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**Southern Indiana Genealogical Society (SIGS)** was organized 3 May 1979 to encourage, gather and preserve genealogical and historical materials and information in the southern Indiana counties of Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Perry, Scott and Washington. Material from adjoining counties is accepted when presented.

## Meetings

**SIGS meets the First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the New Albany-Floyd County Library**, 180 West Spring Street, New Albany, Indiana. Each meeting consists of brief reports from the officers and committee chairpersons, greeting of guests, a program conducted by either a member or a guest speaker, and ends with informal conversation and refreshments. Guests are always welcome!

## Membership

Dues for an **annual membership** are **\$15.00**. Members will receive regular notices of meetings, seminars and workshops; trips planned by SIGS and sister organizations; a list of SIGS publications, and this quarterly. To join SIGS, send a check to **Southern Indiana Genealogy Society, P.O. Box 665, New Albany, IN, 47151-0665**. Individual quarterlies and back issues may be purchased for \$4.00, (some older are less).

## Queries

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SIGS has many valuable genealogical reference books for sale and is currently compiling additional volumes. Copies of the book list may be found among the insert in the April quarterly or online.

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To inquire about a genealogical researcher in one of our counties, please contact the local library in that county.

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You may at any time submit genealogical materials from one of the SIGS' counties or adjoining counties to be considered for use in the quarterly or as a separate publication. The Publication Committee reserves the right to retype or edit any submitted material for clarity, grammar and consistency. SIGS does not copyright submissions to the quarterly.

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## Letter from the President

GREETINGS,

I hope that in the summer of high gas prices your genealogical research goes well. We are going to begin an Internet monthly newsletter and meeting updates service. If you want this service, please provide us with your email address and contact us at [sigs@nafcpl.lib.in.us](mailto:sigs@nafcpl.lib.in.us).

Remember that in July it is time for annual membership dues renewal of \$ 15.00. As members you are invited to send us your queries, so lets see some. If you have information or research that you want to share with others, we will be happy to publish it in our quarterly. Please contact us.

The Southern Indiana Genealogical Society and the folks from the Indiana Room of the New Albany Floyd County Public Library will be doing a GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Strassweg Auditorium at the New Albany Floyd County Public Library. This will be held on the second Thursday of the month and does NOT take place of our regular monthly meeting, which will be held on August 7. At this meeting we will have **Jack Custer** a noted steamboat authority who will be speaking on how to find your ancestor if he/she had river connections.

Happy Ancestor Hunting

**Vic Pfau**, SIGS President

## Letter from the Editor

SIGS does not run itself. Many volunteers are needed to make it run smoothly. If you don't know what help is needed, just ask. Let us know what volunteer job you are willing to do. You can find out how you may help by contacting us by e-mail them to us at: [sigs@nafcpl.lib.in.us](mailto:sigs@nafcpl.lib.in.us)

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- Proofreader – offer to proofread quarterly and/or SIGS New Publications.
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- Offer to bring the refreshments for a meeting – for a month for the membership year.
- Promise to be the greeter at monthly meetings for the next six months.
- Volunteer to hold an office for a membership year.
- Any one of many other jobs!

Be sure to renew before July 1, to insure that you won't miss a quarterly. Check the label on the back of this quarterly to check your expiration date.

## Upcoming Meetings for 2008

**April 3, 2008** – Privately Owned African-American Cemeteries, by **Shirley Wolf**

**May 2, 2008** — Portland's Halcyon Days – How Portland became the premier river town and what followed as a result of its discovery. This presentation will cover how Portland became a premier river town for settlers and what followed as a result of its discovery. It will be presented by **Benjamin Baggett**.

**June 5, 2008** — "Undaunted Spirit: Living Through The 1937 Flood" by **Steven Day**. Mr. Day is Director of the New Albany Floyd County Public Library.

**July 3, 2008** — to be announced

**August 7, 2008** — **Jack Custer**, a noted steamboat authority who will be speaking on how to find your ancestor if he/she had river connections

**August 14, 2008** at 7:00 p.m. at the library, Genealogical Workshop

**September 4, 2008** — to be announced

**October 2, 2008** — to be announced

**November 6, 2008** — to be announced

**December 4 2008** — Elections – Please volunteer to hold an office for 2009. We will have "Show and Tell." Come and share your genealogical findings with us.

**Note: The January 2009 Meeting would be scheduled for Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, and the SIGS Board has decided the cancel the meeting for the month. Please make notation of this on your calendar.**

## **A Victorian Chautauqua**

**Howard Steamboat Museum 1101 E. Market St. Jeffersonville, Indiana**

Saturday May 17th 10 AM - 6 PM Sunday May 18th 10 AM - 4 PM

"**A Victorian Chautauqua**", a family oriented festival featuring quality arts and crafts booths, entertainment, a large herb & perennial sale, *Carriage House Antique Sales*, food, book signings, and mansion tours will take place on Saturday & Sunday **May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** at the **Howard Steamboat Museum, 1101 E. Market Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana (1-65, Exit 0)**. We are **Celebrating 50 Golden Years 1958-2008**. On May 18, [1958] **Loretta Howard** - widow of Capt. **Jim Howard**, opened the doors of the family home as a Museum where people could learn about the history of the Great Steamboat era and the part the Howard family and their Shipyards played in that story. On Sunday May 18, 2008, special activities during the festival will commemorate that May 18<sup>th</sup> day in 1958. The Mayor of Jeffersonville, **Tom Galligan**, will proclaim May 18<sup>th</sup> as **Howard Steamboat Museum Day**. To commemorate this historic occasion, the US Postal Service will be on hand with a special one-time only Howard Steamboat Museum 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Station Cancellation at 2 pm Sunday. A Victorian Chautauqua is a fund raising activity for the Museum, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.

**SPECIAL THIS YEAR FOR CHILDREN:** The Family Fun Festival to benefit the. Clark County

Youth Shelter will be held in Port Fulton Park (behind the Museum) - Saturday only mid-way style — games, prize give aways, etc.

Contact **Yvonne B. Knight** at 812-283-3728 or e-mail at **HSMSTEAM@aol.com**

## Indiana Historical Society

### Hosts Midwestern Roots 2008: Family History and Genealogy Conference

Indianapolis – Learn more about genealogy from some of the nation's leading experts and get the tools to implement that knowledge at Midwestern Roots 2008: Family History and Genealogy Conference, taking place Aug. 15-16. Sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society, the conference will take place at the Indianapolis Marriott East, located at 7202 East 21<sup>st</sup> St. in Indianapolis. Many pre-conference activities will take place at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, located at 450 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis.

Midwestern Roots will feature more than 30 presentations, covering topics ranging from DNA and genealogy to technology and methodology. The opening session of the conference will be led by James Madison, the Thomas and Kathryn Miller Professor of History at Indiana University (Bloomington), who will illuminate the importance and use of wartime letters for family history by relating stories from his new book *Slinging Doughnuts for the boys: An American Woman in World War II*.

Another featured presenter will be **Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak**, Chief Family Historian and North American spokesperson for Ancestry.com. Other notable national speakers appearing at Midwestern Roots include **Dick Eastman, Roberta Estes, Charles F. Kerchner, David Lifferth, Stephen Morse, Christine Rose, Beau Sharbough** and **Curt Witcher**.

In addition to the sessions, an exhibit hall will showcase vendors selling the latest products and tools for genealogists. The exhibit hall is free and open to the public on Friday and Saturday.

A pre-conference highlight on Thursday, Aug. 14, will be a panel discussion with some of the pioneers in genetic genealogy on its evolution, potential and present-day uses — panelists include Smolenyak, Estes and Kerchner. Other pre-conference activities include: tours of the William Henry Smith Memorial Library (History Center), the Indiana State Library and the Indiana State Archives; writing workshops on preparing family histories for publication; computer labs; and a workshop designed for library staff and volunteers who answer questions posed by genealogy patrons. The Genealogy Division of the Indiana State Library, the State Archives and the William Henry Smith Memorial Library also will be open later for research.

Cost for the basic two-day workshop (including lunches) is \$150 (\$125 for IHS members, \$75 for students), and single-day registration (including lunch is \$90 (\$75 for IHS members, \$45 for students). Additional pre-conference activities and workshops are available for a fee, and the Indiana Historical Society will offer three scholarships for graduate students to attend the conference.

For conference information, registration forms, exhibitor information, specific pricing or a scholarship application, call (800) 447-1830 or visit [www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots](http://www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots).

Hotel reservations may be made at the Indianapolis Marriott East or La Quinta Inn. For the Indianapolis Marriott East, 7202 East 21<sup>st</sup>, call (317) 352-1231 or (800) 228-9290 to receive the special \$99 room rate. For the La Quinta Inn, 7304 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, call (317) 359-1021 to receive the special \$72 room rate. Please indicate association with the Midwestern "Roots 2008. Room reservations must be made by July 21, 2008.

Since 1830, the Indiana Historical Society has been Indiana's Storyteller, connecting people to the past by collecting, preserving, interpreting, and disseminating the state's history. A nonprofit membership organization, the IHS also publishes books and periodicals; sponsors teacher workshops; provides youth, adult, and family programming; provides support and assistance to local museums and historical groups; and maintains the nation's premier research library and archives on the history of Indiana and the Old Northwest.

## **Burned Counties**

By Michael John Neill

The courthouse burned. What do I do? Research in "burned counties" that have suffered a record loss may be possible, but it requires persistence and a willingness to turn over as many stones as possible. This week we take a look at some techniques that may be helpful.

### **Get Beyond the Destruction**

Determine exactly what records were destroyed. Was it the entire courthouse? Was it a certain office in the courthouse? Were some records housed offsite and not destroyed? Do not assume that all county records were burned just because someone told you so, or because you read it on a message board or website.

Were any records re-recorded after the incident? Deeds and other records of property ownership may have been recorded again after the fire. (Remember landowners generally kept the original deed; the courthouse has a copy.) For records that were created in the normal course of business after the destruction, keep an open mind. Pay particular attention to deeds and other documents where ownership of property might have been an issue, especially ownership before the fire. These documents may specifically mention former owners or imply who those owners were.

Settlements of estate or some court records may mention events and relationships as they were before the records' destruction. Search carefully for estate settlements of any family members who died without descendants—even if the death was fifty or more years after the records were destroyed. These records could be located a significant distance from the burned county. The records of the disbursements from their estate may mention heirs and or relationships dating back a hundred years.

### **Get Beyond the Immediate Family**

Researching the complete family becomes even more important during the time period of the fire as well. Some family members might have eventually lived in areas where records were not destroyed or might have left behind records with more detail. These documents may refer to individuals who lived in the "burned county." Since our search must necessarily broaden, it is imperative that a research log be kept so that records on a specific relative are not overlooked.

Search the Family History Library Card Catalog (<http://email.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/13/DM/y/jtsJOSrkKs0HHn0aXo0G1>) for information on records in the county. The Family History Library has an extensive collection of microfilm and while they do not film every piece of paper in the courthouse, there may be other materials. Look for printed or published materials in their collection and then go beyond that to original records wherever possible.

### **Get Beyond Relatives**

It is not just the extended family who should be researched. Pay special attention to neighbors, associates, fellow church members, and others with whom your ancestor might have been affiliated during his time in the county. Information on where they were from may help you locate where your ancestor was from as well.

### **Get Beyond the County**

Search state and federal level records as completely as possible. Are there any wars that involved family members? Are there pension records from those wars and have they been accessed? They might mention your relative or provide clues as to his or her existence.

### **Get Help Beyond Yourself**

Have local historical societies and genealogical societies been contacted for potential information in their collection? They may also be aware of "hidden" sources that were not destroyed, additional sources that have been located recently, or unique approaches for the area. A posting to the appropriate \_county message board\_ (<http://email.ancestry.com/cgi-bin13/DM/y/jtsJ0SrKs0HHn0lsu0Gk>)

or \_a listserv\_ (<http://email.ancestry.com/cgi-bin13/DM/y/jtsJ0SrKs0HHn0lsv0GI>) is an excellent idea.

Have you searched any regional or nearby university archives? They may have unpublished manuscripts or other written material that may be helpful in your search. Try searching

\_WorldCat\_ (<http://email.ancestry.com/cgi-bin13/DM/y/jtsJ0SrKs0HHn0fNm0Gt>) for the county of interest to see what materials appear in the catalog. Bear in mind though that oftentimes a manuscript collection may be incompletely cataloged in WorldCat or not cataloged at all. Are there any published county histories or scholarly studies of the county that may shed light on certain families, migration patterns, etc.? Search WorldCat and see if local libraries have such materials. Also, read genealogical journals that contain scholarly research articles. Sometimes these articles discuss families in burned records counties or provide background on methodology that is also effective in areas that have suffered a record loss.

Have all church records been exhausted? In burned record counties, church and other private records become increasingly important and should not be overlooked. Church records should be accessed even if your ancestor was a member of a denomination that typically did not keep excellent records. If contacting the local church is unproductive or impossible, contact the regional or national archive of the denomination.

If the time period is a little bit earlier, consider searching Revolutionary and War of 1812 pension records for others who settled in your ancestral area. Even if these records do not mention your ancestor specifically, they may provide general information on migration in and out of the area.

#### **In Conclusion**

Do not assume that what you have been told was destroyed was actually destroyed.

- Research the entire family and ancestral associates
- Look for records created after the record destruction
- Learn the county history
- Network with others working in same area
- Contact local organizations and repositories for more information

Research in burned counties is more difficult than in others—no doubt of that. But with an exhaustive search plan, it can sometimes be done. Get beyond the destruction to think of what other records and materials might have been created and learn how to use and access those records.

**Michael John Neill** is a genealogical writer and speaker who has been researching his or his children's genealogy for more than twenty years. A math instructor in his "other life," Michael taught at the former Genealogical Institute of Mid-America and has served on the FGS Board. He also lectures on a variety of genealogical topics and gives seminars across the country. He maintains a personal website at [\\_RootDig.com\\_](http://email.ancestry.com/cgi-bin13/DM/y/jtsJ0SrKs0HHn0ZSU0GO) (<http://email.ancestry.com/cgi-bin13/DM/y/jtsJ0SrKs0HHn0ZSU0GO>).

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## Independent Order of Odd Fellows

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## I. O. O. F.

