GRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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BILL MUNN at GCHS
October 16 Meeting at Marion Public Library, Room B, 7:pm

The Battle of Palmitto Ranch — The last of the Civil War? It certainly involved Union soldiers and Confederates. It may have had Emperor Maximilian's Second Empire troops. Oh Yes- and Benito Juarez' rebels. Grant County men were there- the 34th Indiana US Volunteers and in charge was Hoosier Lew Wallace.

Grant County Historian Bill Munn will be discussing the intrigue, double dealing, and fighting along the Rio Grande in June of 1865.

Rhonda Stoffer, Indiana Room, will present a demonstration on creating a Community Tree using the printed Grant county history books. This project would be a wonderful opportunity for the Historical Society and members of the community to volunteer to create a community tree showing the relationships of the early settlers of Grant County.

President's Notes:

At the September 18 GCHS Board meeting, it was decided to change the frequency of public program meetings, and this decision was announced to the membership.

It was unanimously approved to change from ten monthly meetings, plus an annual field trip in July, to quarterly meetings , plus an annual field trip to be scheduled as appropriate.

Public program meetings will be held in January, April, July, and October on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The April meeting will continue to be designated as the Annual Meeting. It is interesting that this change reflects a motion made by Richard Simons at a GCHS Board meeting on June 21,1989 to hold quarterly public meetings; that motion was approved unanimously.

Special meetings may be called if desired, and GCHS Board meetings will be scheduled as needed. This change in number of public meetings will reduce the burden on those who plan our programs and will also be helpful financially.

We look forward to receiving comments concerning this change, and evaluation will be ongoing.

The GCHS Board will meet at 6: 15 p.m. In room B, MPL.