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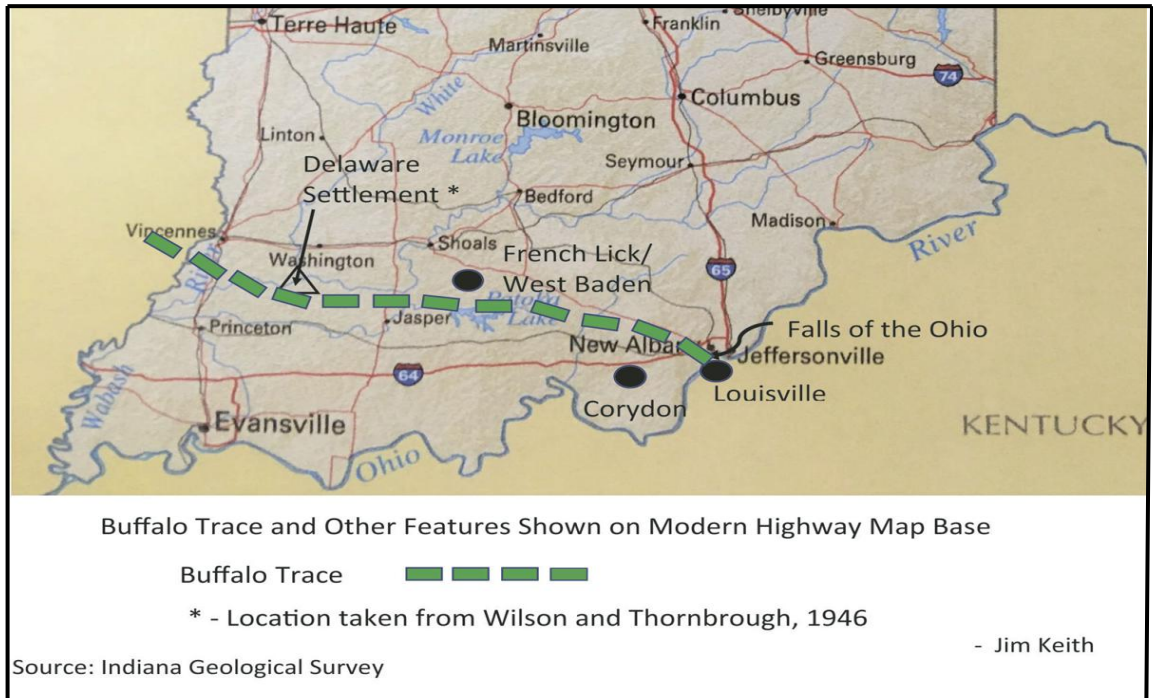
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The year ended on a buffalo note. David Ruckman was our keynote speaker at the Society's Fall Historical Event. He surveyed and documented the route the buffalo used for thousands of years during their migration through Indiana, notably through Southern Indiana and New Albany. It was interesting to learn one of the primary paths ran south of Coopers Landing along present-day Daisy Lane where it crosses Greybrook Lane. Boiling Springs Road crossed Fall Run Creek at West 8th Street. This was an offshoot used by the buffalo. For those not familiar with Boiling Springs Road, it's the present-day Old Vincennes Road. Construction of Boiling Springs Road was commissioned in 1823. It began at the west end of Spring Street on West 8th Street, crossed Falling Run Creek, then wound its way around the base of Silver Hills. It crossed present-day Cherry Street Hill Road at

the bottom of the hill. The portion of Boiling Springs Road from Cherry Street to Spring Street was officially closed in 1906.

A Full Plate of Louisville catered the event. Bison burgers and fried chicken sliders were the main fare. Again, the people from A Full Plate did an outstanding job. Members brought their favorite desserts. For the past several years we have awarded a prize to the individual with the best dessert. This year the prize was awarded to Angela Bowling for her Irish Cream Cakes. Angela kindly shared her recipe for everyone to enjoy. (Please see recipe page 2)

We thank Tom Childress for allowing the Society to use the Parnell Center for our event. We also thank Paula Stein, Pat & Irv Stumler, Bob & Rita Senn, Kelly Carnighan, and Bob Caesar for volunteering to set up the tables.