The Speaker at the April Membership Meeting was Mr. **Walter Wolfe**, who gave a presentation about the I. O. O. F. I have abstracted some information about the state and local I. O. O. F. organization. This information was in a folder at the New Albany Library. - A Member may keep Membership in one Lodge and participate in a Lodge of another city as a visitor or Associate Member. — Editor



**Friendship, Love, and Truth.**

**HOPE LODGE NO. 1**

**I O O F**

**BANK AND MARKET STREETS**

**NEW ALBANY, INDIANA 47150**

**FIRST LODGE IN THE STATE INSTITUTED AUGUST 25, 1835, BUILT – 1874**

Published 1974

The Order of Odd Fellows is based up on those virtues of  
Friendship, Love, and Truth

Nov. 15, 1836 – Lodge signed contract for a new meeting place on Market St., which today is known as 310 West Market St., and to move in for the next meeting. Also, to secure a carpet for the floor to be of a good scotch ingrain carpet. Lodge to pay \$100 and the balance to be raised by subscriptions.

Dec. 13, 1836 – Lodge voted to pay **R. D. Evans** \$12.55 for candles for the hall.

Dec. 20, 1836 – According to the records of New Albany Lodge No. 1, at their regular meeting on Market St. (now 310 Market St.) while debating the propriety of celebrating the anniversary of the lodge, the building shook tremendously and was stated as an earthquake. Many left the Bldg. immediately and the few left closed the lodge in the best way they could and left.

April 20, 1839 – New Albany Lodge No. 1 was donated a certain plot of land by **Robert Downey**, April 20, 1839, on the laying off of town lots adjoining the City of New Albany.

Then at the dissolution of New Albany Lodge No. 1, which was taken over by the Grand Lodge in default of Grand Lodge dues or at their request, the minutes does not state. Then this ground was given to New Albany Lodge No. 10. January, 1852, as shown on page No. 638 of Jul 1852 proceedings. It shows that the ground was reverted back to New Albany Lodge No. 1 and the charter was restored also. No. 1 then paid all taxes and etc. This is on page 35 of the G. L. Proceedings, July 1852.

This plot of land cannot be determined but from the minutes it is surmised that it pertains to lots on North Pearl St., which were sold by the Lodge No. 1 after they were restored their charter.

### Odd Fellows Shrine

From *New Albany Tribune* Aug 25, 1935:

Sunday was the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Hope Lodge No. 1 of this city, the celebration of which took place Saturday with a public meeting in the afternoon and a closed session at night for members of the order.

Several hundred Odd Fellows and members of the Rebekahs attended the observance which was marked by programs of addresses in which the order was lauded for its accomplishments and its ideals.

The public meeting was held in the Kerrigan Theatre on the site of which one stood the West Market Street Residence [310 West Market Street]. Hope Lodge received its charter in the home while it stood on the theatre location. In 1849 the structures was removed to West Market Street. Many Members of the order visited the house Saturday.

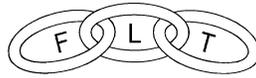
The Kerrigan meeting was largely attended, the program including the following:

**E. P. Schneider**, Vincennes, grand chaplain; address of welcome by mayor **Jacob G. Hauswald**; response by **George P. Bornwasser**, grand secretary of the State Order; a brief history of the order by **E. E. Hardin**; introduction of grand officers by **Mr. Bornwasser**, including **Paul Pfister**, Indianapolis, grand master; **Ernest Barrett**, Indianapolis, deputy grand master; **Otto Fields**, Fort Wayne, grand patrician and **Henry Roesner**, Indianapolis, assistant grand secretary; introduction of **Mrs. Mary Wilson**, New Albany, president of the Indiana Rebekahs; entertainment by **Julius Waggoner** and **Betty Seebach**, group singing.

**George Briel**, South Gate, Ky., general commanding the patriarch's uniform branch, represented the grand sire of the world, **W. A. Pittenger**, Minneapolis, Minn., who was unable to attend. Mr. **Bornwasser**, a member of Hope Lodge, served as general chairman of the arrangements committee. Members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge, New Albany, and other chapters of the state took part in the general program, honoring **Schuyler Colfax**, who founded the auxiliary and wrote the Rebekah Degree.

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**Grand Masters from New Albany**

<b>Joseph Barkley</b>	New Albany No. 1	1837
<b>Richard D. Evans</b>	New Albany No. 1	1838
<b>Noah C. Cobb</b>	New Albany No. 10	1843
<b>John B. Anderson</b>	Hope No. 83	1855
<b>Dennis Gregg</b>	New Albany No. 1	1863
<b>J. W. McQuiddy</b>	New Albany No. 1	1871
<b>D. W. Lafollette</b>	Hope No. 83	1879
<b>G. G. Bornwasser</b>	Hope No. 83	1901
<b>Alva F. Hand</b>	Hope No. 1	1947

**Grand Secretaries**

<b>Jared C. Jocelyn</b>	N. A. No. 1	1837
<b>Nicholas Karns</b>	N. A. No. 1	1838-39
<b>Lewis L. Garner</b>	N. A. No. 1	1840
<b>A. S. Berryhill</b>	N. A. No. 1	1843-44
<b>C. W. Cayce</b>	N. A. No. 1	1845-46
<b>G. P. Bornwasser</b>	Hope No. 1	1922-36

**Grand Treasurers**

<b>John Evans</b>	N. A. No. 1	1837
<b>Wm. Clark</b>	N. A. No. 1	1838-39

**The Mystic Brotherhood.**

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Hope Lodge No. 83 I. O. O. F. Hope Lodge No. 83 I. O. O. F. was instituted at New Albany, by Oliver Defour, Past Grand Master, February 14, 1850, with twenty-one charter members. Past Grands, **Thos. McNally**, **Daniel White**, **James Johnson**, and Brother **John Richey**, are all that remain of that number who are now members of the lodge.

Since that time [1850] there has been paid

for the relief of brothers .....	\$14786.90
Relief of widowed families .....	\$3203.13
Educating orphans.....	\$1013.24
Burying the dead.....	\$4024.80
Other charitable purposes .....	\$746.62
Dues to the Grand Lodge .....	\$2541.66
	\$26318.39

—New Albany *Daily Ledger Standard* 13 Feb 1875 p4 c3

## Tell City's Founding

Originally published in the *Tell City News Centennial Supplement*, August 8, 1956. The Tell City Sesquicentennial will be celebrated in 2008.

Edited by **Doris B. Leistner** 2008

**HISTORY REVEALS THAT TELL CITY DIDN'T GROW LIKE TOPSY, ITS FOUNDING WAS PLANNED IN CINCINNATI AND AS A RESULT OF THAT PLANNING IT GREW FROM THE ORIGINAL 620 PERSONS WHO ARRIVED IN MAY, 1858, TO 1,230 BY MIDSUMMER OF THE SAME YEAR.**

(Continued from previous quarterly)

### **Fire Destroys School**

In 1862 a fire destroyed one of the school buildings and contributions were made up by the society members for a new brick building to be known as the South School. This building became over-crowded by 1866 and another school had to be added to take care of the more than 400 students who were taught by five teachers who were: Mr. **Debus**, Mr. **Huthsteiner**, Mr. **Baumgartner**, Mrs. **Ellen Largent** and Miss **Hedwig Knecht**.

The new school became known as the North Street School located on Tenth Street between Jefferson and Fulton. Funds were provided by private contributions and money raised by fairs, picnics, socials and in other ways. Besides the public schools there were many private schools in Tell City where mathematics, bookkeeping, English, sewing and needle work were taught.

### **First Church Was Catholic.**

The first church in the community was established by the Catholics in 1859 on Main Street between Tell and Schiller streets. The parishioners decided to call the church St. William in honor of **William Tell's** patron saint. When the bishop arrived to dedicate the modest little frame building 50 by 20 feet he refused. He observed that there were quite a number of church members not attending to their religious duties as they should on Sunday, but were home grubbing stumps out of their yards. He suggested that St. Paul, Apostle of the Heathens, be selected as the patron saint. Today, the church is St. Paul's Catholic.

### **Evangelical First Protestant**

The first protestant church was a German Evangelical congregation established in 1861, and a church was erected in 1863 on the site of the present Evangelical (United Church of Christ). The German Methodist Church was founded in the early 80's to be followed by an English Methodist Episcopal church in 1891. In 1900, a Lutheran congregation was founded.

The Swiss Colonization Society served as the governing officials of the town.

### **Incorporated in 1859**

Tell City was incorporated in the spring of 1859 with 124 signing the petition. The first board of trustees met July 18, 1859.

A town clerk, town marshal, assessor, treasurer, and members of the school board were appointed. All records were kept in German.

Arrangements were made at his time for a city cemetery and **Jacob Walter** was named the city's First cemetery sexton. According to the CANNELTON REPORTER of Oct. 20, 1858, "The health of Tell City is improving, chills and fever, which have been prevalent for several months. Thanks to quinine and good constitutions of our German neighbors this illness is rapidly disappearing."

### **First Cemetery In 1862**

The city cemetery was laid out and opened in June 1862 and named Greenwood Cemetery.

The first undertaking establishment and furniture store in Tell City was founded by **J. H. Schergens** in 1858. The undertaking establishment was in continuous operation many years, later operated under the firm name of the **Finch** Funeral Home.

The Tell City Monument Works started by **Henry Ludwig** in 1863 is believed to be the oldest business establishment in Tell City and was in continuous operation by members of the same family. **Preston Ludwig**, was a great-grandson.

### **First Fire Company in 1860**

In Jan. 1860 Tell City Fire Company, No. 1, was organized. Fire cisterns were located at the principal street crossings and intersections. The first erected at Main and Mozart streets, another at Main and Fulton Streets. At one time, there were several competing fire companies. In 1868, the volunteer city fire department came into being.

In 1860, a seal for the corporation was procured and bore the profile of **William Tell**, Swiss patriot. Real estate was valued at \$235,483 in 1860 with an assessment of 50¢ on each \$100 of real property.

The first town election was held in Tell City in May 1860. During this year, Tell City cast its first vote in a national election. The results of the poll were **Douglas** and **Johnson**, nine votes; **Lincoln** and **Hamlin** 234 votes; total votes cast 243.

### **Ohio River Important**

Without the river, there would have been no Tell City as we know it today. It was the river that brought Tell City to this certain spot in 1858. As previously stated the founding fathers' were interested primarily in a site for an industrial city and the most essential factor for such a development was transportation.

Tell City almost immediately was an industrial city. For the first 30 years, until 1887 when the railroad came, it was entirely dependent upon the river transportation. Without boats for exports and imports, factories could not have grown, nor could Tell City have developed as it did.

Manufacturing and industrial enterprises coming into existence in 1859 were: Tell City Furniture Company, Tell City Flouring Mill erected by **Charles Steinauer** and **Adolph Wegmann**. **Rauscher & Bettinger** started a steam sawmill. Herrmann Plow and Wagon Factory was started in the spring 1859.

### **Distillery Started In 1863**

**Fred Voelke** built a large frame building for a lager beer brewery with an output of 2,000 barrels annually. **Charles Becker** started a brewery at Ninth and Washington streets known as the Tell City Brewery and Ice Plant. In 1863 **August Krogman** built the Registered Distillery and in this same year **Combs, Hartmann & Company**, manufacturers of furniture and chairs. Later it became the **Fischer** Chair Company.

**Hauser** and **Hartley** started the Tell City Woolen Mill, making jeans, flannels and yarns, in 1864, later it was taken over by **Michael Bettinger, Sr.**

The Tell City Chair Company started operation in November 1865 and was originally organized as a cooperative concern with most stockholders being employees.

The Tell City Planing Mill dates back to 1865. Its proprietors were **Schoellin** and **Zuenkler**. In 1868 it was sold to **Magnus Kreisle** and son **John M. Kreisle**. The Southwestern Furniture Company, now the William Tell Woodcrafters, had its beginning in 1872.

### **Bank Started In 1872**

In the year 1872 **John S. Whitten** of Leavenworth, Ind., and **Fred Steiner**, wharfmaster, founded the first banking institution in Tell City. It began as a private business with a capital of \$30,000. In 1874, the bank was given its first charter under the name of the First National Bank. **Charles Steinauer** was the first president and **Gustav Huthsteiner** the first cashier.

In 1877, the Mutual Fire Insurance Company was organized with **P. Weidner** as president and **Fred Kaelin**, secretary. This organization is still in operation under the name of the Home Mutual Insurance Company.

**First Local Newspaper in 1866**

The first newspaper circulated in Tell City was the HELVETIA, printed in Cincinnati and founded in 1857. It contained news from Switzerland. The management of the Helvitia transferred to Tell City in 1859 and the name was changed to TELL CITY VOLKSBLATT. Dr. **N. Sorg** became its editor. The first Tell City newspaper to print all local news appeared in Sept. 1866 printed in German. It was called the TELL CITY ANZEIGER published by **M. Schmid** and **F. J. Widmer**.

In 1861, the shadow of the War Between the States became evident. The town board ordered a quantity of powder and lead and organized a special police force. The first company to leave Perry County for enlistment in the Civil War was a Tell City Company captained by **Louis Frey**. In July 1862, a home guard was organized with its chief duty, keeping a close watch on the river front. It was called out twice, once when it was reported that Morgan's raiders were coming and again when the Rebels were said to be coming into Troy.

It was not until 1871 that the building of a jail was proposed. The privilege of erecting telegraph poles was granted in 1878 and similar action with regard to the telephone was passed in 1882.

**Became City In 1886**

On Jan. 6, 1886, a petition from more than 200 voters was presented asking the incorporation of Tell City. The town clerk published notice that poll would be taken on March 1, 1886 at the market house to determine if the people wanted to become incorporated. The city was divided into three wards.

**Schreiber First Mayor**

The first meeting of the common council was held March 31, 1886. **August Schreiber** was the first mayor; **Anton Moraweck** and **John C. Harrer**, **Valentine Ress**, **John Hess**, **Henry Bader** and **Joseph Adam**, councilmen. **Frederick Kaelin** was the first city clerk; **William Schroeder**, marshal; **Alexander Gasser, Sr.**, treasurer; **Charles Gramberg**, assessor.

