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Did you know that Indiana has more historical societies with web sites than any other state in the US? At the last count, 49 societies in Indiana had web sites. The Indiana Historical Society site lists these, updated every week or two. Below is the URL <http://www.indianahistory.org/ihmdir.htm>.

The Indiana Historical Society presents the

Cole Porter Room Film series every Tuesday and Thursday from 121 p.m. and 4:45:45 p.m. Films relating to history and culture are presented.

"Silenced Bells" is a 600 page book containing over 1000 pictures of former Indiana High Schools. It contains school nicknames, colors, years they were members of IHSAA, and what schools there were consolidated into. The book may be ordered through the Newton County Historical Society in Kentland.

Did you know that Newton County has one of only two upside down bridges in the State of Indiana? More about this in the next issue of The Newcomer.

Who are the great women from our County History? Women organized churches, schools, businesses, health and sanitation services, and much more in the history of many counties. Who are these women? If you know who these notable women are, please send your data to Attn: Indiana Women's History Archives, IHS, 450 W. Ohio, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202-3269. Your info may be included in the Indiana Commission for Women's Web page which was launched on August 26, 1999.

The Commission is looking for other notable Indiana women from every county and a vocational background. It is noted that very little info has been available on Native American and Hispanic women.

WINDOW DISPLAY



TOYS

A collection of childhood treasures from members of the society combines to make this delightful display. It is sure to bring a smile to your face and spark memories from your own childhood.



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- Newton County Census Records: 1860 & 1870
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- Enter & View Newton County Queries
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Cemetery Books On Sale

There are still copies of Volume One of the cemeteries book covering Lake, McClellan, Beaver and Washington Townships, published in 1997. Cost is \$20.00 non member, \$15.00 member. Call the society today to reserve your copy before they are gone!!

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What's On Our Agenda . . .

The Newton County Historical Society meets every fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are held in different areas of the County at 7:00 p.m. All members are notified of the place and time each month. Don't Forget - Memberships Make Great Gifts!!

We'd Like Your Input!! We are looking for suggestions for stories, articles and pictures for our next edition of The Newcomer to be published in April 2000. We know that there are many stories of our past ancestors and their way of life that are just waiting to be told! This newsletter is designed to do just that!! If you would like to write an article, submit a photo, or have a source for us to check into, give me a call! I'd be happy to hear from you!
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Ledger of the Graves' General Store of Morocco Reveals Much History

By Gerald Born

While rummaging through the attic of the house in Morocco I purchased some thirty years ago from the estate of Mildred Merle Graves, I came upon a ledger that was kept by her father, Capt. Daniel Graves when he ran a dry goods business with his brother.

Capt. Dan had been dead many years when I purchased the house he had built for his third wife, Rachel Ann Barkhurst. However, I felt that I almost knew him, for not only was he my grandmother's uncle, (Maude Graves Nichols) but Merle Graves, his daughter, was part of our extended family. Not a week went by that she was not a visitor in our home and over the dinner table she would tell of her father and his various exploits.

It was wonderful hearing Merle and my grandmother, discuss the Graves family and their early years in Morocco. And it was a special treat when Merle invited us to her home for dinner. She was an excellent cook, and she entertained with a certain style, almost unknown in today's society.

When her white linen covered table was laid with her Haviland china and sterling silver, it was a sight to remember.

So with a flood of remembrances, I opened the dusty trunk in the attic and found this old leather bound ledger kept by Uncle Dan. It covered only the years 1877 and 1878, not a long time to be in business. It also had served Merle as extra paper for her school lessons, for it contained a story she had written about the very house in which it was found.

The location of the store was at the southwest corner of State and Clay streets in Morocco. Here

they sold books, shoes, hats, caps, yard goods, notions and groceries.

Only the year before D.M. Graves had purchased the interests of J. G. Perry in a similar store in Kentland that dealt in the same kind of goods. Thinking that Morocco was more centrally located, he decided to move his business back there, entering into partnership with his youngest brother, James Graves.

A partial listing of D.M. Graves' assets was also found in the ledger contained in a letter of agreement with John S. Veatch, whose family had lived at Morocco, but who moved to Kentland sometime after the Civil War.

"It is hereby agreed by John S. Veatch and Daniel M. Graves of Kentland, Indiana as follows to wit: The said D.M. Graves has this day sold to the said John S. Veatch 160 acres of land situated in Reynolds County, Missouri for the sum of eight hundred dollars, also his entire stock of General Merchandise at cost, and the fixtures, belonging to the store. Said goods to be

invoiced to the said Graves, the sum of thirty dollars to be deducted from the amount of the fixtures on payment for which the said John S. Veatch transfers to the said Graves one house and lot in the town of Aroma, Illinois, known as the Dashiell store house, also the following described notes to wit:

One note on Bliss Sutherland, \$100.00, one on Christian Algrim, \$63.25, one on A. L. Thayer, \$25.00, one on Richard Malone, 67.10, one on D. M. Graves for \$200.00 and one on Henderson and Ritchie for \$150.00 The rest of the letter is missing, but shows the far flung business dealings of these men.

It is interesting to note that John S. Veatch's family had built the Veatch Hotel at Morocco, which James Graves' wife Jemima (Brennesholtz) Graves purchased and operated under the name Graves Hotel. This was located just across the street from Graves Brothers on the northwest corner of the street. On the northeast corner of the intersection D.M. Graves' son-in-law, George Murphey operated a

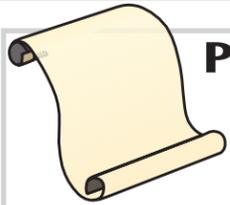
hardware and drug store in partnership with Joseph Kennedy under the name Kennedy & Murphey.

Uncle Dan and his brother, Jack were products of the pioneering days of Morocco. Their parents, Benjamin and Mary Ann (Pierce) Graves had moved from Tippecanoe Twp. in Tippecanoe County in the early 1850s with the unmarried children. Al 10l of their children followed.

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Ladies of the G.A.R. pose for a photo with an American flag that depicts the 1890's. Note the 44 stars for each state. See page 2 for more information.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Yvonne Kay

We are looking forward to a great year. A budget has been prepared and will be presented at the next meeting. We will continue the work of presenting programs of interest to the membership.

