PROJECT SCROLL · RESEARCH CV

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Summary

Researcher and writer behind Project Scroll. He writes narrative nonfiction about the history of the St. Joseph River Valley of southwest Michigan and northern Indiana from the original records: county histories, deeds, surveys, treaties, death certificates, letters and the newspapers of the day. Every quotation is taken from the page image, every paragraph is marked with what it rests on, and findings that no modern history has are published as research notes with a DOI. 53 sourced stories and 12 research notes to date.

Education

B.F.A., Visual Communications.

Research notes

Published on Zenodo · 6

Note 1 The earliest dated mention of E Clampus Vitus yet found: Connersville, Indiana, 27 February 1846. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.23631258

Note 2 The Cassopolis lodge of 1846: the earliest lodge of E Clampus Vitus yet found with its members named. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.23631260

Note 3 Ephraim Bee in the newspapers, 1855–1860: the remembered founder of E Clampus Vitus in records of his own day. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.23631262

Note 4 The earliest L in Kalamazoo yet found: Schoolcraft's "Kikalemazo" of 1820, and the likely atlas of 1823. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.23631264

Note 5 The Kentucky raiders' bail and wagon: what the Licking Valley Register reported in September 1847. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.23631269

Note 6 Seven elk for the King of Italy: James E. Bonine's own account of 1875. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.23638846

In preparation · 6

Note 7 A museum before the museum: the Cass County Pioneer Society's collection, 1874–1899. *In preparation for Zenodo.*

Note 8 Three sawmills on Potato Creek, 1863: the mills on the ground of Potato Creek State Park, Indiana. *In preparation for Zenodo.*

Note 9 Three names at once: Crum's Point, Crumtown and Crumstown, St. Joseph County, Indiana, 1875–1903. *In preparation for Zenodo.*

Note 11 Older than "about 1839": the Treats, Henry Dewey and the red-chalk warning on the road to Dewey's Lake, Silver Creek Township, Michigan. *In preparation for Zenodo.*

Note 13 E Clampus Vitus before the California Legislature: the Senate debate at Benicia struck from its journal (March 1853), and the Assembly's dollar-a-member resolution (April 1855). *In preparation for Zenodo.*

Note 15 The forgotten revival of E Clampus Vitus, 1915–1920: the Marysville boosters' lodges, numbered one to eight, and how the war ended them. *In preparation for Zenodo.*

Stories on Project Scroll

Shipshewana · 3 stories
The Shipshewana Puzzle: One Name, at Least Five People; *The railroad that made Shipshewana*; *How a farm sale became a flea market.*

Potato Creek · 3 stories
Before the lake: the farms of Potato Creek; *Darcey Worster's dream*; *The park goes back to the wild.*

The Studebakers · 3 stories
Five brothers and a blacksmith shop; *The biggest wagon works in the world*; *The day the line stopped.*

The Pioneer Society · 3 stories
A museum before there was a museum; *The cabin a county built*; *Keepers of the county.*

The Underground Railroad · 2 stories
The Bonine House at Vandalia; *The Kentucky Raid of 1847.*

How the towns got their names · 7 stories
How Kalamazoo got its name; *How Cassopolis got its name*; *How Dowagiac got its name*; *How Niles got its name*; *How Edwardsburg got its name*; *How Paw Paw got its name*; *How Vandalia got its name.*

E Clampus Vitus · 2 stories
A lodge of E Clampus Vitus, in Cassopolis, in 1846; *E Clampus Vitus: the complete record.*

Old Cassopolis · 4 stories
Dr. Goodwin's hotel on Broadway; *The courthouse that became the Colonial*; *Where Kellogg made its telephone cabinets*; *Race day at the Cassopolis fair grounds.*

Single stories · 26 stories
Springbrook Park, halfway between two cities; *Summer on Diamond Lake: Forest Hall and the island*; *Five minutes with Roosevelt at Dowagiac*; *Band night at French's Hotel, Eagle Lake*; *Edwardsburg in 1910, through J. Inbody's camera*; *The miniature log cabin of 1878*; *Balloons over the pioneer picnic*; *The day 3,000 people came to watch one log*; *The cabin that opened twice*; *"Old Log Cabin": the song we can't find*; *The caretaker was Harmon's uncle*; *Who was John B. Howe?*; *The Indian Lake Sea Serpent: Twelve Feet Long, and Shy*; *The True Story of the Dewey Lake Monster: The Week the Valley Went Wild*; *Princess Mishawaka: the princess who never was*; *The Thunderbird of the St. Joseph River Valley: One Spirit, Many Peoples*; *City Hall, Mishawaka, and the mayor on the card*; *The Newton House, a farmhouse museum near Decatur*; *Crumstown: The Point, the Partners and the Mastodon*; *Cassopolis in 3D: A Village Through Time, 1846 to Today*; *The stagecoach at the Junction*; *Two Tries at the Valley: How the Grand Trunk Came Through*; *Company D: the 85 men Dowagiac sent in 1861*; *The night 3,000 were invited to the Oliver Hotel*; *Stone Lake, the lake that keeps secrets*; *White Pigeon's run.*

Research areas

- The St. Joseph River Valley
- Southwest Michigan and northern Indiana
- How the towns got their names
- County, township and land records
- Historic newspapers
- Maps, plats and surveys
- Family history
- Lore tested against the record

Services

Research commissions: Lost ancestors; Forgotten places; Heirlooms no one can explain; Mysteries, resolved; Who said it first; Family histories and registers; Is the family story true?; Lodges, churches and old societies; A second pair of eyes; Other research.

Studio work: Digital imaging; Imaging analysis; Image creation and restoration; Graphic design; Web design; Photography; Video production; 3D LiDAR imaging; 3D animation; Living documents. Details: https://projectscroll.com/services/

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