**Early Settlers Had Hard Times**

Early settlers upon arriving brought with them gold that paid for the land, labor and products needed. When this was gone many could not keep up without money or gold and left for their former homes. The German-Swiss community lived through these hard times by exploiting their skill, energy and good judgment. The depression of the War Between the States' fell upon the community. It was followed by the panic of 1873.

These men were fortunate in having the river to market their manufactured products in the South. They were able to compete in the open market with a slight advantage; they had a better and cheaper mode of transportation. Railroads introduced in 1828 were fast becoming more popular, but the river even in its flooded and sometimes frozen state was more dependable, taking products to a point where they could be loaded on railroad cars.

**Furniture Major Product**

Furniture remained the major product of the community, but other products such as 300,000 pounds of castings, exclusive of kettles, etc., from local foundries; cotton presses, hay presses, carded wool, cloth and woolen jeans, barrels of flour, barrels of beer, wood flooring, doors, windows, kegs, fine marble gravestones, bellows, wagons, spinning wheels and spring wagon exported by river before the coming of the railroad in 1887.

In 1866, Tell City had the reputation along the Ohio River of having more factories than any city of its size on the river south of Louisville, its schools were good and the city had no jail. Its population was then 2,600.

**First Railroad In 1887**

Many attempts were made to connect the city with a railroad, the first of any note was in 1867, later in 1871, but it was not until May 4, 1887 that the city council passed an ordinance granting a right-of way to the railroad company. More than \$5,000 was subscribed in 1886 to bring the proposed Air Line system (now the Southern) from Huntingburg to Tell City and Cannelton. An election was held on May 4, 1888 to determine whether the city should levy a two per cent tax for that purpose. By a vote of 455 to 15 it was determined to levy the tax and Tell City paid more than \$10,000 to bring the railroad in.

Many citizens gathered on Dec 31, 1887 at the railroad crossing at Sixth Street for the arrival of the first Iron Horse to come into the community. Mayor **August Schreiber** was invited to go to Lincoln City and ride in on the first train. The event was of such importance that all factories and business houses closed at noon so everyone could attend the ceremonies and some to see, for the first time a locomotive.

### **Enjoyed Relaxation Too**

The early settlers did not spend all of their time working, finding pleasure and relaxation in many different fields of entertainment.

As early as 1865 on Sundays the school teacher would instruct the children in music and soon a Boys' Band was organized. It was soon followed by a Brass Band.

The Swiss and Germans loved music and their music was always the best at festivals, fairs and dances. There were singing societies, Maennerchor (men's chorus) and Leiderkrantz (women's voices), all were of the best when appearances were made. This love of music and singing has continued.

### **Theatrical Troops Play Town**

Many of the country's best theatrical groups played in Tell City during the 1870 and 1880's. There were no Blue Laws on Sunday and it was a convenient boat stop over between Louisville and Evansville. The community had its own Theatre Sektion (Little Theatre) that presented many dramatic productions.

The Turnverein and Scheitzenverein served as organizations for those with athletic ability. The Shooting Match Society was formed in 1865. Its members became so skilled they were competing in many states and in 1868, the club was represented in Einsiedlen, Switzerland.

There were many organizations formed, of which the Oddfellow Lodge, organized in May 1859, is the oldest and only continuous lodge existing today. The Greutliverein, a social organization with an insurance benefit, so popular in Switzerland, had one of its first branches in Tell City in 1859. Other lodges, as the Druids, Pythians and Masons, followed.

### **Greatest Flood in 1937**

Located on the river Tell City had its share of floods and epidemics. The spring floods inevitably wrought disaster and disease. In 1937, 92 per cent of the city's industry and business was covered with more than five feet of flood water.

The city has always maintained its high standards of active participation when called upon to serve its country. Commencing with the Civil War, Spanish American, Mexican Border, World War I and II and the Korean conflict, she has given her best in young men of courage and valor. Indiana's only general to lose his life in World War II was Gen. **Edwin D. Patrick**, a native of Tell City.

### **Railroad Brought Progress**

The advent of the railroad in Tell City in 1887 brought a period of progress for the next two decades. A public water system, electricity and the automobile age were in their infancy. After the 1937 flood, she was the second city in the flooded area on the Ohio River to receive a Government-built flood protection wall. It became a reality through the persistence of the late **Chris Zoercher** who has gone down in history as "The Father of Tell City's Flood Wall."

### **6517 Population**

In 1958, Tell City had a population of 6,517. At that time, more than 278 firms and business concerns were manufacturing products and providing services, sales (wholesale and retail) and professional people. More than 75 per cent of the homes in Tell City were owned by their occupants.

There were 14 major manufacturing plants, namely Maxon Construction Company (Marine Division), Tell City Chair Company, Fischer Chair Company, William Tell Woodcrafter, General Electric Tube Plant, Knott Manufacturing Company, Park and Tilford Distillers, Inc., U. S. Brick Company, Tell City Feed and Grain Elevator, Tell City Planing Mill, Ohio Valley Company, Mulzer Brothers, Tell City Lumber and Supply Company, Inc., and Cutter Boats, Inc., a division of the Owen Yacht Company, Baltimore, Md. There were more than 4,000 persons employed in industry in Tell City.

### **Diversified Manufacturing**

Chairs of all types, dining room and bedroom furniture, radio and television cabinets, occasional furniture, toilet seats, steel barges, marine equipment and repair station, pleasure boats (cruisers and small

craft), bricks, concrete blocks, limestone, gravel, building materials and electronic tubes were produced in Tell City. Whiskey has not been distilled at the distillery for several years, but the warehouses are used for storage.

The Tell City Electric Department and the Tell City Water Department are municipally owned and operated. The electric department operates its own power plant that is supplemented with electricity purchased from Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co., Evansville. The water in Tell City meets all requirements established by the State Board of Health and is reported to be one of the purest water supplies in the state of Indiana. It is pumped from deep wells and there has never been a water shortage. It is served with natural gas by a privately owned utility company, Ohio Valley Gas Corporation.

A new sewage disposal system and disposal system were placed in operation in 1957. These two improvements cost more than a million dollars. The city's new water filtration plant was placed in operation in 1958.

### **REA and RTC Offices in City**

The Southern Indiana Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., has its headquarters in Tell City. The Perry-Spencer Rural Telephone Cooperative home office is also located in Tell City.

The Perry County Memorial Hospital located between Tell City and Cannelton serves the entire county. A 28-bed hospital was completed in 1950 at a cost of more than \$700,000.

The city schools consisted of St. Paul's, Newman, and Franklin grade schools and Tell City High School. St. Paul's Catholic is owned by the local parish and under supervision of the city school system, Tell City High School had a new and modern gymnasium with a seating capacity of 4,053. A stadium and athletic field were provided by the Perry County American Legion Post of Tell City.

### **10 Religious Faiths**

Churches in Tell City have shown a marked growth and progress in recent years. There are several denominations within the city limits.

The service clubs are Tell City Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club and Business and Professional Women's Club. There are many fraternal and patriotic organizations that own their own clubs and lodge halls.

The city is served by a first class post office. It has an AM Radio Station and a semi-weekly newspaper.

A United States Forest Station with a full-time forest ranger is located in Tell City.

Tell City did not become the large industrial city its founding fathers had intended and hoped for its future, but its growth and progress has been steady, providing its citizens with a sense of security, satisfaction and well-being.

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## **BACK IN THE GROVE**

On April 3, 1906, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Silver Grove passed a curfew ordinance. Article 1 stated "That it shall be unlawful for children under the age of (16) sixteen to be loitering, or running, or making boisterous noise, or talking in a loud unnatural voice upon the streets of the Town of Silver Grove after the hour of 8 P.M." One tap of the bell at The Advent Christian Church was to designate curfew. The fine for the violation was to be no less than \$1 and no more than \$25.

Signed by **R.O. Whitten**, Chairman: **J. T. Flannery**, Clerk

(Mr. **George M. Pennington** was Marshal and I can imagine that his nightstick was used more often than the assessment of a fine.)

—Submitted by **Jim Mumford**

## Descendants of Jehue Burkett

Submitted by **Anna McKim Frederick**

### *Descendants of Jehu Burkett*

1. **Jehu<sup>1</sup> Burkett** died Bef. 30 May 1829 in Harrison County, Indiana.

Among his probate papers: (Found among **William Anderson's** papers)

On or before the 10th of June 1830 I promise to pay **Wm Hurst** the just and full sum of fifteen Dollars for two coffins for **Jehu Burkett** and Daughter as witness my hand and seal this 27th July 1820

**Adam Burket** Administrator of **Jehu Burkett** decd

NOTE: the dates 1830 and 1820 are written on the paper

On Back of this Paper:

for value received I assign the within note to **Voluntine Miller** as witness my hand this 27th July 1829

**Adam Birket**) Received of **Adam Burket** fifteen dollars this note in full June the 9th 1830

Note)

**Valentine Miller**

**Mr Jehu Burkett** Deceased to J.B. Slaughter, Dr

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Received of b five dollars and fifty six & a fourth cents the administrator of **Jehue Burketts** deceased June 5th 1830  
**JB Slaughter**

Received of **Adam Burket** administrator of the estate of **Jehue Burket** decd the sum of two dollars for ten gallons of whiskey for the sale May 30 1829  
**Solomon Kepley**

Received of **Adam Burket** Adm of the estate of **Jehue Burket** decd Ten dollars 18 3/4 cents in part of my portion of said estate July 15th 1833

teste: **Craven Lynn**

**John Burket**

January the 4th 1830 then received seventy five cents of **Adam Burket** administrator of **Jahue Burket** Decd for certifying appraised & clerk of said estate  
**William Anderson, JP**

All names of children are taken from the probate papers

Children of **Jehu Burkett** are:

- + 2 i. **Adam<sup>2</sup> Burkett**, born Abt. 1792 in North Carolina; died Bef. 1857 in Harrison Co., Indiana.
- 3 ii. **Mahala Burkett**.
- 4 iii. **Nancy Burkett**. She married **James Finagen**.
- 5 iv. **Sarah Burkett**. She married **William Cannon**.
- 6 v. **Polly Burkett**. She married **George Wise**.
- 7 vi. **John Burkett**.

2. **Adam<sup>2</sup> Burkett (Jehu<sup>1</sup>)** was born Abt. 1792 in North Carolina, and died before 1857 in Harrison Co., Indiana. He married **Rebecca**.

30 September 1856 — **Adam Burkett** Will page 112 & 113 Aug 1851 to 1875

"Beloved wife **Rebecca Burkett** - friend, **Johne Jasper Fleshman**, - Son, **Thomas Jefferson Burkett**- Daughter, **Lusetta Burkett** - son and daughters of daughter, **Elizabeth Vanfossen** - granddaughter **Mary Stevens**, **Ellen Stevens** daughters of **Wm. B. Stevens** and **Harriett Stevens** - son, **Adison Burkett** - son, **Blanden Burkett**

daughter **Marinda Bloom** - daughter, **Sarina Anderson** - daughter, **Silena Flock**  
Executed and recorded February 12, 1857 Harrison County Court.

Children of **Adam Burkett** and **Rebecca** are:

- + 8 i. **Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Burkett**, born Oct 1822 in Indiana; died 24 Jun 1870 in prob. Missouri.
- 9 ii. **Lusetta Burkett**, born 1820.
- + 10 iii. **Hariett Burkett**.
- 11 iv. **Adison Burkett**, born 04 Sep 1820 in Harrison County, Indiana; died 05 Sep 1900 in Harrison County, Indiana, bur., Bethlehem Cemetery, Crandall, Indiana. He married **Caroline Crandall**; born 01 Jul 1829 in Harrison County, Indiana; died 23 Apr 1900 in Harrison County, Indiana, bur. Bethlehem Cemetery, Crandall, Indiana. Buried beside them in Bethlehem Cemetery are:  
**Flora d/o T.S. & M.E. Burkett** 9 Feb 1882 - 3 Jun 1896  
**Ira Burkett** 28 Dec 1846 - 4 Apr 1900  
**Mary E. w/o T.S. Burkett** 3 Nov 1857 - 30 Aug 1894
- 12 v. **Blanden Burkett**.
- 13 vi. **Marinda Burkett**. She married **Frederick Blume** 30 Nov 1854 in Harrison County, Indiana.
- 14 vii. **Saloma Burkett**. She married **David Flock** 09 Sep 1855 in Harrison County, Indiana.
- + 15 viii. **Serena Burkett**, born 02 Jan 1825 in Harrison County, Indiana; died 08 Jan 1899 in Fairmont, Clark Co., Missouri.
- + 16 ix. **Thomas Jefferson Burkett**, born 11 May 1829 in Harrison Co., Ind.; died 25 Sep 1907 in Fairmont, Clark County, Missouri.
- 17 x. **Burkett**.

8. **Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Burkett** (**Adam<sup>2</sup>, Jehu<sup>1</sup>**) was born Oct 1822 in Indiana, and died 24 Jun 1870 in prob. Missouri. She married **Thomas E. VanFossen** 30 Mar 1843 in Harrison County, son of **Abraham VanFossen** and **Elizabeth**. He was born 1820 in Augusta Co., Va., and died in prob. Missouri.

30 Sep 1856

**Adam Burkett** will p 112 113 Aug '51 to '75

-----beloved wife, **Rebecca Burkett** - friend, **Johne Jasper Fleshman** son- **Thomas Jefferson Burkett**,  
daut. **Lusetta Burkett** - son and daunts of daut, **Elizabeth VanFossen** -granddaughter **Mary Stevens, Ellen Stevens**,  
daunts of **Wm. B. Stevens** and **Harriett Stevens** - son **Adison Burkett** - son, **Blanden Burkett** daut. **Marinda Bloom** daut **Serina Anderson**, daut **Silena Flock** - executed & recorded Feb 12, 1857 - Harrison County Court.

The dates for the children are from the 1860 and 1879 Census of Clark Co., Jefferson Twp. Missouri  
The census lists **Thomas** as a blacksmith

Children of **Elizabeth Burkett** and **Thomas VanFossen** are:

- + 18 i. **John<sup>4</sup> VanFossen**, born 1850 in Harrison County, Ind..
- 19 ii. **Elizabeth VanFossen**, born 1845 in Missouri.
- 20 iii. **Charles H. VanFossen**, born 1851 in Missouri.
- 21 iv. **William K. VanFossen**, born 1853 in Missouri.
- 22 v. **Mary J. VanFossen**, born 1855 in Missouri.
- 23 vi. **James VanFossen**, born 1857 in Missouri.
- 24 vii. **Thomas VanFossen**, born 1860 in Missouri.