The Society hosted three events this year beginning with a reception at the Home of The Silver Hills Historical Collection in June, followed by the Jean Caesar pitch-in dinner in April, and the Buffalo Trace presentation in October. Over 360 attendees turned out for the events. By the end of November there were 198 members in the Historical Society.

The Society's annual membership meeting is always held at the October fall event. This was the year to elect the Board of Directors. Those nominated were Paula Stein, Pat Stumler, Jimmy Walker, Kelly Carnighan and Bob Caesar. There being no other nominees, a motion was made to elect those nominated. There was a second, and the nominees were unanimously elected. Rachel Gish was introduced as our new Treasurer, followed by the treasurer's report. As of January 1,

2020, after dues, donations and expenses, there is a balance of \$22,664.59 in the bank. (See statement enclosed)

At the November board meeting, the board voted to have a small marker installed documenting the location of the cemetery established in the 1850s by the McMullen family. The McMullen family owned all the property, that is present-day Crestview. The cemetery is located on Crestview Drive as one enters Crestview from Sunset Drive. It is still recognized today as an official cemetery.

The Silver Hills Historical Society was founded in October of 2012. We celebrated our seventh year in the fall. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Officers, we thank everyone for their support in making the Society an experience for all to enjoy.

Irish Cream Cakes

CAKES

- 1 box (18.5 oz.) white cake mix
- 2 small boxes of instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1-½ cups Irish Cream Liqueur
- 1 cup mini semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil

GLAZE

- 1 cup Irish Cream Liqueur
- 3 cups powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter and sugar small Bundt cake pans (cupcake size).

Using mixer, combine all cake ingredients and blend well. Pour into small Bundt cake pans. Bake 25-30 minutes or until cake springs back.

In a small mixing bowl, combine glaze ingredients and blend well

Remove cakes from Bundt cake pans and while the cakes are still warm, poke holes in the cakes and pour the glaze mixture over. Allow the cakes to cool at least 2 hours.

I use a Nordic Ware cake pan that makes 12 cupcake size cakes. I also use a squeeze bottle with a pointy tip to I can make sure the glaze gets inside the cakes.

I also butter and sugar the pans, instead of using shortening and flour. The butter and sugar gives the cakes a sweet crusty outside. And, since the recipe makes about 3 dozen little cakes and I only have one cake pan, the cake pan has to be washed and buttered and sugared after each dozen cakes are made. I have made the recipe using cupcake papers and cupcake pans. The end result are not as good as using little Bundt pans.