Our goal is to preserve the history of Newton County. Our focus is on local history. Every town and township has its own flavor. Our newsletter, the Newcomer, edited by Beth Bassett, will receive special attention. Through its pages we will tell of what the Society is doing. An oral history project is underway, chaired by Nancy Jo Prue.

Sue Humphrey and Dan Blaney are putting the final touches on the Scott-Lucas House Museum, which soon will be a reality.

We continue to add to the collection of books and documents at the Resource Center at Kentland. Stop by and see what has been done. Also take a look at the window display done by Janet Miller and Barbara Wilfong. The toy theme will take you back a few years.

The Family History Division continues work on the cemeteries. We encourage committee participation. Every member has something to contribute.

Please contact me with your ideas for an even bigger and better society. I enjoy hearing from you.

On The Cover

Ladies Auxiliary of the G.A.R.

This photo taken circa 1908 by J.M. Handy, a local photographer of Morocco, captured members of the G.A.R. Ladies auxiliary. Mrs. Rachael (Barkhurst) Daniel M. Graves is pictured in the back row, fifth from the right. Her daughter, Mildred Merle Graves is second from the left in the back row. Pictured in the front row in the dark printed dress is Mrs. Samuel Thomas (Aseneath Caldwell). The arrow points to Mrs. Mary (Johnson) Jacob Hosier. *Photo Submitted by Gerald Born.*

Do You Know Your County of Newton?

By Janet Miller

1. What was Pickamink?
2. What was Adriance?
3. What is the oldest town in Newton County?
4. What was the Newton Chronotype?
5. How many townships were in Newton County when it became a county?

See answers on page 6.

Patriotism Displayed by the Graves Family Motivated Many Community Members

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Benjamin Graves purchased the farm at the corner of Old 41 and 114 later owned by Henry Corbin, and his unmarried sons and daughters found wives and husbands in the fledgling town of Morocco.

Prior to going into the mercantile business, Uncle Dan had farmed near Morocco. This was interrupted by the Civil War, and he took up the Union cause and enlisted in Company A of the One Hundred and Twenty eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

He was passionate in his belief in the Union cause. His grandfather, Joseph Graves and his great uncle, John Graves had both left Virginia because of their distaste for chattel slavery and came to the state of Ohio in order to be under a government which did not condone slavery.

He was tireless in traveling around the state to encourage others to enlist in the Union Army. He traveled the same route as his brother-in-law, Dempsey Johnson did as he rode the circuit for the Campbellite church in Newton, Jasper, White, Cass, and Benton Counties, Indiana, and Iroquois, Kankakee and Will Counties in Illinois. He was therefore known to many of the churches and people along the route.

Daniel Morgan Graves, named after the famed Daniel Morgan of Revolutionary times, obviously lived up to the name. He was a fiery orator and capable of raising the zeal of his fellow Indiana citizens. He recruited as far away as Brookston and Lafayette and even traveled into Illinois to bolster the spirits of his contemporaries there.

However, before being mustered into the above regiment, he was commissioned by the Governor of Indiana to recruit a cavalry company, which he did. He was an expert rider and a crack shot, this coupled with his firm belief in the cause of the union made him an excellent choice for the job.

He was mustered into service on January 7, 1864 as Captain of Company K, Twelfth Indiana Cavalry, in which capacity he served until he was mustered out on November 21, 1865.

Other Newton County boys in the Twelfth were Henry E. Ash, Mahlon Fell, William Flemming, Albert S. Graves (a nephew of Uncle Dan's) Thomas Staten, and Elijah M. Standridge

He participated in all the marches, raids and campaigns of this regiment in Georgia and Mississippi and was present at the capture of Mobile, Alabama.

Under the military government of Mississippi, Capt. Dan commanded the subdistrict of Starkville until 1865, when it was sent with a detachment of three companies under his charge to Austin, Mississippi. He then went to Jackson to serve as a member of a court martial assembled there.

James Willard Graves, Capt. Dan's youngest brother, also served in the Union Army. On August 11, 1861 he enlisted in Company E. Ninety Ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served with this regiment until it was mustered out at Indianapolis,

June 16, 1865. Many men from Morocco and Pilot Grove served in this company.

Uncle Jack participated in the battles of Vicksburg, Mission Ridge, Jackson, Lookout Mountain, the Atlantic Campaign, the march to the sea and through the Carolinas, and was not wounded, nor sick a day during his entire tour of duty.

At the close of the war, Jack Graves went to Ft. Ridgley, Minnesota, after he married Jemima Brennesholtz, the daughter of John and Catherine Elizabeth (Updegraff) Brennesholtz. Jemima and her parents lived at Morocco, where her father was a miller.

After the birth of their third child, they decided to return to Morocco and it was during this period that they entered into business with their brother and brother-in-law, Daniel Graves.

Capt. Dan espoused the patriotic cause even after the Civil War. He became one of the founders of Morocco Post 111, G.A.R. and was the commander of the post from its inception until at least 1883. The Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) was a social and service organization composed of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The first Post was organized April 5, 1866 at Decatur, Illinois. Its goals were three fold. Fraternity among Union Veterans; caring for needy veterans, widows, and orphans of veterans, and loyalty to the United States and its Constitution.

The organization of the G.A.R. was patterned along the lines of military service, commanders, senior and junior vice commanders, chaplains, medics, and quartermasters.

Closely associated with the G.A.R. were the Woman's Relief Corps (W.R.C.), Sons of Union Veterans and the Ladies of the G.A.R. Aunt Rachel was actively involved until her death in 1917, as was Merle.

Education played an important role in both of the brother's lives. Uncle Dan attended an Academy in Johnson County before he came to Newton County and taught during the winter months when he was not farming. He was appointed an examiner from 1868-1870. This position was appointed by the county commissioners until 1873 when a county superintendent was elected by the united board of the township trustees.

Uncle Dan Graves sold his interest in Graves Brothers to his brother-in-law, Dempsey Johnson, and became a horse trader. He traveled on the train to different locations throughout the state and shipped his horses by rail to different locations.