10. **Hariett<sup>3</sup> Burkett** (**Adam<sup>2</sup>, Jehu<sup>1</sup>**) She married **William B. Stevens**.

Children of **Hariett Burkett** and **William Stevens** are:

- 25 i. **Mary<sup>4</sup> Stevens**.
- 26 ii. **Ellen Stevens**.

15. **Serena<sup>3</sup> Burkett** (**Adam<sup>2</sup>, Jehu<sup>1</sup>**) was born 02 Jan 1825 in Harrison County, Indiana, and died 08 Jan 1899 in Fairmont, CLark Co., Missouri. She married **Edward Anderson** 13 Feb 1845 in Harrison Co., Ind., son of **Andrew Anderson** and **Catherine Smith**. He was born 1823 in Augusta County, Virginia, and died 26 Sep 1886 in Fairmont, Clark County, Missouri.

information on this family from: **Doris Jean Anderson** of Wyconda, Missouri, 1982[]

Children of **Serena Burkett** and **Edward Anderson** are:

+ 27 i. **Francis Marion<sup>4</sup> Anderson**, born 03 Apr 1846 in Harrison Co., Ind.; died 05 Jun 1905 in Wyaconda, Missouri.

28 ii. **Edward Bladen Anderson**, born 19 Dec 1866 in Clark County, Missouri. He married **Bertha Lewis** 22 May 1889 in Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa.

**16. Thomas Jefferson<sup>3</sup> Burkett** (Adam<sup>2</sup>, Jehu<sup>1</sup>) was born 11 May 1829 in Harrison Co., Ind., and died 25 Sep 1907 in Fairmont, Clark County, Missouri. He married **Minerva Jane Anderson** 26 Feb 1860 in Fairmont, Clark County, Missouri, daughter of **George Anderson** and **Cloe Lawford**. She was born 29 Sep 1844 in Harrison Co., Ind., and died 22 Jul 1921 in Fairmont, Clark County, Missouri.

Children of **Thomas Burkett** and **Minerva Anderson** are:

29 i. **William Edward<sup>4</sup> Burkett**, born 05 Jul 1861 in Clark Co., Missouri; died 28 May 1933 in Wyaconda, Missouri.

30 ii. **Geo. Sherman Burkett**, born 12 Oct 1863 in near Wyaconda, Missouri; died 16 Mar 1940.

31 iii. **Ellen Burkett**, born 17 Sep 1865 in near Wyaconda, Missouri; died 23 Mar 1940 and buried in Fairmont Cemetery, Clark Co., Missouri.

32 iv. **Minerva Burkett**, born 1867 in Clark Co., Missouri; died 04 Jul 1944, buried in Fairmont Cemetery, Clark Co., Missouri.

33 v. **Francis Marion Burkett**, born 10 Dec 1869 in Clark Co., Missouri; died 21 Nov 1947, buried in Fairmont Cemetery, Clark Co., Missouri.

34 vi. **Etta May Burkett**, born 17 May 1872; died 27 Feb 1895.

**18. John<sup>4</sup> VanFossen** (**Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Burkett**, Adam<sup>2</sup>, Jehu<sup>1</sup>) was born 1850 in Harrison County, Ind.. He married **Rebecca**. She was born 1849 in Virginia.

Child of **John VanFossen** and **Rebecca** is:

35 i. **Edward<sup>5</sup> VanFossen**, born 1867 in Missouri.

**27. Francis Marion<sup>4</sup> Anderson** (**Serena<sup>3</sup> Burkett**, Adam<sup>2</sup>, Jehu<sup>1</sup>) was born 03 Apr 1846 in Harrison Co., Ind., and died 05 Jun 1905 in Wyaconda, Missouri. He married (1) **Martha Turner** 16 Mar 1871 in Clark County, Missouri. She was born 1839 in ?, and died 08 Feb 1888 in Clark County, Missouri. He married (2) **Runda Erickson** 22 Oct 1892 in Clark County, Missouri. She was born 05 Dec 1855 in ?, and died 07 Dec 1896 in Clark County, Missouri. He married (3) **Mary E. Miller** Unknown in Wyaconda, Missouri. She was born 13 May 1860 in Monroe County, Missouri, and died 30 Jun 1942 in Wyaconda, Missouri.

Children of **Francis Anderson** and **Martha Turner** are:

36 i. **Leona Florence<sup>5</sup> Anderson**, born 04 Aug 1875 in Clark County, Missouri; died 05 Aug 1875 in Clark County, Missouri.

37 ii. **Emma Belle Anderson**, born 08 Mar 1878 in Clark County, Missouri; died 11 Oct 1945. She married **James Oliver Currier** 04 Nov 1900.

38 iii. **Mary Adeline Anderson**, born 03 Apr 1881 in Clark County, Missouri; died 19 Dec 1903 in Wyaconda, Missouri.

Children of **Francis Anderson** and **Runda Erickson** are:

39 i. **Infant<sup>5</sup> Anderson**, born 1894.

40 ii. **Infant Anderson**, born 1895.

41 iii. **Russell Anderson**, born 01 Dec 1896 in Clark County, Missouri; died 20 Jul 1897 in Clark County, Missouri.

Child of **Francis Anderson** and **Mary Miller** is:

42 i. **James Edward<sup>5</sup> Anderson**, born 26 Sep 1901 in Wyaconda, Missouri. He married (1) **Sylvia Mae Lafrenz** 30 Jan 1926 in Quincy, Adams Co., Illinois; born 06 Oct 1900 in Wyaconda, Missouri; died 18 Aug 1958 in Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa. He married (2) **Barbara Drescher**

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**May 26 1829**  
**A Sale Bill of the personal property of Jehue Burket**

Submitted by **Anna McKim Frederick**

<b>George Wise</b> - a Lot of Clothes .....	.02	<b>Jacob Wise</b> - 1 little wheel .....	3.07 ¼
<b>Lawson Riley</b> - 2 plains .....	.32 ½	<b>William Hurst</b> - 1 hoe .....	.38
<b>Daniel Ellis</b> - 1 singletree-1 stretcher .....	.69 ¾	<b>William Gwin</b> - 1 hoe .....	.39 ¼
<b>William Quin</b> - 12 log chain .....	.44	<b>Richard Thomas</b> - 1 Brier hook .....	.67
<b>William Hurst</b> -1 pair doubletress .....	.93 ¾	<b>Caleb Crayden</b> - fire dogs .....	1.50
<b>John Hurst</b> - 1 pair stretchers .....	.81 ¼	<b>Edward Hughes</b> - 1 lot of corn 20 bushels 41 cents a bushel .....	8.20
<b>Lawson Brent</b> - 1 set of spools .....	.31 ½	<b>Thomas Carr</b> 2 lot of corn 20 bushels 46 cents a bushel .....	9.20
<b>Benjamin Harrison</b> - 1 lot of lumber .....	.00 ½	<b>George Wise</b> the balance of corn at 37 ½ cents per bushel .....	2.69 ½
<b>Lawson Brent</b> - 1 Rathe(?) .....	.06 ¼	<b>James Hubbard</b> , sen - one wagon bed .....	.76
<b>Lawson Brent</b> - Weaving utensils .....	.03 ½	<b>William Evilsizer</b> - 2 planks .....	.26
<b>Adam Copper</b> - 1 choler and gear .....	2.51	<b>William Miller</b> - 1 grindstone .....	.56 ¼
<b>Adam Burket</b> - 1 trunk .....	.31 ¼	<b>John Ellis</b> - 1 barshear plow .....	1.20
<b>William Gwin</b> - 1 tea boxe .....	.15	<b>Spencer Lahue</b> - 1 Barshear plow .....	.75
<b>William Gwin</b> - 1 horse fleam .....	.40	<b>William Miller</b> - one Loom .....	5.50
<b>Andrew Thomas</b> - 2 jacket books .....	.06 ¼	<b>William Engleman</b> one barrel and some salt.....	.50
<b>Joseph Cline</b> - 1 choler and gear .....	.57 ¼	<b>James Hubbird</b> - Breast chains .....	.88 ½
<b>George Ingleman</b> - 1 Reel .....	.48	<b>Nimrod Hurst</b> - Breeching .....	3.38 ½
<b>Milton Bufford</b> - 1 choler and gear.....	1.00	<b>Edward Hughes</b> - Nixstraps (?) .....	.12 ½
<b>William Hurst</b> - 1 pair haines and traces .....	.88	<b>Reunion Ellis</b> - 1 sythe and Cradle .....	2.13 ½
<b>Henry Bonebrake</b> - 1 lot of bridles.....	14.31 ¾	<b>George Evilsizer</b> - warping bars .....	.75
<b>William Thomas</b> - 1 half bushel .....	.54	<b>Benjamin Taylor</b> - 1 bed and bedding.....	3.93 ¾
<b>James Mcintire</b> - 1 halter 1 line .....	.25	<b>George Huffstitter</b> - 1 bag of feathers .....	1.13
<b>Abram Walk</b> - 1 lot of Iron .....	1.55	<b>Lawson Brent</b> - 1 barrel.....	.12 ½
<b>Peter Wise</b> - basket of Iron .....	.26	<b>Elizabeth Harrison</b> - 1 bed .....	3.04
<b>Jacob Kenoyer</b> - 1 halter Chain and Collar .....	1.26	<b>Lawson Brent</b> - 1 razer.....	.32 ¼
<b>Peter Wise</b> - 1 strip of leather .....	.26	<b>Joseph Ellis</b> - 1 pair spectacles .....	.32
<b>Jacob Kenoyer</b> - 1 shovel .....	.76	<b>Elijah Dyer</b> - shoemaker tools.....	1.05
<b>Jacob Kenoyer</b> - halter chain .....	.26	<b>William Taylor</b> - 1 pewter dish.....	.62 ½
<b>Jacob Bailor</b> - 2 clevises .....	1.14	<b>Pleasant Crowder</b> - 1 pewter dish.....	.58
<b>John Moore</b> - 1 lot of iron .....	.62 ½	<b>John L. Hurst</b> - Bason and spoons.....	.43
<b>John Sour</b> - 1 bell .....	.25	<b>Pleasant Crowder</b> - 4 pewter plaits .....	.44 ¾
<b>Lawson Brent</b> - 1 belt .....	.42 ½	<b>Pleasant Crowder</b> - 1 bason.....	.38
<b>John Moore</b> - 1 bell .....	.57	<b>Frederick Moser</b> - tea cups & saucers.....	.28
<b>William Evilsizer</b> - 3 chisels .....	.26	<b>David Kepley</b> - Sheepshears & square .....	.43
<b>Elisha Hubbard</b> - 1 jack screw .....	.25	<b>Felix Blankenbaker</b> 1 lantern .....	.15
<b>Edward Hughes</b> - 1 saddle .....	5.12 ½	<b>Elizabeth Harrison</b> 1 sieve .....	.25-
<b>William Hurst Senr</b> - 1 axe .....	1.00	1 lot of thread .....	.26
<b>Caleb Craydon</b> - 1 axe .....	.67		
<b>William Hurst, Senr</b> - 1 hand axe .....	82 ¼		

<b>Benjamin Taylor</b> – 2 bags .....	.18 ¾	<b>Lawson Brent</b> 1 slide and harrow .....	.12 ½
<b>Caleb Crayden</b> – 5 chairs 1 bench .....	.37	<b>James Hubbard</b> – 1 flat iron .....	.38
<b>Benjamin Taylor</b> – 1 basket .....	.25	<b>Joel Byrns</b> – Crout cutter .....	.81 ½
<b>Lawson Brent</b> – shaving horse mauls .....	.03	<b>Pleasant Crowder</b> – 1 big wheel .....	.80
<b>Daniel Welker</b> – 2 books .....	.37 ½	<b>John Kepley</b> – 4 barrels and cag .....	.77
<b>William Miller</b> – knives and forks.....	.26	<b>Joseph Ellis</b> – 1 hoe .....	.12 ½
1 – rattle trap .....	.03	<b>Felex Blankenbaker</b> – 1 bedstead and cord .....	1.50
<b>John L. Hurst</b> – 1 sheep .....	1.50	1 bridle .....	.26
<b>John Sour</b> – 1 bottle .....	.12 ½	<b>Benjamin Taylor</b> – 1 coffee mill .....	.41
<b>Reynard Kepley</b> – 1 bottle .....	.06 ½	<b>Henry Wolf</b> – 1 tin bucket .....	.31 ½
<b>James McIntire</b> – 1 lot of lumber .....	.25	<b>David Wolf</b> – 1 bucket .....	.41 ½
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Total amount		signed Adam Burkett	
	\$361.26	mark	

His  
signed **Adam Burkett**  
mark

Transcribed from original paper, found among **William Anderson's** personal papers  
by Anna McKim Frederick

## Queries

Who was William Ross, buried at Bethel Cemetery in Floyd County, Indiana? Dates on tombstone are:  
Jan. 23, 1825 – 5 Jul 1858. Son William is buried next to him, b Oct 1, 1857, d Jul 5, 1858, "Son of  
William and Elizabeth"  
—Sue P. Carpenter, 5468 Smith Road, Floyds Knobs, IN 47119  
[spcarpenter5468@gmail.com](mailto:spcarpenter5468@gmail.com)

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**The County's Poor.**

**A Reporter Visits the Poor Farm and Writes of What He Sees  
Short Sketches of Some of the Inmates, and What They Say  
How the Incurably Insane Inmates Act and Look When Visited  
Tobacco the Panacea for Melancholy.**

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A LEDGER-STANDARD ambassador visited the county poor farm one day this week, and spent a couple of hours about the grounds and buildings. The new building, which has already been described in detail by the LEDGER-STANDARD, is rapidly approaching completion, yet it will be some time before it will be in condition for the reception of the county's wards. In his walks about the old rattletrap, by courtesy called a house, in which the county's poor are confined, the reporter was most interested, and indeed anyone would become so by talking with some of the old timers. Though the building is rickety

and presents a generally dilapidated appearance from the exterior, inside everything was found scrupulously neat, the floors being scrubbed to as almost snowy whiteness. Out of the \_\_5 inmates, not more than three or four were found who were not contented, and objected to their fare, and they were of the sort that would grumble if quartered in a mansion. Uncle **Tommy Butler** is a one-eyed veteran, who has been an inmate of the institution since 1869. The reporter found him enjoying pretty good health for a man so old, and the old gentleman said he was "getting along fust rate." One of the characters of the place, is old

#### AUNT BETSEY PEARCE

Who was found sitting outside the door, enjoying the evening air. The old lady was in a communicative mood, and fell a willing victim to the quizzings of the pencil pusher. "Well, Aunt Betsey, how are you getting along out here?" queried the reporter.

