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WCHS MEETING

7:00 pm
Tues. October 24
Elodie Opstad

WCHS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sat. at 9:30
Nov. 11

LCF COMMITTEE NO MEETING

Thanks for all your hard work on LCF 2017



October 26, 2017
5:45-7:30 p.m.

State Historical Museum of Iowa, 600 E. Locust St., Des Moines
Tickets \$10

Emily Godbey, associate professor of art and visual culture at ISU, will discuss the historic custom of Victorian death portraits. Veronica O'Hern, artist and Iowa Arts Council program manager, will discuss and demonstrate the lost tradition of "hair work" that was also popularized during the Victorian era. You can make small objects out of synthetic hair. Before the night is over, browse a death and funerary artifacts display.

WCHS GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m.



Elodie Reveals Indianola's History

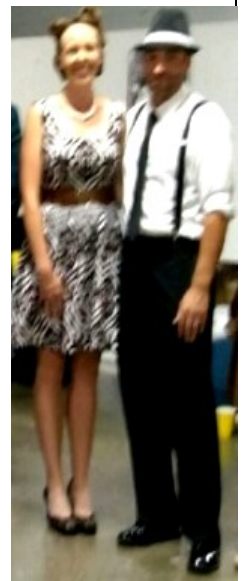
Elodie Opstad, monthly Columnist for *The Indianola Record Herald* and SHIP Counselor, will present our final program for 2017 on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00. She will share some of Indianola's early history with us. You will not want to miss what Elodie has to share.



Mark Putney winner of this year's LCF Quilt. We also want to thank Mark for once again being our auctioneer for our Pie & Cake Sale.

Barn Quilt Winners were Amy Schumacher and Karen Harder.

1940s Dance Costume Winners, new Indianola residents from Michigan



LCF Parade winners : Best of Theme—Warren County Child Abuse Prevention,

Merchants' Choice—A.J. Johnson and the Pink Fund,

Historical Best—Westview Care Center.



Thanks to Dan Porter, Dwight McCormick, Dick Labertew and Don Sandy for working as our Set-up, Tote, and Carry Crew.



WW II Veteran Duncan Leitch, Carrie Harris and Rex Young provided music during the LCF chicken noodle dinner.



Chainsaw



Greg Brangers made golf carts available at LCF for transporting people



Pie Auction

Cooks at work



WW II Veterans

1940s Costumes



Scarecrows

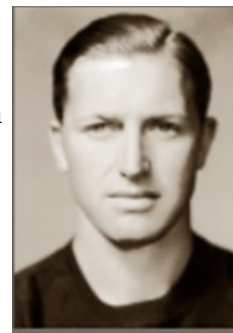


ADAM J. WALSH



Adam James Walsh IV was born on December 4, 1901 in Churchville, Jefferson Township, Warren County, Iowa. His father was Adam James Walsh III born in Churchville in 1862 and his mother was Stella Irene Koehler. He married Dorothy Fisher.

In 1907, Adam's father moved his clan to California. It was from there that Adam Walsh left his imprint on the football world as a player or coach at Hollywood High School, Notre Dame, Santa Clara, Yale, Harvard, Bowdoin and the professional Cleveland Rams.



Walsh was one of Notre Dame's Four Horsemen under Knute Rockne. He was their captain and the center -- one of the Seven Mules, as the linemen were tagged -- on that famous team coached by Knute Rockne.

"Elmer Laydon from Davenport and I were a couple of Iowa farm boys who came to Notre Dame together as freshmen and neither of us knew if we were in the right place on that campus.

"He was homesick and I felt I was over my head and I had no money, so neither of us unpacked for three weeks.

"We were pretty good -- for our day," Walsh said modestly in a telephone interview from his home in Brunswick, Maine, where at age 73 he lived in quiet retirement a few hundred yards from the pleasant campus of Bowdoin College.

"We were outweighed in every game we played and our weights seem ridiculous by modern standards because we averaged only 172 pounds or so.

"I was the heavyweight at 192 and yet we had more than held our own against the best teams in the land."

