

September 18, 1997

William R. Barker, Sheriff
110 West Brown Street
New Lexington, Ohio

Dear Sheriff:

Since our meeting in July the time has gone by very quickly. I've finally tracked down a Photo of John Rich Montgomery, former County Sheriff, and sending along a copy as you requested.

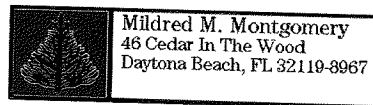
As to John R. activities following his terms as Sheriff, he was an Internal Revenue Collector under Woodrow Wilson, Guard at Ohio State Penitentiary and later years served as Ohio State Real Estate Board Examiner.

All good luck to you, thanks for tour of the premises and the "Jail House Cookie"!

Sincerely,

Mildred M. Montgomery

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7-14-97

FACTS RE: John Rich Montgomery
Born 10-17-75 in New Lexington, Ohio
Sheriff of Perry County re 1913

JRM and his wife (Lucy Bennett McShane who, before her marriage, was court stenographer in Perry County Courthouse) and three children Claire, Vashti and Jean lived in the Perry County Jail Sheriff residence during his two terms. During that time two sons were born there - John William on 5-1-13 and Robert Joseph on 4-19-16.

According to information received from his 85 year old daughter, Jean Means in Akron Ohio, "the jail was right behind the Sheriffs residence, separated by an iron door. There were not too many prisoners at one time, but my mother did have her hands full cooking and feeding her family of now five children and all the prisoners".

Another bit of research information states: Floyd G. Spurgeon of New Straitsville Ohio moved to New Lexington in 1913 when he became a Deputy Sheriff under Montgomery.

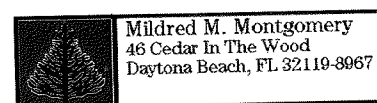
A clipping dated 4-2-14 states "the Grand Jury complimented Sheriff Montgomery on his sanitary conditions at the jail".

P.S.: Lucy was listed as "Matron" of the jail.

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Mildred M. Montgomery
Widow of John William

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