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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!

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Scheduled Meetings:

April 2, 2009

The Southern Indiana Genealogical Society will meet April 2, 7:00 pm in the lower level of the New Albany Public Library in the Strassweg Auditorium. The monthly meeting will feature **Rick Jones** who will present "**History and Archaeology of Historical Native American Groups in Indiana.**"

James R. Jones III, Ph.D., State Archaeologist and Team Leader of Archaeology, has been with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology since 1987 and has served as State Archaeologist since 1991. Dr. **Jones** received his B.A. in Anthropology and English from the University of New Mexico, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Anthropology from Indiana University. Dr. **Jones** has substantial experience in prehistoric and historical archaeology, and his research interests include historical cultures in Indiana.

May 7, 2009

"**Early War Pension Records**", presented by **Susan Covey**. The talk will discuss how to locate and use pension records from the Revolutionary through the Spanish American Wars,. These records can be a goldmine of information for the family researcher, often with information, including dates and names.

June 2009

Family Mementos, Treasures, and Stories – Bring yours and share with our members at the June membership meeting.

The Southern Indiana Genealogical Society serves the seven Southern Indiana Counties of Clark, Scott, Washington, Floyd, Harrison, Crawford, and Perry . We meet on the first Thursday of each month from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

The public is invited to our presentations on the first Thursday of each month in the Strassweg Auditorium of the New Albany Floyd County Library, 180 West Spring Street, New Albany, Indiana. The meeting times are 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. All meetings are free and open to the public.

Reminder:

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BOOK REVIEW

The Bruner – Robinson Family History and Genealogy

By **Gerald J. Bruner**

Southern Indiana Genealogical Society has a new book for their collection, held at the New Albany-Floyd County Public Library, given to us by Gerald J. Bruner entitled *The Bruner – Robinson Family History and Genealogy*. Surnames: Paternal-**Bruner, Riggins, Owens, Simpson, Slinkard, Wentz**; Maternal-**Robinson, Fisher, Winkler, Crites, and Neiger**.

Pictured are **Mr. Bruner's** parents, **David Edward & Edna Robinson Bruner**, to whom the book is dedicated. He states in the preface he has worked on this book ten years and wishes he had started earlier or worked harder. **Mr. Bruner** tells of a retired English teacher, **Mrs. Claire Houston**, who proof read for him and the following mistake he will never forget, "farm animals are raised, but children are reared."

This is the **Bruner Family** of Knox, Daviess and Martin County, Indiana. **Mr. Bruner** tells of growing up in Loogootee, Indiana. His great-grandfather was born in Prussia, Germany. He tells of the difficulty of researching the **Bruner** line because it started as **Steinbruner**. He has done a great job of researching and documenting his book.

Gerald Bruner not only includes his direct line but documentation and information on each of the siblings of his grandparents and of his own. He has found and used information from many relatives. One funny and interesting story was about **Aunt Goldie**. She was 81 at the time and was telling of using a step-stool to dust but didn't use it as much as she used to. She said with a smile "when we get older we get shorter, we melt and run down into our shoes." She was 4' 9 or 10" tall. He has many informative and some funny stories.

The book is hard bound, has six hundred sixty pages and an index consisting of sixty-five pages. There are family group sheets, descendants charts, ancestor chart, genealogy reports, maps, census records, marriage records, death records, other documentations, three generations of **Bruner** family, information from obituaries, letters, stories, pictures galore and much more.

—reviewed by **Margaret (Lamb) Atchley**

VALUABLE GIFT

Bound Volume of Old Newspapers Presented to Library

A valuable contribution has been made to the Carnegie Public Library at New Albany, the donor being **Mrs. Morgan King Barnum** and **Mrs. Malver Hill Barnum**, daughters of the late Col. **Edmund A. Maginess**. The contribution is a bound volume of the *New Albany Argus* for the years 1837 and 1839 and of the *New Albany Gazette* of 1842. The volume was presented to Col. Maginess by the family of the late **John B. Winstandley** shortly after Mr. Winstandley's death over twenty years ago. The old newspapers were carefully preserved by Col. Maginess, who took great delight in reading accounts of the early days of New Albany. The volume will be cared for at the library and will be a valuable source of reference to those who desire to familiarize themselves with the early history of New Albany. The Book Committee of the library, through its secretary, **Miss Adelia Woodruff**, has sent a note of thanks to the donors expressing appreciation of the valuable contribution.