During the 1924 victory over Army, Adam played the entire game, defense and offense with two injured hands. *"Walsh was in terrible pain 58 minutes -- and never said a word to Knute Rockne," said the report. "He never made a bad pass from center. He intercepted a pass in Army's late fourth-quarter drive to save Notre Dame's slim lead and was credited with making or assisting in 75 per cent of all tackles made during the game."*

"Rockne repeatedly stated it was the greatest game he had ever seen a center play."

Written by Harold Yeglin in 1974 for Des Moines Register Iowa Sports Hall of Fame.

Graduating in Mechanical Engineering from Notre Dame, Walsh did not plan to coach. However, during Easter vacation of his senior year he began spring coaching at Santa Clara, CA and this turned into a full-time coaching job after his graduation.

After retiring from coaching, Walsh served two terms in the Maine House of Representatives as a Democrat and was appointed the U.S. Marshal for Maine under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. He died in a plane crash on January 12, 1985.

Walsh was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1968, the Helms Hall of Fame, and the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 1976. He was also named to the All-Time Southern California High School Team, the All-time Notre Dame Team, and the All-time Rose Bowl Team, The Des Moines Register's Iowa Sports Hall of Fame for 1974.

Resources: Des Moines Register, 1974; <http://athletics.bowdoin.edu/information/history/hall/walsh>; Wikipedia.com

Your chance to see Washington, Iowa's one of kind Brinton Collection of early silent movies made into an Iowa movie featuring Mike Zahs, who rescued these movies and stored them for 30 years. It was four years in the making at a cost of \$360,000.

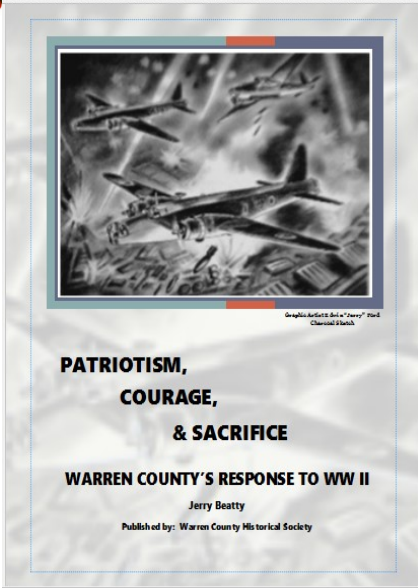
William Franklin Brinton lived the life of adventure from 1857-1919 as entrepreneur, inventor, and world traveler. He toured with silent films and joined the Chautauqua circuit. You can view this film Oct. 24, Lyric Theatre, Osceola or Oct. 28, Iowa Theatre, Winterset.

Mike Zahs, from Cedar Rapids Gazette, 9-02-2017



Patriotism, Courage, & Sacrifice

Warren County's Response to WW II



**Perfect for holiday
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This 400 page book contains biographical information about over 3, 200 Warren County WW II Veterans. There are over 800 photos . The study was based on over 100 taped and in person interviews as well as memoirs, family histories, and other materials. The index contains over 7,000 names.

The book is dedicated to the 102 Warren County Soldiers who lost their lives during WW II fighting for freedom. It highlights numerous activities on the homefront including : war bond and stamp sales, rationing, salvage drives, conservation, civil defense and the efforts of various groups and organizations.

You can purchase the book for \$45.00 at the Warren County Historical Society on Thursdays 9:00 to 4:00 or Saturday 9:00 to Noon. It can be mailed for an additional \$5.

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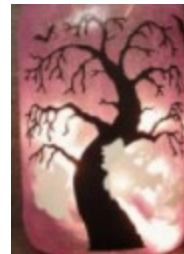
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St. MARYS GHOST LIGHT



The ghost light has been seen in the northeast corner of the southwest corner quarter Section 15 in Jackson Township. It is at the intersection of highways G50 and R45, one half mile south of St. Marys. This farm was known as the Storz or Brentano place.

