuit Clerk, have documents stating the next of kin who could inherit from an estate. The books cover 1906 to 1955.

Esther Tracy has been obtaining information about some of our historic homes in Bureau Co. She had helped many home owners to learn more about their homes.

Marian Norlin continues to abstract marriage information from the *Bureau County Republican*, and Carol Arteberry and Esther Tracy abstract death information from the *Buda Plain Dealer*.

Elaine Newell and I are still proofreading marriage information (1837 to 1903) at our courthouse that will be put on the web site of the Illinois State Archives in the near future.

I sincerely thank all of our volunteers for the countless hours they spend to make obtain additional records for our collection and to make them easier to use for our visitors.

Carol Mc Gee

**TISKILWA AREA RESEARCH**

Have you "lost" any infant children in the Tiskilwa area? That is, are you searching for infant burials in the southern part of Bureau County?

Recently a very observant BCGS member discovered that our index for Mt. Bloom Cemetery was missing quite a few items. Upon investigating this, we learned that 177 unnamed children buried in Mt. Bloom were not included in our index. We now have a list of those burials, most of which include the father's name. One example is "McFeeley, infant of James." The date and lot location are also given and sometimes a cause of death. Contact BCGS by email or postal mail if we can assist you with these records.

[Our thanks to Pat Rosenquist of Chester, VA for her research and assistance.]

## UNDERGROUND RAILROAD STATIONS

by Esther Tracy

Two possible Underground Railroad stations in Bureau County have recently been discovered, or at least rediscovered in this century.

While researching the Bryant family, a 1900 reunion story was found in the *Bureau County Republican*. This lengthy article told about the family reunion that was held at the former farm home of Austin Bryant south of Princeton, which was owned by Mrs. E. F. Bryant at the time of the gathering. This particular reunion honored the memory of Austin's sister and her husband, Charity Louisa and Justin Olds. The Bryant family was among the best known and most benevolent families of Bureau County.

Justin Hixon Olds was born in Massachusetts in 1806, the son of Jonathan and Lucy Wood Olds. Louisa, also born in Massachusetts, was the daughter of Dr. Peter and Sarah Snell Bryant. She was the sister of the nationally famous poet William Cullen Bryant. Her other siblings were Austin, Arthur, John Howard, Cyrus, and Sarah.

Olds had arrived in Princeton in 1836 and was a surveyor involved in setting the boundaries of Bureau County. Louisa, leaving a sweetheart behind, arrived a year later along with her brother Austin and his family and their widowed mother.

Justin and Louisa became the first couple to be married in Bureau County after it separated from Putnam County. The marriage was performed on June 14, 1837, by her brother John Howard Bryant. For a period of time the couple lived in a log cabin on a farm near LaMoille. By the fall of 1843 they had moved to Princeton and were making their home in part of their store which was located on the west side of Main Street, likely near where Citizens Bank is today. Their final home was built in 1855 and was on the site of the current location of 1414 South Main in Princeton. The Olds family sold the home to Tracy Reeves in the fall of 1868 and moved away

from the county. After being in the Reeves family for several years, the home was bought in 1919 by the Booth family. At the time that it was destroyed by fire in the 1970's, it was owned by Mr. and Mrs. David Sullivan.



*Caption on reverse reads "Home Sweet Home 1414 S. Main (the Booth Home) - taken (?) - House looked as it did...in the winter of 1919-1920 - before the porch was changed" (Photos courtesy of David Booth)*

Contained within the reunion account was a tribute to Justin Olds by his daughter Sarah Olds Matthews which stated these words: "He was a very sympathetic man. The distressed and needy found always a friend in him. He took great interest in the large affairs of the world. He was among the first of those who espoused the cause of the slave. His house was a station in the underground railroad of those days. Often to more effectually conceal those who traveled on it, he and mother gave up their own room to their fugitive guests."



It is this writer's belief that it was the large home pictured in the accompanying photographs that was the

home which sheltered the fugitive slaves.

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**UNDERGROUND RAILROAD STATIONS - cont.****Nehemiah Howard Johnson**

From a 1902 obituary in the *LaMoille Gazette* comes another account of Underground Railroad activity in the area. According to the article Nehemiah Howard Johnson, born in Hardwick, Massachusetts, had come to Illinois in 1837 and purchased land near LaMoille. He taught school at Perkins Grove and also worked at his trade of brick masonry. He moved to a farm in Clarion Township. Later he moved to a farm three and one-half miles west of Mendota. After 1880 he resided in Mendota until his death. The following statement was found in his obituary. "Mr. Johnson was always prominent in the communities in which he lived, and during slavery time his home was a refuge for the oppressed." Which of his homes was an UGRR shelter is still a mystery. The LaMoille area was the halfway station between Princeton and Paw Paw and had several known sympathizers to the cause.