— From the *Louisville Courier Journal*, November 15, 1905

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News From Indiana

February 12, 1899

Submitted by **Mary Bayer Stauble**

Accident to a Civil War Veteran.

English, Ind., Feb. 11.—(Special)—**Suston Goldman**, a veteran of the Civil War, who resides four miles south of this place, slipped and fell this afternoon, breaking his right arm, and badly bruising his face and shoulder. On account of his advanced age, his recovery is doubtful. He is prominent among G. A. R. people in this section.

Dying With Pneumonia.

English, Ind., Feb. 11 —(Special.)—Rev. **Reed Wright**, pastor of the Christian church at this place, is at the point of death with pneumonia. He is well known throughout the southern part of the State, having been in the ministry for thirty years.

New Albany

W. E. Brown, of South Bend, is visiting his son, **F. J. Brown**, of the Tribune.

The services at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium this afternoon will be conducted by General Secretary **A. B. Paul**.

The funeral of **Mrs. Barbara Guenther** took place yesterday morning from St. Joseph's Catholic church, ten miles north of the city.

The **Rev. Dr. Humes**, at the Second Presbyterian church, will have for the theme of his discourse this evening "Christian Heroism."

J. F. Budd, an Air Line Switchman, tumbled from the top of a box car near the Edwardsville tunnel Friday night and was badly hurt.

The January term of the Floyd Circuit Court closed yesterday, and the court adjourned until the March term, which begins the second Monday of next month.

A valentine social will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Tabernacle Baptist church Tuesday night at the home of **Mrs. John Rouzer**, 1304 East Spring street.

"How a Hero Wins a Crown," will be the theme of **Dr. Ford's** discourse at Centenary this orning. His topic tonight will be "Snowflakes Floating Through Coal Smut."

Prof. **W. H. Hershman**, superintendent of the public schools of this city, is the author of a publication just issued by a Chicago publishing house, entitled, "A Manual of Nature Study."

Mr. and Mrs. John Mace left yesterday for St. Louis. From there **Mr. Mace** will go to Los Angeles, Cal., where he will locate if the conditions are favorable. Should he conclude to settle in Los Angeles, **Mrs. Mace** will join him there.

Tomorrow night, the New Albany Maennerchor Society will give its annual masquerade at the hall, on East Spring street, near Fourth. The event will be one of great enjoyment, as all the Maennerchor entertainments have been in the past.

William Tether was decreed a divorce in the Floyd Circuit Court yesterday from **Betty Tether**, and was given the custody of two children born of the marriage. **Harry Proctor** was granted a divorce from **Harriet Proctor**, and the custody of the child was given the mother.

The board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. will meet Tuesday night to consider the progress of the work. A movement is on foot among the younger members of the association to secure a sufficient number of new members to justify the board in securing the services of a physical director.

(News from Indiana . . . continued from previous page)

A happy crowd on the street car Friday night, returning from a social function in Louisville, set fire to the hay strewn on the bottom of the car to express their displeasure at the fact that the street railway people had failed to provide heating arrangements. The fire was extinguished without damage to anyone. The crowd was out for a good time and they certainly had it.

During the past week the following transfers of real estate were filed for record: **Mary Butler** to **Sarah Engleman**, undivided interest, in 140 acres of 21-2-5, \$500; **Sarah Engleman** to **W. M. Burkhart**, lot 10, Main street, Georgetown, \$86; **James W. Dunbar** to **Amanda Wall**, part of 117 West Seventh street, \$100; **Ellen Strodman** and others to **Joseph T. Bach**, 40 acres of 26-3-5, \$300.

Capt. **John B. Ford** and his sons, **Edward and Emory Ford**, former residents of this city, now proprietors of three large plate glass plants in Pennsylvania and a plant at Wyandotte, Mich., for the manufacture of soda ash and other products of a like character, are now erecting an extensive plate glass works at Toledo, O. **Capt. Ford** was the originator of about all the manufacturing enterprises that made New Albany the most prosperous city of its size. In the country at one time. He left here for the East nearly twenty years ago, where he has nearly reached the three score and ten years allotted to man, almost penniless. Since that time, by his business sagacity, he has made himself a multi-millionaire and has made every one rich with whom he has been associated.

Jeffersonville

William Lee Crodup died yesterday at his home on Walnut street of consumption. He was twenty three years of age.

Mrs. Onetta Pickering was granted a divorce yesterday from **Thomas Pickering** upon proof of desertion and failure to provide.

