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Midwest Fabric Study Group Assists with CCHS Quilt Collection

This July, Cass County Historical Society is hosting a traditional “bed turning” event at Cass County Museum.

During the event, members of the Midwest Fabric Study Group and CCHS Staff will display and educate attendees on the significance of the quilts in the CCHS collection.

The Midwest Fabric Study Group was founded in 2002, their mission is to research and discover the history, stories and meanings behind historic quilts.

The CCHS quilt collection is currently being cleaned by trained volunteer, Teresa Fields. After the event, our quilts will be properly stored in cotton bags inside archival boxes. The quilts will thereafter be available for guest viewing on a rotational basis at Long Home Museum.



CCHS Volunteer Teresa Fields cleans one of our quilts.

The mission of the Cass County Historical Society is to collect, preserve and share Cass County Indiana history.

Museum Hours:

Long Home Museum

1004 E. Market, Logansport
1 - 4 PM Thursday - Friday &
First Saturday of the Month
\$5 Adult Admission

Cass County Museum

Castaldi Family History Center
421 E. Broadway, Logansport
10 AM - 4 PM
Tuesday - Thursday

***Both Museums are Closed in
January for Cleaning & Exhibit
Maintenance***

GIVING OPTIONS

***Send your charitable, tax
deductible donation to any of
the following.***

Cass County Historical Society
421 E. Broadway
Logansport, IN 46947

**The Charles P. Schaefer
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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Summer Greetings Society Members,

I hope our second quarter newsletter finds everyone healthy and happy, enjoying fair weather (usually), time with kids off from school, family vacations, beautiful flowers and green gardens...all the things that make summertime in Indiana so wonderful.

Work continues on our museums. Cleaning, organizing, assessing collections and exhibits, sorting and moving items. We have had quite an influx of exciting new artifact donations, some will be going on permanent exhibit later this year. We have been serving between 10-20 guests each month with history or family research in the *Castaldi Family History Center* at Cass County Museum (CCM). Jill and I stay very busy as the only staff manning our two locations.

We still have two very important efforts ahead: completing the remodel and provision of experiences at Cass County Museum and restoration of the historic Long Home Museum site. Most of the planning and groundwork needed to create, repair or otherwise provide these experiences has been completed. Now we just have to pay for it! I encourage everyone to please visit our website casscountyhistory.org. All information related to the ongoing work of our organization can be found under the "Our Museums" tab. For those who have not been to our museum and seen them in person, our final floor and initial exhibit plans for CCM are also available for viewing on the page.

We have distributed our 2024-2025 investor packets to potential investors in our effort. Copies of the packet are available at CCM for anyone interested in helping fund or spread the word of our good work and worthy mission. Thank you!

Heather Fouts

Heather Fouts
CCHS Executive Director



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

***The Confluence* Subscription \$25**

Includes one year of the CCHS quarterly newsletter mailing featuring the latest information on program offerings, museum development and local history stories of interest.

Individual \$50

Includes one year of benefits for one person. Benefits include admission to both museums, subscription to CCHS quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, 10% discount on museum gift shop merchandise, invitation to members only events and discounted or free admission to select special events.

Household \$100

Includes one year of benefits for two adults and all children under age 18 in the household. Benefits include admission to both museums, subscription to CCHS quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, 10% discount on museum gift shop merchandise, invitation to members only events and discounted or free admission to select special events.

Sustaining Member \$100

Includes one year of benefits for one person. Benefits include admission to both museums, subscription to CCHS quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, 20% discount on museum gift shop merchandise, invitation to members only events and discounted or free admission to select special events.

Benefactor \$500

Includes up to 5 Household or Sustaining Member Level Memberships, assigned to intended recipients at time of purchase. Annual benefits include admission to both museums, subscription to CCHS quarterly newsletter *The Confluence*, 20% discount on museum gift shop merchandise, invitation to members only events and discounted or free admission to select special events.

Thank you for considering membership to our organization.

Your annual paid membership helps us provide museum admission and services to all children and students free of charge.

Membership this Quarter

Hiram & Posie Fouts

William Franklin

Gerald Keisling

Curtis & Angela (Castaldi) Weitnauer

Gene & Linda Isaacs

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LEGACY SPEAKER

Cass County Legacy Speaker Event: Jerry Miller ~ The Landis Family

In May we hosted our fourth Cass County Legacy Speaker event at Cass County Museum. The Legacy Speaker events are an ongoing series of free public “history lessons” provided by talented and knowledgeable members of our community and other special guests.