Even though the business of the Graves Brothers lasted only two short years, the leather bound ledger gives an intimate account of the people who passed through the doors of Graves Brothers during that time, and gives us a rare glimpse of the inhabitants of the town and region that cannot be gleaned from the census records.

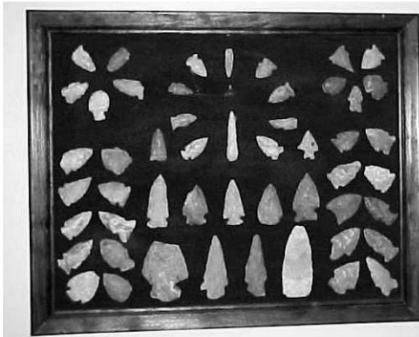
A list of some of these names appears on page five.

A COLLECTION OF A LIFETIME!

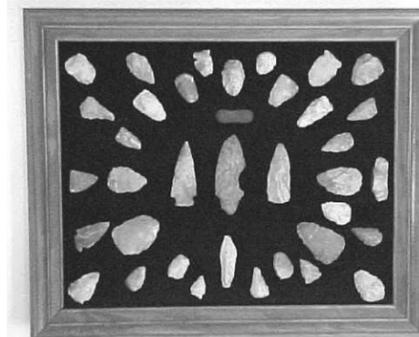
This is just a small sampling of the collection that Shirley and Devon (Skeet) Miller, and their son Dave Miller of Lake Village have collected since 1974. Their farm is located on the fringes of the old Beaver Lake, and several Indian sites were located here as mentioned in the 1985 County History Book. They have lived and farmed here since 1946.



Among the many bird and fish arrowheads, they have found game stones and banner stones. A civil war belt buckle and other objects have been found over the years by the family.



In this grouping on the lower right hand side, second row in, up three, you see what Shirley believes to be the most valuable. It's age makes it valuable, it is believed to be the oldest arrowhead found in her collection.



Skeet recalled finding arrowheads when he was a child and trading them at the store for a bottle of pop. He also said if he had known the value of them at the time, he might have saved a few of them! Thank you Skeet & Shirley for sharing your collection with us!

Scott Lucas House Museum Progress at Site Continues

By Gerald Born



Virginia Ann (Lucas) Scott died at her home in Morocco on August 15, 1998. According to the terms of her will, she left the house that had sheltered three generations of the Lucas family and all of its contents to the Newton County Historical Society to be used as a museum to house her antique collection and her jewelry. Prior to her death she had made extensive repairs to the outside of the house and had inventoried and photographed her extensive collection of antiques.

She named Daniel C. Blaney as executor of her will and as trustee of a trust, composed of her farm and other assets, the proceeds of which were to be used for the maintenance of the house and to provide scholarships to students at North Newton High School and Washington Township, where she had attended grade school at Ade.

The house had been built by Ross Lucas, when the family decided to move from the farm to town. Ross was married to Laura Peterson, the daughter of Mark and Matilda J. (Sandell) Peterson, natives of Denmark and Sweden. Mark had come to this country when a young man and had become a successful farmer in Washington Township. His children married into some of the pioneer families of Washington Township and number among his descendants Padgetts, Whaleys, Risleys, Brees, as well as the Lucas family.

Willard Lucas, the son of Ross and Laura Lucas grew up in the house, attended high school in Morocco, got a degree from Purdue University and managed the farm. He married Gladys A. Stockton, the daughter of John and Rhoda Stockton. They had two children, Laura and Virginia Ann Lucas. During the 1950s after the death of Ross' second wife, Ruby, Willard and Gladys moved back into the Lucas home, remodeling it to fit their needs.

After graduation from the university where she studied mathematics, Ann started teaching at McGill University in Canada. While living in Canada she met her future husband, Gordon Scott. They moved to Morocco in the 1980s and had become an integral part of the community. Gordon predeceased Ann.

The news of this gift came as a surprise to the members of the Society. As a friend and classmate, I had some inkling that she planned to remember the Society in her will, but no idea of the extent of her generosity. The year before I had appraised her collection of antiques and had a good idea of the extent of her collection.

Immediately Blaney made plans to clear the house of much of the contents in order to update the interior of the house. An auction was planned and I was hired to sort through the antiques and choose what I thought should be kept for the society. This I did through some of the hottest days of the year and with the assistance of Joan Triplett, whose husband Charles was to rent the farm, we sorted and packed away the treasures, carefully numbering and labeling the boxes.

On a cold and drizzly day the auction was held.

I attended only long enough to have pictures taken of the interior of the house and the crowd that had gathered and then I had other business to attend to in Kentland. However, a large crowd gathered under the tent and I understand the sales were brisk.

Blaney then called in representatives of the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana to advise on how the house should be refurbished. Todd Zeiger, located at the Probst HouseNorthern Regional Office in South Bend, with his colleague came, took pictures, and made recommendations as to what to do. Among his suggestions was to open the front porch again, which had been enclosed early in the house's history, to remove paneling and ceiling tiles, which were not in keeping with earlier decorations, to decorate the interior in keeping with the exterior design, which was an arts and crafts movement bungalow, and to paint the interior using stencils. Also suggested was to replace a bay window in the dining room, which had been eliminated early on probably because of water problems. This was rejected because of cost. When objections were raised about opening the enclosed porch that part of the plan was tabled temporarily. Todd strongly suggested that the woodwork be stripped and returned to the darker color of former days. Unfortunately no written recommendations were ever made, so I may have missed some of the things that were discussed.

Ron Benko and Lobster of Hammond were hired to strip the walls of their canvas covering, to repair the plaster, and to strip the woodwork, and to remove a built in closet upstairs. They also removed the bathroom fixtures to be replaced with period ones. Steve Diedam, from Kentland, whose grandfather did the original paint job and stencils, was hired to redecorate the interior. He was given complete artistic license to choose colors, make new stencils and gold leaf the designs. The Diedam firm is well known for its restoration of churches throughout the state.

As in many projects, budget now seems to be a factor, and rather than getting arts and crafts light fixtures to bring light into the house, the committee headed by former president, Sue Humphrey, opted for Menard models until moneys can be found for more appropriate ones.

