



The Brown County Historical Society Newsletter

ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

A quilt -- bequeathed to the Historical Society from the estate of Nancy Moore Warren -- now addresses patrons in our Great Hall. It recalls pieces of Brown County history.

Curators Note: *The Blue and White Quilt*

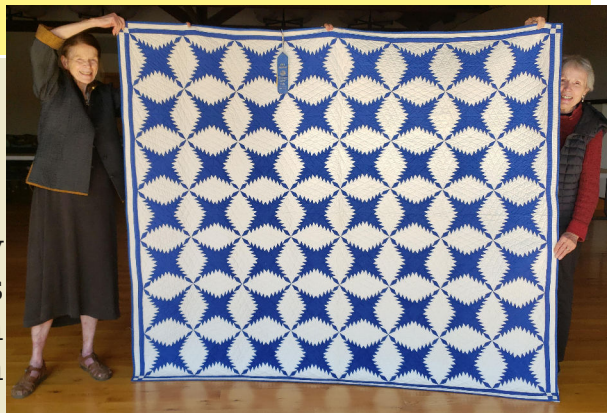
The quilt was made by Nancy Moore Warren's grandmother: Sara Dunham Moore, 1881-1977. Sara married Clinton Moore, a sheriff of Brown County.

When her husband was sheriff, Sara prepared meals for prisoners. Later she and Clint operated the *Dinty Moore Restaurant* in Nashville for about 20 years. *Dinty Moore* restaurant was located at or near where *The Ordinary* is located now.

A first prize blue ribbon is attached to the quilt. We do not know which year of the fair that Sara won the blue ribbon for her quilt. The Quilt is made of cotton with two colors - blue and white, hand quilted piece work.

Our Pioneer Women's group has found this information about the quilt pattern: "I found a quilt pattern on Pinterest, in a magazine dated October 12, 1932, called *Pineapple Cactus*." Mary Goss of Pioneer Women in an email to the PW, July 17, 2024.

Ola Lackey Grenolin* owned and lived in the house



Curator Barbara Livesey and Ginnvor Bullard prepare to rehang *The Blue and White Quilt*.

Resources & Affiliations

Brown County Museum and Old Log Jail

Society's Archives and Genealogical Records

Pioneer Women

Member

Association of Indiana Museums

Indiana Landmarks

Indiana Historical Society

Society of Indiana Archivists

Meetings

General Pitch-in dinner 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Grand Hall, History Center

Board of Directors 3rd Monday each month at 9:30 a.m. in Hughes Room, History Center

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Santa is in town! The jolly Mr. and Mrs. landed on Friday evening, during the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Since Santa officially arrives on Friday evening (November 29) Brown County

Historical Society is turning a collective eye toward the upcoming Christmas season. The **Annual Christmas Dinner** will be on our regular meeting night, **December 2nd at 6:30pm. Social hour will begin at 5:30.** The event will be held at the **Season's Convention Center.** Musical entertainment will be provided by **Carolyn Dutton.** Tickets are \$20/person and can be purchased at the Brown County Historical Society, or directly from Alice Lorenz or any Board Member. We look forward to enjoying this time together. No need to bring plates, dessert, or a fork- just attend and join the fun. Dinner will include Ham, Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fried biscuits, dessert.

It is also time to reflect on past accomplishments, and time to plan for new endeavors. My wish this season is for each of us to designate volunteer time to sustain the Brown County Historical Society. Any time spent is appreciated, and very necessary to keeping the doors open and history preserved. The Board of Directors invites you to volunteer in 2025. To every member that volunteered time this year, thank you. It is your work that made everything happen. You are as vital as the history we preserve.

ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION, *Curator's Note continued...*

(before her marriage to Will Vawter, 1923) that became a restaurant which was operated by Sara and Clint Moore for about 20 years. They named it *Dinty Moore*.

Sara cooked and was especially known for her fried chicken. Next came Charles Murphy who changed the name to *The Old Hickory Inn and Tavern*. The Wilson family owned and operated it after Charle Murphy. In the 1970's the Rogers family purchased several buildings in the block and the restaurant became *The Ordinary*.

*Ola Grenolin, a pharmacist, was first married to pharmacist Charles Grenolin, they owned and operated the drug store. Sometime after his death Ola married Will Vawter, and then she sold the drug store to Charles Miller, about 1925. We now know this place as the *Hob Nob* restaurant, with many of the old drug store items displayed.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS AND WITH DEEP ROOTS



Eight years ago a Paw Paw tree was planted in the society's yard. This is the first year that it bore fruit.