Jerry Miller serves as CCHS docent at the Long Home Museum every Thursday 1-4 PM. To help pass time between museum visitors, Jerry began reading some of the books we have available in the museum gift shop.

While reading *From Pilgrimage to Promise: Civil War Heritage and the Landis Boys of Logansport, Indiana*, written by Lincoln Landis, pub. 2006, Jerry learned more about the family. Of specific interest were the five Landis brothers: Walter, Charles, John, Kenesaw and Frederick, each having their own interesting story to tell.

Most well-known of the brothers was Kenesaw Mountain Landis, named after the Civil War battlefield where his father Abraham survived a ricocheted cannonball shot to the leg. Among other achievements, Kenesaw became the first Commissioner of Baseball in 1920.

CCHS collected a video of Jerry’s lesson and commentary on the Landis family. We are working to find assistance editing the collected content to create educational videos of each event and topic. Once complete, the lessons will be available on our website for free public viewing.

If anyone is able to volunteer assistance with the creation of museum video content, please contact us at info@casscountyhistory.org.

We appreciate Jerry’s service as our Thursday docent at Long Home and for taking the time to learn about and speak on one of the most influential families in Cass County. Thank you, Jerry & Ann for your long time support of our organization!



Legacy Speaker Jerry Miller presents his lesson on the Landis family of Logansport, IN at Cass County Museum on May 31, 2024.

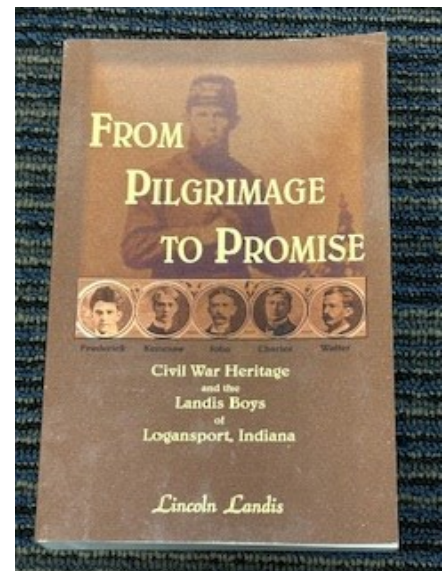
LEGACY SPEAKER



Cass County Historical Society Executive Director, Heather Fouts shares a cannonball artifact with guest George Stephenson during the event. The artifact is believed to be the same cannonball that injured Dr. Abraham Landis during the Civil War battle at Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia in 1864.

From Pilgrimage to Promise: Civil War Heritage and the Landis Boys of Logansport, Indiana is available for purchase at both CCHS museums or online at casscountyhistory.org

To suggest a Cass County Legacy Speaker topic or presenter, please email info@casscountyhistory.org



Left: The Landis family home as it once was on the corner of Market and 18th Streets, Logansport.



Right: The Landis brothers - clockwise from left: Charles, Kennesaw, Fredrick, Walter and

CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY

Doing the Right Thing: Remembering Charles Burks

Jill Snyder

CCHS Program Manager & Contributing Author

In 2008, Logansport native Charles Burks received the *Spirit of Justice* award from the Indiana Civil Rights Commission. The story of his life and achievements positively impacts the city of Logansport and Cass County. Charles was a central figure from the beginning of social integration.

Charles was born in Monon, Indiana in 1922 where he lived during his childhood. In 1940, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corp. He served as a B-17 bomber pilot in Europe. He was shot down in 1944 over Brussels, Belgium. Second Lt. Burks was captured by the Nazis and sent to Stalag Luft #3 near Sagan, Germany. The POW camp had interned over 6,667 Americans and living space was limited.

Charles was imprisoned for 381 days when he escaped with three other pilots in 1945. It took them 37 days to reach the American lines. During their trek across enemy territory, they survived on potatoes found in farm fields. Since they had no contact with German civilians; they took whatever they found.

Charles recalled in an interview, "There were times we had not eaten for days. I love potatoes, they saved my life."

After the war in 1945, Charles married Betty (Smith) Burks in Arizona and moved back to Logansport, IN to begin a career in law enforcement. Charles worked for the Logansport Police Department for 5 years. During this time, he was instrumental in preventing a bank robbery in Walton, In. Charles shot one of the perpetrators three times and assisted in the capture of the other. One got away (as reported by the 1947 article in the Pharos Tribune.) All three of the robbers were from Indianapolis.