Angela Bowling

Gohmann Family Legacy *1913 - Present*

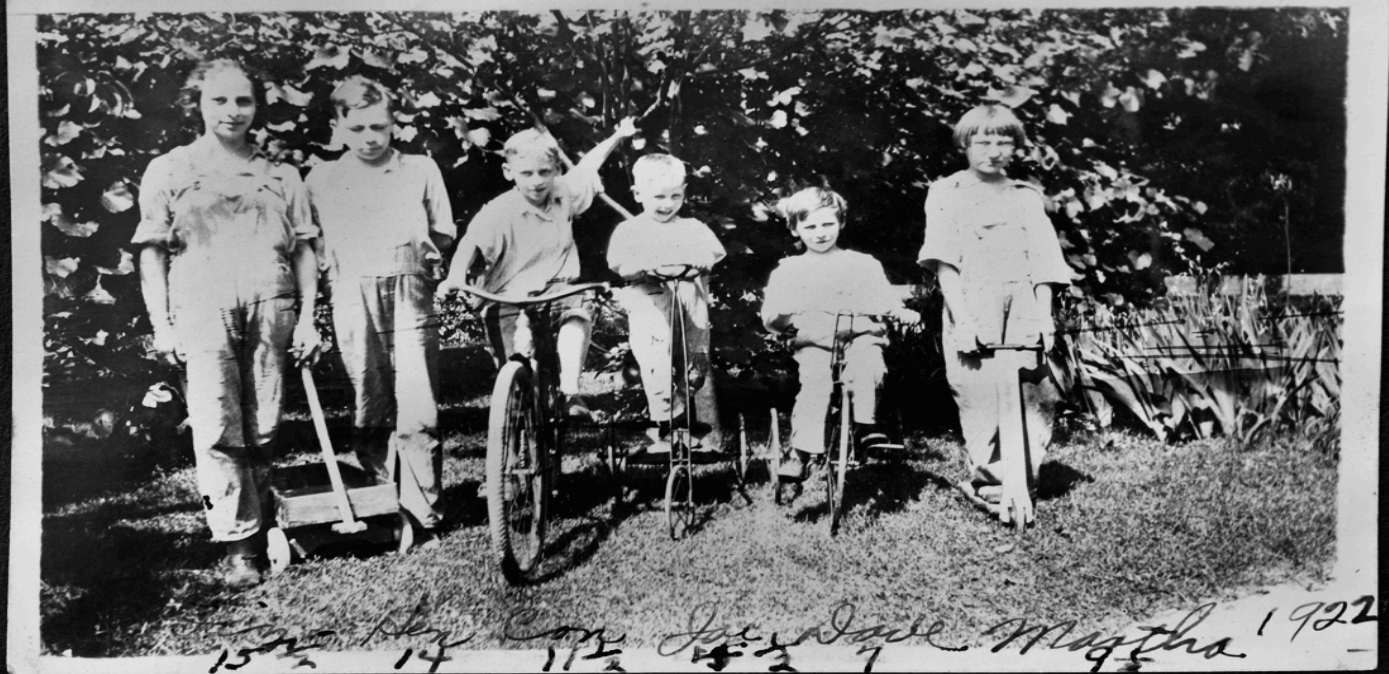
In the early 1880s, James V. Kelso and his wife, Ellen, purchased land in the Mary C. Tuley plat 223 from Seth Tuley. The property was located on Highland Avenue beginning at the house Seth and his wife built in the late 1860s to early 1870s and extending west to Camp Avenue and north to a line just south of Ridgeway. James and his wife had five children. Their only son, Charles Denton Kelso, chose to live on Silver Hills. Charles and his wife had six children. Of the six, two remained on Silver Hills. This established the Kelso family as one of the oldest families to live on the Hill. The last Kelso descendant, Denton Needham, and his wife, moved to Indianapolis.



On June 17, 1913, Frederick John Gohmann and his wife, Emma, of New Albany purchased the house and property on Riddle Road that belonged to Robert Hugh Courtney and his wife, Edomonia. Robert was born in Kentucky. His father and mother were from Pennsylvania. Robert worked in banking as a cashier and receiver. In 1905, Robert and his wife purchased

land from George W. Tuley described in the deed as being located on "Riddle Avenue", Silver Hills. It was at that location where the Courtneys built a lovely three-story house.

Fred and Emma moved their family into their new home, and gave it the name *Hawthorne Place*. A native of New Albany, Fred was born in



Elizabeth, Henry, Conrad, Joe, David and Martha. Eva Gohmann had not been born when this picture was taken.



1879. He began his education at St. Mary's elementary school, attended St. Xavier High School in Louisville, and the Jefferson School of Law. After practicing law for several years, Fred became an attorney for the Kentucky Title Company, which later became the Louisville Title Insurance Company. They had four of their seven children (Elizabeth, Conrad, Henry, and Martha) in tow when they moved to Silver Hills. Fred and Emma's other three children (David, Joseph and Eva)

were born not long after they moved into the Courtney house.