So the work continues. In anticipation of its being turned over to the Newton County Historical Society, the current president, Yvonne Kay, has appointed a committee to formulate a mission statement for the museum. Any suggestion can be directed to her or to me as Chair.

The Scott Lucas House Museum is located at 514 S. Main Street in Morocco, Indiana



FOCUS ON FAMILIES

Family History Division • Gerald Born, Director • Janet Miller, Treasurer

By Gerald Born

Daniel Morgan Graves was born January 5, 1830 in Coshocton County, OH, the son of Benjamin and Mary Ann (Pierce) Graves. Before his death on September 11, 1917 at Morocco he raised two families, one by his first wife, Elizabeth Graham, the daughter of Walker and Charity Graham, by whom he had three children, Flora Frances, Charles Manford, and Frank L. Graves. Elizabeth's death occurred before the start of the Civil War on December 27, 1861. He then married her sister, Mary A. Graham, but she, too, died in childbirth on April 3, 1864.

He started his second family after the Civil War when he married Rachel Ann Barkhurst in 1874. She was born in Tippecanoe County, IN on June 4, 1843 to Isaac and Mary Jane (Davidson) Barkhurst. This union produced four children, Robert Orth, Mildred Merle, Lola Blanche, and Anna Ray Graves. Soon after the war, he entered into the mercantile business, which was detailed earlier in this publication. When that no longer held his interest, he became a horse trader, traveling throughout the region buying and selling horses. He moved to Kentland and remained there until he again relocated at Morocco.

When the new brick school house was built he purchased part of the old school and moved it to the corner of Beaver and Polk Streets. In 1902 he built a square house and attached the former school wing as the east wing of his house. I purchased the house in 1968 after Merle's death and my mother lives there now.

The first family had matured and either moved away from Morocco. Frank to Spokane, WA and Charles out West or had died. Flora Frances died in Morocco in 1900 so by the time I could remember they had passed out of the families discussion. However, many of the second family or their descendants were known to me. Flora was married to George H. Murphey and they had a daughter, Lora Frances, who married Edward Gardiner, who worked for many years in Evanston Illinois as a mail carrier. Upon her death he returned to Morocco and for his next wife he married Mrs. Geneva (Camblin) Russell. Ed was the son of Samuel A. Gardiner and Jennie Swenson. They moved to Kankakee, IL

Robert O. Graves, better known as Orth, studied to be a lawyer and married Nellie Mae Erwin, the daughter of Judge Dow and Mary Ann (Donnelly) Erwin. Orth served in the Spanish American war while he was quite young. He then practiced law at Morocco and became the prosecuting attorney for Newton County. He went West in 1908 or 9 and worked for the Union Pacific Railroad purchasing right of way for the Oregon run. They lived at Seattle, WA for awhile. On his return to Indiana he moved to Lake County where he again served as prosecuting attorney for them. They had six children, Robert E., Donald M., John O., Mary Ann, Willard M., and Stanley M., who died young.

Of the six children, I knew Donald, who married Ethel Peggy Horner from Newton County. They moved to Redlands, California and Don ran a furniture store there. I visited them at their home when I took Uncle Dan's Bible to their son, Roger, who had become very interested in the family history.

I also met Mary Ann on different occasions. She married Raymond Carmody, the son of Andrew and Catherine (Scholl) Carmody. Dr. Carmody had an eye clinic in Gary. His hobby was growing orchids, which eventually turned into a business and he sold to the Chicago market. They had seven children, Kathleen M., Raymond F., Mary Ann, Maureen M., Timothy M., Nancy Lynn, and Therese M., Carmody. They lived at Chesterton, IN.

Mildred Merle Graves was one of my favorite relatives. She was intelligent, bright, and a good conversationalist. She also cherished her friendships more than many I have known. Her girlhood friends, Mary (Kessler) Hathaway, Ora (Smart) Jones and Flossie (Smart) Perkins remained faithful throughout all of their lives. Loyal and patriotic to her country, she took a keen interest in politics and things political. Merle was ahead of her time. Although she taught school, she also studied and passed the bar. However, since she was a woman in a man's world, she got no jobs as a lawyer. A disastrous love affair with a young teacher, who later became head of the school system put an end to her teaching career in Newton County. But she never lacked courage. While her brother was in Oregon, she traveled alone to the West coast on the train, something that proper young ladies did not do at the turn of the century. However, she wanted to see the Seattle Fair in 1909 and since none in the family could accompany her, she set off alone, without any problems along the way. Upon her return, she was swept off her feet by a dashing young man, George Sims, who drove into town in a fancy Dussenberg car. He came from a good family and was the son of William and Deborah (Studebaker) Sims. They were soon married and moved to Knox, Indiana, where he had a farm. However, he was not cut out for a married life and the marriage soon dissolved and Merle regained her maiden name and returned to Morocco.

Since many of the avenues to earn a living were cut off to her, she lived in her father's house at the corner of Clay and Beaver streets in Morocco, struggling to keep it all together and to maintain her innate dignity, which she did in a most admirable way. I am indebted to her for much of my intellectual development, for it was she who taught me to use the dictionary and to love words. Often, when I do the New York Times crossword puzzle, I think of Merle and wonder what turns my life would have taken without her teaching and encouragement at a very early age. Words are at the very center of my life, and she provided the key in helping me learn how to use and enjoy them

Merle had two sisters, Lola and Raye. Lola married an insurance man from Wilmette, Illinois,

Daniel and James Graves Family

introduced to her by Olive (Smart) Robertson, by the name of Newell Woods, the son of James D. and Viola (Cobb) Woods. They had a son, Newell Keith Woods, whose second wife, Lynn (Kerr) Woods used to visit Merle from time to time. During the Second World War, she worked in Washington, D.C. in the office of Howard Taft.

Raye Graves met a lawyer from Chicago, George N. Murdock and they married and lived in Winnetka and later also had a home in Coral Gables, Florida. George was the son of John L. and Elizabeth (Scott) Murdock and had the dubious distinction of defending Al Capone at one time. He also was one of the organizers of the 1933 Worlds Fair in Chicago and handled much of the legal work for the city. Their daughter, Mildred Elizabeth Murdock, or Betts married Robert Herford May, Jr. in Coral Gables and was an avid collector of sea shells, which became the subject for her art work. She became an artist of note in Florida and was widely shown.

