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## A TWIG OR TWO

*By Charlene Cleveland Shields*



### GREETINGS FROM THE HEARTLAND!

As I write this, the evergreens are wearing stocking caps of white snow. Outside it looks lovely, but I'm glad to have a warm house in which to stay while I talk about the lovely outdoors. My leaf-raking guy hasn't got around to my place yet; I have visions of him raking leaves, scooping snow and stringing outside Christmas lights at the same time.

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You missed a good time at our annual meeting. It bothers me as I type your names that I have never seen most of you and probably never will. And genealogists are such interesting people! I'd like to have a chance to get to know each of you.

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Since most of your subscriptions are by the calendar year, remember that it's time for most of you to pay dues. Here's hoping you have enough left after "Black Friday" to send for the newsletter for another year. Remember, if you're not getting what you expect in the newsletter, tell us. Tell us what you need, and we'll try to oblige. Also, I keep begging you to send us articles, and we're so thankful for those of you who do.

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Elsewhere in this copy, I ran into something about truant officers. That took me back in memories several years. I suppose of the various jobs I've had, the most disliked one was being truant officer of White County. (And I felt I accomplished the least.) The living conditions in some of the houses I went to were unthinkable. Also, there were a few places I was always cautioned to have the sheriff with me. With that big, affable guy by my side, I was never afraid.

Years ago there was a show on TV called, "What's my line?" I always thought it would be fun to be on that show. My rather unusual job at that time was "an oil well pumper."

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Speaking of oil wells, you would have had to have lived under a rock to not hear all the hoopla and debate of oil well "fracking." Of course, Southern Illinois cannot compare with Oklahoma and Texas when discussing oil, but we do our part. It seems as if every day there is more rusty old oil equipment moved into our town.

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"An Unusual Paragraph," published in our October, 2014, issue drew a large response of answers. Many of you answered with the correct answer. The correct answer—the paragraph does not contain the letter (vowel) "E."

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—But what a special subject for this time of the year. Let it be of good cheer, whether your thing is Christmas, Hanukkah, or something else—even Canada's Boxing Day!!

--Charlene

## **A New Bud on Our Family Tree**

We welcome a new member to The Genealogical Society of White County, Illinois—**Jayne Blades Epperson**. A Skokie, Illinois, resident—Jayne is researching the surname **Stokes**. She may be contacted at [jbepperson@ameritech.net](mailto:jbepperson@ameritech.net)

## **Wayne County, Illinois---Used Books on Sale**

The Genealogical Society of White County, Illinois, is offering several “gently used” publications for sale. These cemetery publications were compiled by Doris Bland Witter. Each book (volume) is priced \$20. This price includes sales tax, postage and handling. Please mail payment to—The Genealogical Society of White County, Illinois—P.O. Box 142—Carmi, Illinois 62821.

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“Wayne County, Illinois, Cemetery Inscriptions” Volume 3, 113 pages, indexed  
“Wayne County, Illinois, Cemetery Inscriptions” Volume 4, 128 pages, indexed  
“Wayne County, Illinois, Cemetery Inscriptions” Volume 5, 210 pages, indexed  
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## **Webmaster Requests Member Information**

Webmaster Vince Miller is requesting members of The Genealogical Society of White County, Illinois, to list the surnames they are researching, and the names of individuals they cannot locate. These names will be placed on the “Societies” website. Members may list an email address or postal address for possible responses. Members may email this information to [vince@recordranch.com](mailto:vince@recordranch.com)

Hopefully, this new website feature will allow members and website visitors to share their genealogical information.

## **“Gone But Not Forgotten,” Volume 3—Information Update**

Our “Societies” latest publication “Gone But Not Forgotten,” Volume 3, remains at the bindery. We will let our members know, the publication status of Volume 3, in our February, 2015, newsletter. We had hoped for a December, 2014, delivery date; however, this will not happen. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

## **JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Looking for something special, for that special someone, for holiday gifting? Consider Darrel E. Langford’s “Wabash Bottoms Heritage Collection.” This 132 page “collection,” presented by Bill K. Langford, highlights a series of short stories relating to Darrel’s life, times, family, and friends set in the Wabash Bottoms of White County, Illinois, and the Carmi area. This book features—watermelons at Simpson Switch; the Langford Surveillance and Alarm System; pee-wee marbles; the 1917 and 1925 Model-T Ford; March 18, 1925; Bill Maier; Doc Legier; hunting and fishing; Bowman’s Bend; Carmi Feature Underwear; Ainsbrooke; and Genesco. This book is available for \$20. This price includes sales tax, postage and handling. Please mail your payment to—The Genealogical Society of White County, Illinois—P.O. Box 142—Carmi, Illinois 62821.

