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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 ReVeré 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 ReVeré home. Mail donations to address above or donate online using the QR code below. Thank you for supporting Cass County Historical Society!

REVERE
1920 TOURER
CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Photos taken of ReVeré, currently on public display at Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum located in Auburn, Indiana.



Cass County Historical Society kicked off our 2024 Annual Campaign on December 7, 2023 (See page 11). We continue to progress steadily toward our goal of providing two quality history museum experiences in Logansport, preserving and sharing our fascinating history with all who visit.

Much of what has been achieved recently toward this effort is not super visible, so we appreciate your patience as we complete the necessary groundwork for the more exciting developments ahead. Please see our *State of the Society* update, available now on our website, to read details of the investments made in 2023 toward our mission to collect, preserve and share Cass County Indiana history.

We have two large projects on our agenda for 2024: Building the ReVeré exhibit at Cass County Museum and restorative repairs needed on Long Home Museum's roof. With the support of this community, we will achieve both endeavors.

Thank you for your support!

Temporary public exhibition of the 1920 ReVeré Tourer automobile at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, IN has been extended through April 2025.

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

Happy Spring! I hope our first issue of this year's newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy in the new year! CCHS is set in 2024 to continue provision of new program, exhibit and event opportunities, helping share the rich history of our county.

Work continues on providing the new Cass County Museum experience downtown while also maintaining the historic Long Home Museum.

Beginning with provision of the ReVere exhibit space, CCHS is ready to start the physical remodel of interior spaces at Cass County Museum later this year. We also have some very important repairs to make on the Long Home Museum roof this year that will preserve the irreplaceable pressed metal decorative roof trim and prevent further moisture damage from occurring.

We have a long road still ahead of us with the giant undertaking of providing and caring for both museums, but it's the right thing to do. Cass County has the people, the history and the artifact collection to merit such a commitment. So much has already been achieved (most of it behind the scenes) this past year to improve our preservation methods and museum operations. We keep moving forward!

I understand there are still many who still question *what the heck* we are up to! I invite anyone who is still curious (or critical!) of our work to please visit us, get involved. I am happy to meet you, listen to your stories and provide *in person* tours of what CCHS is physically doing to achieve proper collection management and creation of better museum experiences at the two museum locations we manage.

Heather Fouts
CCHS Executive Director

FIRST SATURDAYS
AT THE
LONG HOME MUSEUM

First Saturday of each Month
1004 E. Market St. 1 - 4 PM
Free Admission & Activities

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

Tom & Peggy Perrone

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William Franklin

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SPRING EVENTS

Easter Bunny Returns to Long Home Museum



The Easter Bunny returned a little early this year to meet guests in the Parlor of the Long Home Museum, 1004 E. Market St., Logansport on the First Saturday, March 2, 2024.

CCHS Program Manager Jill Snyder and CCHS Board of Trustee members Claudia Benn and Rich Voorhees hosted just under 50 guests for photos, treats and museum tours.

We invite families to please take pictures with our special seasonal guests using their own phones or cameras. Please contact Voorhees Studio regarding any photos taken by Rich, as CCHS isn't legally allowed to publish pictures of children in our newsletter without exclusive written consent from the parents.

We talked to Mr. Bunny and he said he'd like to help support our cool First Saturdays program at the Long Home Museum every year! He plans to come see us again next year on First Saturday, April 5, 2025, 1-4 PM. Save the Date!



Above: Easter Bunny says "Hello!" in front of museum.

Program Manager Jill Snyder and Trustee Claudia Benn pose in the parlor prior to hosting March 2, 2024.



SETTLERS & IMMIGRANTS

The Other Great Migration

Michael Stajduhar

CCHS President, Board of Trustees & Contributing Author

The massive migration of African-Americans from the Deep South to northern metropolitan areas during the period from 1940-1965 is well-known and has generated much popular and scholarly literature. Less well-known is the other internal migration to northern industrial areas from greater Appalachia during the period from 1920-1965. White Mountaineers from West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee moved to industrial towns like Akron, Dayton and Middletown in Ohio, Anderson and Elwood in Indiana, and Flint in Michigan.

They also came to large urban centers like Detroit and Chicago, where they established enclaves like the Detroit suburbs of Madison Heights and Sterling Heights and the K-Town neighborhood on the northwest side of Chicago.