James Willard Graves

James Willard Graves was the youngest son of Benjamin and Mary Ann (Pierce) Graves. He was born November 17, 1836 in Tippecanoe Township, Tippecanoe County, IN. He married Marietta E. Archibald in 1865, but she died in childbirth. For his next wife he chose Jermima B. Brennescholtz, who was born in Covington, IN to John and Catherine Elizabeth (Updegraff) Brennescholtz. They had five children. The first three, Orlando M., John C., and Cora Athelea, were born at Ft. Ridgley, Minnesota, while they were homesteading in that state. The other two, James L., and Sherburn A., were born in Newton County.

Orlando or Chuck Graves married a Morocco girl, Clara E. Roadruck, the daughter of Frank and Florence (Butler) Roadruck. They had five children, Juanita, Winona, James F., Sherban C., and Naomi. Although Orlando died in Oklahoma, some of his children moved to Indianapolis, IN and it was there while I attended Butler University that I met some of his children and grandchildren. I visited with James F. Graves who had married an Irish girl, Johanna Whalen. By the time I met Jack, his wife had died, but I became friends with his son, James J. Graves. Jimmy Graves had entered the Carmelite monastery in Kentucky when he was 16 and had second thoughts about being able to keep their vows of silence and austerity, so had recently left when I met him and was trying to find his way in the secular world. Through him I also met his cousins Marjorie Marie and Barbara Clara Graves. They were the daughters of Sherban and Margaret Marie (McGillicuddy) Graves. We made an unlikely mix, for here I was studying at the Christian Theological Seminary, world apart from their very Catholic upbringing. However, we were all young, and we enjoyed each other's company until I left Indianapolis.

John Charles Graves, another son of James Willard

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Dodge, Abe
Donaldson, N. R.
Doners, Andrew
Edmondson, Solomon
Elijah, Frank
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Ellis, Andrew
Embs, Paul
Ensen, Charles E.
Esson, John
Ewan, John P.
Ewan, Levi S.
Ewan, Rebecca
Faut, Parker
Flood, S. C.
Flowers, G. W.
Force, Benjamin F.
Frazee, Joseph
French, John
French, W. A.
Frogg, Frank
Fry, John
Gard, Alexander
Gerard, Henry
Goddard, Elizabeth
Goddard, Harvey M.
Goddard, John D.
Gordon, Daniel
Gorman, Michael
Gorman, Patrick
Gould, Nathan
Graham, Ed
Graham, W. H. H.

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Graves, Charles M.
Graves, Daniel M.
Graves, Frank L.
Graves, Harriet
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Graves, Libbie
Graves, Mark O.
Graves, Thomas E.
Green, Peter
Griffith, Lida
Griggs, Walter
Grooms, J. W.
Guthridge, Alexander
Hagan, Christian
Hagarty, Dennis
Hall, Alfred
Hamill, Jane
Handley, Bill
Haney, Andrew
Hanger, David G.
Helms, James
Harding, Richard P.
Harned, Simon
Harwood, Riley C.
Hibber, Mrs.
Hessner, Joseph
Hiestand, Gideon
Hiestand, Isaac
Hiestand, Mary
Hiestand, Joseph
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Hillier, William
Hogan, Rev.
Holloway, Joseph P.
Holly, Charles
Hooks, Joseph
Hobenstein, Irwin
Hobenstein, Josiah
Hoyt, W. W.
Hunter, Philip
Hutton, D. M.
Hutton, William
Humes, W.
Humstan, Milton L.

Hyer, Robert
James, George
Johnson, Dempsey
Johnson, John F.
Johnson, Francis
Jones, Ezra B.
Jones, Irwin
Jones, Thomas
Justice, W. H.
Kassul? (Cassell),
John
Kennedy, William
Kenoyer, James
Kent, B. C.
Kessler, Elbert
Kessler, John L.
Kessler, Robert
Kight, Joseph
Kimpel, John
Kinney, Isaac M.
Kirk, Truman
Kirsh, Nicholas
Knowlton, N.T.
Laferty, Marian
Lamphier, Fayette
Lattimore, Joseph M.
Laughlan, Eliza
Layman, Jacob
Litson, Ed.
Lowe, G. E.
Lowe, George
Lowe, James
Lowe, John
McCain, R. C.
McCarthy, George
McCarthy, J. R.
McCarthy, John
McClain, H. H.
McCollough, S. E.
McConnahe, Albert
McCray, Eliza
McCray, Emma
McCray, Greensberry
McCray, Mary
McCray, Oliver
McDaniel, H. C.
McKernan, Thomas
Marshall, Ross

Marshall, William
Martin, James
Martindale, Samuel
Matteson, E. R.
Mead, Mattie
Merchant, George F.
Merchant, Joseph
Miller, A. J.
Miller, David
Miller, G. M.
Maxwell, E. F.
Mock, C. B.
Monroe, Moses
Morgan, George
Morgan, James
Mortindale, Samuel
Mount, Joseph
Mulligan, Thomas
Murphey, Andrew
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Murphey, Mary
Murphin, Martin
Murphin, William
Nevill, William
Nicely, Frederick
Odlie, Anthony
Oswald, Frank
Parr, William
Parsons, H.
Partlow, Edwin
Patrick, John
Patrick, Washington
Peck, Albert D.
Pence, Eli H.
Perry, John G.
Perry, Phoebe
Perry, William
Peno, August
Platt, Christian
Poole, James R.
Portius, Theo, Mrs.
Potter, Robert
Potts, Elizabeth
Potts, Joseph
Potts, Silas
Powell, Thomas M.
Pulver, David M.
Pulver, E. L.