Pawpaw Trees

These pawpaw trees were a gift from Pawpaw Blossom Farms of Brown County in honor of

Jim and Beverly (Robertson) Kelp

direct descendants of early pioneer settlers, for their lifelong dedication to the history of Brown County, Indiana.

8TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

Friday, November 29 from 5 to 7 pm

Tree Lighting is at 6 pm



Come and enjoy the music, homemade cookies, hot chocolate and tea -- and be sure to receive your 2024 wooden nickel!

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be in the Gnaw Bone Log Cabin Room.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus will also be at the History Center from noon to 4 pm on Saturdays, November 30 and December 7 and 14.

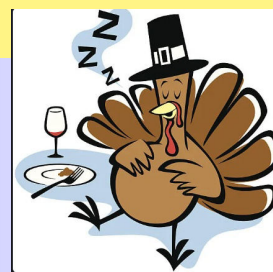
Festivities sponsored by The Christmas Committee, a Town of Nashville and Historical Society collaboration which commenced in 2015.

Brown County History Center
90 East Gold Street

Peaceful Valley Heritage donates a live tree with primitive decorations for the Gnaw Bone Log Cabin Room.

NOVEMBER PITCH-IN

At November's Pitch-In Dinner, Brown County Middle School student Aesop Bierkemier will present his program that earned him First Place at the National History Award Competition. He will speak about his great grandfather in WWII.



ABE MARTIN BAZAAR

November 9th

10AM to 3PM

Brown County History Center



A diverse selection of vendors will offer a variety of items including Christmas decorations, jewelry, wood turned bowls, locally made soap, and numerous craft items for your shopping enjoyment.

LIVING ART COLONY

Journey Back to the Roots of Nashville's Art Colony:

Enjoy Traditional Art, Music, Folklore and more...

October 25th, 9AM to 4PM

November 29th, 9AM to 4PM

The Brown County History Center's Pioneer Village

Sponsors: Indiana Arts Commission & Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

"Pete Bullard's Way" guides and directs visitors to Pioneer Village, just as did its namesake.



Our Pete Bullard has served The Brown County Historical Society faithfully for years. He is first to volunteer for maintenance projects in the Village or the History Center. He has acted as docent and trained new docents. He has served several terms as President and Vice president. He has even appeared on WFIU as our TV spokesman.

At the time of Pete's retirement from his final term as president, Alice Lorenz asked past and present board members for ideas to honor this exceptional service.

At the December dinner meeting John Main made the announcement With Alice, Mark Shields and Rob Coulter that the brick walk way between the Log Jail and the Pioneer Village has been vacated by the County Commissioners and, thanks to Jerry Pittman, we have been given permission to rename Museum Way, Pete Bullard Way.



Rob Coulter completed the installation using, in his words, "the only working spirit level in Brown County."
Photos courtesy of Nancy Coulter.



Pete Bullard, Terry Bledsoe, Vince Milnes, Mike Kazimier, and Richard Frenzel (out of view in photo) work to update flagpole lighting according to code, now with 2 working lights.

FROM THE COLLECTION

Happy & Spooky Halloween!

Curators Note:

Seated Man and Standing Woman

Framed photo: Farmhouse with seated man and standing woman. Late 19th century. We do not have information about who these people were and where the house was located.

This black and white print has been pasted onto cardboard. The "ghostly" woman is an example of a late 19th C cut and paste. Perhaps she had died and her image was cut from an earlier photo and pasted alongside the seated man. This arrangement was rephotographed and this is the print we have here. (cropped for newsletter)



PIONEER WOMEN'S CLUB, Snapshots

For the August program, Pioneer Women crafted Cothespin Dolls, under the tutelage of Ellen Scheffler.



FROM THE COLLECTION



Curators Note: Dancing Dolls

The dolls appear to have been made for use in depicting a ballet* - to display the dancers as they show the story. No notes came to us with this donation. *Important to note that the dancers are a little more or less than 6" high.



Denise Schofield and Bonnie Bose review vendor information for next year's quilt exhibit.