# He Was Forced To Run The Gauntlet???

By Steve Malone of Boise, Idaho

(Steve Malone, a member of the Genealogical Society of White County, Illinois, is writing a book on Phillipstown, Illinois)

This is my story of how genealogy evolved from being a mere hobby into what one author would termed “a magnificent obsession.”

I suspect I have what some people call an obsessive personality. As a child, it was collecting Matchbox cars and postage stamps, as a youth it was being an avid bowler, as an adult it was bicycling, then bicycle touring, then collecting bicycle-related ephemera and finally bicycle hill climbing. Then along came genealogy (my wife hasn't seen me nearly as much since I fell down that rabbit hole).

About all I knew of my father's side of the family were his mother, Eva (Wiggins) Malone (who died just short of her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday), and his sister, Eathel Pauline (Malone) Waltman; “Pat” for short. I happened to visit Pat in 1985 as I bicycle-toured solo across the United States and Canada that year. She shared some pictures of her grandfather – the blacksmith Tom Malone of Poseyville – and a few other odds and ends. About a week later all of that had evaporated from my memory as I continued east, alternately being chased by, and chasing after, my shadow.

Fast forward to 2010, when I started having a mild interest in genealogy, carefully creating my Personal Ancestral File family tree, without any real regard for whether any of it was factual. After all, it was fun and who knew there were ways to separate fact from fantasy?

Aside from what Pat told me, I was totally stumped on the Malone side. My father rarely talked about any of his family other than his mother and sister. My older siblings couldn't offer any help. But fortunately for me, Pat was only 93 years young at that time and still living on her own in a tiny apartment in Belleville, Illinois. She filled me in on her father, Paul Edward Malone, and grandfather, Tom, who had lived in Poseyville, which was about all that she could recall. Oh, and that Tom had specialized in shoeing race horses and he had died before she was born (in “Munie, Illinois” according to the family bible [the place of death was of no help, as there is no such place – it took me about a year to figure out that he had died in Maunie, White County, Illinois]). Blacksmith, check! Poseyville, check! That's a start, so off to the library.

Aha! According to Leffel's *History of Posey County* (1913), Thomas Malone had built the first blacksmith shop in Poseyville in 1855! But wait, that would make him too old to be Pat's grandfather – so let's check the 1860 Census. Yep, there is the blacksmith Thomas Malone, and he's got a son named Thomas who was born a year earlier. Could that be him? Whoa, not so fast! Next door there is the household of Absalom Malone, also a blacksmith, and he had a son named William, who is shown as William T. Malone in the 1870 Census. Hmmm, Thomas' Thomas looks like the better bet, but how do I make certain that he was Pat's grandfather?

I decided to call Pat again to see if she could offer any more clues, but we were pretty much scraping the bottom of the barrel at that point. She told me that her father used to pal around with a cousin, Clarence Malone, and then she added the most important part of that clue, which was that they lived right around the corner from one another in East Saint Louis. That eventually led me to search through the WWI Draft Registration Cards, and sure enough, Clarence Lafayette Malone lived at 315 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and he was born in Crossville, Illinois in 1886. And Paul Edward Malone had lived at 626 Brady Run and he was born in Poseyville, Indiana in 1888. A look on MapQuest confirmed that the two addresses were a couple of blocks apart, in an area that is now just across the Mississippi River from the Gateway Arch, where my father had talked about earning good money during the Depression by selling fishing worms to the passing motorists coming over the bridge from Saint Louis. Hmmm, I had found in the 1880 Census records where Absalom Malone had moved to Crossville by that time. So I now had a little more information, but I still didn't have any answers.

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Things got complicated when I found Gil Stormont's *History of Gibson County, Indiana* (1912). It said that James Malone's family included "Thomas, a blacksmith, [who] lived in Owensville and Poseyville, Indiana." It also said that James lived with a son, Absalom, and that James had come to Indiana from Lexington, Kentucky, with a brother, John. As luck would have it, James and John had a limited vocabulary of given names that they used to name their male offspring: they each had sons named John, Thomas, Absalom and Andrew, and the birth years of same-named children were very close to one another. Great! A great big, huge, messy pile of spaghetti to sort through before I can figure out which Thomas was Pat's grandfather...