John McClain, who was born in 1808 in Kentucky, is dead at his home near Scottsburg, Scott county. He had lived eighty-two years on the same farm. Two sons and a daughter, all of whom live in Scott county, survive.

Although a County Treasurer is not to be elected for two years, a candidate has announced for the nomination in the person of **Emory Porter**, of Borden, who has served as a deputy in the office. Mr. Porter is a Democrat.

The Elks will hold a special session tomorrow evening. A banquet in celebration of the second anniversary of the organization of a lodge in this city will be held Tuesday evening. Mr. **Edgar A. Howard** will be chairman of the social session.

The **Revs. Current and O'Neal** officiated yesterday at the funeral of **Mrs. Maria Ungelter**. The body was taken to Louisville and laid to rest in Cave Hill. The following were pall bearers: **T. W. Perry, Adolph Frank, A. A. Swartz, C. M. Marble, John S. McCauley** and Capt. **Harry Drosta**.

The **Rev. T. M. Myers** will preach at the Christian church this morning on "Keeping the Step", at night "Marking the Time." The **Rev. Dr. J. P. Hearst** will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church at the usual hour this morning. His subject will be "Everybody's Preacher." The evening theme: "The Spirit of Our Age."

Mayfield & Lewman, who were attorneys for Bigamist **Emmet Cate**, have received a letter from the fugitive. **Cate** is thought to be in Chicago. At least he was when the letter was written. He stated that after his escape from jail, he went to Henderson, Ky., and got some money from his father. The same day he boarded a train for Chicago, where he at once secured a position. His object in communicating with his lawyers, was to ascertain the amount of their fee. **Cate** said he would make a weekly remittance.

Sheriff-elect **Harman Raye** has received a letter, presumably written by **Charles Riley**, who made his escape from the county jail a few weeks ago with five other men, among them Bigamist **Emmet Cate** and **William Gardner**, the alleged wholesale thief. The writer says he planned the jail delivery and carried it into execution. **Riley's** offense was robbing the Pennsylvania railroad depot at Underwood. **Sheriff Hawes** interceded in his behalf and saved him from going to the Reformatory. At the time of his escape he was doing a thirty day sentence. He originally came from Kansas City.

(News from Indiana . . . continued from previous page)

Well Pleased.

Mayor Says Immates of City Charitable Institutions Do not Suffer From Cold.

Mayor Weaver expressed himself yesterday as being well pleased with the records made by the superintendents of the various city institutions during the cold weather. Daily reports are made to the Mayor of the conditions of the City Hospital, workhouse, Home of the Aged and Infirm, and St. John's Eruptive Hospital. The several officers in charge say they have been able to maintain a temperature of 70 degrees in all wards and that the inmates have been well cared for. Wayfarers who have applied for admission to any of these institutions have been admitted temporarily without question. Patients in the City Hospital, and old people in the Home of the Aged and Infirm, have been as well cared for as if they were in private institutions paying for what they get.

Excited the Neighborhood

Rumor That Ten Men Had Been Killed by the Caving in of a Coal Bank.

A rumor was current last night that a coal bank in **Walton's** coal yards, at the foot of Floyd street, had caved in early in the evening, burying ten men and two carts. Citizens living in the neighborhood had heard of an accident, but they did not know the extent of it.

Coroner McCullough had received no word of any fatalities, and it is the opinion of people in the neighborhood that several men were partially buried by the slide, but that all escaped serious injury. AS no one was in the yards last night, the accident is thought to have been of little consequence.

PAROQUET CLUB TO DANCE.

Popular Organization Will Give its Fifth Ball To-morrow Night.

A ball will be given tomorrow evening at Music Hall by the members of the Paroquet Fishing Club. This is the fifth annual festivity of this sort the club has given, and the friends of the members who have received and appreciated their hospitality in the past will see that they are not forgotten. The ball will take place in the large hall and club room under charge of the following Committee of Arrangements: **John Burkle, H. Zoeller, Gustave Lortz, H. Greiner, Ben Stehlin, Jacob Neumeyer** and **Peter Herberger**. **Benj. Stehlin** will be chief manager and **Jacob Neumeyer** his assistant. Mr. **John Hoertz** will be the music director and John Schuler the assistant.

The club is composed of substantial business men who have a fishing camp every summer, at which they do a great deal of entertaining.