"I am doing as well as could be expected, thank you," she replied.

"Do they give you enough to eat?"

"Yes, we get plenty to eat, and I don't have anything to d, as I can't get around as I used to. You see I have got a crippled ankle," she said, displaying the right foot, which was twisted out of shape.

"You must have been here some time," suggested the reporter.

"Yes, I have been here off and on for 20 years, but I guess I'll stay here till I die, this time," she replied.

"You must be getting pretty well along in years," suggested the interviewer.

"If I live till the 27th day of next July I'll lack just five years of being a hundred years old, and now you know that you can figure it out yourself," she said.

"You must remember things a long while back, then don't you?" asked the reporter.

"I was a woman grown, knocking around there in Cincinnati, at the time of the war," she replied.

"What war do you refer to?"

"Why the British war, of course. I recollect just as well when they brought some red coat prisoners through there and divided 'em up, leaving some of 'em in Cincinnati and sending the rest on 'em 'cross the river to—to—dear me, what is the name of that place?"

"Covington?" suggested the reporter.

"Why law me, of course it was Covington. I declare my memory is getting worse every day."

Aunt Betsy then brushed a persistent fly from her left ear and continued:

"I'm getting pretty old now, and I can't see as well as I used to, but I guess I'll not last much longer."

Upon entering the house the reporter met an aged woman, of unmistakable Milasian [sic] descent, and, upon being asked how she was getting along, replied, with a low bow:

"Pretty well, thank God and you. **Mister Brod**," said she, addressing the superintendent, who was with the reporter, "Would you mind giving mea a bit of tobacco?"

Mr. Brod divided with her, and as she put the prized wad in her pocket, remarked, with a self-satisfied air:

"Good beggars will never be without plenty to eat and a bit of tobacco."

"Do you get plenty to eat here?" asked the reporter.

"Is it stingy, ye ask? I should think I do; here is what is left of my dinner," she said, going to the cupboard and showing the reporter the remnants, "sure its enough to give any body a decent meal."

#### SEVENTY SEVEN AND LIVELY YET

**Mrs. Mary Seit**, Seventy-seven years old, was next seen, and was found sewing, without the aid of glasses. She was very active and said she could beat the superintendent in a foot race, and on his declining to run laughed so heartily, that the reporter feared for the welfare of her diaphragm. She was as happy as happy could be, and said should walk to town quicker than many a woman of less than half her years.

#### POOR OLD MAN

At the head of the stairs, seated in a large chair, was an old man, bent nearly double, and with no use of his lower limbs. He was badly deformed, his deformity being a birth gift. For 63 years he had struggled on in that beat up and distorted body. The ploughshare of trouble had left deep furrows on his forehead, and the lapse of years had whitened his hair. His trembling hands were clasped before him. He had evidently been combing his healthy locks, as the comb was left hanging in his hair. When the reporter approached him he looked up with a smile, and in response to the usual greetings, replied that he would feel "fust rate," if he only had some tobacco. As newspaper men are always wealthy, and have their pockets filled with cigars (penny a grab) and the finest (dog leg) tobacco, the reporter dove into the innermost recesses of his coat-tail pocket, and fished out a plug, which he presented to the old man. "Thank you, thank you," said the old fellow, in a weak and trembling voice, "That will last me sometime, and now I'll get along splendidly." Poor old man! Without home or friends; with no one to cheer his declining years; and no pleasant recollections of the days when he was young, having been a cripple from his birth. Alas, he has no one to brush away the tears from his eyes, or shed a tear over his sorrows; no loving children to throw their little arms about his neck and cheer him with their childish prattle. His is a sad fate indeed and his only friend is a piece of tobacco. Passing down stairs the reporter went to the rear end of the building where the "insane inmates are confined. In one room he found three persons, one woman who has charge of the more rational patients and two others. One was a silly young woman, the shape of whose head left room for only a thimbleful of brains, and this poor unfortunate creature kept up a constant, imbecile sort of a smile that was sickening. The other was a woman of middle age, she was rational enough to work, and she was sewing. The reporter then passed on to those confined in the cells. In the first cell a young woman was seen crouched upon the floor like some wild beast. The advent of the reporter occasioned her to look up for one brief moment, and in that moment, he saw enough to know that the light of reason had fled from those eyes, never to return, and that within all was darkness. She was at one time confined to the state asylum at Indianapolis, but was returned as incurably insane. Her face was not unprepossessing, and were it not for the wild look in her eyes she would be quite handsome. Her hair was cut short, to prevent her from doing injury to herself, as the reporter was informed by Mr. Brod that at all times she was very violent, tearing her clothing to pieces, and assaulting everyone who came near her. Sometimes she will go for two or three days without partaking of a mouthful of food.

In another room was found a literal living skeleton. Seated on the floor, in a corner of the room, was a woman, who was nothing but skin and bone, her arms and limbs apparently having no flesh on them at all, and yet at times this woman will sing and dance a sort of a wild war

dance for hours until the frenzy dies out, when she falls to the floor exhausted, only to renew her strange and unaccountable behavior as soon as the frenzy comes on again.

#### FIFTEEN YEARS IN BED

In the next cell was found a curiosity. It was old **Jimmy Hays**, who for 15 years has persistently refused to get out of bed. When Mr. Brod and the reporter entered his cell, he was found lying on the bed, his head covered with a blanket, but aside from the blanket, his form was innocent of clothing. His shirt was lying on the foot of the bed, where had thrown it, and when asked why he didn't keep his shirt on, replied that it inflamed the back of his neck. His gray hair and snow white whiskers had grown to great length, and the old man had but little more flesh on his attenuated frame than the woman last referred to. Speaking of his leanness, he said, "The collar fits pretty close to the bones on this old host." He first said he had been in the institution for five years, and then asserted he had been there for 50 years.

These sketches of the inmates were of course hurriedly dotted [jotted] down in the reportorial note book, as the reporter walked through the place, but there was one case that elicited his deepest sympathy, and which is deserving of more than passing notice. Upon opening the door to one of the cells, a woman evidently past the middle age of life, was seen crouched near the door.

In her bony hands she convulsively clutched a shawl, and after casting on the intruders one hast look, instantly averted her eyes, and could not be prevailed upon to speak, or look around again. In that one glance, the reporter could not help noticing the wild affrighted look in her eyes, the look of a hunted animal, fleeing for its life, yet she did not move, or pay any further attention to the intruders. It needed no one to tell the news monger that the woman was insane, hopelessly so. **Mr. Brod** said she sits there from day to day, apparently the victim of the most deep seated and never ending melancholy. Her long black hair, in which were a few silver threads, was uncombed, and stood out in all directions, and she presented a perfect picture of utter hopelessness. Yet at one time this wreck of a human being was a happy wife and doting mother; laughing babes nursed at her breasts and clung to her with all the fondness inherent in chills; three children—grown daughters now—took their first steps under the mother's watchful eye and guiding hand. No one doubts that they loved her. Her husband abused her, left her, and then reason left its throne never to return, and when reason fled how did three children do? Did they watch tenderly over the mother who had nursed them in the infancy and helplessness? No, they sent her to the poor house, and now do not even visit her. The young women now reside in this city, and it is said whenever their mother is mentioned in their presence, they say she is dead. Dead? Yes, she is dead to them, and dead to the world, for she is crazy. The word sounds harsh, and undoubtedly grates on their tender susceptibilities to hear it, especially when applied to their mother, and they prefer to have the world think she is dead. If the case were reversed, and the daughters were crazy, would the mother desert them and announce that they were dead, or would she care for them tenderly, and by performing every office that love could suggest, try and make life happy for them, can be answered by every mother in the land.

#### IN EXCELLENT ORDER.

The reporter found everything about the place in excellent order, the s\_\_\_\_ fat and \_\_\_\_d.; and the majority of the inmates peaceful and contented. Since the commissioners decided to furnish no more tobacco, the poor people who have been accustomed to the use of the narcotic for half a century are reduced to the direct straights to procure their favorite weed, and occasionally go for some days without

it. Nearly everyone in the place, irrespective of sex, uses the weed in one for or another, and they have a hard time indeed to get it. A piece of tobacco will make anyone of them happy for a whole day.

—From the *New Albany Ledger-Standard*, Saturday Evening, Oct. 5, 1878 page 4 column 2

"ANOTHER COUNTY BUILDING. This is the county infirmary building, located two and a half miles north of the city near the railroad. The county secured a farm here of one hundred and sixty-seven acres about 1838. It contained a log house to which a log addition was added in 1842. Soon afterwards, however, a large frame house was built on the ground, which is yet standing. The present brick building was erected in 1875. Prior to the establishment of the poor farm the paupers were "farmed out," that is, they were kept by the farmers of the county who were paid something by the county in addition to labor they were able to secure from the pauper. As indicated above, they were kept at the jail until places could be found for them."

—*Biographical & Historical Souvenir, Ohio Falls Counties, 977.2 G86* p. 91

## County Poor House

Formerly the poor, who were not kept at their homes, or in the county jail, were let by contract to some farmer, who was paid a small fee in addition to their labor, but in 1838 the county secured a farm of 140 acres 1-1/2 miles north of the city. It contains a log house to which a log addition was added in 1842. About 1850, 167 acres was leased 3 miles north of the city. Afterward this was purchased and a frame house erected which answered the purposes of the county poor, until the present brick structure was built in 1878. This will comfortably accommodate 140 inmates while the usual average is about 90. Mr. **John Priestly** is a native of England came to this county in 1852, and has been in charge of the alms house for 7 years past. Mr. **Priestly** is a man well adapted for the place, being a thorough going farmer, and a large portion of the supply for the table comes from the products raised by the inmates, under his charge. He is ably assisted in the house management by his amiable wife and everything is kept in the best possible condition, considering the mental and physical weakness variety and social standing of their large family.

From: *New Albany, Indiana: It's Advantages and Surroundings*, by **D. P. Robbins, 1892**, p. 20

— Submitted by **Beth Nolan**

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I thought the above article to be appropriate, after reading that the Board of Commissioners are considering demolishing the former "Poor Home", which was opened after the one described above was no longer used. Maybe not a "pretty" article, but facts.

— EDITOR

## Harrison County, Indiana Asylum of the Poor

Submitted by **Donna Kepley Foster**

In December of 1828 the board of commissioners appointed **William Wright** as superintendent of the Asylum of the Poor in Harrison County, Indiana. **Nathan M. Low M.D.** was appointed to render all the necessary medical services to the paupers at the Asylum for the sum of thirty dollars for one year. **William Wright, John Tabler** and **William D. Eurton** were selected to purchase the necessary articles of personal property and farming utensils. One horse, one two horse plow, two seeding hoes, two axes, one sprouting hoe, 1 large scythe, two sets of gearing, one harrow, double trees, single trees and cleavices, two milk cows with calves. One breeding sow, 10 hens and 2 roosters, and the necessary bedding and household furniture, and all necessary clothing for the paupers at the asylum. Superintendents were **William Wright** 1828, **John W. Bliss** 1889, **Andrew Stonecipher** 1907, **Fred Lillpop**, 1912

March 14, 1871 *Corydon Newspaper*

“A County asylum is a few miles west of Elizabeth and there are about 40 persons boarding there. A number of these persons are incurably insane and the State ought to provide a place for them. One or two of them are naked and have to be chained. If our loyal radical brethren had not broken up the legislature, this heavy expense would have been saved to the people.”

May 9, 1912 *The Corydon Republican*

### **What The Board Of State Charities Has to Say About Our County Asylum and County Jail**

Below will be found the report of the Board of State Charities for this county for the year ending September 30, 1911.

Harrison County Poor Asylum. Post Office, Corydon. Visited September 15, 1911.

The main building, a two-story frame, is poorly arranged for its purpose and is in bad repair. The provision for sex separation is inadequate. The one-story frame building which contains the kitchen and dining room is unfit for use. The roof leaks, the plastering is off in many places and the walls are filthy. The cooking is done by the inmates. A feeble-minded, crippled woman who can not talk plainly and can not walk, does most of this work with the assistance of a feeble-minded colored man. On the day of this visit their clothing was very dirty and the food was poorly prepared. A single coal-oil lamp is provided for the use of the inmates and it was in the men's sitting room. The women spend the long winter evenings in the dark. The new superintendent is discouraged. This is one of the worst institutions in the State. A new building is needed.

October 15, 1914 *Newspaper notes*

### **Asylum For The Poor, Report of Committee Favorable Report of Committee On Condition of Harrison County Asylum For The Poor County Poor Asylum, Corydon**

Visited April 17, 1814. We found conditions most satisfactory. There were eleven inmates and all seemed in good health and happy. There were 3 cows and 2 calves, 17 head of hogs, 75 little chickens, and some ducks on the farm, and 17 hens were setting on hen eggs. There were 60 gallons of lard, and a lot of meat was in the larder and an abundance of canned fruit in the cellar. Plenty of eggs and butter, and the superintendent just sold eggs amounting to \$5.00 and hogs aggregating \$132.00. Since our visit, the rooms of the superintendent's residence have been papered and a kitchen has been erected, all of which were recommended that an old building standing in front of the asylum property be removed and that a chicken house be built. On this visit we took bulbs, shrubs and seeds of flowers and planted them. These were donated by parties interested in the welfare of the unfortunate inmates. We thanked the Board of Commissioners and the judge of the court for their recognition of our suggestions along the line of improving the conditions at the county poor asylum and putting our recommendations into practice.