But the most intriguing piece of information in Stormont's book was this juicy tidbit in regard to James:

*"In his early life he was at one time captured by the Indians and forced to run the gauntlet, composed of two rows of redskins, armed with clubs and whips, his body bearing marks of this experience to his dying day."*

WHAT??? Whoa – how I do go about finding out more about that? And why hadn't I ever heard that story? WOW! That's just mind-boggling; that he went through that and lived to tell about it?! (In fact, I eventually learned that he was nearly 90 years old when he died!) Holly Crap, do I have a Superman in my family tree??

OK. Let's calm down and figure this out. What do I know about James? I know that he had lived around Lexington, and based upon the age of his son Thomas, he was probably born around the time of the Revolutionary War. That would mean that his gauntlet experience might have been during the War of 1812. I found a James Malone listed in Charles Franklin's *Indiana War of 1812 Soldiers Militia* (1984), but couldn't be sure that was really him (it was, I found out later). I also found a James Malone listed in *Kentucky Soldiers of the War of 1812* by the Kentucky Adjutant General's Office (1891), where he had served in Captain Joel Henry's Company. It also showed that he had been taken prisoner sometime between March 29, 1813, and 28 September, 1813. That sounded promising! Where do I go from here?

After quite a bit of digging around, I came across Kentucky's Militia Act of June 24, 1792, which described how militia companies had been formed in Kentucky (which was basically by county). I found that Captain Joel Henry's Company had been commanded by Colonel Dudley and that Dudley's regiment had been formed from the men of Woodford County, Kentucky. It turns out that Woodford County is just a few miles west of Lexington, so I was getting close.

Then I learned about Dudley's Defeat. In 1813, Colonel Dudley had been ordered to Fort Meigs, Ohio, to relieve the 1,100 man garrison there, which was under siege, being bombarded and harassed by 3,200 English troops and their native allies. At first things went well when they arrived there on 5 May 1813, but after Colonel Dudley's men had routed the enemy and successfully spiked their cannon, things became chaotic and much of his force chased the fleeing enemy into the woods, only to be ambushed.

In the end, of the 77 men in Captain Joel Henry's Company, 54 were captured, five killed in action, one was missing in action and eight were wounded in action. It was at that point when the 54 captured men of Joel Henry's Company, and many other from other companies, were forced to run the gauntlet as they were led into the English fort a few miles away. There are firsthand accounts of several men dying trying to run the gauntlet and others being killed once they thought they had reached relative safety in the hands of what they falsely believed to be their more civilized English captors, but that's a story unto itself.

Once things had calmed down for a day or two, the prisoners were taken to Fort Malden, Canada, and a prisoner exchange was arranged a short time later (why not give up dozens of wounded soldiers, when it was likely their soldiers had been better treated?). The wounded prisoners were then taken to the mouth of the Huron River, about fifty miles from the nearest American settlements in Ohio, and there

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they were left, most of them wounded in varying degrees, to make their way back home as best they could!

OK. Boy, I am real close to having all this tied together: there is lots of great circumstantial evidence, and everything fits together exceptionally well, but I'm just a tad short of clear proof that all of this ties to the correct James Malone.

Along comes Martha Earles to the rescue! She had heard about the book project that I had been working on at the time and sent me a copy of page 5 from her book, *Interesting Findings*, which contained the following advertisement that had been published on 5 April 1856 in the Princeton Clarion:

*"NOTICE...Is hereby given that Land Warrant No 11774 for 80 acres issued under Act of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1855, in the name of James Malone, put in Captain Henry's Company, Kentucky Militia, issued on 2<sup>d</sup> Nov. 1855 and sent to the address of William Reavis Princeton, IN has never come to hand. A caveat is being filed in the General Land Office, to prevent the issue of a patent on said Warrant, as the Warrantee will, at the expiration of six weeks, make application to the Commissioner of Pensions, for a duplicate copy of said warrant. JAMES MALONE."*

All right, now that's proof! *Thank Yoooooou*, Martha!

I eventually learned that Pat's father, Paul Edward Malone, had died at the Washington Soldiers Home in Orting, Washington, as he had served in that state in the Coast Artillery Corps prior to World War I. He had run out on his family in the 1930s and had never been heard from since, so his fate had long been a family mystery. The irony is that he died three years before my father had moved our family to Tacoma, Washington, which was less than 20 miles from Orting. My father never did learn of his father's fate, though Pat was thrilled to finally have that closure in her life after nearly 75 years of constantly musing about what had happened to him (they were both teenagers when he had bugged out).