Pulver, Ollie D.
Purdy, F. F.
Quarterman, John
Ready, William C.
Rettinger, Christian
Rick, J. W.
Richards, David
Ritchie, James W.
Roadruck, B. F.
Roadruck, Catherine
Roadruck, Daniel
Roberts, John S.
Robertson, James
Root, Charles
Ross, Mrs.
Roy, C. L.
Russell, Zadoc
Sager, David
Sarver, John C.
Sauer, John
Saunderson, James T.
Schissler, John B.
Schmidt, John
Shafer, Finley
Shafer, James
Shafer, Nathan
Sherwood, William
Shue, C. C.
Shuh, Clement
Shuh, James
Shuh, Raymond
Shoaf, John
Shouie, George
Shriver, Noah
Sievors, Mary
Silvers, Mary
Simpson, Frank
Skinner, A. M.
Skinner, Jira
Slanson, Cyrus
Slutz, Worley
Smalley, John W.
Smalley, William J.
Smart, Bill
Smart, George
Smart, John W.
Smith, Daniel
Smith, Elam G.

Smith, George
Smith, Huldson
Smith, N. G.
Smith, Rev.
Smith, Sheldon
Spawn, A.
Staton, Joseph
Sternburg, H. O.
Stewart, George
Stewart, Morgan
Sthijk, Christian
Strole, Sarah
Swiggit, Robert
Taylor, George W.
Thompson, Abe
Thompson, Catherine
Thompson, John
Timmons, Isaac
Toyne, John W.
Troxell, Joseph R.
Tweedy, Ezra P.
Tweedy, John P.
Tweedy, Robert
Tyler, Milton
Ungard, Uriah
Urmston, E. E.
Van Dyke, John, Mrs.
Veatch, Eliza
Veatch, John S.
Veatch, W. L.
Walton, H. P.
Ward, Peter H.
Warren, U. K.
Washington, Patrick
West, Nathaniel
White, Joseph
Wilkinson, Henry
Williams, N.C.
Williams, Silvester
Wolf, Peter
Wood, Gus
Wright, Joseph
Yeck, Edward
Young, Andrew
Young, Elias
Young, Ettie
Zoborosky, George
Zoborosky, John

One Hundred Twenty- four First Cousins Extended Graves Family

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Graves, married Rada Yountz, a cleric's daughter and he ended up at Wagoner, OK. They had two children Jean C., and John M. Graves. Jean married Don Robertson and lived at Tulsa, as did her brother, John M, who married Elizabeth Garrett. The last I heard John owned an oil business in Tulsa and was planning a snowmobile outing at Yellowstone National Park. He has three sons, Mike, John and David.

Their sister, Cora Athelea, or Birdie as we all knew her was another of my favorite people. She married in Morocco, where her parents owned and operated the Graves Hotel, Robert William Sutcliffe. He had been adopted by the Sutcliffe family, though he had been born a Clough, to Robert and Ellen (Clark) Clough. He was a partner in the Wilkerson and Brothers Lumber Yard at Morocco when they married. He also practiced law and opened an office at Warsaw, IN called Graves & Sutcliffe. They had two daughters, Adelaide and Athelia. Adelaide married Harry V. Canfield and took up residence in Hollywood, California to be near her husband's work, as he was the administrative assistant and private secretary to Mr. Van Nyes, who founded Van Nyes, CA. Aunt Birdie

was living with them when I visited her in 1965. Their living arrangements were stunning peach walls with white trim and all white leather sofa and chairs, Tiffany lamps and simplicity itself. Such elegant living had not effected her in the least. She was always the same, friendly, hospitable and elegant. She lived to be one hundred and three years of age.

I met her other daughter, Athelia, or Teah while in school at Butler. She was married to Walter K. Makemson, who was an inspector for the railroad. I can remember with fondness many Sunday dinners I spent with them in their home on Carrollton Street, for they took pity on their cousin away from home. We enjoyed each other's company and I even talked to her women's club on Pompeii, a subject I was studying and very full of at the time. Her husband had published a book on the Lindsay family and we would talk genealogy for hours. It made the years go much more swiftly to have relatives in Indianapolis.

I also had the privilege of meeting Aunt Birdie's brother, Sherburn, or Punch as he was called one time, with his third wife, when he lived in Seattle, WA. He had two children by his second wife, Ada Pearl Barnett from Muskogee, OK. She was an American

Indian princess and he had two children by her, Sherburn E., and Adelaide. They were living around Los Angeles when I met with Punch. He was an avid collector of oriental rugs and had them everywhere, on the floor, on the walls, and rolled up in a storeroom. I have never seen such a collection before or after that was so complete. One small silk rug hanging on the wall had taken two young girls eight years to complete. They had started when they were six. It contained a thousand knots per square inch and was the most incredible handmade rug I have ever seen. He entertained me for a whole day explaining each one and bringing them out of storage to unroll and display. It was truly an experience to remember.

Daniel M. and Jack Graves were two of the ten children of Benjamin and Mary Ann Graves. My grandmother, who was the daughter of Harvey Newton and Louisa Gay (Archibald) Graves had a hundred and twenty- four first cousins, which provided a large network of extended family for us. I find it difficult to imagine what life would have been like without those relatives.

Hufty-Crane Funeral Home Began in 1934

Lucille Crane Shares Memories of the Family Business

By Kay Babcock

Lucille Crane has shared many of her memories of the funeral business which her husband Gordon Crane and his friend Robert Hufty ran in the town of Goodland.

The sons of two families who had been friends for many years sat as the families gathered and discussed their futures. Each was ready to try a new line of work. Gordon owned a small farm in Stone Bluff, Indiana, had attended embalming school in Indianapolis, and worked for 6 months at the Profitit Funeral Home in Crawfordsville, Indiana, a requirement of his schooling. At this time he was working at the funeral home. Robert Hufty was living in Lowell, Indiana and was running a service station. The possibility of working together as funeral director was the main topic of this discussion.

Several weeks later, their venture as funeral directors became more of a reality when they began searching the area for a town that was in need of this type of new enterprise. While driving through the town of Goodland, they saw a large, empty house. They decided that it would be a perfect location for a funeral home. Since this was a Sunday, they could do little but find out who owned the house. They decided to return to Goodland the next week, to seek out the owners of the home, Burt and Nellie Constable.

The Constables told them that the home had just been rented after sitting empty for quite sometime, so the two decided to approach the renters, sold Gordon's farm, and bought out their agreement with the owners, and began the necessary cleaning and preparations for their new business. The house was clean and fitted for the busines and eventually remained at this location for six years. At that time, the business was moved just a couple doors to the west in the home of Grandma Cooke. It remained there until the Cranes retired.