Recent books such as *Hilly Elegy* by Senator J. D. Vance and *Hillbilly Highway* by Max Fraser have finally told this tale. Highways have always been a part of this story, from Route 119 which took West Virginians north to Akron and Interstate 75, which was the route residents of Michigan took when they returned home to Kentucky and Tennessee.

Like Ohio and unlike Michigan, this 20th Century Appalachian migration reinforced the Scots-Irish and Border English element introduced into the central Midwest population during the first half of the 19th Century. However, unlike the earlier wave, which consisted largely of farmers, the 20th Century migrants ended up working mostly in manufacturing, especially for the automotive industry.

This migration affected north central Indiana, including towns such as Kokomo, and even Logansport. My wife's step father, Dr. Gardner Abner, was born in Pike County, Kentucky and grew up in southern Indiana, before finally planting roots in Logansport.

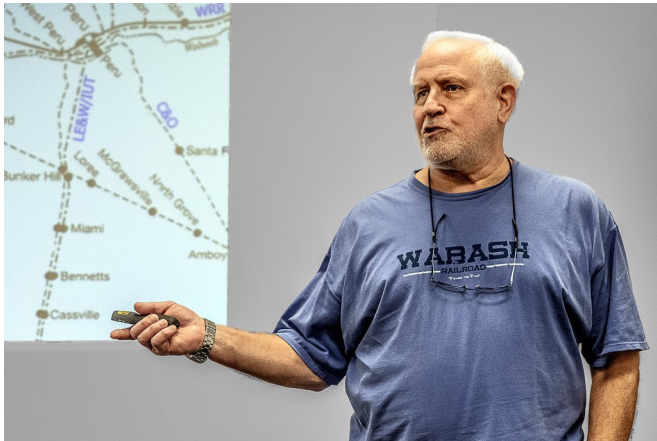


Map depicting the “Hillbilly Highway.” Source: Google Images.

New Exhibit! : *Settlers & Immigrants* debuting at Long Home Museum in 2024!

LEGACY SPEAKER

Cass County Legacy Speaker Event: Craig Berndt ~ Cass County Railroads



Saturday, February 10, 2024, Cass County Historical Society hosted 48 guests during Craig Berndt's free lesson and PowerPoint presentation on Cass County Railroads.

The event was held in the North Gallery classroom at the Cass County Museum located at 421 E. Broadway Street. Guests enjoyed Craig's lesson, conversation and light refreshments.

Special thank you to Craig Berndt who provided the presentation and all materials for the lesson. He also shared a copy of his materials for museum guests to access in the Castaldi Family History Center, our research library at the Cass County Museum.