In October 1872 the farm was owned by the Wallace family. Ms. Isabelle “Belle” Wallace was burned to death at age 22 in the mid-October farmhouse fire. Some think the light is a result of this tragedy.

People described the ghost light as being 15 to 20 inches in diameter, brilliant red in the center, shading to orange at the edge. Another description was rays of brilliant light, flashing from the edges. Sometimes it bounced down a lane or hung motionless.

In 1947 Roy Whitehead of Indianola, then 60 years of age, said he had not only seen the eerie light but also had heard its voice, “the voice of a lost earthbound soul.”

In 1938 Harry Berning, a farmer south of St. Marys was quoted as saying, “I don’t know just how many times I’ve seen it, but it’s been a lot. It will sort of float along over the edge of the field and now and then shoot up into the air. We don’t pay much attention to it any more.”

C.A. McNair, operator of the general store and café in St. Marys, recalled an incident which probably occurred in the 1930s: “I was driving an old model T...Somewhere along the road near the south edge of the Storz farm I glanced out of the car. I saw a light that I believe was The One. I sure stepped on the gas. I’ll bet that old car never traveled as fast before.”

From The St. Marys Ghost, Russ Wilson, **Des Moines Tribune, The Annals of Iowa**, Vol.37, Number 7 (Winter 1965), pages 610-614

In the book, Looking Back, Memories and Images, St. Marys, Iowa, Editor Jo (Croat) Beck included two Ghost Light Stories : The St. Marys Ghost Light, by John McNeer, pages 23-24 and Ghost of St. Marys by Carol Kubik, pages 24-25.

McNeer relates a story of his brother Bob staying with the Storz family one summer to help with the farm. Bob rigged a ghost light by hanging a 5 gallon bucket with a lantern on a pulley high in a grove of walnut trees. He also had a large wash tub on the ground that could make a thumping noise.

On nights when there was a large crowd of cars at the intersection he would manipulate his spooky light. When he thumped the washtub, the cars sped away.

In her Editor’s Note Jo, Beck said her father, Oliver Croat decided to trick Ghost Hunters by hiding in the ditch with a small light. As they approached, he bobbed the light up and down. This prank turned serious, when people in the car started shooting at him. He doused his light and laid low.

So what really happened? The Wallaces were Scotch Presbyterians and probably had difficulty making friends in the German Catholic St. Marys community. Belle was buried in Indianola.

The original light could have been lightening, some type of reflection of the moon, or swamp gas. Since we know of two pranksters Bob McNeer and Oliver Croat, I’m guessing there may have been more fun loving folks who continued the light prank.

For several years in the 1980s St. Marys held the Ghost Light Festival in September. They always had a great parade that went around the town twice.

WARREN COUNTY TIDBTS

From Chariton, by Newbern, Lacona, Planeville, and Hammondsburg, to Indianola, 32 miles and back once a week. United States Mail, Post Office Dept., Dec. 1, 1857, **The Washington Union**, (Washington D.C.) Jan. 16, 1858,

Just the Place for Landlords—Every hotel keeper in Indianola, Iowa, was elected to a county office, this fall. Whiskey must be an influential politician in Iowa. **Perrysburg Journal** (Perrysburg, Ohio) Nov. 24, 1859

Indianola, Iowa. Dec. 21.— On last Thursday evening, Mr. Peter Bourger a gentleman living near Caloma, (in Marion County) about four miles southeast of Felix Mills, having just been married was charivariated by some of the young men in the neighborhood. Among the serenaders were George Noeth and a Mr. Meshen, the latter being a young German, about twenty two years of age, who had been working for Mr. Norman Swesey. While playing with a revolver, which he had in his hands, Mr. Noethe accidentally discharged it, the ball hitting Meshen and entering the left side, above the hip. The wound was considered a dangerous one, but whether serious results have followed it or not we have not heard. Mr. Meshen was attended by Dr. Cooper of Schonburg. **Quad-City Times** (Davenport, Iowa) Dec. 22, 1877.