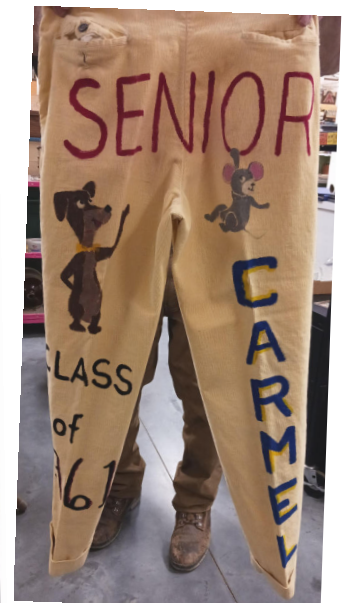
Vicki Smith and Brenda Fowler made Leather Phone Pouches at the October program, taught by Carol Alvarez.



GUESS WHOSE ? -- SENIOR CORDS (topic spotlighted in May 2024 newsletter)

Pioneer Women welcome interested parties to their upcoming programs:

- **January 8th, Paper Beads for Necklaces -- Jennifer Coons**
- **February 12th, Crocheting a Granny Square -- Susannie Straus-Stevens**



MEMBER NEWS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Greg Taggart

Jenny Bowden

Rex and Gwyn Voils

Don Knebel

GUESS WHO?

From August's newsletter:

Can you name this BC Mother-of-the-Groom and Historical Society treasure?



This is our Recording Secretary, Pauline Hoover with her late husband, Ronald (Ron) Aaron Hoover.

Ron was born and raised in Brown County and lived here all his life. In fact, he was born in the next house up the road from where Pauline now lives. A Veteran, Ron joined the National Guard as a 17/18 year old. Then he served a tour in the a US Army. It seems like Ron is related to most of the old names of Brown County. His mother, Rhoda Pearl Roberts, was the daughter of Otha and Rose Elizabeth Annis Reeves Roberts. He told all of his relatives that his girlfriend was a Kentucky Girl.

For BC genealogy inquiries contact info.bcgenealogy@gmail.com.

DONATIONS

General Donations

Rob and Nancy Coulter

Helen L. Holdeman

Charles Handel

Barbara Livesey

Pete and Ginnvor Bullard

Board of Directors for Endowment Fund

Donations: August, September, October

In memory of Jeanette Richart Deckard Cemetery Association

Volunteers needed to host our monthly Pitch-In dinners. At least 3 couples are needed each month. Contact Marcia Sledd to sign up: mrsledd@icloud.com.

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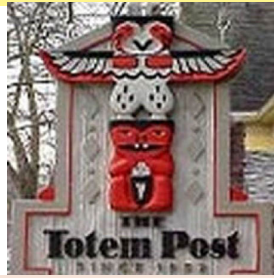
Th' election hain't very fer off when a candidate kin recognize you across th' street. -- Abe Martin



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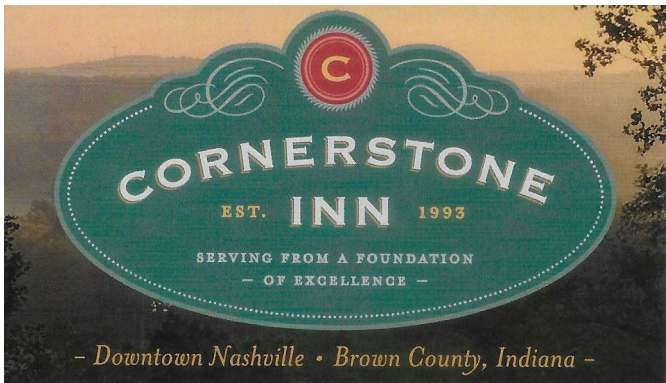


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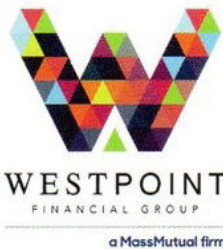
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Membership Application or Renewal

Benefits of Membership

- Informative and educational meetings throughout the year.
- Quarterly Society newsletter
- 10% off any gift shop purchase
- Association with others interested in historic preservation

Categories of Membership (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Student (under 18) -----	\$ 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Women -----	10
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual -----	20
<input type="checkbox"/> Family -----	35
<input type="checkbox"/> Business (business card size ad in newsletter & website) -----	100
<input type="checkbox"/> Life -----	1000

Name _____ New _____ Renewal _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Dues are payable January 1 of each year. Dues paid in the 4th quarter of the year will apply to the remainder of the current year and the next calendar year. Make check payable to Brown County Historical Society. Mail to: P. O. Box 668, Nashville, IN 47448