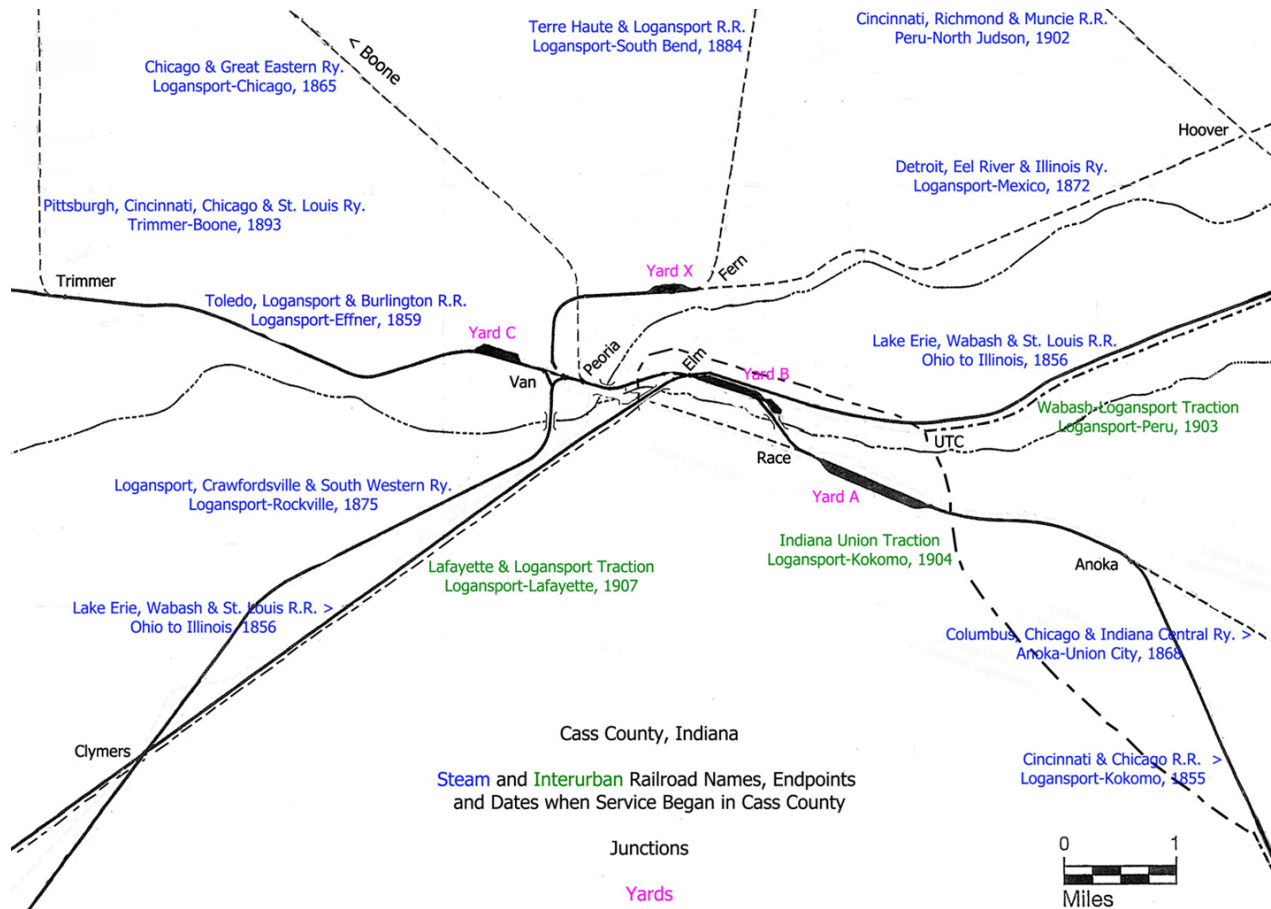
Also, we want to extend a special thank you to Tom Castaldi, who introduced us to Craig and recommended this event. Tom, you are such a joy to work with. We appreciate you!

CCHS is currently seeking volunteer assistance with creating video content of our Cass County Legacy Speaker events so we may share them online, reaching a larger audience. We have collected content from each event we have held so far and just need help creating and editing the videos.

Please call 574-753-3866 or email hfouts@casscountyhistory.org if able to assist us with this effort.

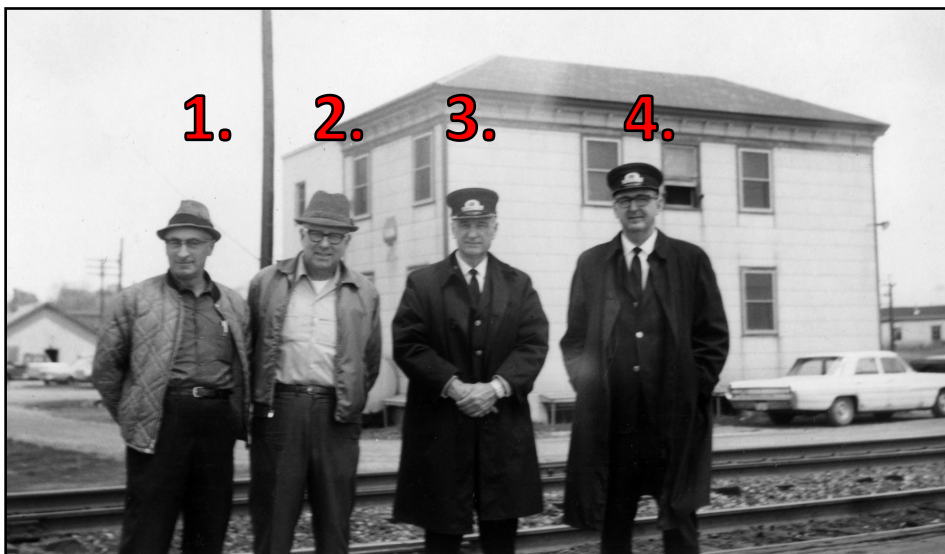


LEGACY SPEAKER



Above: Fourteen different companies built Cass County's railroads. The image above shows their locations and when they were built. Source: Craig Berndt February 10, 2024 presentation at Cass County Museum, Logansport, IN.