The Grand opening of the Hufty-Crane Funeral home was on a Saturday, July 14, 1934. They first funeral was for A.D. Babcock, a prominent resident of Goodland. Under the urging of Mr. Babcock's doctor, Dr. Bassett, the family decided "to give" the funeral to the "new boys" in town. Dr. Bassett told Bob and Gordon that he "had put his neck out to get this funeral for them, and they had better do a good job".

At the time, there was another funeral home in Goodland, so this was quite a coup for the new businessmen. The March funeral home was located in a parlor in the back of their furniture store. When Mr. March passed away, Bob and Gordon attempted to buy out the business from Mrs. March. The only way that she would sell the business was to include the furniture store, but Bob and Gordon were not interested, or had the knowledge about running a furniture business, so they withdrew their offer to buy her out.

In the early days of their business, Mr. Will Mustard and his son took care of the cemetery. They hand dug each grave for \$10.00. For many years, Bob and Gordon did the foundations for the grave stones, along with George Barnes who owned a cement mixer.

Lucille recalled this story about Mr. Barnes. One day George was working on a footing and his mixer

upset on him. The doctor told Lucille, Gordon's wife, that she would have to drive the ambulance to take George to the hospital. She argued that she didn't have a license to drive. The doctor quickly replied that he didn't ask her if she had a license to dirve, he said she was going to have to drive the ambulance. Before the argument could be finished, Gordon arrived home and Lucille was saved from making the trip.

When asked about unusual times, Lucille told of a man who died in Goodland, but no one seemed to know who he was, where he was from, or what to do with him. After several weeks, the Cranes received a telephone call. "Yes", Gordon answered the caller, "He does". It seems the dead man had webbed toes. When his sister finally tracked down her dead brother, she had identified him by his toes. The body was eventually taken elsewhere to be buried.

Several funerals were held in private homes, and two bodies were embalmed at the homes. Lucille remembered having a Jewish funeral. The body was taken to Chicago to be buried, and the custom of burial before sundown after the day man died was upheld.

In 1934, when they arrived in Goodland, Lucille recalls that there were 5 grocery stores. The A&P, Gangon's Meat and Grocery, Sluz Grocery Store, and Tedford's Store. There were 2 drug stores, Cooke's Pharmacy and Humston's Pharmacy owned by Charles Reed. The Goodland State Bank and one other bank was open. There was Mead's Restaurant and Schwier's Restaruant and Bakery which also had a hotel in the two upstairs floors. There was a hardware store and a blacksmith's shop. The bowling alley burned down several years later. There were three barbers, Gravel's Sainte's and Skyler Michael's. Not to leave the ladies out, there were three beauty shops too, Gravel's, Sainte's and one other.

Al Gravel owned and operated the theater and roller skating rink, which was located on Main street. Lucille and Gordon went to the rink one evening long after it had been closed to the public and watch Mr. Gravel skate. Lucille remembers that he was an exceptional skater.

The town boasted of three doctors, Dr. Bassett's office was on Union Street, just off Newton Street, Dr. Kenaman and Dr. Kennedy had offices upstairs on Newton Street. Dr. Bassett resided across the street from the Hufty--Crane funeral home. Dr. Kenaman requested cremation and asked that his ashes be scattered on his rosebushes upon his passing. Gordon agreed to follow his wishes, and upon Mrs. Kenaman's request, scattered his ashes when she was visiting her daughter who lived in Kent, Ohio.

In 1950, Lorene Pombert decided to open a flower shop. She lived in the house East of the original funeral home. She used the front 2 rooms of her house for her business. Lorene attended school in Chicago, and would bring home her lessons and flowers. Lucille would join Lorene in her lessons, and eventually, Gordon told Lucille he would give her money to start a flower shop if she wanted to do so. George Woods of the Goodland State Bank loaned her money to start her business in a National Home

building located next to the funeral home that was built in nine days. Lucille ran this business until 1978-79, and at that time sold the business to Lois Dowell.

Thank you Lucille for sharing your story with us regarding a successful business venture that added to the quality of life to our growing community in the 1930's.

How Well Do you Know Your County of Newton? - Answers

1. The Pickamink River is now called the Iroquois River. The Pottawattami Indians, who lived near the river, called the river, Pickamink, which meant muddy waters. The Federal Government made a survey of the river, and since March 9, 1834, the river has been known as the Iroquois River. The men making the survey were Perrin Kent and Sibley V. Clark. This river is a natural body of water running east and west through Newton County and empties into the Kankakee River in Illinois.
2. The town of Kentland was first called Adriance, then Kent, and finally was bestowed with the name Kentland after its founder Alexander J. Kent.
3. Morocco is the oldest town in Newton county and was laid out by John Murphey on January 28, 1851.
4. The first newspaper established after the organization of Newton County was at Kentland, and the issue came out on the 26th day of September, 1861. It was called the Newton County Chronotype, with V. B. Cowen as its editor.
5. At the time Newton County was organized, and while it was still a part of Jasper County, there were only five townships, known as Iroquois, Jackson, Lake, Beaver and Washington. However, the work of organizing the new county had only started, because the first business transacted after the organization of the commissioners court, was the division of the five townships.

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Treasurer, PO Box 303, Kentland, IN 47951
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Newton County Citizens Asked to Contribute Their History To Oral History Project

By Nancy Jo Prue

Each town or organization in the state received an invitation in 1998

from Judy O'Bannon to choose a project to celebrate the coming of 2000 and become a Hoosier Millennium Community. As of August there were 118 communities who signed up to become Hoosier Millennium Communities.

July 24, 1999, Nancy Jo Prue attended the Festival of Ideas held on the lawn of the governor's mansion. While serving on a panel with members of the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) and Extension Homemakers Association (IEHA) a number of the representatives from these 118 communities stopped at the tent for ideas on starting an oral history project.

The IHS and IEHA collaborated on an oral history project between 1979 and 1993 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the IEHA organization. The end result was six books about women's lives from 1913 through the '70s, a slide/tape show and a 30 minute video made of excerpts from the oral histories and the pictures donated by Homemakers. These books are available in Newton County libraries. Nancy Jo Prue is currently transcribing these 355 tapes so the State Historical Society will have every word from the tapes in their files along with the tapes.