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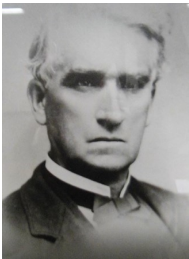
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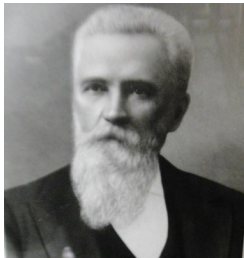


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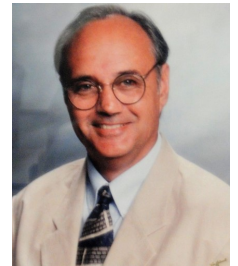
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1864 Lewis Todhunter	1881 E.D. Samsen	1911-13 J.W. Slocum	1964-1967 Harvey L. Fetters
1865 Robert Longshore	1882 W.H. Schooley	1914 ?	1968-1971 A.L. Miner
1866 Lewis Todhunter	1883 L.L. Mosher	1915-16 John J. Orr	1972-1975 George W. Hladky
1867-68 R.T. Merrill	1884 Edward Hall	1917-18 J.N. Weldin	1976-81 Kenneth E. Smith
1869 E.W. Hartman	1885 Edd R. McKee	1919-22 J.W. Slocum	1982-1987 Irene Richardson
1870-71 J.J. Cozad	1886 I.L. Eno	1923-24 E.C. Kent	1988-1994 George W. Hladky
1872 E.W. Perry	1887-1898 P.P. Henderson	1925-30 N.D. Gordon	Nov. 1994-Feb. 1995 Larry Johnson (Hladky elected Warren County Supervisor and Johnson was Mayor Pro Tem. Appointed to fill out Hladky's term.
1873-74 George Collings	1899-1900 J.F. Hendrickson	1931 -32 C.C. Briggs	1995-2009 Jerry Kelley
1875 Edward Hall	1901-02 W.H. Schooley	1933-38 N.D. Gordon	2010-2013 Kenan Bresnan
1876-77 W.F. Powell	1903 B. F. Clayton	1939-1944 W.M. McGee	2014 Kelly B. Shaw
1878 Charles Swan Litzenberg	1904 W.H. Schooley	1945-48 H.D Perry	
1879-80 John W. Howard	1905-06 B.F. Clayton	1949-1953 L.H. Myers	
	1907-8 E.W. Hartman	1954-61 D.W. Dayton	
	1909-10 C.L. Price	1962-1963 E.K. Polson	

VENTILATOR FOR MINING-SHAFTS.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 261,466, dated July 18, 1882.

Application filed May 11, 1882. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, CHARLES SWAN LITZENBERG, of Indianola, in the county of Warren and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ventilators for Mining-Shafts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view of a mining-shaft to which my invention has been applied, and Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

This invention relates to certain improved means for the ventilation of mining and other shafts to which pure air is difficult of access, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings hereto annexed, A represents a vertical section of a mining-shaft, in which is constructed a vertical partition, B, extending from the top nearly to the bottom of said shaft, which is thus divided into two sections, C D, of which the former, which I term the "man-hole," is smaller than the latter, which is called the "bucket-hole." Directly over the man-hole is built a stack, E—say thirty feet in height, and having a door, F, at its lower end to admit the miners.

G is a pipe, one end of which is connected to a boiler or steam-supply. The pipe G enters the stack E above the door F and extends to near the center of said stack. It is then turned upward and provided with a nozzle, H. Suitably-arranged cocks may also be provided for regulating the steam-supply.

The operation of my invention will be readily understood. When steam is turned on through the nozzle H an upward suction or current is created in the compartment C of the shaft, as a consequence of which a downward current or draft of pure air takes place through the compartment D, from whence it passes up through compartment C. The shaft is in this manner kept freely ventilated. Access to the man-hole C is had through the door F.

My improved method of ventilating shafts is, as will be seen, exceedingly simple, and can easily be carried into effect.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

1. A shaft provided with a vertical partition extending from the top to near the bottom of said shaft, in combination with a steam-nozzle arranged in one of the compartments thus formed for the purpose of creating an upward current in the same, as set forth.