HISTORY MYSTERY



We need help identifying one of the men in this picture. The picture was taken on April 30, 1971 during the last passenger train run on the Pennsylvania RR in Logansport, Penn Central Train #65. This photo was shared during our February 10th Legacy Speaker event. We have a gift for the person who positively identifies the second gentleman from the left. Thank you!

Please call 574-753-3866 or Email info@casscountyhistory.org

1. Loren Hinkle 2. Unknown 3. Perry Lennon 4. Wayne Jackson

MILITARY HISTORY

Jacob Miller : A Civil War Story of Survival

Jill Snyder

CCHS Program Manager & Contributing Author

Jacob Miller was born in Perrysville, Indiana on August 14th, 1838 (date is estimated), to Jacob Miller Sr. (mother unknown). It is unknown when his family relocated to Cass County. Jacob enlisted in the Union Army's 9th Indiana Voluntary Infantry, Company K in 1861 as a private.

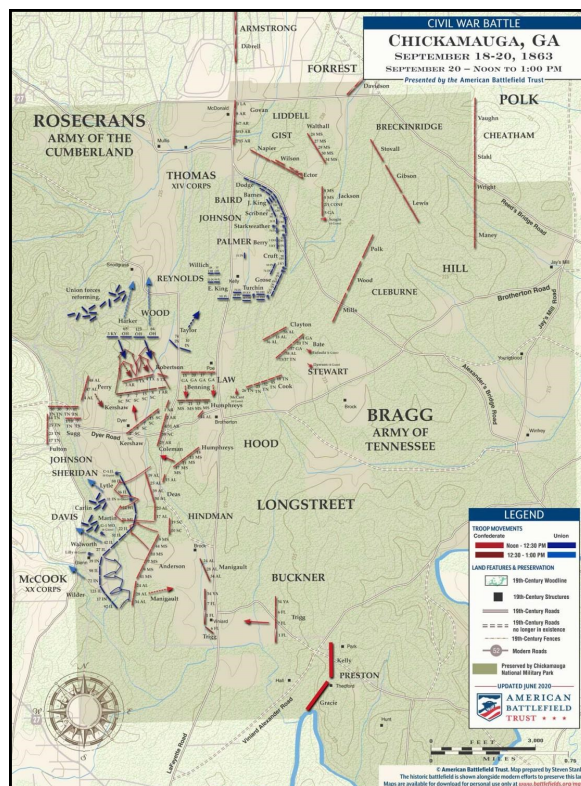
His remarkable story begins at the Battle of Chickamauga campaign. This area of conflict was in southeastern Tennessee and northwestern Georgia. This battle was the last endeavor of the Confederate offensive and was considered a Confederate victory. The battle of Chickamauga resulted in the second highest number of casualties of the Civil War. The highest being Gettysburg.

It was in a forest along the Chickamauga creek in Georgia, just as he was ready to return a volley back at a confederate soldier, that musket shot struck Jacob Miller in the forehead. Union forces were retreating and Jacob was left for dead as he was unconscious and had not moved.

He came awake later amid the dead and wounded Union and Confederate soldiers. Fearing he would be found alive and taken as a prisoner of war to the confederate side, Jacob rose and used his rifle as a crutch. He started walking west and north with the musket shot still in his head. His blood covered his clothes making him unrecognizable as he advanced through the Confederate lines.

He was discovered by a Union ambulance and taken to a Union hospital. Surgeons would not operate on his head fearing it would cause his death. He walked to the next hospital. He sought help in Chattanooga, TN then Nashville, TN, Louisville, KY and lastly New Albany, Indiana. For 9 months, Pvt. Miller begged surgeons to remove the musket shot from his head.

During this time, his family had received news that Jacob had died on the battlefield at Chickamauga and his body was not recovered. The Miller family made a memorial plot for him at the Miller cemetery located in Cass County. (Cited in the Cass County cemeteries under the Mt. Hope website).



Above Top: Pvt. Jacob Miller.