At the October NCHS meeting the members voted to begin an oral history project and become a Hoosier Millennium Community. Throughout 2000 a committee of Nancy Jo Prue, Joan Triplett, Bob Williamson and Gerald Born will be interviewing each member of the historical society and others who would like to relate the history of the county and their own lives.

The following are questions that will asked by the interviewer for the oral history project.

What is our past? Why narrator lives in Newton County and if rural or urban; what his/her childhood was like; chores church, games, clothes, allowance, illnesses, school/college, accidents and home remedies. Describe courtship, wedding (where, how many came, honeymoon); first home (where and what it looked like); childbirth (home or hospital); discipline. Your occupation and spouses. Snow/ice storms, tornadoes, earthquakes. Where you shopped for groceries and clothing.

1920's: Ku Klux Klan and the right to vote.
 1930's: the Depression and road conditions. 1940's: World War II; when you got electricity; your first telephone; what major appliances you would hate to be without. 1950's-60's.

Who are we today? Your most significant accomplishment. What is our future? Hispanic emigration, race relations, economic development, space travel, global economy and computers.



Nancy Jo Prue

PAGES OF THE PAST

The following excerpts are from *The Kentland Gazette* during the winter of 1886, transcribed by Janet Miller



The county commissioners met in special session on Tuesday to consider the propriety of purchasing sixty acres of land adjoining the poor farm from Martin Crawn. It was agreed that they would purchase said land and pay for the same \$1650.00; \$950 to be paid in cash, and the county assuming and agreeing to buy a mortgage on said land for \$700 due 5 years after Feb. 13th, 1886.

Joseph Wilt has leased the Kentland Flouring Mills and is placing the same in the best condition for work. He will be ready for all kinds of grinding by the first of next week, and will in a short time commence making flour for the trade.

Mt. Airy, January 28, 1886: Dr. Merry of Montgomery, Michigan, has taken up residence here We trust that the Dr. may get his portion of the patronage of the town and country

Mr. James Ash and John Cole, Morocco, took some horses to Mommce to the horse sale the forepart of last week but did not meet with any sale, on account that they could not get their horses across the river, the late freshet having taken out one span of the iron bridge across the Kankakee river

Mr. Rice contemplates building three mammoth cattle barns on the Gaff ranch this summer.

Morocco, February 18, 1886: Saturday was a lively day here. Twelve men and boys were arrested and fined in Justice Bemenderfer's court. Eleven of them for serenading Alonzo Bridgeman when he was married, and the other one for hunting on a neighbor's land without permission. There seems to be some bad blood in that neighborhood.

C. M. Hanger of Morocco gave the Gazette a call yesterday and informed us that, at a meeting of the stockholders of the Newton County Agricultural Association held at Morocco, last Saturday, the following officers were elected: President A. J. Ellis; Vice Pres. J. G. Wright; Treasurer Wm. Darroch; Secretary C. M. Hanger, Directors: Sheldon Smith, B. F. Roderuck, J. P. Ewan, O. F. Stoner, J. W. Sharr, D. M. Pulver and D. S. Corkins. Gen. Supt. Daniel Ash.

Wooden anniversary of Joseph and Elizabeth Merchant at Brook, February 3rd, was a joyous and delightful occasion to them and a host of friends. Rev. J. W. Hogan who officiated when they were married was present.

We are informed that the citizens of Brook have joined together and are erecting a business building to be occupied by Leander Kessler, the man who has received some notoriety for being prosecuted for illegal sales of liquor. Kessler has abandoned the unprofitable traffic and the citizens are rallying to his support.

Kentland, January 2, 1886: on page one there are advertisements listing four doctors:

J.M.C. Chaffee, M.D. Physician and Surgeon Office hours 7 to 9 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Office days Wednesdays and Saturdays. Office over Perry's Harness Shop on 3rd Street.

M. R. Combs, M.D. Physician and Surgeon Office at residence, corner of 2nd and Dunlap Streets, and at Elliott's drug store.

J.A. Hatch, M.D. Physician and Surgeon Office at W.S. McCullough & Co's Drugstore. Residence corner 3rd and Washington Streets.

J. F. Beckner, M.D. Office in front rooms over Frankenberger's Store.

Washington Township, January 2, 1886: Silver Wedding: it gives us pleasure to chronicle a very pleasant social event which occurred on New Year's Day, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pierce of Washington Township. The morning dawned beautiful and bright upon the 25th anniversary of their marriage, and at an early hour, the ramble of vehicles was heard as they rolled up to the dwelling, laden with good people, good wishes and good cheer. About 60 persons attended.

The members of the congregation of River Chapel made their pastor, Rev. Samuel Zook, a handsome donation. They met at the parsonage at Brook and presented him with a purse amounting to \$16.

Grant Twp: A. J. Kitt, editor and publisher of the Goodland Herald, has surrendered his "paste pot, the shears and pencil" to the new proprietor and editor, Mr. Frank Matchett The Herald has weekly reflected through its columns Mr. Kit's ability as a newspaper editor. While we regret to loose Bro A17 from our ranks, we welcome Bro. Matchett, and extend the right hand of fellowship and wish him success. This change will permit Mr. Kitt to give his entire time to the post office.

Babcock and Reed of Goodland, have bought a lot and will build on it and run a tombstone factory. They seem to be deserving young men and we hope they will have all the work they can do. But after all, that kind of a wish don't sound very well for the people.

These excerpts were transcribed exactly as they were printed in the Kentland Gazette.

Membership Information

As A Member . . .

As a member of the Society, you automatically receive a copy of our quarterly newsletter, The Newcomer free, as well as notification of our monthly meetings by mail, informing you of the location and time.

Dues are payable yearly, to the treasurer of the society. The month and year that your dues are payable is on your mailing label.

If you received a copy of the Newcomer for the first time, we hope that you will consider joining our society!

Back issues or additional copies of the Newcomer are available upon request for \$2.25 each. As always, guests are welcome at our meetings, and volunteers are always welcome!!

Kay Babcock, Treasurer