Mr. Johnson was first married to Eunice Randall of Barre, Mass. who died in 1852 leaving one daughter Isabelle. He later married Amanda L. Mills of LaMoille in 1857 and with her had four additional daughters.

**MORE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD**

by Esther Tracy

Our May meeting stirred an interest in further research into the Underground Railroad and Bureau County's involvement in the movement. In addition to reading Owen Muelder's 2008 book *The Underground Railroad in Western Illinois*, it is also recommended that those seeking more information on the subject read "Her Whole Heart Went out in Behalf of Freedom, Justice and Education." This symposium paper was written by Patricia L. Goitein for the Twenty-Fourth Annual Illinois History Symposium (Dec 5-6, 2003). Check your local library for a copy. The Princeton Public Library does have a copy. It is with the author's kind permission that the following list of Bureau County Aboli-

tionists is reprinted. The author does clarify that these individuals were anti-slavery, not necessarily abolitionists. She states there is a continuum from abolitionists to colonizationists. Her list was compiled from Bradsby, H.C., *History of Bureau County*, Chicago, 1885; Matson, N., *Reminiscences of Bureau County*, Princeton, 1872; the *Western Citizen*, the *Peoria Register*, and *Northwestern Gazetteer*; Siebert, Wilbur H., *History of the Underground Railroad from Slavery to Freedom*, McMillan Co., 1898. Readers desiring further explanation and specific sources, as printed by the author, for the following names may contact BCGS.

1. Adams, Rev. Charles
2. Bailey, John W.
3. Battey, O.W.
4. Belden, Amasa E.
5. Bryant, Austin
6. Bryant, Arthur
7. Bryant, Cyrus
8. Bryant, John Howard
9. Capperrone, Thomas R.
10. Chamberlain, Dr. Nathaniel
11. Chamberlain, Ebenzer
12. Childs, Rudolphus
13. Chrisman, E.D.
14. Clark, Daniel
15. Clark, Seth
16. Colton, Channey D.
17. Colton, Emily S.
18. Cook, Caleb
19. Corss, Christopher G.
20. Couch, B.C.
21. Cushing, Sarah
22. Cushing, Caleb
23. Dexter, James M.
24. Doolittle, Joel
25. Dorr, Matthew
26. Farnum, Lucian
27. Fay, Samuel L.
28. Foster,
29. Frary, Roderick B.
30. Galer, A.T.
31. Gudgell, Wm. G.
32. Hall, George

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**UGRR - (cont. from p. 53)**

33. Hall, Dr. Langley
34. Headley, Henry
35. Hinsdale, George C.
36. Holbrook, Johnathon T., LaMoille, 1840 indicted and tried for harboring a runaway slave, acquitted. This was the first slavery case tried in Bureau courts. Defense attorney: T.L. Dickey and J.D. Caton, per N. Matson, pg. 362-3.; UGRR per Siebert.
37. Lamberson, Samuel, Principal, Princeton Seminary, minister, performed Chamberlain-Boyd marriage at Boyd's Grove, Western Citizen, Oct 14, 1842.
38. Leeper, H.B.
39. Leeper, John
40. Lovejoy, Owen
41. Lumry, Rev. Rufus
42. Martin, Wm.
43. Mather, Benj.
44. Mercer, Wm.
45. Morrell, John
46. Phelps, Charles
47. Pinkerton, Wm.
48. Porter, George T.
49. Reeve, Deacon
50. Roberts, Abraham
51. Ross, James G.
52. Smith, Elijah
53. Stannard
54. Stone, Liberty
55. Tonkinson, Robert
56. Weldon, John
57. Wells, Deacon
58. Wilson,
59. Winship, Horace

**MY, HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED!**

— from the *Bureau County Republican*, November 20, 1902, p.1 c.2

**A WILD DEER IN BUREAU COUNTY**

“A wild deer is loose in Bureau county and has been seen the last week by a dozen or more people. It was first noticed near La-

Moille, and those who saw it supposed it to be one that had escaped from some private collection or park. Later when it was observed jumping fences and avoiding houses and people, there was a change of opinion, and it is now considered to be one that has worked its way here from the forests of the north.”