*Lou Bennett, President*

*Claire Ulen, Secretary*

*R.S. Kirkham*

## Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Indiana

## Plat Owners – Plat 1, Ranges 10 – 22 and the Beeler Gore

<u>P 1 Range 10</u> <u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Pg.</u>	<u>Description and surnames</u>
1, 2, 15, 16	Charles Meekin (vault)	10 Aug 1841	73	Lots 1-2-15 & 16; Meekin, Harper, Young, Himes, Helfrick, Brown, Doll, Pennington, Hubbard, Hughes; Sophia H. Harper #6891
3	D. G. Stewart	Aug 1841	73	Stewart, Reed
4 & 13	Andrew J. Schollars	Apr 1879	73	Lots 4 & 13; Schollers/Scholars in Lot 13; no names listed in lot 4
5 & 12	H. & A. S. Rager [Hiram & Adolph Rager]	Aug 1841	74	Lots 5 & 12; Broughton, Snyder, Rager, Bolten, Payton
6	Charles McClintock-1881 trans to	15 Oct 1897	74	Geo. B. Wright Wright, Rost?, Jones
7	George R. Wright	Nov 1854	74	McClintock, Jones, Wright
8	Charles Schan	Mar 1865	75	Schan
9	Thomas Prosser	Sep 1871	75	Prosser
10	Mary H. Turner	Jan 1855	75	Turner, Denton
11	James Smith	no date	76	Smith child
14	John Peters, May 1845, to	26 May 1931	76	Sarah L. Sine - S 12' Sine, Hale, Peters; Privilege to Mrs. J. W. Hale to use 1 grave
18	Welfare	Jun 1975	76	Elder, Williams, Jacobs, Ayers, Roberts, Smithers
<b><u>P 1 Range 11</u></b>				
1	Laswelle McCoy	Sep 1843	78	Moore/Monroe, Lynn
2	Rev. John Matthews	12 Oct 1843	78	Matthews
3	Orange A. Graves	30 Sep 1845	78	Graves, Johnson
4	Thomas T. Halstead to John Stager-1926	17 Oct 1841	79	Halstead, Stager
5	Isaac Wiley	May 1844	79	Wiley, King
6	George M. C. Townsend	Apr 1856	79	Townsend
7	Wallace Wales-1857, trans. to	Oct 1857	80	Lucy Hickman-1908 Edmundson/Edmondson, Hickman, Wales, Shippman
8	J. Mallery	no date	80	no names listed
9	S. L. Reed	no date	80	no names listed

**P 1 Range 12**

1	<b>Wm. C. West</b>	no date	83	North of Day, West side, Lot 9 X 12 - R 12 P 1; <b>West</b>
[a]	<b>E. Ayers and S. C. Day</b>	9 Feb 1842	82	Plot 29 ft X 96'; <b>Silliman, Hillyer, Moody, Moody, Monney</b>
[b]	<b>E. Ayers Plot (continued)</b>	9 Feb 1842	82	<b>Hawley, Lapsley, Ayers, Thurston</b>
[c]	<b>E. Ayers and S. C. Day</b>	9 Feb 1842	83	<b>Clineball, Day, Rothwell, Scribner, Curl/Curb</b>
[d]	<b>S. C. Day Plot (continued)</b>	9 Feb 1842	83	<b>Day, Reed, Linoe?, Riely</b>
	Back of <b>Ayers-Day</b> Fairview	no date	238	Listed out of order after Plot 2 Range 9. Names: <b>Pfund, Cooper/Looper, Grose, Wolf, Day, Brown, Tindall, Jones, Ramsey, Sallee, Beck, Milan</b>
No #	<b>Alva Jones Cr. [Sr.?)</b>	6 Apr 1978	271	<b>Alva Jones Cr.</b> ; listed out of order after Plot 2-Range 14 Lot 12

**Plat 1 Range 13**

[a] 1	<b>Asa Mann &amp; J. Clark</b>	no date	85	Transferred Sep; 10, 1910 privilege to <b>Sam T. Mann</b> NE 9' X 18'; <b>Mann, Strickman, Maxie</b>
[b] 1 (cont'd)	<b>Asa Mann &amp; J. Clark</b>	no date	85	<b>Richard Lord Jones-Rev. War, Elizabeth Jones, Richard M. Jones</b> (only ones listed)
[c] 1	<b>Asa Mann &amp; J. Clark</b>	no date	85	<b>Beadle, Arab Servant of Mr. Beatle</b>
2	<b>Ferdinand Graham</b>	18 May 1850	86	<b>Graham, Inwood</b>
3	<b>Ferdinand Graham</b>	13 May 1850	86	<b>Graham, Walker</b>
4	<b>Ferdinand Graham</b>	13 May 1850	86	<b>Graham, Anderson</b>
5	<b>James Guest</b> sold to <b>John T. &amp; Ivy Williams</b>	30 Apr 1849 7 Feb 1937	87	Board of Regents Fairview Cem Feb 5-1926, no names listed
6 & N 3' of 7	<b>James Guest</b>	30 Apr 1849	87	no names
7 N 3'	<b>James Guest</b>	30 Apr 1849	87	Feb 5, 1996 to Bd. of Regents Fairview Cemetery – June 29, 1929, to <b>James E. Dillard</b> , , S 9 ft.; <b>Dillard, Guest</b>
8	Welfare	no date	88	<b>Lots 8 &amp; 11; McGuire/McQuire, Grimes, White, Foster, Salesman, Crone, Robinette, Edwards, John Doe</b>
9	Welfare	no date	88	<b>Fetz, Blake, Todd</b>
10	Welfare	no date	88	<b>Hughes, Sappenfield, Terry, Mayse; Hall, Lines, Loweth</b>
11	Welfare	no date	91	<b>Crone, Foster, Roberts, Hall, Seaford/Seford</b>

**Plat 1 Range 14**

1 & 11	<b>Henry Bogert &amp; Co.</b>	24 Aug 1842	89	1 & 11; also owns 2 & 10; <b>Waring, Marhand, Hurley, Lemon, Jenkins, Gillette</b> ; Lot 11: <b>Bogert</b>
2 & 10	<b>Henry Bogert Co.</b>	24 Aug 1842	89	2 & 10, also owns 1 & 11; <b>Waring, Easter, Lewis, Waring</b>
3	<b>George W. Payne</b>	Jul 1848	89	<b>Daniels, Payne</b>
4 & 5 & 6	<b>John Mann</b>	22 Jul 1857	90	Owns 4-5 & 6; <b>Mann, Han/Hon</b>

7	<b>William Knauer</b> , 27 Dec 1862, trans. to <b>Mrs. Charles Stager</b> by Heirs of <b>Wm. Knauer</b>	27-Oct-16	90	<b>Knauer, Stager</b>
8	<b>George Burrows</b>	15-Aug-55	90	no names listed
9	<b>Joshua Fipps</b>	29 Aug 1848	91	<b>Broad, Martz, Fipps, Seaman, Brooks</b>
12	<b>Christian Schafer</b>	Oct 1866	91	<b>Ebling</b>

**Plat 1 Range 15**

1	<b>Dr. John Sloan</b>	Jun 1842	93	<b>Sloan, Bicknell</b>
2	<b>Mary E. Anderson</b> , from <b>Jas. R. Cobb</b> , pur date 7 Jul 1849	8 Jun 1888	93	<b>Anderson</b> only name listed
3 & 8	<b>Milton Gregg</b>	17 Jan 1856	93	Lots 3 & 8; <b>Gregg, Milton</b>
4	<b>Elzey Mitchell</b>	9 Aug 1856	94	<b>Mitchell</b>
5	<b>Jno Ebling</b> ; graves 1 and 2 belong to Fairview Cemetery	no date	94	<b>Hale, Bennett, Ebling, Devol</b>
6	Welfare	_____	94	<b>Grimsley, Barter, Hawk, Fulkerson, Fein, Sieg</b>
7	<b>Elsy Mitchell</b> trans to <b>Mary E. Waring</b> -1866	9 Aug 1856	95	<b>Waring</b>
9	<b>James R. Cobb</b>	7 Jul 1849	95	<b>Cobb, Spooner, Davis</b>
10	<b>John Rhodes</b>	Jun 1842	96	<b>Rhodes, Murray</b>
11	<b>Wilson Tomlinson</b>	Aug 1865	96	<b>Tomlinson, Griggs</b>
12	<b>John Ohmart</b>	Jun 1867	96	<b>O'Mart, McKamey</b>
no #,	[listed after Lot 12] No name	no date	97	Listed out of order after 1-15-12; <b>Mary F. Joy, E. Granval #6362, Samuel Sheldon</b> [Samuel in P 1 R 15 Lot 13 per burial register]

**Plat 1 Range 16**

1	<b>Thomas Danforth</b>	30 Jul 1842	98	<b>Danforth, Hall, Sturdevant</b>
2	<b>George M. MacLean</b>	no date	98	<b>John McLean</b> only one listed
3 & 6	<b>William D. Morris</b>	9 Jun 1855	98	Lots 3 & 6; <b>Malott, Morris</b>
4	<b>Thomas Phelps</b>	Dec 1860	99	<b>Phelps, Thomas</b>
5 N 1/2	<b>Harry Phelps</b>	12 May 1923	99	<b>Harry E. Phelps</b> is only one listed
5 S 1/2	<b>Thomas Phelps</b>	12 May 1923	99	<b>Phelps, Elliott</b>
7	<b>Mrs. G. W. Taylor</b>	May 1855	100	<b>Collins, Brown, Taylor, Scholl</b>
8	<b>Alexander Pitt</b>	Sep 1843	100	<b>Williams, Phelps, Jones, Lone, Pitt</b>
9	<b>William H. Roberts</b>	11 Oct 1909	100	<b>Roberts, Werner</b>
10	<b>W. M. Robinson</b>	Mar 1873	101	<b>Robinson</b>
13	City grave		101	<b>Grafenstein, J. Elizabeth, d1872</b>

**Plat 1 Range 17**

1	<b>Elizabeth Bottomley</b>	17 Jun 1844	103	<b>Bottomly, Stone</b>
2	<b>Rosimond Smith</b>	Feb 1855	103	<b>Smith</b>
3	<b>Shadrack Lane</b>	4 Apr 1856	103	<b>Lane, Riddle</b>
4	<b>Anna E. Hall &amp; Louisa J. Thomas</b>	11 Jul 1868	104	no names listed
5	<b>Thomas J. Adams</b>	25 Mar 1875	104	<b>Paine, Adam</b>

6	<b>Levi Chilson</b> , trans. to <b>Laura Gibbons</b> , 23 Oct 1902 28 Jul 1856 104	<b>Chilson, Gibbons, Frazier</b>
7	<b>Nelson B. Smith</b> -9 Aug 1916 ( <b>James Burd</b> pur. July 1842; N 3' to <b>Nelson B. Smith</b> , S 9' 9 Aug 1916 105	<b>Smith</b>
8	<b>S. J. Alexander</b> 6 Dec 1854 105	<b>Alexander</b>
9 & 10	City Lots no date 105	<b>Fridger, Phelby, Moore, George, Schary?, Paine, Perry, Herman, Walter</b>

**Plat 1 Range 18**

1 & 2	<b>Margaret McCann</b> May 1844 107	<b>McCreary, Kelsey, McCann, Walters</b>
3 & 4	<b>John H. Ashton</b> 19 Aug 1853 107	Lots 3 & 4; <b>Ashton</b>
5 & 6	<b>John H. Ashton</b> 16 Aug 1850 107	Lots 5 & 6; <b>Ashton, Kiser, Gaitor, Livingston</b>
7	<b>A. Buckingham</b> no date 108	<b>Buckingham, Ammon</b>
8	<b>Isaac Turner</b> Sep 1865 108	<b>Turner, Kliber</b>

**Plat 1 Range 19**

1	<b>David Wilkinson</b> Oct 1852 110	<b>Wilkinson/Wilkerson</b>
2	<b>Hudson Vale</b> Aug 1857 110	<b>Frank, Vale</b>
3 [or 8]	<b>Laurel A. Fugit</b> 11-Jul-19 110	3 [or 8]; Sister claims <b>Jess Fugit</b> buried on Lot 8, record shows him in Lot 3]
4	<b>Thomas J. Edmondson</b> - 1 Sep 29, 1869, Privilege to <b>Chas.C. Brisby</b> -7 Sep 1908 1 Sep 1869 111	<b>Edmondson, Brisby</b>
5	<b>George Hood</b> 4 Jun 1858 111	<b>Hood</b>
6	<b>A. Bullard</b> no date 111	<b>Friend, Bullard</b>
7	<b>John W. Griggs</b> 1 Mar 1868 112	<b>Griggs, Wells</b>

**Plat 1 Range 20**

1	<b>George Deitz</b> , to <b>Charles Hay</b> "only heir" no dates 114	<b>Hay, Lamke, Deitz</b>
2	<b>N. T. James</b> 1 Nov 1860 114	<b>James</b>
3	<b>Frank Roster/Raster</b> Oct 1867 114	<b>Raster, Douglas, Duvall</b>
4	<b>Asabel N. Wells</b> Oct 1867 115	<b>Wells</b>
5	<b>F. H. Scharf</b> no date 115	<b>Scharf</b>
6	<b>John Lindeman</b> 29 Jul 1873 115	<b>Volkins, Jung, Lindeman, Linderman, Lindiman</b>
8	<b>Jacob Kreutzer</b> -9 Dec 1872, trans. 1 Aug 1910 by Heirs to <b>Mary V. Bullock</b> , 25 Nov 1918 S 6' to <b>Frank Roster</b> 9 Dec 1872 116	<b>Roster, Bornwasser</b>
9	<b>Rielly Knott</b> , trans. to <b>John A. Rush</b> "sole heir" 15 Jul 1877 116	<b>Knott, Bush, Fields</b> (see pg 119); <b>Sarah J. Knott, #6967; Maggie A. Bush #13131</b>
10	<b>William York</b> Dec 1877 117	<b>York, Carroll</b>
11	<b>Charles Sloemer</b> no date 117	<b>Ceasar, Sloemer</b>
12	<b>William Miller</b> no date 117	<b>Miller</b>

13	<b>Elizabeth C. Duval (Elizabeth C. Durnall)</b>	6 Apr 1875	118	<b>Duvall, Stonecipher</b>
14	<b>William and Emma Armstrong</b>	3 Oct 1883	118	<b>Armstrong</b>
15	<b>Emaline Parrish</b>	Feb 1878	118	<b>Simpson, Parish</b>
17	No owner listed	no date	119	<b>G. Weighton</b> #6333, aged, 2 yrs listed in lot
23	No owner listed	no date	119	<b>Lloyd Law</b> , 37 y, 1874 listed, [which appears to be the same as info from burial register: <b>Lawson Lloyd</b> , #6351, 37 yrs, 1874]

**Plat 1 Range 22**

13	No owner listed	no date	120	<b>G. Wielt</b> , 47 y, 1874 listed
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**Plat Beeler Gore**

Lot 1A	<b>Wm. Beeler</b> , trans to <b>Herman &amp; Emma Taylor</b>	no date	125	Seabrook Funeral Home 12'X14' (g 1, 2, 3, 4) between plats 1 & 4; <b>Taylor, Kemp</b>
Lot 1B	<b>William Beeler</b>	no date	125	between plats 1 & 4; <b>Beeler, Daniel</b>
Lot 1C	<b>William Beeler</b>	no date	126	between plats 1 & 4; <b>Warner, Beeler</b>
Lot 1E	<b>William Beeler</b>	no date	126	between plats 1 & 4; <b>Beeler, Beeler, Wells</b>
Lot 2	<b>Robert Downey</b> - 20x37'X16'	no date	127	<b>Beeler, Daniels, Briscoe</b>
Lot 3	<b>H. Stran</b>	no date	128	<b>Stran, McCleery?</b>
Lot 4	28x9' north end	no date	129	<b>Kemp</b> "Graves 6-7-8-9-interlocfks with some graves on west side. Appears graves 6 & 9 on West side are infants.
Lot 5	<b>A. J. Briscoe</b>	29 Dec 1863	130	<b>Briscoe</b>
Lot 5A	<b>Briscoe</b>	no date	130	<b>Briscoe</b>

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**Fairview Cemetery in the News**

New Albany *Ledger Standard* 16 Apr 1878 p4 c3: . . . Council Proceedings -- The committee on grave yards reported a plan for a public vault in the northern cemetery. Laid on the table, with instructions that the city engineer provide specifications to be approved by the counsel.