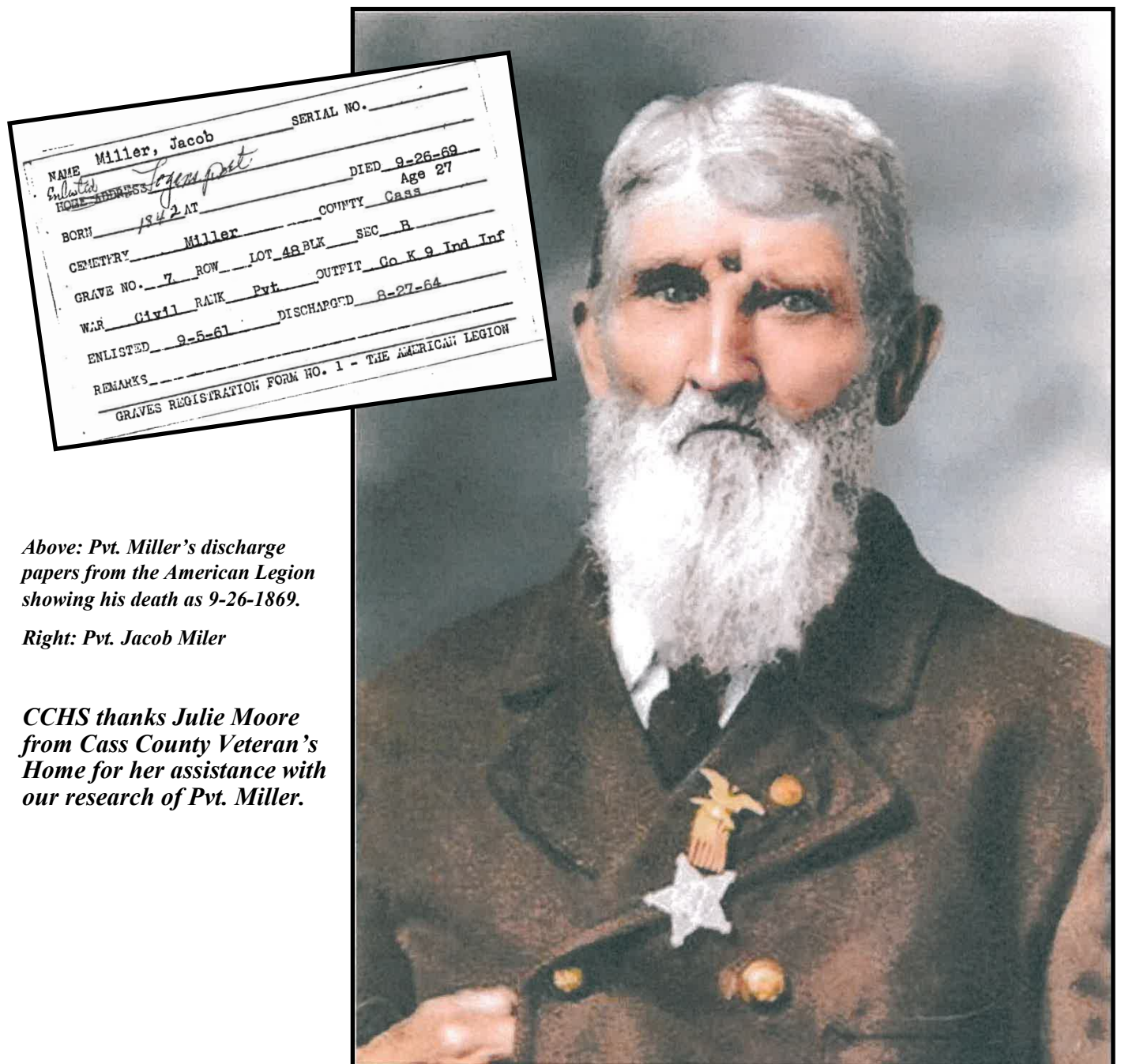
Above Bottom: Map of Chickamauga Battlefield.

MILITARY HISTORY

Jacob was furloughed back home to Logansport where 2 local doctors, Dr. Fitch and Dr. Colman agreed to remove the musket shot from his head. Both physicians were veteran surgeons from the Civil War battlefields and Dr. Fitch was known as the best surgeon in the Midwest at that time. Jacob stayed in the hospital until the expiration of his enlistment on September 17th, 1864.

Struggles with pain, dizziness, headaches and bouts of stupor plagued him during his journeys on foot and long after his recovery from the operation. Through the years, pieces of the shot fell out of his head and later 2 pieces of lead came out.

At some point, he gained the nickname Jacob “Center Shot” Miller. He married Margery Peak Miller and resided in Braidwood, Illinois where he died in 1927 at age 88. He was survived by a daughter and was preceded in death by his wife (1913) and his father (1853). Jacob was a walking miracle.



Above: Pvt. Miller's discharge papers from the American Legion showing his death as 9-26-1869.

Right: Pvt. Jacob Miler

CCHS thanks Julie Moore from Cass County Veteran's Home for her assistance with our research of Pvt. Miller.