Charles advanced to position of U.S. Marshal and worked various posts throughout northern Indiana and Eastern Illinois.

In 1960, Charles was a Deputy Marshal working at the Hammond, IN post and also a member of the special operations group trained to deal with the integration of national schools.

The Washington D.C. Federal Marshal office called on him to be in New Orleans in the fall of 1960. Charles was among twenty federal marshals that went south. He was assigned to escort six-year-old Ruby Bridges to William Franz Elementary, an all-white school.

On November 14, 1960, he and three other marshals drove to Ruby's house. They took Ruby to her first day of school. As the four marshals guarded her at the school entrance, protesters were calling names and throwing eggs. Charles described Ruby as keeping her chin up and acting not afraid. The marshals stayed the entire day watching parents bring their children in and leaving with them by the back door.

The school was empty that day except Ruby and the marshals. Most teachers did not want to instruct the Black children and were hateful of the



Above: The now- famous scene of marshals escorting 6 year old Ruby Bridges at school.

CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY

Left: Norman Rockwell in his studio painting 'The Problem We All Live With', 1963, oil on canvas, 36 x 58 inches. Illustration for *LOOK Magazine*, January 14, 1964. Norman Rockwell Museum Collections. ©NRELC, Niles, IL.

Right: Ruby Bridges and Charles Burks reunite to promote the 2013 Indianapolis Children's Museum exhibit: *The Power of Children*, which shares Ruby's story alongside stories of other courageous children like Ryan White and Anne Frank. Photo ©USA Today September 6, 2013.



new laws. One teacher stepped up to teach Ruby named Barbara Henry from Boston, MA. Charlie and the three other marshals had a tough and highly unpopular assignment but later they were recognized for their act of courage and duty.

Charles continued assisting with integration at the University of Mississippi and other universities in Alabama and Georgia. Charles retired after 20 years of service in law enforcement and returned to Logansport, In.

In later years, Ruby Bridges met with the marshals on two special occasions. The first time was in 1995 and the second was in 2013 at the Indianapolis Children's Museum of Indianapolis for filming of content for their permanent exhibit called *The Power of Children*. Burks was ninety-one at the time and the only one of the four marshals who was still alive. Ruby stated to Charles, "Thank you, Charlie, for doing what was right at the time when it might not have been the easiest thing to do."

This achievement bestowed Charles with the *Spirit of Justice* award in 2008. This is the highest level of honor from the Indiana Civil Rights Commission. Burks said escorting Ruby was the highlight of his career and he supported the 1954 landmark Supreme Court decision that struck down segregation in public schools. Charles passed away on June 19th, 2017, at the age of ninety-five. He is buried at Ever-Rest Memorial Park. His life exemplified that one person's deeds can affect so many, even across the nation.

The scene of the marshals escorting Ruby into school was immortalized in the famous painting by Norman Rockwell, *The Problem We All Live With* (1963). Norman Rockwell is known for painting idyllic images of American life in the twentieth century. *The Problem We All Live With*, painted for *LOOK* magazine, is a visual commentary on segregation and the problem of racism in America. The painting depicts Ruby's courageous walk to school on that November day. She dutifully follows Charles and the other deputies past a wall smeared with racist graffiti and the juice of a thrown tomato. The canvas is arranged so that the viewer is at Ruby's height, seeing the scene from her perspective. The painting lives in Stockbridge, MA in the Norman Rockwell Museum's private collection.