Paul's soldier's home application filled in all the missing details: his father was W. T. (William Thomas) Malone, who I eventually learned was Absalom Malone's son. He listed his occupation as blacksmith, he was crippled with arthritis and had been living in a boarding house in Wenatchee, Washington, for several years, his deceased wife was Minnie Russell (daughter of Ezekiel Russell), and various other odds and ends. A biography of Absalom Malone (or more likely an autobiography) in Inter-State Publishing Company's *History of White County, Illinois* (1883) states that Absalom's parents were James and Christiana (Hunter) Malone. Various Census, marriage and other records in Kentucky and Indiana confirmed all the details of the lineage. In the end, all the pieces fit together seamlessly – there was indeed a Superman in my family tree! How many other family trees had ended that day in Fort Meigs, Ohio? Fortunately for my family, not one too many!

So that's why I'm obsessed by genealogy. In researching my Malone roots I also came across several bits and pieces of family lore about our family's roots in County Cork, Ireland. It's the possibility of finding such rare gems that makes it worth leaving no stone unturned in attempting to learn about your ancestors. And it is why my magnificent obsession isn't likely to end any time soon...

And by the way, William Thomas Malone had another daughter by a different wife who still remains a mystery to me. She was said to have lived in southern Illinois and was a school teacher. Her name may have been Eathel or Ethel, but that may be a red herring, as Pat struggled mightily to recall her name. She was likely born sometime after 1895, perhaps even a bit after 1900. Unfortunately, W. T. had owned a houseboat and worked up and down the Wabash, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, so there is no telling where he might have been living when this daughter was born. Cairo is equally as likely as Phillipstown, but anywhere on the rivers is a possibility. Any help in solving that mystery would be very greatly appreciated!

(Additional details about the events discussed in this article can be found in Volume 1 of my book: *The First Two Malone Families to Settle in Gibson County, Indiana Territory*. It can be downloaded for free from archives.org [there is also a paper copy at the Mary Smith Fay Library in (Continued on Page 86)

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Carmi, at Willard Library in Evansville, at Princeton Library and various regional libraries in the area]. I expect to have another book project, which I've been working on the past two years, finished before this article is published. It is entitled *The Pioneer Williams Families of Smith Township, Posey County, Indiana*. It, too, will be available for free at archives.org. In addition to the children of Simon Williams, it also covers the early Allen, Cater, Harmon, Johnson/Johnston, Journey, Lowe, Martin, Prewitt/Pruitt and Rook families that settled in the vicinity of Owensville and Cynthiana [more than a few descendants of these families eventually made their way to White County, Illinois]. Hopefully in 2015 I'll be able to return to researching my Phillipstown book that I had started in August, 2013, which is about the many families that settled in that area, years before the creation of the village of Phillipstown.)

## **QUERY—SEEKING DUNCAN CAMPBELL INFORMATION**

Thomas Campbell writes--For several years, I have been researching my family history. Specifically, my great-grandfather, Duncan Campbell. Born in Scotland, he was listed on the 1860 U.S. Census in Burnt Prairie, White County, Illinois. His wife was Margaret (Ferguson) Campbell and children were—Edwin, James and Christina. He was a local merchant and partner of James Morrison in a store which became Morrison's Mill. I have located additional information stating he died in 1864. If I was able to locate a death certificate, it might provide additional information leading to his birth in Scotland. Thank you for your assistance!!!

Thomas Campbell  
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## **Flashes of Fashion**

Fall of 1881, as recorded in the *Grayville Independent*:

Stripes run lengthwise.

The rage for beads is on the wane.

Crinolets are bustles, with a new name.

Dolmans will be the leading fall wraps.

Basques and jackets are still fashionable.

Shoulder capes and fichus will be much worn.

Great latitude is permitted in the shape of sleeves.

Loose wristed long gloves will be more worn than ever.

Ombre plushes will be used as trimmings on costumes.

Flowers are used on evening toilets for an unlimited extent.

Striped moire ribbons will trim many of the fall bonnets.

All costumes and suits are composed of two or several fabrics.

There will be a rapid demand for dolmans and dolman sacques.

Quantities of Spanish lace, white, black, cream and colored, is a feature this fall.

Dolmans in the sacque visite shape, and dolman mantles will lead the styles.

Some of the new plush goods have immensely long pile cut in irregular depths to form figures.

Horse hair cloth, mohair, seal and whale stiffened crinolets, will be worn until cold weather.

Low quartered buttoned half boots will be worn all fall.

