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2019 RCGS Programs

Remember we meet on the Second Saturday of the Month, 10:00 a.m., Rushville Public Library Basement Meeting Room

<u>August 10, 2019</u>- Field Trip to Allen County Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana Meet and carpool to Library. We will be given instruction on how to use the Library upon arrival.

<u>September 21, 2019</u>—Cemetery Scavenger Hunt—East Hill Cemetery, Willkie Days

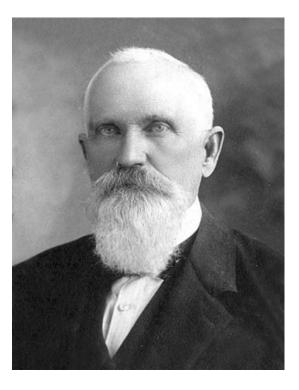
<u>October 12, 2019</u>—How to use Ancestry.com, Fold 3, Newspapers.com, etc. - Finding Ghosts in Your Family - Carol Jones, presenter.

<u>November 9, 2019</u>—Restoration Work on Ball & David Cemeteries -Joel David

> Election of Officers Membership Dues

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William Churchill

Anna Rebecca Bush Churchill

William Churchill was born in Richland Township on August 4, 1828, the son of Daniel and Nancy Street Churchill. He received an early school education and lived and worked on the family farm in Noble and Richland Townships until he was 30 years old when he moved to Rushville to engage in the grain business. Later he added an implement business for several years. Some years after, he disposing of this and he went into the lumber business for ten years and then retired.

He married Anna Rebecca Bush on October, 1872 and they lived in a large brick home at 413 N. Main Street in Rushville. The couple had two daughters: Ione who was married to Ned Abercrombie and then Edward Churchill. They lived at 1115 North Main Street. Daughter Kate married Lawrence Lovitt Allen, a local grocer. They lived on North Harrison Street in Rushville and later in McAllen, Texas and later moved to Burbank, California.

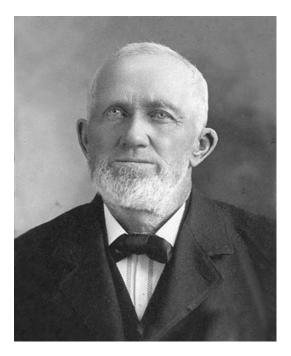
William was a member of the St. Paul M.E. church for forty years, member of the Masonic lodge and Odd Fellows.

When he passed away at age 81 years, it was said that the five Churchill Brothers were the five oldest brothers known: William was the oldest, Jefferson was 80, John W.:76, George: 73 and Milton: 66.

Mr. Churchill suffered a stroke of paralysis a year before in March before his death and later improved so that he was able to be out on the city streets a short time each day, but he never completely recovered. He had a second stroke the January 17, 1910 and never recovered. He passed away July 5, 1910 and was buried in East Hill Cemetery.



Home of William and Anna Rebecca Churchill, 413 N. Main



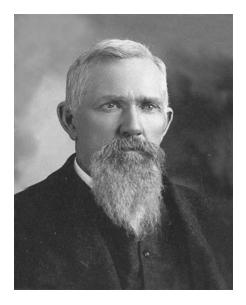
Jefferson Churchill

Brother Jefferson Churchill, well known resident of Rushville died June 21, 1914 in a hospital in Denver, Colorado after suffering a stroke of paralysis several weeks beforehand. He had been living with his son Earl in Denver since November of the previous year.

Jefferson Churchill was born in Richland Township on March 14, 1830 Which made him 84 years old at the time of his death. He was married to Miss Eliza Matilda Reeve on January 13, 1856 who passed away the year before on November 9, 1913. She was born in Rush County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Reeve. She suffered from gall stones, cancer of the liver and kidney trouble, dying at age 76. She was a member of the Main Street Christian Church.

When the couple first married, they settled on a farm in Richland Township and in 1864 they moved to a farm adjoining the City of Wabash. In early 1877, They returned to Rush County and located in Rushville.

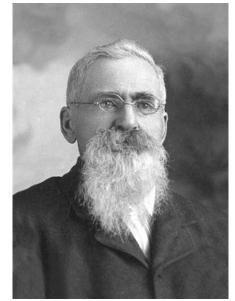
To the union was born four children: Lora M. Bechtol, Ernest M., Anna "Nannie" Bruce and Earl Reeves Churchill who was the only living child at the time of his father's death. The family home was at 421 North Morgan for thirty-six years where they took the body when he passed and he was buried in East Hill Cemetery.



John Wesley Churchill

John Wesley Churchill was born May 23, 1833 and died May 31, 1916 when he went out fishing on the Derby Green farm, northeast of Rushville. He was 82 years old and the cause of death was heart disease. His wife was Sarah Annie Mintner and they lived at 348 East Tenth Street. They had four children: Mrs. Viva (Walter) Conaway, Guy Churchill and Orley Churchill of Rushville and Edward Churchill of Texas. He was buried in the Orange Cemetery in Fayette County, Indiana.

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George T. Churchill

George Taylor Churchill was born October 28, 1837, the son of Daniel Churchill and second wife, Nancy Street and was a lifetime farmer in Rush County until he retired and moved to 878 Eugene Street, Indianapolis in 1906. He was married to Cynthia Ann Gwinnup on October, 1868. They had three sons: Omer T. Churchill, Oscar P. Churchill, W. Asabel Churchill and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Robbins. He died of mitral insufficiency on February 22, 1920 and he was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.



Milton Churchill



Clara Alesworth Churchill

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5 Churchill Brothers

Brother, Milton, was born November 11, 1843 near Andersonville, the son of Daniel and Nancy Street Churchill. He was well known in the Rushville and owned a grain business and a hardware store. Even when he moved to California, he made a visit to Rush County each year.

Milton was married to Clara Matilda Alesworth and they had two daughters, Mrs. Mamie (Ed) Mauzy of California and Mrs. Letta (George W.) Bartlett of Buffalo, New York. He died March 14, 1921 in Los Angeles, California and was buried at the Cathedral Mausoleum in Hollywood, Los Angeles, California. He died at the age of 78. The newspaper noted that all his brothers died at the age of 83 years old. His wife Clara passed away on June 12, 1928.

Harrison Smith Carney - Civil War Veteran

Harrison Smith Carney was born in Ripley County on August 18, 1838 – the only son of John D. and Sarah Smith Carney. At the age of 21, he enlisted in Company G, Fifty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry and took part in a number of important battles of the Civil War. In 1862 he was commissioned Second Lieutenant and seven days later was put in command of his company. He held this position the rest of his service in the company. After four years of service, he was honorable discharged.

He was elected sheriff of Rush County and served in that position from 1878 – 1882. At the end of his term, he moved to a farm in Noble township where he lived several years and engaged in farming. He then moved to Rushville and lived 26 years at 128 West Seventh Street until he died September 15, 1927.

Harrison was a member of the Main Street Christian Church. He and his wife, Eva Gertrude Downey had three children: Mrs. Orville Zimmer, Mrs. Claude Riggs of Connersville and Charles Garfield Carney of Noble township.

He was buried in Section 4 of East Hill Cemetery.



Our Mission:

To bring together those interested in the history and genealogy of Rush County