Some of the seven Gohmann children went off to college, some into the service, and a few moved off the hill then briefly returned then moved off again. David, Martha, Conrad and Eva lived most if not all their lives on Silver Hills. Eva was the youngest. She married John Edwin Stein of New Albany and



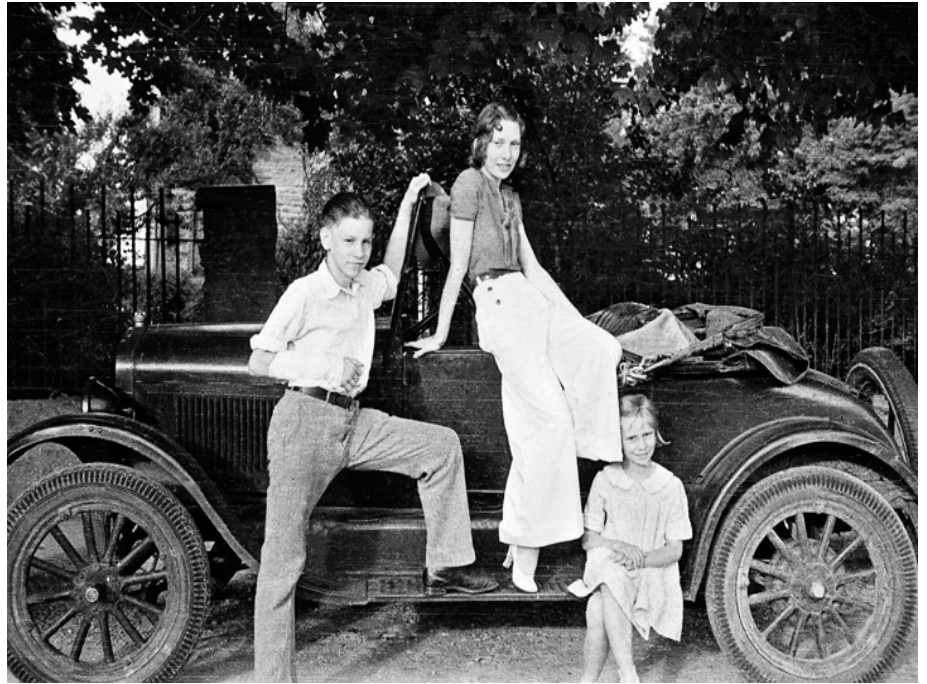
Photo upper left, Fred Gohmann with three of his children standing in the front yard. Photo above is an interior view of the front parlor and stairway.



Fred Gohmann waiting to board the Silver Hills trolley car along the tracks below his house.

raised nine children. David and Kathleen had four children, and Martha had two. Conrad became an ordained priest in the Catholic Church. He was affectionately known as “Father Gohmann”.

Henry Gohmann was involved in the purchase and running of the Silver Hills taxi bus. The bus was acquired shortly after the Silver Hills



Joe, Martha and Eva Gohmann posed on a 1920s Ford touring car. It appears the car is sitting in front of the Raymond Ellis house located on Riddle Road.

*Photographs
Courtesy*

*The
David E. Gohmann
&
Stein Family
Collection*

trolley car line ceased operation in 1932. Henry set up the schedule, which is on display at the Home of The Silver Hills Historical Collection.

Silver Hills has been home to 50 of the Gohmann descendants for well over 100 years. At present, 16 live on Silver Hills. The old Gohmann home, *Hawthorne*, can still be seen on Riddle Road.

Tribute To Sara Smith, Cecile McClure, and Elizabeth (Betty) Erni

Sara Smith

1933 – 2019

In a final tribute to the tragic house fire and loss of a historic home on Ridgeway that claimed the life of a beloved neighbor, Sara Smith, in January of 2019, Gregg Kiser Shope shared with us a drawing she made as a young girl when she and her family lived in the home from 1946 to 1973. Gregg was the daughter of Blanche and Raymond Kiser. Corene and Harold Barrett bought the property in 1900. The house was built circa 1903. The Kisers purchased the house from Corene Barrett in 1946. In 1973, the Kisers sold the house to Sara and Richard Smith. Gregg made a drawing of two side views of the house and wrote a darling poem in tribute to her beloved home, historically referred to as the *Shingles*. Gregg’s mother, Blanche, was affectionately nicknamed, “Puddle”.