The article goes on to say that several people, including Will and Gertrude Bentley, Jesse Hufnagle, and Thomas Capperune, saw the deer in Milo township. The deer's behavior continued to confirm that it was wild.

It seems amazing to us now that the appearance of a single wild deer would cause such excitement, when hundreds are taken by hunters each year and deer-vehicle accidents occur all too frequently.

— from the *Bureau County Republican*, September 19, 1902, p.1 c.2

**ARE THE WINDMILLS DOOMED?**

“From present indications it looks as if the old time windmills of Bureau county will be done away with and that gasoline engines will take their place. Nearly every farm house in the county is supplied with a windmill which is used for pumping water for stock and general household uses. So far about 100 gasoline engines from one to two horse power have been introduced into the county to take the places of the windmills, and they have met with so much success that their owners are prophesying that it will be but a short time until the windmills give way entirely to the engines.” The article continues explaining how the new technology works and its advantages to the farmers.

Today, instead of the lone windmills scattered here and there, Bureau County has wind farms already operating west and south of Tiskilwa and more are planned near Ohio and Walnut. Bureau Valley High School in Manlius has its own windmill to generate electricity for the school. There are more wind farms in nearby Lee and Marshall counties. Perhaps what's old is new again.

## HAS YOUR ANCESTOR REALLY DISAPPEARED FROM THE CENSUS?

by Steve Henkel (reprinted with permission)

from the Genealogical Society of Sarasota (FL) Newsletter, Feb-Mar 2004

One of the basic rules of successful genealogical research is to start with yourself and work backwards - and when researching in the U.S., one of the first steps in working backwards is to look in each and every U.S. census for yourself, your known ancestors, and their siblings and children. But there are pitfalls in the process. What, for instance, do you do when you can't find the person you're looking for?

**Was he simply missed?** It is certainly possible, but very unlikely, that the census taker (or "enumerator") passed him by. Your ancestor might have been traveling between "A" and "B" and was never picked up by either the enumerator at "A" or at "B." The enumerator may have been careless enough to simply skip him, or may have recorded him on a page that has since been lost or has become illegible. Or he may be listed in the census, but in a place you haven't looked. So make a full search (as described below) before reaching any conclusion that he must have been totally left out of the records.

**Check to see if the name was spelled wrong.** Perhaps the census taker spelled it phonetically, or in a form used in the ancestor's native land, rather than using the Anglicized version. At times the name may be written correctly in the census, but spelled wrong in the index, due to a misreading of handwriting by the indexer. Some samples of typical misread handwriting include:

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| cl for d     | r for e, l, n, or s |
| a for o or u | o for a             |
| l for e      | ss for p            |
| m for nn     | S for L             |
| H for K      | M for N             |
| T for F or Y | M for Mc or Mac     |

or vice versa for all of the above.

Example: In the 1880 census as transcribed by the LDS all-names index, Leroy Rawlings, my wife's great-great-grandfather, is re-

corded in Danville, IN, with his wife Keziah and granddaughter "Hattie C. Rawlings," age six. Leroy's and Keziah's names are accurate, but "Hattie C. Rawlings" is really "Katie Clare Rawlings," my wife's grandmother. The error is probably not in the LDS transcriber's misreading a "K" as an "H," and adding an extra "T," since the original script clearly appears as "Hattie." The enumerator must have simply misunderstood the little girl's name.

Another example: My great-grandfather, Henry Henkel, is listed in the 1880 LDS index in Logan, OH as "Henry HENKLE." The census taker, one E.G. Collins, wrote "Henry HENKLL," with the second "L" slightly bigger than the first, on 17 Jun 1880. Eight days earlier, on 9<sup>th</sup> June, the same Mr. Collins had recorded Henry's father, living in the same village ten census pages earlier, as "John HINKLE," with an "i" instead of an "e."