The Ladies Guild of the Church of the Ascension will give a coffee social tomorrow from 8 to 10 o'clock p.m. at the residence of **Mrs. W. P. Heib**, 1111 Eighteenth street.

[Articles 1959 based on information in 1859 newspapers]

Courier Journal, Louisville, Kentucky

March 22, 1959

HOOSIER FLASHBACKS

Submitted by **Donna Kepley Foster**

(Photograph)

THE GRANDSTAND at the old Floyd County Fairgrounds is shown in this rare picture [photo not located] owned by **William J. Hedden**, 801 Vincennes Street, New Albany. It was here that **Frank James** once served as horse-racing judge.

Early Days of Floyd County Fair

Remind of Frank James' Visit

EX-Gunman Judged Horses

By **G. E. WEINMANN**

The Courier-Journal Southern Indiana Bureau

Frank James of the notorious **Frank** and **Jesse James** gang once played the role of judge at New Albany – on a memorable occasion to this writer.

“I was just a small boy when I read of the **James** brothers escapades in yellow-back dime novels at a second –hand store operated by **Ed Biggers**, near my home.

The illustrated novels showed **Frank** and **Jesse** wearing heavy bears and handkerchiefs over their faces as they flourished pistols in bank and train holdups. I was fascinated by their daring-little dreaming that within a few years I would meet one of the **James** boys face to face.

Had Been Paroled

The Floyd County Fair was flourishing at the time. The promoters were go-getters who never overlooked a good bet.

Frank James who had been paroled from prison and had become a good citizen was employed as an attraction at a poolroom in St. Louise. On the side he served as horse-racing judge at county fairs.

The New Albany Fair sponsors communicated with **James**, who replied he would be happy to serve as judge at the Floyd County Fair.

On the appointed day a fair reception committee met the notorious visitor at Pearl and Spring Street. This writer was in the group, a self appointed member of the committee.

Was Imposing Sight

James was a tall, imposing man. He wore a large black felt hat, black coat and a black bow-tie. He was oft spoken and courteous.

The committee had **James** chafed for a while. The time had come for the fairgrounds. Instead of taking him a carriage to the grounds about two miles away, the committee walked him there.

The route was over Monon Railroad tracks. I followed the crowd. Sometimes I would be behind **James**, sometimes at his side, and other times in front. “We finally reached the fair grounds.”

Drew Large Crowd

That afternoon **James** judged the horse racing. The fair sponsors had hit the jackpot. On had was one of the largest crowds of the season.

The Floyd County Fair started in 1884 on a 54 acres tract, the main entrance to which was at the northeast corner of Charlestown Road and Silver Street. The organization that sponsored it was called the Floyd County Agricultural and Mechanical Association.

Projects on the grounds included a grandstand, a mile long dirt track, pavilions for display of livestock, and vegetables, fruits, needlework, and other articles – and a bar.

The country's best pacers look part in the sulky races there over the years. Nancy Hanks, one of the greatest mares of the time, put on an exhibition there one season. She was owned by the **DePauw's** of the old DePauw Plate Glass Works of New Albany.

One of the most colorful horses to race at the old fairgrounds was Black Nell, owned by **Louis "Lou" Hipple**, onetime sheriff of Floyd County.

Hipple was the only driver in the history of the Floyd Fair Grounds to drive a horse without reins. Dressed in a gaudy silk suit and wearing a silk cap, he sat back and drove Black Nell around the track with only verbal command.

Fair Was Revitalized

In time the fair began to slip as a financial enterprise. But it was a civic asset to New Albany, community leaders thought and ought to be revitalized.

In 1890 a group of the City's business and professional leaders reorganized the fair company. The Floyd County Fair Association stemmed from that effort.

Among the outstanding promoters of the new organization were the late **William A Hedden**, operator of the old New Albany Hosiery Mills; **Sam Culbertson**, financier; **F. M. Weir**, and **Dr. Charles P. Cook**, noted New Albany surgeon.

Library Has Stock

The company was organized with a capital stock of \$ 15,000. **Hedden** bought a \$100 share of stock, according to the **Hedden** family history. **Dr. Cook** took a \$25 share which is now owned by the New Albany Public Library. It is dated July 1, 1890.

The fair was abandoned many years ago. Its mile track one of the finest of the kind in the Midwest, became the training center for members of the New Albany High School's first track team.