New Albany *Ledger Standard* 29 May 1880 p4 c1: Decoration of the Graves of Mexican Soldiers. Today while the crowd was strewing its offerings of flowers upon the graves of the soldiers at the National Cemetery, two ladies, of all the city, were alone thoughtful of the gallant heroes of the Mexican war that sleep their last seep in our beautiful Northern Burying Ground. These ladies were the **wives of Capt. H. J. Reamer and Dr. T. E. Austin**. These ladies, with tender hands, garnished with bright flowers the graves of the gallant dead of Buena Vista and Monteray. For many years it has been the custom of **Capt. Reamer** to purchase flowers for the decoration of these graves. The

New Albany *Daily Ledger* 28 Apr 1891 p5 c2: The handsome building just completed at the Sixth street entrance to the Northern cemetery, as an office for the sexton and waiting rooms for ladies visiting the cemetery, will be supplied with water and every convenience. The building is quite attractive. The ladies rooms and lavatory will be elegantly furnished by the undertakers of the city, while the city will fit up the sexton's office.

## Crawford County Herald Facts

Submitted by **Mary Bayer Stauble**  
And Carol Seales

The Indiana Gazette began publication in 1804 at Vincennes and is accepted as being the first newspaper published in Indiana. The Gazette's founder was **Elihu Stout** who brought his press from Frankfort, Kentucky by riverboat. The name of the newspaper was changed in 1807 to the Western Sun and later became the Vincennes Sun-Commercial. It is estimated that over 8000 different Indiana newspapers have been published in the years since 1804. Most did not survive and the Crawford County Herald is one of those that had an early death.

The Crawford County Herald was published at Leavenworth, Indiana. The banner of the newspaper states "**Hawn & Benham**, Proprietors; **N. R. Hawn** and **J. W. C. Springstun**, Editors". Reference books state only that the paper "was created in 1879 as a Republican party supporting paper. The journal expired after a short run" (Indiana Newspaper Bibliography). Newspapers of this time were very political and many towns had two newspapers – one Democratic and one Republican. The editors freely expressed this association. The following items, from the 25 December 1879 Crawford County Herald, express the editor's opinion quite clearly:

In reply to the weak-minded fringe of the Democrat this week, we will say that we promised our readers not to engage in a newspaper controversy of a personal character. If we were disposed to, we should certainly provoke a quarrel with some one besides a fool, who is better at bad spelling and butchering English language than any thing else. You are wasting your time, gentlemen of the Democrat, for our time is too precious to stop to look for an occasional Democratic Flea. We're not good at catching them anyhow, they are too small. "The more we Wrestle with," etc.

Read the editorial in yesterday's DEMOCRAT on the Maine muddle, and then turn to the Columns of THE HERALD and read an extract from the New York World on the same subject. The World is the leading Democratic paper in the United States. Put these two editorials side by side and then you will see how much the editor of the Democrat knows about politics. You will know how much he reads to keep his readers correctly informed. Such ignorance is truly awful in these days of common schools and spelling books.

Early newspapers contained one page of local news. In the Crawford County Herald, this page was titled "LOCAL AND MISCELANEOUS NEWS", which does not begin to describe the items printed on this page. Obituaries were often written as news items and inserted among the other items in the columns of this page. While business owners placed paid advertisements in the newspaper, the editor undoubtedly increased his popularity among the owners by scattering items, such as these, among the new "news" items:



Finest brands of cigars and tobacco, at **Lizzie Kendall's**.



**John R. Tucker** has the finest and cheapest groceries in town.



Choice No. O. Molasses at **W. B. Aller's** at 60 cts. per gallon.



Geunine Pebble spectacles, at **Joe Swinehorst's**, on Nelson street.



Go to **Henry Callahan**, at the Postoffice, and buy a small chromo and get a ticket in the drawing for those beautiful large chromos in the Postoffice and Herald office. One ticket in every ten draws one of those large elegantly framed chromos.



**Mrs. Sauerheber** has employed a gentleman clerk who will be happy to wait on the ladies.



In the columns of this page, births, marriages and illness were reported as well as the comings and goings of members of the community. Are any of your family members among these?

The fine New Orleans steamer, GUIDING STAR, landed at our wharf on last Tuesday evening, and landed our genial friend **Michael R. Tucker**, who, as our readers well know, has been prospecting in the West for the last two months. Mike looks hale and hearty, and he comes back with an exalted opinion of the great West. Look for another letter from him next week. He arrived too late to secure the publication of his letter this week.



Mr. **R. L. Sloan**, of Hartford, called on us yesterday and reports no improvement in the condition of our old friend, Capt. **Enoch Riggle**.



**Mrs. Julia Johnson**, wife of **Prof. J. M. Johnson**, of Marengo, has been dangerously ill for the last two weeks, of spotted fever. Her physician, **Dr. Wm. Daniel**, we are glad to announce, reports her out of danger.



**Rev. J. B. McDonald**, the pastor in charge of the Presbyterian church at this place, who has just recovered from a severe illness, held service here on last Sunday. Mr. McDonald is one of the most genial, sunny, pleasant gentleman that it has ever been our good fortune to know, and his visits here are always looked forward to with pleasure by his many friends. His home is a Cloverport, Ky., where he also has a church.



**Gerrett Hall**, one of the oldest citizens of this county and a pensioner of the war of 1812, residing near Hartford, was stricken with paralysis about two weeks ago, and his life was dispared of, but to the surprise of his friends he has recovered his speech, and his prospects for recovery are good.



**Dan Rice**, the renowned showman, says he is converted, and proposes to turn his attention to the ministry in the future. We entertain the hope that Daniel may be as useful in this role as he has been useless as a clown. This country will survive a great many conversions of this kind.

## Wills – Floyd County, Indiana

Transcribed by **Bonnie Clark**

### SQUIRE DAVIS, WILL

**Date: Oct. 9, 1854**

I, **Squire Davis** of Floyd County, In. being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last Will & Testament.

1<sup>st</sup>. I will and desire that my body shall be decently interred in such a manner as my Executors herein after named shall think is proper.

2<sup>nd</sup>. having hereto fore conveyed to **Jesse Davis**, William Davis, Mary Davis, Adaline Davis, Eliza **Jane Davis**, and **John Davis**, the children **Maria Davis**, or cause to be conveyed to them or each of them, certain lots and land in New Albany, Floyd county, IN. which I deem of equal value and desire shall be so considered by my Executors with the exception of the lot conveyed to Eliza Jane, which I intend to make of equal value by the erecting and finishing therein a house, and if I should die without building and furnishing such house, I hereby direct my executors to appropriate \$600 to the erection and completion of such house, or if I have the same unfinished, then to pay (without any charge to said **Eliza Jane**) for the completion for said house, and I further direct that any other or further improvements I may make upon any of the lands and lots conveyed to said **Jesse, William, Mary, Adaline, Eliza Jane** and **John Davis**, I desire shall go to them respectively without any charge therefore.

3<sup>rd</sup>. I will and desire that all my household and kitchen furnishings, farming utensils, tools of every description, cows, horses, or other stock shall be given to said **Jesse, William, Mary, Adaline, Eliza Jane, John Davis** and **Maria Davis** for their joint use, without requiring any account to be made therefore by my Executors.

4<sup>th</sup>. The residue of my estate, consisting of Lot 32 of s. quarter 36, Port Gibson, Clairborne Co. Mississippi, and lot # 202(?) in Columbia, Boon county, Mississippi, 2 negroes, Charles & aged about 35 and Jack, aged about 21 years, now at Crane lake, Louisiana, also 160 acres of land back of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or the proceeds of said land if sold according to my directions; all debts and claims of **Henry T. Elliott**, amounting in gross, at the time they were left with him to me on \_\_\_\_20. \_\_\_\_, also a \$50 note on **Judge Moore**, a balance of a note on Neja (?) and Clynes of about \$700 (at this time) and any and all other rights credits, monies and effects which I may die possessed after the payment of my just debts, and subject to the provisions hereinafter made in favor of **Maria Davis**, I desire may be equally divided by my Executors between said **Jesse Davis, William Davis, Mary Davis, Adaline Davis, Eliza Jane Davis, & John Davis** (children of said **Maria Davis**) and paid to them or their guardians, share and share alike.

5<sup>th</sup>. I will and desire that **Maria Davis** shall have a home with her children on home farm #6 of School Section 13, 3, 6,10, as long as she remains unmarried, and for her protection, care and assistance to her said children. I desire that she shall be paid the sum of \$10 per month, to be paid to her regularly when due and demanded, but such payments to stop on the day of her marriage & I expressly declare that I intend no provision herein made for her benefit to extend beyond her marriage, and I desire my executors hereafter named to make the adequate provision for payment of said monthly allowance or to secure the payment thereof, and on the marriage or at the death of said **Maria**, I wish any principal sum set apart for her benefit to be equally divided between her said children above named, or the survivors of them.

Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my friends **John Evans** and **Samuel H. Owens Executors** of this my last Will & Testament, hereby investing them or either of them with full power and authority to carry out any and all the provisions of the same in the most ample manner, and I hereby revoke all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made. Witness my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1854.

**Squire Davis** (seal)

Signed, by the above named Testator, **Squire Davis**, on our presence and declared by him to be his last Will and Testament in our presence, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereto set our names as witnesses, Oct. 9, 1854

**Frank Gwinn, John R. Monroe, John F. Meyer** (witnesses)

State of Indiana, Floyd county } SS.

**Frank Gwinn**, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will & Testament of **Squire Davis**, late of said county, deceased, makes oath and says that he witnessed the executing of such Will in the presence of and at the request of the Testator, that said Testator was of full age, of sound mind and memory and competent to devise his property, and not under any coercion or restraint and that he said **Frank Gwinn, John R. Monroe & John F. Meyer**, whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to said Will did attest and subscribe the same in the presence of said **Squire Davis**. **Frank Gwinn** (witness)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> of Jan, 1856

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand as Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, and affix the seal of said Court at the courthouse in New Albany on the day and year last above written.  
**Salem P. Town**, Clerk

State of Indiana, Floyd county } SS.

I, **Salem P. Town**, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Floyd county, certify that the foregoing last Will & Testament of **Squire Davis**, late of said county, deceased, has been duly admitted to probate and that its due execution was this day proved by **Frank Gwinn** whose proof, with such Will has been duly recorded on pages 54 & 55 of the Record of Wills in our office.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court this 29<sup>th</sup> of Jan, 1856.  
**Salem P. Town**, Clerk

CALEB C. DAYTON. WILL

Date: May 23, 1860

In the name of the Benevolent Father of All.

I, **Caleb C. Dayton** being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last Will & Testament.

Item 1: I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my Executor hereinafter mentioned, out of the first money that comes into his hands.

Item 2: I give and devise to **William F. Dayton**, my beloved son, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> part of my real and personal estate, to be held by him in trust for my beloved wife **Elizabeth F. Dayton**, for her use during her natural life, to be applied to her benefit, and to the benefit of **Sarah Jane Dayton** and **Martha Ellen Dayton**, my grandchildren, daughters of **Elisha H. Dayton**, deceased, and to enable my beloved or my son **William F. Dayton** to support, educate and raise the said **Sarah Jane** and **Martha Ellen**, until they respectively arrive at the age of 18 years, and if at the death of my beloved wife there should remain in the hands of my beloved son **William F. Dayton**, a sufficient fund arriving from and out the property herein before specifically bequeathed to him in trust, to enable him so to do, then he shall pay to the said **Sarah Jane & Martha Ellen Dayton**, the sum of \$37.50 each, upon their arriving at their respective age of 18 years, provided said sum has not been exhausted in taking care of my beloved wife during her lifetime, and in raising, supporting and educating said **Sarah Jane & Martha Ellen Dayton** with a good common English education, before that time, and if either should die before they arrive at age 18, then that amount

of \$37.50 shall be paid to the survivor; and if after said payment, there should be any surplus remaining in the hands of my son **William F. Dayton**, after making the application of it, herein before specifically mentioned, I hereby direct him to pay to my 2 grandchildren **Mary E. & Henrietta Dayton** infant daughters of **Elisha H. Dayton**, deceased the sum of \$5 each, and if there should still remain a surplus, I devise and bequeath the same to my 3 beloved children, **William F. Dayton, Alfred B. Dayton, Lucy Ann Perkins** to be divided equally between them.