2024 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

CASS COUNTY MUSEUM

421 East Broadway Street, Logansport, IN 46947

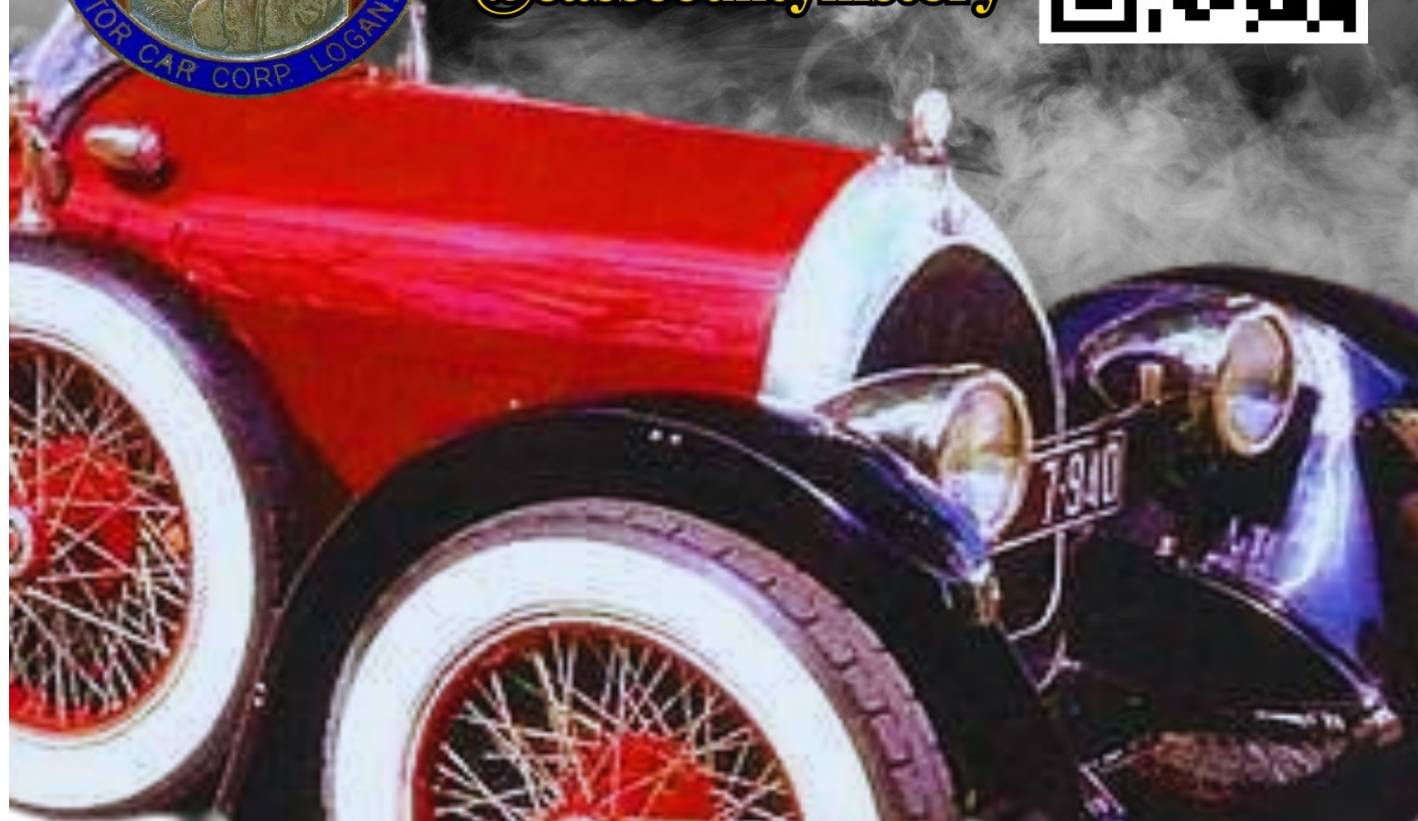
Cass County Historical Society is remodeling the South Gallery at Cass County Museum into the permanent exhibit home for the 1920 ReVere Tourer automobile.

Please consider donating to our Annual Campaign to assist with the success of this effort. The vehicle is currently on temporary exhibition at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. With your help, we will bring the ReVere home. Mail donations to address above or donate online using the QR code below. Thank you for supporting Cass County Historical Society!



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2024 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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*Donors contributing \$5,000 or more
may choose to have their name
displayed on an engraved donor
recognition panel inside our North
Gallery Vault display at the Cass
County Museum.*

Initial display will be installed Fall 2024 then updated annually.



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Campaign donations do not include membership.**

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2024



See the ReVere!

Visit the ACD Auto Museum this year and see our **incomparable** 1920 ReVere Tourer on temporary exhibit while we plan and build its permanent new exhibit space at the Cass County Museum.

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New Content Coming Soon!



Cass County Quilts: Two Centuries of Beauty & Function

July 18, 2024 10 am - 12 pm

Cass County Museum

421 E. Broadway Street, Logansport

Please join CCHS and the Midwest Fabric Study Group for a traditional *Bed Turning* event showcasing Cass County's fine quilt collection.

\$15 per guest. Seating is limited.

Tickets available online: casscountyhistory.org