Queries from Our Members

Researching "**Morris (Maurice) MORRIS**, Greenville, Indiana: Has anyone traced him back to Virginia where he was born. Please contact me at: bvirginia76@earthlink.net

—**Virginia Brown**, Land O'Lakes, FL 34639

Note: YOUR QUERY COULD BE HERE

Courier Journal, Louisville, Kentucky
Sunday Morning, September 27, 1959

State Fair Excited Area 100 Years Ago

Nearly 50,000 Attended Event At New Albany

One hundred years ago this month New Albany-area residents were all excited about the Indiana State Fair and they had good reason to be. It was being held in New Albany.

Newspapers in the New Albany Public Library historical file give a day by day account of the five day event that attracted nearly 50,000 persons.

Kentuckians Put At Ease

As a preliminary to the opening of the Fair the newspaper set the minds of the wealthy Kentucky residents at ease with this news item.

“We understand that many of our Kentucky friends who have fine stock would lick to exhibit their animals at the Indiana State Fair in New Albany but they are afraid to bring their servants over to care for the animals for fear the servant will be run off by agents of the Underground Railroad. We know there is no citizen of this portion of Indiana who would be guilty of encouraging any slave to escape. A man detected in such an area would be apt to receive summary punishment.”

Total Cost \$12,000

The Fair opened at 7 a.m. September 26, 1859. The newspaper in modest prose called it “an unparalleled and almost unapproachable spectacle.” It added “3,000 has been promiscuously scattered during past year in preparation.” Premiums totaled \$8,000. The total cost of the Fair was listed at \$12,000.

The sponsor of the Fair, the State Board of Agriculture didn’t break even, despite the large crowds. When the accounting was completed, receipts totaled \$10,000.

It Was A Beautiful Day

It was a beautiful day for the opening of the Fair. One of the sights which must have stirred the townspeople was the paraded of the Osceola Fire company, preceded by its cornet band down to the New Albany – Louisville ferry. Here they met members of the Portland Fire Company with their gaily decorated engine and horses. The group marched back uptown to a restaurant for breakfast, then proceeded out to the Fairgrounds. During the Fair there were hooking-up and water-throwing contest. There were no recording or television stars then, but the young women of the community were stirred just as much by the colorful and dashing firemen according to newspaper accounts.

Trainer Was Attraction

Among the attractions of the Fair was a Professor Rarery, the “great and inimitable trainer of horses. He invites those having unmanageable or vicious animals to introduce themselves and their animals so that he might show his skill.”

Admission to the Fairgrounds was 25 cents for a one-horse vehicle and 50 cents for a two-horse vehicle. City schools were dismissed for the entire week.

Although there was a police force of 18 men in New Albany at that time, citizens were warned to be especially watchful for burglars and pickpockets. Several break-ins and lifted wallets were reported during the week.

3 Fairs Were Compared

As an aftermath of the Fair, a Cincinnati writer; who apparently had considerable experience covering fairs, compared Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky fairs. He complained that the New Albany and Ohio fairs were confined too much to exhibition and judging of various items. He said they offered no new features.

“Such fairs, he said, are a big bore while the Louisville Southeastern Expedition is a grand and jolly picnic.” He carried the comparison farther by stating that the New Albany Fair was attended for many good women while at the Kentucky State Fair one saw many beautiful women.

Newspaper Tidbits

New Albany Daily Ledger Standard 7 Mar 1878 p4 c1: Golden Wedding Wednesday, March 6, 1878, was a day long to be remembered in the family of **Wm. L. Tyler**, in Georgetown. Fifty years ago Mr. T. was married to Miss **Catherine Utz**, near Georgetown. By this union there were about twelve children born, all of whom living except, probably, three. All except one of the living children were present, together with many grand children, besides score s of neighbors and acquaintances. There was a grand reunion and of course a pleasant time was had. The aged couple are about 70 and 65 respectively and are as lively as many young people.

New Albany Daily Ledger Standard 12 May 1880 p1 c1: Specials from Salem . . .Military Reunion at Salem. Company “E” of the 5th Indiana cavalry, the 90th regiment of Indiana volunteers, will hold a reunion at Salem on the 15th of June next. **E. W. Menaugh** has been selected to read a paper giving a history of the company. All soldiers are invited to attend.