Item 3: I do hereby empower, authorize and direct my son **William F. Dayton** if he should deem it advisable so to do, to sell the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> part of my real and personal estate, herein before specifically bequeathed, and apply the funds as he is hereintofore directed.

Item 4: I devise and bequeath to my granddaughter **Elizabeth Ann Dayton**, infant daughter of **John C. Dayton**, deceased, the sum of \$100, to be paid to her out of the remaining 2/3rds of my real and personal estate, and if the said **Elizabeth Ann Dayton** should die without issue, the said sum of \$100 I devise and bequeath to my son **William F. Dayton** as a compensation for his trouble in raising her.

Item 5. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved son **Williams F. Dayton** and **Alfred B. Dayton**, and my beloved daughter **Lucy Ann Perkins**, all the remainder and residue of my estate, both real and personal, to be equally divided between them.

Item 6. I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved son **William F. Dayton**, Executor of this my last Will & Testament, and authorize and empower him to sell at private or public sale all of my personal property, except the 1/3 part herein before specifically bequeathed, which is to be sold in accordance with the direction contained in the (3<sup>rd</sup> item of my Will) for the purpose, hereinbefore specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, 1860.

**Caleb C. Dayton** (seal)

Signed and acknowledged by the said **Caleb C. Dayton** as his last Will & Testament in our presence and signed by us in his presence. **John O. Gwinn & David W. LaFollette**

State of Indiana, FLOYD COUNTY }SS

**John O Gwinn** being duly sworn on oath says, that the foregoing last will & Testament of **Caleb C. Dayton**, late of said county, deceased, was duly executed by said Testator, that at the time of the executing the same he was entirely competent to devise his property, and was not under any coercion or influence whatsoever, and that the same was subscribed by him, said affiant, and **David W. LaFollette**, as attesting witnesses in the presence of and at the request of said Testator, and in the presence of each other, and that the same was executed by said Testator in their presence, and further says not.

**John O. Gwinn**

Subscribed and proven to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> of Feb. 1865.

Witness my hand and seal of the Court of Common Pleas, Floyd county, this day and year above aforesaid. **W.W. Tully**, Clerk F.C.C.P

State of Indiana, Floyd county }{SS

I, **William W. Tully**, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said county and state, certify that the foregoing last Will & Testament of **Caleb C. Dayton**, late of said county, deceased, has been duly admitted to probate, that its due execution was this day proved by **John O. Gwinn**, one of the attesting witnesses, whose proof together with such Will have been duly recorded on pages 8,9, & 10 in the Record of Wills in our office.

Witness my hand and affixed the seal of said court this 17<sup>th</sup> of Feb., 1865.

**W.W. Tully**, Clerk, F.C.C.

MARY DIEBLE'S WILL

Date: Aug.4, 1887

I, **Mary Dieble**, of the CITY OF NEW ALBANY, FLOYD COUNTY, INDIANA, do make and declare this to be my last Will & Testament.

First: I direct that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Second: I will and devise to my sons **Charles Deible** and **William Deible** each the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100).

Third: I will and devise that out of the six hundred dollars which is owing to me from **Lawrence M. Knefly**, and interest thereon, shall be paid to the above legacies, and all my debts, if there be any against me, and the cost of my last sickness, funeral expenses and all other debts owing by me, and if after such payments there be a residue over, then it shall be, then it shall be equally divided between my daughters, **Hattie J. Deible**, and **Jennie D. Hopkins**.

Fourth: I will and devise all the rest and residue of my property. Real, personal, and mixed, two thirds to my daughter **Hattie J. Deible** and one third to my daughter **Jennie D. Hopkins**.

Witness my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1887. **Mary Deible**, (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the said **Mary Deible**, as her last Will & Testament in our presence and signed by us in her presence and at her request and in the presence of each other.

Witnesses: **J.W. Stark**, & **Albert Hopkins**

State of Indiana, Floyd county } SS.

Be it remembered that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1888 **Albert Hopkins** one of the subscribing witnesses to the within and foregoing last Will & Testament of **Mary Deible**, late of said County, deceased, personally appeared before me **Henry R.W. Meyer**, Clerk of the Floyd Circuit Court, Indiana and being duly sworn upon his oath, declared and testified as follows: that is to say that on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, 1887 he saw the said **Mary Deible** sign her name to said instrument in writing as and for her last Will & testament, that this deponent at the same time heard **Mary Deible** declare the said instrument in writing to be her last Will & Testament. And that the said instrument in writing was at the same time of said **Mary Deible** and with her consent, attested and subscribed by the said **Albert Hopkins**, and one **J. W. Stark** in the presence of said Testatrix, the said **Mary Deible** was at the time of the signing and subscribing of the said instrument in writing aforesaid of full age, that is to say over 21 years of age, and of sound mind and disposing memory, and not under any coercion or restraint, as the deponent verily believes and further deponent says not. Signed: **Albert Hopkins**

Sworn to and subscribed by the said **Albert Hopkins** before me **Henry R. W. Meyer**, Clerk of the Floyd Circuit Court, this 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1888

In attestation whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court. **Henry R. W. Meyer**, Clerk F.C.

State of Indiana, Floyd county } SS.

I, **Henry R. W. Meyer**, Clerk of the Floyd Circuit Court, Indiana, do hereby certify that the within and annexed last Will & Testament of **Mary Deible** has been duly admitted to probate, and duly proved by the testimony of **Albert Hopkins**, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, that a complete record of said Will, and the testimony of the said **Albert Hopkins**, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and that a complete record of said Will, and the testimony of said **Albert Hopkins** in proof thereof has been by me made and recorded at pages 20 and 21 of the Record of Wills of said County.

In attestation whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1888. **Henry R.W. Meyer** Clerk F.C.C.

State of Indiana, Floyd county } SS.

I, **Henry R. W. Meyer**, Clerk of the Floyd Circuit Court, within for said County and State, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing to be a full, true and complete record of the Will of **Mary Deible**,

deceased, and of the certificate of Probate thereto attached as the same as it appears on files in my office this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1888.

**Henry R.W. Meyer** Floyd county Clerk.

**GEORGE DIDELOT, WILL**

**Date:Apr.10, 1852**

In the name of God, Amen. I, **George Didelot**, FLOYD COUNTY, INDIANA, being of sound mind, but knowing the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking and setting aside all former Wills or bequests by me heretofore made.

First: I devise that my mortal remain shall be interred, according to the rites Christian burial in such manner as to my family shall seem best.

Second: I desire that all my just debts shall be paid by my Executor or Executors out of such money or personal property as may be on hand at the time of my death, and my Executor shall sell and dispose of by private sale any property for that purpose.

Third: it is my desire that all my property, Real and personal, which may remain after the payment of my debts, shall belong to my wife and be hers to use and enjoy as long as she shall live, and like property both personal and real, remaining on hands or in use at the time of her death to be equally divided amongst my children , or their heirs.

I hereby appoint my beloved wife **Catherine** to execute this my Will.

Witness my hand and seal at Floyd county, Indiana , this 10<sup>th</sup> of Apr. 1852.

**George Didelot.** (seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by said **George Didelot** as his last Will & Testament , and at his request and in his presence we have witnessed the same, in the presence of each other, this 10<sup>th</sup> of Apr. 1952

**Auguste Girard & James Collins**

State of Indiana, Floyd county }SS.

**James Collins**, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last Will & Testament of **George Didelot**, late of said county, deceased, on oath says that he witnessed the same at the request of the Testator, and that he was at the time of executing the same of sound mind, of full age to devise his property, and not under any coercion or restraint.

**James Collins**

Subscribed and sworn to before me Clerk of the Common Please Court, Floyd county, this 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 1856.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year above written.

**Salem P. Town**, Clerk C.C. P. F.C.

State of Indiana, Floyd county } SS

I, **Salem P. Town**, clerk of the Common Pleas Court, Floyd county, Indiana, hereby certify that the within lat Will & Testament of **George Didelot**, late of said county, deceased, has been duly admitted to probate, that its due execution was this day proven by **James Collins** , whose proof, together with such Will has been duly recorded on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> pages of the Record of Wills in our office.

In Witness whereof, I hereto set my hand and seal of said court this 22 of Aug. 1856.

**Salem P. Town** Clerk

**THOMAS DRYSDALE, WILL**

**Date: Jan. 25, 1860**

I, **Thomas Drysdale**, FLOYD COUNTY, IN, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking and making void all Wills by me heretofore made.

1<sup>st</sup>. I direct that after my death all my just debts be paid by my Executor hereinafter mentioned, out of the first money that may come to her hands from any portion of my estate either real or personal.

I hereby give and bequeath to my son **James F. Drysdale**, my home farm, or the farm I lately resided upon, about 4 miles from New Albany, Floyd county, IN., it being the only farm I own, my said son James F. to have and hold said lands to himself, heirs and assigns forever.

I am the owner of 1 Lot in the Town of Galena, Floyd Co. IN. and I hereby will and bequeath the same in equal portions to **Thomas Shoults** and **Thomas Drysdale** and to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Being sick at my daughters **Martha A. Schineley's**, and wishing to compensate her for her care and kindness to me, I hereby will and bequeath to her the sum of \$150, to be paid to her by my son **James F. Drysdale**, who is to take the land I have herein bequeathed to him subject to the payment of said sum to said **Martha**.

I hereby appoint my son **James F. Drysdale**, executor of this my last Will & Testament.

In witness whereof, I, the said **Thomas Drysdale**, the testator have hereto set my hand and seal this the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 1860. **Thomas Drysdale** (seal)

Signed, sealed, declared & published by the above names **Thomas Drysdale**, as his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us, who have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses hereto, in presence of said Testator and in presence of each other.

**John S. Davis & Wm. P. Davis**

State of Indiana, Floyd county }SS.

**John S. Davis**, being duly sworn on oath says that the foregoing last Will & Testament of **Thomas Drysdale**, late of said county, deceased, was duly executed by said Testator, that at the time of executing the same he was entirely competent to devise his property and was not under any coercion or influence whatsoever, and that the same was subscribed by him, said affiant and William P. Davis, as attesting witnesses to the foregoing Will in the presence and at the request of said Testator and in the presence of each other, and the same was executed by said Testator in their presence.

**John S. Davis**

Subscribed and sworn to before me clerk of the Floyd county Court of Common Pleas this 2<sup>nd</sup> of Apr. 1860.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court at the Courthouse in New Albany the day and year last aforesaid.

**Salem P. Town**, Clerk

State of Indiana, Floyd county,

I, **Salem P. Town** clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said county & state certify that the foregoing last Will & Testament of **Thomas Drysdale**, late of said county, deceased, was this day duly admitted to probate that its due execution was duly proven by **John P. Davis**, whose proof with such Will have been duly recorded on pages 144 & 145 of the Record of Wills in our office.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 2nd of Apr. 1860

**Salem P. Town**, Clerk.

**Information from Family Bible of Mrs. Eva Shaw Ross,**

copied by Myrtle B Coffman, February 1, 1967

**Bible published and sold by;  
N&G Guilford and Morgan & Souxay 1830**

**Samuel Perry**, born Aug 26, 1781 in Lexington, Ky. Died Mar. 21, 1861 in Newport  
**Elizabeth Perry** daughter of **James & Jane McClure**, Born Nov. 13, 1800 in Newport,  
married **Samuel Perry** March 3, 1817 in Newport. Died May 24, 1868 in Newport.

*The following are children of the above:*

1. **Francis Mary Perry**, Born Dec. 29, 1818 in Newport. Married **Wm A Pendleton** of Va. in Newport,  
May 26, 1839
2. **Sarah Jane Perry**, Born March 1, 1821 in Newport; Died June 20, 1854
3. **Lewis Perry**, Born Jan. 31, 1823 in Newport. Died Dec. 12, 1850.
4. **Martha Ann Perry**, Born Feb. 6, 1825 in Indiana.
5. **James Robt. Perry**, Born Sept. 11, 1826 in Indiana. Died March 14, 1828
6. **Evaline Maria Perry**, Born Dec. 2, 1831 in Newport.
7. **Margaret Elizabeth Perry**, Born June 16, 1833 in Newport. Died Dec. 25, 1858.

Mr. **B. Ross** & **Martha Lewis** were married May 29, 1834 in Newport.

*Information from Photostat that was inserted in same Bible:*

**Thomas Ross** Born May 19, 1769  
**Rosalina Cobb** May 8, 1779  
**Sarah Ross** April 8, 1800  
**John Ross** Jan 14, 1802  
**Henry Ross** June 17, 1806  
**Anne Ross** Sept 30, 1808  
**Elizabeth Ross** Oct 7, 1810  
**Sarah C Ross** June 8, 1813  
**Jas or Jos C Ross** July 16, 1815  
**Jas or Jos R Ross** April 30, 1818  
**Alfred N Ross** May 23, 1820  
**Eleanor Ross** Aug 10, 1822

**Mrs. Eva Shaw Ross** is my dad's mother. My dad was **Perry Shaw Ross**. Mr. **B. Ross** and **Martha Lewis** were my Great Great Grandparents on my Grandfather's side. My Great Great Grandfather's full name was **William B. Ross**. He was a Methodist Minister in Newport, Ky. My Great Great Grandfather was **Thomas Ross** and Grandmother **Rosalinda Cobb**.

I can not figure out how **Samuel Perry** and his family fits in to my family. I found out that **Thomas Ross** came from Pennsylvania like most Scotch-Irish and his parents names were John and Eleanor Ross. **Thomas Ross** was born in Pennsylvania on May 19, 1769. He moved to Warren, Ohio and was a farmer for a number of years. In 1810 he moved to Cincinnati. In 1821 he move to Butler County, Ohio and died in 1825. I have some other paperwork that said that he married **Miss Rosalinda Cobb** from New Jersey born May 08, 1779 married Thomas July 09, 1799 and died in New Albany, Ind. in 1836. It also said that **Thomas** died in New Albany. Rosalinda's parents were **Samuel** and **Sarah Cobb**. She had a brother **James Cobb** who was for many years a prominent saddler in Cincinnati. [Is **Thomas Ross** buried in a cemetery in New Albany, Ind. or in Butler County, Ohio?] —Submitted by **Steve Ross**, ross-s@att.net

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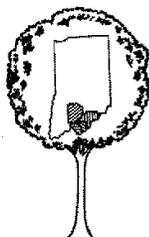
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