If someone can be left out of the census when traveling between "A" and "B," others may be counted *twice* when traveling. For example, the same Katie (alias Hattie) Rawlings mentioned above is listed twice in the 1880 census. She is shown not only in Indiana but also in Elizabeth, NJ, as Katie Rowlings (should be "Rawlings"), age six, along with her parents, Carroll and Ida "Rowlings." Here the LDS indexer picked up an "a" (written indistinctly in the original record) as an "o" in "Rawlings." The NJ census was taken on June 5<sup>th</sup>; the IN census was taken only 4 days later, on June 9<sup>th</sup>, close to 1,000 miles away, when Katie was visiting her grandparents. Katie must have taken some fast express trains or stagecoaches (since in 1880 automobiles or airplanes hadn't been invented yet) in order to be listed in the census at both "A" and "B."

Despite such transcription errors as substituting one letter for another, the LDS 1880 all-names index is still very useful, and even

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combines spellings of some forms of names, such as “Rawlings,” “Rawling,” “Rawlins” etc. in the same data listings to help the researcher avoid missing a target person through certain common spelling variations. However, the second letter in the surname is not usually listed in the same data listings (e.g. Rawlings and Rowlings, or Henkel and Hinkel, must be searched separately in the LDS 1880 census indexes).

**Check indexes - but don't forget their limitations.** Many indexes list only the heads of households of a given family (though boarders and others with surnames different from the head of household are also usually listed). The index you are consulting may have omitted or misspelled the name you're looking for (by transposing letters, for instance, such as SIMTH, SMIHT, or MSITH).

Occasionally, an index may include a name not found in the census it refers to. Example: My wife's great-grandmother, Lillie (Ross) Pepper Garner, is listed in the 1900 Colorado Soundex index for Colorado Springs (Garner = G656), which shows “Vol 9, ED 23, sht 6, line 5: “William Garner b Sep 1852 (47) Iowa El Paso Co. Colorado Springs, E. Charenella St. #18, Lillie R. Garner, wife b Apr 1857 [actually born 1856] age 43 b CA” together with their four children.

The odd thing here is that, per local historians, there never was a street by that name in Colorado Springs. At first it seemed that the 1900 Soundex source code was apparently in error, as we were unable to locate this record in the census itself.

However, by using the computer index in Ancestry.com, we found Garner in the listing, in Election District 25, not 23, and on Caranel-la Street, not Charanella.

**Check original census pages using microfilm,** but if faded or otherwise illegible, try a different microfilm of the same census. The condition of the particular film copy you are viewing may be poor, but another copy may be legible. Also, some censuses (notably in

1860 and 1870) were filmed twice by the government. Some censuses were even conducted twice, because the first time around the census taker left out too many residents. As you go along, be sure you record which census records you have examined, including the date the census was taken as well as the page number, election district (E.D.), etc.

**And if you still can't find your guy....**

**Check relatives with other surnames** who may be living in the same neighborhood.

**If you are using a Soundex record, try some of the new computerized indexes.** For instance, in the 1880 census Soundex index, families with no children under ten were not listed. But in the LDS computerized 1880 census records, every person (and not just heads of families) is supposed to be listed.

*Heritage Quest* and *Ancestry* have online digitized census indexes for most states and most years, even 1930. If you still don't find the individual you're looking for, try entering just the last name. You may find a listing which uses initials (instead of full given name), e.g. A.J. Foyt instead of August Jerome Foyt.

If this method gives you more choices than you can handle, go to “Advanced Search” and enter more data to narrow the search, e.g. place and year born, etc.

The above examples show ways to find the target person in the census records, assuming he or she is listed somewhere, albeit in the wrong place, with the wrong name, etc. But sometimes it seems as though the person you want actually *does* disappear. Take, for example, the case of John Carry of Baltimore.

The 1850 Baltimore census shows Louisa Walton, 19 and single, living with her father and mother, Elijah Walton, 60 and wife Mary, also 60.

This appears to be the same Louisa Carry who later married John Carry, listed in the 1860 census with Alexander Walton as a boarder. That is:

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1860 Census, Baltimore City, MD, 12<sup>th</sup> Ward, made 9 Jul 1860, page 109:

- John Carry, 36, M, Printer, b MD, \$0 real estate, \$300 personal estate
- Louisa Carry, 28, F, Dressmaker, b MD
- William Carry, 4, M, —, b MD
- Louisa Carry, 2, F, —, b MD
- Alexander Walton, 44, M, \$0, \$0, b MD

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But by 1870, something odd has happened to this family. That is, in the 1870 Census, Baltimore City, MD, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, made 17 Aug 1870, page 265:

