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Cousins Finally Meet After 20 Years...

The weekend of October 14, 2017, Penny Bucks, Bristol resident and genealogical researcher, finally met a long-lost cousin, Mary Perry. They had corresponded on line for years, exchanging family information, but once the Perrys retired they came from their home in Gallatin, TN to visit Penny and her husband Larry Buck in Bristol. They both shared a common ancestor, Daniel Lehman, father of 16 children through George, one of triplets, and Lucinda, his sister. The family had been Amish, settling here on C.R. 20 in the mid-1800s. Eventually, both George and Lucinda settled in South Bend. The Bucks and the Perrys went cemetery hopping in the rain and visited Shipshewana, so the Perrys could see some of the Amish heritage. They don't plan to wait so long to meet again; next time, perhaps the Bucks visit Tennessee.

Just the Facts:
A member of the DAR and President of the Elkhart Co. Genealogical Society, Penny is dedicated to research. In fact, recently she determined that her ancestors were related to Edward Bonney of Bonneyville Mill. And then, she connected this reporter as a cousin to her own husband, Larry Buck through their mutual Sanger line - who also settled in the Bonneyville area in 1837. Penny loves making discoveries like this!