New Albany Ledger Standard 5 Feb 1873 p4 c3: School Report. The following named persons, belonging to A grammar grade, in Fourth street school, in charge of **D. M. Hammond** were, during the month ending Jan. 31st, unless prevented by sickness, present every day, were not tardy one time, and were perfect in deportment: **Susie Byrne, Ida Banes, Anna Draper, Ada Decker, Louisa Goetz, Susie Kinman, Bell Lyon, Mary Robellaz, Hettie West, Annie Smith, Lizzie Huff, Maggie Wayman, Bennie Little, Katie McQuiddy, Willie Harrison, James Hoover, Emmet Sechrest, and Robert Wolfe.**

WILLS

Submitted and Transcribed by **Bonnie Clark**

Annie Kirkwood, Floyd County, Indiana

Date: Nov. 1, 1859

In the name of God, Amen.

I, **Ann Kirkwood**, widow of the late **Andrew Kirkwood**, New Albany, Indiana, being sensible of the uncertainty of life, do make this my last Will & Testament, revoking hereby all others by me heretofore made.

1. I bequeath my soul to God, who gave it to me, and my body to such decent Christian burial as my children deem proper to give it.

2. As to such property as it has pleased Go to allow me to have and hold, I make the following dispositions.

1. The lot of ground, and the residence I now occupy with my son **William F.** and his family, on Upper 4th Street in New Albany, fronting Upper 5th. I will to be sold by my Executor on such terms as he may deem reasonable and proper, and that the proceeds he shall invest \$300 in a good Bank or home Insurance Stock, in the name and for the sole use and benefit of my daughter **Martha L. Elder**, wife of **James W. Elder**, the said Bank or Insurance Stock to be and remain the property of said **Martha** during her life, and the dividends to be received by and paid to her, and after her death said Stock to go to her children, and if she should have none surviving her, the said Stock shall return to and become the property of my other children, the brothers and sister of said **Martha** or their heirs.

2. The residue of the proceeds of such sale shall by my Executor be equally distributed among my children, to-wit: **James J. Kirkwood**, **Fanny Town**, wife of Dr. **R.R. Town**, **James William Kirkwood**, (son of **Adam Clark Kirkwood**, and my grandson), and **William F. Kirkwood**, and **Martha**, the person named in item 1st of this subdivision and her part shall be placed in Stock, as provided in subdivision and to be used and disposed of as therein provided.

3. My negro boy, **Richard**, now hired to **Dr. Miller**, of Oldham Co. Ky. I will and bequeath to my son **William F. Kirkwood**, to hold as his own property absolute, with the injunction upon my said son that he will under no circumstances sell said boy or allow him to be sold for debt or otherwise.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal, this 1st of Nov. 1859.

The foregoing Will was signed and sealed in our presence and in the presence of each other by **Anne Kirkwood**, the testator, and at her request and in her presence we attested the same this 1st of Nov. 1859. **James Collins & W. J. Newkirk**

State of Indiana, Floyd County }SS

James Collins, and **William J. Newkirk** being duly sworn, on oath says that the foregoing last Will & testament of **Anne Kirkwood**, late of said County, deceased, was duly executed by said testatrix, that at the time of the executing the same she was entirely competent to devise her property and was not under any coercion or influence whatever, that the same was subscribed by them said affiants, as attesting witnesses in the presence and at the request of said testatrix, and in the presence of each other, and that the same was executed by said testatrix in their presence and further says not.

James Collins & Wm. J. Newkirk (witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me Dec. 24, 1859.

Witness my hand as Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said county and state on the day and year last written. **Salem P. Town**, Clerk

State of Indiana, Floyd County }SS

I, **Salem P. Town**, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said county & state, hereby certify that the foregoing last Will & testament of **Anne Kirkwood**, late of said county, deceased, has been duly admitted to probate, that is due execution was this day proven by **James Collins** and **William J. Newkirk**, whose proof, together with such Will, have been duly recorded on the 138th and 139th pages of the Record of Wills in our office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said court at the courthouse in New Albany, this 24th of Dec. 1859

Salem P. Town, Clerk

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**Mrs. Francis Lake, Floyd County, Indiana**  
**Date: June 9, 1853**

**Francis Lake**, of New Albany, Indiana, do hereby make and publish this as my last Will & Testament.

First: I devise & bequeath to my son **Henry Lake** all my estate, both real and personal, except the sum of \$6000, as herein after bequeath, to have and to hold to him and his heirs and assigns to his and their own use forever. But if his death without issue should happen before mine, then I devise and bequeath all of my estate in fee simple, in the same manner as I devise and bequeath the said sum of \$6000 as next hereinafter mentioned.