I am 35.....You are 71.....

When you were 35
My year had just begun
You came into this house
To start a life anew
And in this great old house
My childhood memories grew.



You filled the steps with cokes
And filled my room with toys.
And I had bugs, snakes, dogs,
Cats, & other little "joys".

We rode the Puddle Jumper
Around the countryside.
And I thank you Puddle,
For staying by my side.



Gregg

Cecile Leigh (Clark) McClure

1926 - 2019



*Helen Stoy and Cecile Clark on Ridgeway Avenue
Circa 1930s*



*Cecile (Clark) McClure 2017
Ridgeway Event (Note the model T Ford)*

Cecile Leigh (Clark) McClure passed away August 29, 2019 at the age of 93. Cecile was born in Louisville, Kentucky April 29, 1926. Her parents were James R. and Margaret Clark. Her father worked for Ewald Iron Company of Louisville, founded in 1880. Her father and mother moved to Silver Hills in the early 1920s, where they first rented a house on Highland Avenue. In the mid-1920s they moved back to Louisville for a short while, then returned to Silver Hills in 1937, where they rented a house on Riddle Road originally built by William W. Tuley. William Beeler bought the Tuley property and house in 1912. The Tuley house was first located at the end of Riddle Road at the point overlooking the three falls cities. Sometime in the mid-1920s, Beeler moved the house two lots down the street to make way for a new house. It was the Tuley house the Clark family rented until they built their own at the corner of Highland Avenue and Riddle Road. In 1940, the Clarks purchased the property at the corner of Highland Avenue and Riddle Road, where they built a two-story house. Cecile and her husband, Mac McClure lived in her parent's home where they raised three children: Janet, Jeanne and James (Jimmy) McClure. Cecile lived the better part of her life on Silver Hills. Cecile was a heartwarming individual who cared about her neighbors and friends. She held a special place in her heart for the neighborhood children. Cecile knew all the kids on the hill by their first names as if they were her own. Knock on her door, and she always greeted you with a big smile filled with admiration and kindness.

When Wiley Ellis passed away in 1973, the McClures volunteered to help Margaret Ellis maintain the iconic Ellis Tennis court located across the street from the McClure house. The children of the tennis players who played tennis in the summer evenings would gather at the McClure home to play Kick the Can and Hide-and-seek. The tall stonewall around the property and large evergreens in front of the house made for great places to hide.

Sometime in the 1990s Cecile moved off the Hill but remained active in the Silver Hills Alpha Club. She returned for the Silver Hills Historical Society Ridgeway event in 2017. Cecile's spirit will always be remembered.

*Photograph of Helen Stoy and Cecile Clark
Courtesy New Albany-Floyd County Library
Stoy Collection*

Elizabeth (Betty) Erni

1926 – 2019

Elizabeth "Betty" Erni passed away in December 3, 2019 at the age of 93. In 1948 Betty married Joe Oscar Erni. Joe was the nephew of C. Pralle Erni of Silver Hills. Pralle Erni was the longest standing mayor in the history of New Albany, serving from 1948 to 1963. Pralle owned and operated the old New Albany Windsor Hotel. When he took office in 1948 he turned over the hotel to his nephew, Joe Erni. In 1956, Joe and Betty purchased property nestled back into the woods at the end of Adams Street on Silver Hills, where they built a lovely ranch style house. There, they raised three children, Alice, Joe and Pralle. In 1972, in the autumn of their lives, Betty and Joe moved south for the warm weather of Florida. Joe passed away in 2015. Betty returned to Southern Indiana to be near her two children, Alice and Pralle.