- James Cherry 40, M, Printer, b VA
- Louisa “ 36, F, Dressmaker, b MD
- William “ 14, M, b MD
- Louisa “ 12, F, b MD
- Mary E. “ 10, F, b MD
- Annie C. “ 8, F, b MD
- Henrietta Reese, 22, (black) F, Dom. Srvnt, b MD
- Bradford Cherry, 25, M, Druggist, b VA

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It appears that the name “Carry” may be actually “Cherry,” perhaps mis-heard by the 1860 census taker. But how can we explain “John” (Carry) versus “James” (Cherry)? Another census taker’s error? Could there be two marriages? Note the 1860 census taker was definitely off on Alexander Walton’s age (49, not 44), and perhaps on Louisa’s age, so maybe he could be off on the name “Carry” as well – but what about “John” vs. “James”?

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1880 census, Baltimore City, 20<sup>th</sup> Ward, Precinct 3, page 394B:

- J.W. Cherry, 52, M, Printer, b VA  
(Both James and Louisa appear to have rented on their true ages.)
- Louisa “ 50, F, Keeping house, b MD
- Wm. W. “ 24, M, Son, druggist, b MD
- Louisa “ 22, F, at home, b MD
- Annie Cora “ 17, F, at school, b MD
- Bradford Cherry 35, M, brother, druggist, b VA
- Fannie Cherry 26, F, sis-in-law, at home,

b MD

Susan Tomey 22, F (black), Dom Servant, b MD

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So: If you don’t find your ancestor in one index, try another. Eventually, with perseverance (and perhaps some luck), there’s a good chance you’ll find your ancestor – if he’s there.

**CALENDAR**

**September 27, 2008** - Fall Conference of the Fox Valley Genealogical Society at Grace United Methodist Church in Naperville, IL. “Unraveling Genealogical Puzzles” will feature Megan Smolenyak presenting the following lectures: Reverse Genealogy: Find Your Lost Loved Ones; Find That Obituary! Online Newspaper Research; Trace Your Roots with DNA; and Beyond Y-DNA: Your Genetic Genealogy Options.

Genealogy vendors will be on-site. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. For more information, write Fox Valley Genealogical Society, PO Box 5435, Naperville, IL 61567-5435; telephone 630-978-8444 or 630-728-2624; email [ilfvgs@gmail.com](mailto:ilfvgs@gmail.com); web site [www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs).

**October 18, 2008** - “40 Years of Discovery – Portals to the Future,” the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference of the Illinois State Genealogical Society in Elgin, Illinois. Speakers include D. Joshua Taylor, Beau Sharbrough, Lori Bessler, Loretto “Lou” Szucs, Susan Anderson, Debra Mieszala, Eric Basir, and Kathy Carey.

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### PROGRAM REVIEWS

In June Tom Gaard of Clive, Iowa, presented a very informative program on the Battle of Allatoona Pass. Although it was a comparatively short battle (hours rather than days), its 30% casualty rate is one of the highest of any Civil War battle.

Located about 30 miles north of Atlanta, Allatoona Pass was an important railroad stop and a storage depot for one million Federal rations. On 5 October 1864 Confederate General Samuel French attacked with a force of over 3000 men. Union General John Corse with only 2000 men drove off the Confederates after a fierce battle. Gaard explained the logistics of the battle and the movement of the troops. An interesting side note is that this battle of supposedly the origin of the expression "Hold the Fort!"

Of particular interest to us is that over half of the Union troops were from Illinois. Of the 1,059 soldiers from Illinois, there were 86 killed, 243 wounded, and 48 missing. Infantry regiments from Illinois included the 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup>, 93<sup>rd</sup>, and the 9<sup>th</sup> Illinois Mounted. The 12<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup>, and 93<sup>rd</sup> included soldiers from Bureau County.

Today there is a memorial garden at Allatoona Pass, established by the Etowah Valley Historical Society, for monuments for each of the states that had soldiers at this battle. To date there are monuments for Texas, Missouri, and Mississippi. An Illinois monument will be dedicated on 4 October 2008, and those with an ancestor or relative from an Illinois regiment and others with an interest in the Civil War are encouraged to attend. The Illinois monument is estimated to cost a little under \$10,000 and most of that amount has been raised. Our audience made generous contributions and BCGS added to that. Others wishing to donate can make a tax deductible contribution to the following address. ***It should be earmarked for the Illinois monument.***

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Questions may be directed to Tom Gaard at [Gaardt@aol.com](mailto:Gaardt@aol.com). We thank Tom for his thorough and interesting presentation.