2. A mining or other shaft having a partition, B, extending vertically from the top to near the bottom, in combination with the stack E, built over and forming an upward extension of the smaller of the compartments thus formed, and provided with the door F, and steam-supply pipe G, having nozzle H, as and for the purpose set forth.

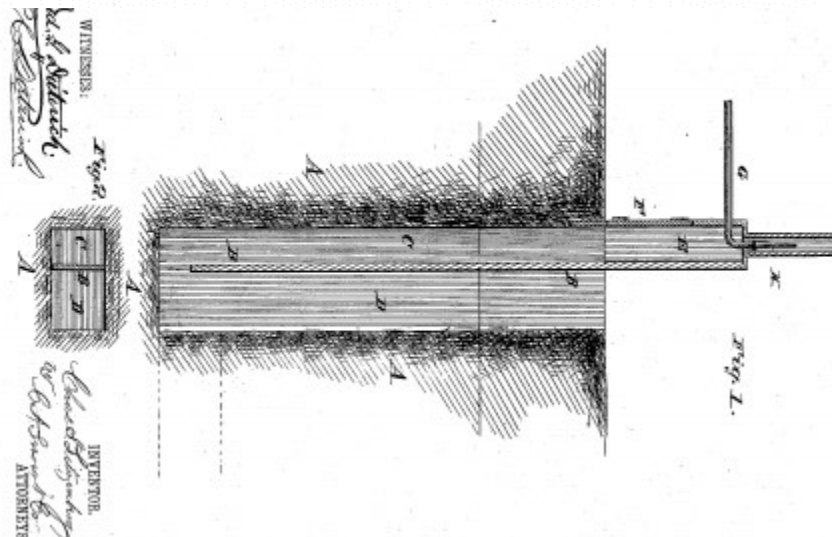
In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

CHARLES SWAN LITZENBERG.

Witnesses:

H. T. METCALF,
J. H. CARRUTHERS.

Diagram of Litzenberg's invention



(No Model.)
C. S. LITZENBERG,
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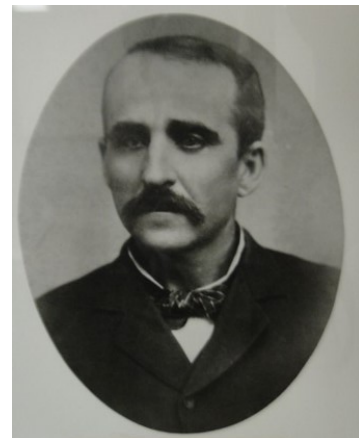
Charles Swan was born to Hiram and Mary (Swan) Litzenberg in Morgan, Ohio July 29, 1834. He was left an orphan, when his father died in 1835. He lived with his paternal grandparents, Simon and Ann Litzenberg, and attended public schools and Kenyon College at Gambier, Ohio. In 1852 he came to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, here he remained until October 11, 1861, when he enlisted in Co. G 4th Iowa Calvary. Detached as wagon-master 1st Battalion January 1st to June 30, 1862 and afterward as regimental and brigade wagon-master. Re-enlisted and re-mustered December 12, 1863. Mustered out with his company on August 8, 1865 at Atlanta, Georgia. Charles was a member of James T. Randolph G.A.R. Post #116 in Indianola.

He came to Indianola after the war and married Elizabeth M. Henry on March 11, 1868. Elizabeth was born in Pennsylvania to Richard and Jane Henry.

He farmed and in 1869 went into the hardware trade. In the 1880 Census it says he was in the Boot and Shoe Trade. In 1878 he served as Indianola Mayor. On opposite page is a 1882 patent he took out on a mine ventilation shaft. In 1900, according to the census, he sold insurance. He was a Justice of the Peace for four years and served as town Marshal.

He died on September 28, 1911. His son Charles Swan, Jr., who worked at the Indianola Electric Utility, died a year later.

Charles Swan Litzenberg



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