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May meeting:

The Anderson County Historical Society May meeting will be held May 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Clinton Public Library community room, the meeting is open to the public. The speakers for May are Tom and Sue Wright who portray President Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln. They will be in period dress and speaking on the Lincolns and civil war era history

Events:

Search Your Roots Saturday

Members of the Anderson County Historical Society will be available at the Clinton Library from 12 noon - 2pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month to assist your genealogical and historical research.

Next Search Your Roots Saturday is June 8th at the Clinton Library from 12 noon - 2pm.

Queries:

Gingerbread Home at 502 Strother Pl Clinton

This was my grandmother Mary Nell Williams's Gingerbread Home (Her name is on brass plaque at Clinton Library). Deed says built 1900, but we suspect that's because date is unknown. Full dimension lumber, balloon frame construction method, square (cut) nails, high ceilings both floors, L shaped. Fireplaces (3 chimneys, 5 mantelpieces) designed for coal.

My dream is to see ownership go to combination Senior Center and Historical Center. The built-on newer addition in back would need to be tripled for senior use. Unfortunately, the house requires renovation, but I think it would be possible with community support (Habitat for Humanity, fine option workers, etc.) and donations/discounts from building suppliers, HVAC, etc.

I'm looking for help to find out the date the house was originally built and a history of the house? I'd be happy to give a tour if interested. Thank you, William Williams, email: williams.wm.sk@gmail.com

Britton or Brittian Cross

I'm looking for the will of my third-great-grandfather Britton or Brittian Cross, who died in Anderson County 20 Nov 1825. His wife Mary "Polly" Parks Cross was appointed administrator in the Jan 1826 session of the County Court, according to a transcript of a TN Supreme Court case between the Crosses and Thomas Butler. The only records I can find begin in 1830. Do you know if the records I seek exist in your county? Many thanks, Charlotte Cross Crowder Durham, email: charlottedurham53@gmail.com

Honoring Those Who Honored Us with Their Lives

by Curt B. Witcher

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Memorial Day 2019 will be upon us in just a few weeks. As has been done previously in this newsletter over the years, I want to encourage all to use this holiday to actively pursue discovery of our military ancestors, just as actively preserve the documents that witness that service—that ultimate sacrifice, and present those stories of our military ancestors as part of our families' stories. There are an amazing number of online sources we can use to find our military heroes and heroines.

A sample of great United States military sites is listed in the following. Use this list to encourage and inspire your efforts to find ancestors who participated in the defense of our freedoms. Then continue on to find those ancestors who died in that defense.

- American Battlefield Trust's American Revolution Site
www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/american-revolution-faqs
- War of 1812 Pension Files
www.fold3.com/title/761/war-of-1812-pension-files
- National Park Service Mexican War Links
www.nps.gov/paal/learn/historyculture/links.htm
- Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System
www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm
- Spanish American War Centennial Website
www.spanamwar.com
- National World War I Museum
www.theworldwar.org
- World War II at History.com
www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/world-war-ii-history
- Korean War Veterans Memorial
www.koreanwarvetsememorial.org/the-memorial/
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
thewall-usa.com/names.asp
- National Gulf War Veterans Resource Center
www.ngwrc.org/

The above list represents far less than one percent of all the useful military sites available for free use on the Internet. The USGenWeb project contains many names and relevant military service information as do the following sites.

- The Genealogy Center's Our Military Heritage
www.genealogycenter.info/military
- National Archives--Research in Military Records
www.archives.gov/research/military
- National Cemetery Administration of the US Department of Veterans Affairs
m.va.gov/gravelocator

Pay sites add millions upon millions of additional records. Fold3.com continues to build upon its amazing

corpus of military records. The paths for pursuing one's military ancestors are many and increasingly robust.

Once information is gathered and organized, it is important to commit to preserving that data for future generations. And a part of preserving is presenting that organized data to libraries, archives, and other organizations committed to access and sharing. Increasingly, we all must do more proactively to ensure our military history and our families stories in which we place our military histories, are available for our grandchildren's great-grandchildren.

Pursue, preserve, present--honoring our military ancestors who gave their all.