Looking Ahead

Open House and Reception Simon Fess Home & General Store Saturday, June 6, 2020

Simon Fess was born in 1868. He worked for the Southern Railroad. In 1907, Simon and his wife, Lulu, purchased 4 acres from John Owen Greene located on the south side of Knob Ave at Maple Lane. He moved his family into their newly built home March 8, 1908. The architecture resembles houses sold out of the Sears Roebuck catalog. Simon built a smaller house next door, where he operated a general store in the 1930s.

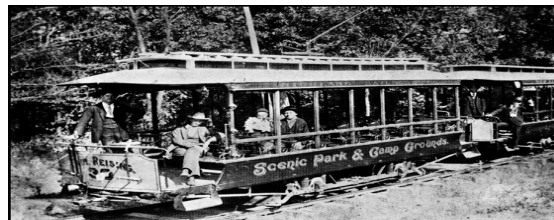


The Silver Hills Historical Society will host an open house at the home of Lari Ann and John Stein, originally the Fess home. The small house next door, once the Fess general store, will also be open for a tour. A private reception for Society members will be held in the evening at the Fess home, where hors d'oeuvres and entertainment will be provided. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, June 6, 2020. This will be a fun event for all to enjoy.

Jean Caesar Pitch-In Dinner Silver Heights Parnell Center April 2020

In collaboration with the Silver Hills Neighborhood Association, a pitch-in dinner will be held for the community of Silver Hills in April 2020. (Date to be announced) It will be a great opportunity to meet and greet your neighbors, and enjoy an evening with friends.

Fall Historic Dinner & Presentation Silver Hills Trolley Car Line 1891 – 1932 Silver Heights Parnell Center October 18, 2020



2019 Membership List

Mary C. Tuley (\$500 - \$2,000)

Caesar, Robert
Carnighan, Barbara & Kelly
Means, Mary (Terstegge)
Stein, Nicholas F.
Westbrook, Linda (Tuley) & Greg
Wilson, Elizabeth & Michael

G. W. Morrison (\$200 - \$499)

Brown, Helen & Ken
Cody, Peggy & John T.
Gohmann, Myra McCrickard & Steve
Knable, Al & Jessica
Wolf, Carla & Tom

Resident (\$100 - \$199)

Bedan, Fran & Rick
Breece, Susan & James E. III
Haywood, Rod & Linda Stein
Humphrey, Gary
Irvine, Rebecca & Robert
Janes, Julie M
Kelso, Robert
Manning, Ric & Jeannene
Mullineaux, Carrie & Dick
Pruitt, Betty.
Senn, Rita & Bob
Sonne, Irvin & Diane Stein, Nancy
Sprecher, Kirsten & Jeremy
Stinson, Daniel
Stumler, Pat & Irv
Tate, Patricia & Michael
Wolford, Mary Kay & Carl

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Riely, Frank
Smith, Don & Kathy
Stein, John E. Jr.

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Adams, Allen
Alpha Club
Anderson, Jim
Anshutz, Steve
Banet, Anne
Baker, Pam & Dan
Barksdale, David & Debbie
Barlow, Sue & Fred
Becht, Steve
Bedan, Fran & Rick
Blunk, Lorene & Richard
Bodner, Winnie & Louie
Bowling, Beth
Bregle, John E.
Britton, Eileen, Jerry & Thomas
Bundv. Marv Lvn