WINTER EVENTS

Home for the Holidays ~ Wrapped Up!



We would like to thank everyone who took time to visit Long Home Museum in November and December last year to enjoy our inaugural offering of Home for the Holidays. We hosted right at 100 guests who came to enjoy the Victorian grandeur of the Long Home, decorated for the season. Over 10,000 twinkling LED lights and three new trees were added to the annual display.

Special evening and Saturday hours were added to provide more visitor opportunity to enjoy the displays. Thank you Cass County Visitors Bureau and First Farmers Bank and Trust for helping us get this annual community event offering off to a great start.

Home for the Holidays returns on the First Saturday of November 2024!



2024 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

2024 Annual Campaign Kickoff

We tried something new in 2023 for our Annual Meeting & Dinner. On the first Thursday of December, December 7, 2023, we held our meeting at the Historic State Theater, 317 E. Market Street. A gangster themed murder mystery interactive theater event was provided as entertainment for ticketed guests following a brief business meeting of the CCHS Board of Trustees. While most found it very enjoyable and considered the evening refreshing, something new... the CCHS events committee will continue to evaluate the best way to provide our Annual Meeting & Dinner to inform, entertain and accommodate all patrons.

A brief business meeting was led by CCHS Board President Michael Stajduhar prior to the entertainment. New CCHS Board of Trustee members were voted in. The 2024 Cass County Historical Society Board of Trustees are: President Michael Stajduhar, Vice President Rich Voorhees, Secretary Claudia Benn, Treasurer Kim Reid, Dr. Sue Ridlen, Jim Crain, Steve Meuhlhausen, Rick Rouser, Jeff Stuart, Jim McDonald, Richard Gundrum, Barbara Stein, Judy Masters, Lloyd Knight and Dave Kitchell.

CCHS Executive Director Heather Fouts announced the organization's accomplishments for the year and introduced our 2024 Annual Campaign focus will be provision of a permanent exhibit home for the



Photos on pages 11-12: Staff, volunteers and guests enjoy Cass County Historical Society's 2023 Annual Meeting and Dinner at the Historic State Theater in Logansport.

Thank you, State Theater for providing our venue and cash bar. Thank you Murder Mystery Co. for providing the best game of "who-done-it" and providing lots of fun and laughs. Thank you Vibrant Events Catering for providing our delicious Italian dinner. We sure closed out 2023 in style!



2024 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

ReVere automobile inside the Cass County Museum, 421 E. Broadway Street, Logansport. Heather also disclosed that the organization faces the eminent expense of roof repairs needed at Long Home Museum, 1004 E. Market Street. The repairs needed at Long Home Museum will preserve the decorative metal roofline and help prevent further moisture damage from occurring to the roof or inside the museum.

A lively game of “who-done-it” was conducted by the Murder Mystery Company following the public meeting and dinner. Guests played roles provided by the actors, many dressed the part wearing costumes of their own or items provided by the actors. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all who attended and participated in this new take on a traditional event.



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.

automobilemuseum.org



2024 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Thank You 2024 Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond & Vault Level Donors

BRONZE \$1-\$99

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THANK YOU!

New Donor Level

Vault - \$5,000+

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.



Cass County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

All donations are tax-deductible. Campaign donations do not include membership.

Thank you for supporting Cass County Historical Society!

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2024



ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month!

We sure have a lot of gratitude to share with each special volunteer who helps Cass County Historical Society achieve our mission. This month we will celebrate their contributions at our annual volunteer appreciation event. We also invite new friends who are considering volunteering for CCHS to please attend our event.

2024 Volunteer Appreciation Event

Cass County Museum, Thursday April 18, 2024 ~ 4:30 - 5:30 PM



BECOME A CCHS VOLUNTEER

Cass County Historical Society New Volunteer Contact

Name: _____ Job/Title: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Primary Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

May we share relevant emergency medical information with this person?

Yes _____ No _____

How did you learn about CCHS? _____

What are you interested in helping us with most?

_____ Hosting Museum Tours / Docent _____ Society Events

_____ Museum Maintenance _____ Research Library

_____ Other: _____

Thank you for choosing Cass County Historical Society! Email to: info@casscountyhistory.org

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New Content Coming Soon!



Cass County Legacy Speaker

Jerry Miller
presents

The Landis Family

Cass County Museum
Friday May 31, 2024 ~ 6-8 PM
Join us for presentation,
conversation & light refreshments

FREE



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