**THANK YOU** to all those who donated to this memorial at our meeting and also to those who sent donations separately. All are very much appreciated.

In July we learned about the Mennonites from Ardys Serpette, Maurice Yordy, and Marilyn Eigsti, all affiliated with the Illinois Mennonite Heritage Center at Metamora, IL.

Maurice first explained who the Mennonites are and their origins in Europe in the early 16<sup>th</sup> century as contemporaries of Luther and Zwengli. He told how they were persecuted and consequently scattered over Europe. The term Mennonite comes from the name of Menno Simons.

Two main reasons the Mennonites came to America were the abundant land here and to avoid conscription in Europe. They first settled near Lancaster, PA and other locations along waterways. In Illinois there were early settlements near Pekin and Partridge Creek. The early settlements were near streams and timber; later they moved onto the prairie. Most of the Mennonites who came to Illinois were German.

Marilyn told about the development of the Heritage Center near Metamora. They now have a museum, the Sutter barn, an arboretum, library, meeting rooms, and more. Many activities are available. Visit their web site <http://imhgs.org/>.

Ardys talked about their library. She pointed out that people may have unknown Mennonite heritage because of banning for marrying out of the church in earlier times. Their resources include an obituary file, New Orleans passenger lists from 1836-1845, family and church histories, and their archives. Some Bureau Co. Mennonite records are available there also. We thank these three for their interesting and enlightening presentation.

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### **NBC Television to Offer "Who Do You Think You Are?" American Style**

A genealogy television program in the U.K. has become one of the more popular television programs in that country. In fact, "Who Do You Think You Are?" has also spun off a magazine, computer software, and an annual conference in London that attracts nearly 15,000 attendees. Some American genealogists have wondered, "When we will get a similar program?"

The time is now. Well, this year.

Quoting from NBC's web site:

"Who Do You Think You Are? The answers lie in the past. From producer Lisa Kudrow comes a new series that is unlike anything on U.S. television. Based on the popular BBC documentary series, *Who Do You Think You Are?* takes viewers on an inspiring and personal journey into the past of America's best-known celebrities, sharing their emotion and surprise as they uncover stories of heroism, tragedy, love and betrayal that lie at the heart of their family story. At the same time, the series celebrates the making of our great nation and the people who traveled here in search of freedom and opportunity."

The same web site promises that the show will spin off an online archive of celebrity ancestry info as well as the ability for users to get started on a personal search into family history.

NBC's version of "Who Do You Think You Are?" will be an all-American show, not reruns of the BBC program. It will feature American celebrities and their ancestry.

You can read more at [http://www.nbc.com/Primetime/Who\\_Do\\_You\\_Think\\_You\\_Are/index.shtml](http://www.nbc.com/Primetime/Who_Do_You_Think_You_Are/index.shtml) although it is obvious that the site is still under construction (as of 11 August 2008).

### **LOUISIANA CREOLE HERITAGE CENTER**

The mission of the Louisiana Creole Heritage Center is to promote, foster and engage in activities and endeavors that relate to Louisiana Creoles and their culture. It serves as an office of support to Louisiana and national Creole communities and organizations, offering advice and assistance in matters that affect Creoles. The Center also serves as a central clearinghouse/information bank for these communities and for those seeking knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Louisiana Creoles and their culture. It is located in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

The Louisiana Creole Heritage Center is now 10 years old and has taken on the task of developing and housing the only national Creole genealogy database of its kind. The contents of this database is mainly based upon data received from individuals across the country. This submitted data is compared to other databases, verified for accuracy before becoming a part of the Creole database.

An online version of this database reporting all information prior to 1920 is searchable and contains the Given Name, Parents, Birth-date, Death date and option to update this information: <http://www.nsula.edu/creole>.

### **BBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" to Start Fifth Season**

This week (Aug. 11) sees the start of the fifth series of the BBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?". This popular genealogy television program features both celebrities and genealogy. It has proven to be quite a hit. You can read my many past articles about this television program at <http://tinyurl.com/6ruez7>.

The one-hour shows will feature Patsy Kensit in the first show of the new season, followed by Boris Johnson the next week. Later shows will feature Esther Rantzen and Jerry Springer. Those names may not be familiar to Americans but are well-known in the U.K. Hmmm, that last name sounds familiar, however. You can read more at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/familyhistory>.

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