Bundy, Molly
Campbell, Deanna & Bruce
Cannon, Barbara
Cannon, Tom
Carnes, Margaret
Clear, Peter & Karen (Sanders)
Clere, Amy & Edward
Conlee, Peggy
Craig, Jan & Ron
Culwell, Diane S.
Denny, Joyce R.
Detenber, Cathy & Steve
Dodge, Victoria
Dukes, Holly & Jason
Edwards, Mary Helen
Ellis, Raymond Charles II
Ellis, Wiley William
Elsby, Robert & Ruth Ann
Endris, Nathan
Epler, Kent & Rick Milburn
Eplion, Cherie & David
Erni, Betty
Everbach, Nancy & George
Farrell, Stan
Farmer, Lois M.
Finn, Jill & Jerry
Freiberger, Janice
Folck, Douglas
Fry, Geneva & Jim
Gadjen, Pamela Baumann
Grace, Diana & Jack
Gilstrap, Tim
Gish, Rachel
Gohmann, Julie & Stan Farrell
Gray, Barbara (Baker)
Greckel, Fay E.
Gregorinci, Nancy (Ellis)
Grube, Nelson
Guarnaschelli, Monica & Dominic
Hall, Mary M.
Hamilton, Bob & Michelle
Hansford, Carol Sue
Hansford, Leslie Anne
Hardy, Gayle
Harris, Ethel & David
Hawkins, Lynn A.
Hess, Charlotte
Hess, Lois
Hobble, Joe
Hocker, Carol
Holland, Christine (Kelso)
Holwerk, Colleen & David
Hottois, Michael & Georgette Kleier
Houchen, Mary Ann
Huffaker, Alice (Sloan)
Jakoby, Gary & Kristina
Jenks, Richard & Ann
Johnson, Susan & Gregory

Kaelin, Suzanne
Kelso, Emilie
Kraft, Ben & Katie
Kraft, Dottie & Kurt
Kulaga, James
Lewis, Barb & Gerry
Limeberry, Barbara & David
Lindgren, Britt Marie
Lipps, Bobby
Livingston, Leslie
Lopp, Debra & John
Lorch, Vivian & Basil
Lyon, Suzanne
Maetschke, Sharon & Bill
Manning, Corrie & Evan
Mason, Kay
McClure, Cecile
McClure, Jimmy
McDonald, Linda & Ernie
Merida, Melissa
Meyer, Jason, Andrea & Family
Miller, Meegan & Kyle
Miller, Cynthia & Lawrence
Minnich, Alex
Minnich, Deborah A.
Murphy, Diane M.
Munroe, Susan & Richard
Naville, Stephen
Nobel, Amanda
O'Daniel, Deanna
Offit, Anne (Garner) & Ronald
Parker, Eloise Kelley
Peters, Pam & Kurt
Pinney, Maggie Galloway & Nathan
Price Hobbes, Christina & Tim
Proctor, Tiffany & Bryan
Quinkert, Andrew
Rahe, Steven
Randolph, Meghan & Kirk
Richards, Greg & Cindy
Rider, Barbara
Robinson, William & Donna
Roos, Tammy & James
Ruckman, David
Samsel, Sandra & Dennis
Schamel, Julie & Steve
Schellenberger, Anita
Schlagenhauf, Larry
Schremser, Tara & Chris
Schroeder, Marcia
Schultz, Mike & Jenifer
Seabrook, Mark & Ellen
Scott-Downs, Susan Jane
Shope, Gregg Kiser
Sidebottom, Janice & Jamie
Silvercrest Historic Villages
Smith, Don & Sid Spear
Smith, Ruth

Smith, Sara
Spears, Stella
Speed, Savanna & Thomas
Stark, Mary R.
Stein, Emma
Stein, Gail & Jim
Stein, Louis & Paula
Stein, Pete & Martha
Stern, Walt
Stewart, Christi & Scott
Streepey, Robert & Helen
Summers, Edward
Sutter, Katie & Chris
Tegart, Joseph
Thornton, Mary Anne
Trinkle, Lore & Bob
Tuley, Naydeen
Tyler, Scott & Alison
Walker, Susan & Jim
Wall, Bob
Wells, Joan & Bill
Whelan, Carol Gohmann
Whitus, Laura Whelan
Wilcox, Lynda & John
Wilkens, Nancy Rogers
Williams, Paul & Carolyn
Wilson, Linda & Bruce
Witt, Loretta
Witt, Linda K.
Wolfe, Alice (Erni) & Dietz

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