Lawn tennis suiting in gay stripes will be worn as skirts for fatigue suits.

## **For The Holidays—One Pound Equivalents**

Sometimes we're given measurements in cups for certain products we purchase by the pound. Here are one pound equivalents—2 cups butter; 4 cups all-purpose flour; 3½ cups packed powdered sugar.

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## We Wish "You" Happy Holidays

The Board of Directors of the Genealogical Society of White County, Illinois, wish all members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All Board members have worked extremely hard, and we hope you have enjoyed this years "Roots & Branches." As the old year ends and the new year begins, if you have anything you would like to see or have inserted in the newsletter, write us and let us know. Also, we hope you will take a little time and help out the newcomers to our little organization. Board members have met so many new and interesting people, found new relatives, and made new friends. We also realize without dedicated and devoted members, like you, our organization would not exist!!! **"MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR"** from—Linda Kuykendall, president; Nancy Hays, treasurer; Cindy Kiehl, secretary; Charlene Shields, author and membership; Thomas Kiehl, publications; and Cindy Effinger, auditor and publicity.



## Excerpts from *The Backward Book*

(As editor of the local newspaper for years Barry Cleveland gathered interesting little bits of news from the paper. Finally, some of them were published in book form. Here are some of Barry's gleanings for December, 1900:)

C. M. Barnes & Co. of Carmi recommends furniture as an ideal Christmas gift. The store has solid oak dressers with French beveled mirrors for \$7.50, solid oak rockers as low as \$2 and a good gum bedroom "suit" for \$13.50.

The editor was upset with the Rev. Mr. West, a Methodist minister from Mt. Carmel who was invited to speak at the union Thanksgiving service in Carmi and delivered a rabid Republican sermon.

The Home Culture Circle plans a book shower Jan. 1 in its continuing effort to establish a public library in Carmi; the shower will be held at the home of the Albert Schoemanns.

Prosperity has hit Grayville; counterfeit nickels are in circulation there.

The Mercy and Hope Department of the Epworth League sent the inmates of the County House a nice turkey dinner for Thanksgiving.

Deputy Sheriff J. M. Connery arrested a suspected Arkansas horse thief in the Haw Creek bottoms near Mill Shoals.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Hattie Blue Wilson) Nazor have relocated to Carmi. A photographer, he plans to set up an art studio in the Whiting room in the old Wilson Block.

Several White County hunters returned from Missouri and Arkansas with mixed results. W. T. Cleveland and Albert Goodman of Crossville shot two deer, while Judge Burrell's party got only one and the Edgar Brown party none.

M. D. Aud of Herald says he is studying medicine.

W. A. Raglin was elected president of the fair board and R. L. Organ its secretary.

The Bancroft Club of Evansville, Ind., a small southern Indiana town, visited Carmi to play the local foot ball team. The two played to a 6-6 tie but the Evansville team played the baby racket and quit the game early, giving Carmi a 6-6 win. There were no fatalities but there were several accidents.

Postmaster Dave Johnson of Crossville, a staunch Republican who enjoys the friendship of Democrats, slipped off across the Ohio and wedded a Kentucky Democrat, Ida Stinnett.

About 100 teachers from White, Wabash and Edwards counties met at the Opera House in Carmi for an institute. Topics of discussion included the country school and teacher, minimum training of rural teachers, "What shall we do with our boys?" and the educational value of games.

Carson Hon, who recently moved from White County to Roswell, N. M., wrote that the town is bustling. Some stores have three or four delivery wagons. The stock business is great, though parts of the country are lousy with sheep, and several artesian wells have been drilled.

A 22-year-old Enfield man's attempt to wed a 16-year-old Hillsboro girl was thwarted when her angry father intervened and sent him packing.

A man named Mallett has opened a candy factory in Grayville.

Willie Kennett of the Salem community shot the great toe from the right foot in a hunting accident near Liberty.

Thanksgiving was observed in Crossville in the usual way of eating turkey, cranberry sauce and plum pudding. Some of the boys went rabbit hunting, and of course the rabbits were thankful. Business houses closed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Thanksgiving sermon.

The 14-year-old son of Enoch Ridenour of Trumbull died 15 minutes after shooting himself in an accident while rabbit hunting and crossing a fence.

Elza Ventres, convicted here in 1896 of murdering his employer, John Russell, has been pardoned after serving only five years of his 14-year term. There was always doubt as to whether Russell died of  
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injuries suffered when a wagon ran over him or whether Ventres, in fact, had killed him in a fight.

One of the bloodiest fights in Carmi's history occurred on the Bowery in East Carmi; five men were badly hurt. Involved were Frank and John Lowhone of Carmi and their cousins, Henry and Bob Gross of Kentucky, and several others. The fight took place in the dark and there were no eye-witnesses, only the labored breathing of the fighters and the sound of breaking glass would have alerted the passerby. Several were badly hurt and three were thrown into jail.

The Missionary Baptist Church of Carmi has purchased a new organ.

The most recent census shows Carmi with a population of 2,939. That makes our city larger than Fairfield (2,338), Flora (2,311), Harrisburg (2,202) and Marion (2,510). Cairo had a population of 12,560, Belleville 17,484, Centralia 6,721, Metropolis 4,069, Mt. Carmel 4,311, Mt. Vernon 6,216 and Olney 4,260. Only seven Illinois cities have more than 25,000 residents. They are Chicago (1.7 million) Peoria (56,100), Springfield (34,159) Quincy, Rockford, East St. Louis, and Joliet.

The recent election cost White County \$2,100; still that was less than the 1896 vote.

A water-dog captured by Mr. Tom Hobbs from the Little Wabash River caused much excitement for the zoology classes in Carmi last week.

The truant officer spotted three liberty-loving lads, who took off for the New Iron Bridge in Carmi. He finally caught up with one and brought him to Professor Boyd, who is not in the habit of sparing the rod.

Reuben Lanchus has sued Stewart Benham for \$5,000, the plaintiff alleging that Benham had charged him with stealing corn.

Joseph McEwen died in Arkansas after part of his arm was cut off in a planing mill. He lived 13 hours. He was brought home to West Union Cemetery for burial.

Stephen Calkins of Centerville received word that his son, John, was shot and killed by an Indian in Indian territory.

Sam Brown has left Brownsville for Carmi to engage in the tombstone business.

The passion play produced by moving pictures at Gray's Opera House in Grayville Sunday night was largely attended.

S. M. Marlin and family have moved from Herald to Ripley County, Mo., causing immeasurable loss to this community.

William Whiting of Phillipstown was away on a hunting trip, so Mrs. Whiting's friends surprised her on her 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They brought over a large sheet of wood and held an old-fashioned picking.

Hard cider and other liquors are reportedly being vended near Crossville, to the detriment of the sobriety of some of Crossville's finest young men.

Crossville had a small pox scare, with talk of a quarantine, but the malady turned out to be the Cuban itch.

Fire destroyed the old Funkhouser livery stable in Carmi. The horses and vehicles were saved. It's a miracle the nearby Christian Church wasn't badly damaged. The building was originally a packing house and a reminder of Carmi's flourishing era in the days of Capt. Fackney.

A grand ball is planned Christmas Eve in Phillipstown.

The skin of a rare white deer shot in Missouri by Curran Swan of Herald's Prairie Township was on display for several days at the National Bank of Carmi.

L. Haas, the enterprising proprietor of The Bankrupt Store in Carmi, has a fine window display, appropriate for the holidays and beautiful at night when lighted.

An old-time spelling match and oyster supper are coming up at the Opera House in Carmi.

On display at the library in New Harmony is a jar containing the ashes of the late Dr. Murphy, the benefactor of so many endeavors in that community, who recently passed away.

Some neighbors at Trumbull were having a good time drinking hard cider and pitching horsehoes.

## FACTS . . . AND FIGURES . . . . . Directors Meeting, November 19, 2014

President Linda Kuykendall called the meeting of the Board of Directors of The Genealogical Society of White County (GSWC) to order at 2:00 p.m. Also present were Charlene Shields, Nancy Hays, Tom Kiehl, and Cindy Kiehl.

Minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting were approved with no objections.

The Treasurer's Report, submitted by Nancy Hays, showed a balance of \$6,001.12 as of November 19. The report was approved with no objections.

Charlene Shields gave the membership report. An updated list was provided to board members.

Tom Kiehl, Publication Director, reported that work continues on the December newsletter. Volume 3 of *Gone but Not Forgotten* is at the bindery for publication.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at the GSWC office in Carmi. The public is welcome to attend, and the board is actively seeking people for membership in the Society. Membership is \$20 per year, and includes either an email or postal mail subscription to the newsletter *White County Roots & Branches*, which is published six times a year. Memberships can be purchased by writing to The Genealogical Society of White County, Illinois, at P.O. Box 142, Carmi, IL 62821; or while attending one of the Board meetings which are held on the third Wednesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Kiehl, Secretary

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