Second: I devise and bequeath to my 2 grandchildren, **Fanny H. Went & Irene Went** the sum of \$6000 dollars in cash with interest from the time of my decease to have and hold in equal shares, to them and their assigns forever. And whatever amount of money or other property said Fanny H. & Irene shall receive by virtue of this Will, I desire and direct that each of them shall respectively hold the same to her sole and separate use free from all control of any husband she may have and free from all liability for his debts or contracts.

Third: As I have already advanced to my grandson **Edward Clarence Went** \$500 and as my grandson **Thomas P. Moore** has heretofore received from his mother's estate a sum about equal to what my other grandchildren will receive, I therefore make no devise or bequeath in this Will to said **Edward Clarence Went**, or **Thomas P. Moore**, but I them of my continued affection and good wishes toward them.

Fourth: I appoint **James R. Shields**, Esq. of said New Albany, Executor of this Will and beg him to accept said trust, and I revoke all former Wills made by me .

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand this 9th of June 1853, at said New Albany.

**Francis Lake** (seal)

Signed and published by said **Francis Lake** as her last Will, in our presence and we at her request and in her presence, hereto subscribed our names as witnesses on the day and at the city aforesaid. **Thomas Sinex, G. C. Moody, R. Crawford.**

State of Indiana, Floyd County }SS

**Thomas Sinex** being duly sworn says that he is a subscribing witness to the last Will & Testament of **Mrs. Frances Lake**, late of said county, deceased, that, said Testator at the time of executing the same was competent to devise her property and not under any coercion. **Thomas Sinex**

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26th of January 1854.

**S. P. Town**, Clerk by R. M. Wier, deputy.

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Thomas Lane, Sr., Harrison County, Indiana

Date: Aug. 9, 1835

I, **Thomas Lane Sr.** of Harrison County, Indiana do make and publish this my last Will & Testament.

First I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my situation in life. As to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of it the same in the following manner.

To Wit: I direct first that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first money that shall come to the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate.

I also direct that a fair valuation or appraisement be made by 3 presiding neighbors of all my personal estate including household furniture and after ___ being signed with their names that a copy of the same be given by them to each of my Executors.

I also direct that all my personal estate be sold by my Executors in a credit of one year the amount thereof secured in such a manner as is usual in like cases to insure the full and punctual payment thereof.

I also direct that the net produce of my personal estate herein before mentioned ordered by me to be disposed of with the exception of \$3.00 herein after bequeathed shall be divided one full 3rd part thereof to my beloved wife and the remainder to be applied by her to the purchase of land at a congnief (?) price so as it will go for my sons **John, Greenberry, Davis** and **Nelson**, giving each 80 acres and taking their receipt in full of all right title or claim to any part of my real estate and if said remainder should prove insufficient to purchase such tract of land for each of them to purchase for as many as it will reach.

I also direct my beloved wife have full use and benefit of all my real estate during her lifetime and widowhood.

I further direct after the death of my wife that my real estate be sold and a credit of 2 years the price thereof to be well secured according to law.

And whereas I have made advances in money, land to some of my children in my lifetime, I also direct that be paid out of the proceeds of my personal property to my children **Elizabeth Roberts, Nancy West, Thomas Lane Jr.** by my former wife one dollar \$1.00 each which is to be considered in full of all claims to my estate both real and personal.

I also direct that there be paid out of the proceeds of my real estate to my sons **Isaac, Craven, William** and **Fielding** by my present wife one dollar each which is to be considered in full of all claims to my Estate.

I also direct that if my personal property should not produce a sum efficient to purchase 80 acres of land for each of my sons, **John, Greenberry, Davis & Nelson** then and in such a case such as do not receive such part are to receive 100 hundred acres each out of the proceed of my real estate.

I also direct there be paid to my daughter **Malinda Barnet, Sarah Keller, Elizabeth Barnet, April Anna Lane** one hundred dollars each out of the proceeds to my real estate.

I also direct that there be paid to **Anna White** one hundred dollars which is to be considered in full of all claim to my estate.

I also direct that the residue of the price of my real estate be equally divided between my children, **Isaac Lane, Craven Lane, William Lane, Fielding Lane, Sarah Keller, Malinda Barnet, Elizabeth Barnet, Anna Lane, John Lane, Greenberry Lane, Davis Lane & Nelson Lane,** share and share alike.

And I hereby make and appoint my beloved wife **Anna Lane** Executrix and my beloved sons **Craven Lane & Fielding Lane** Executors jointly of this my last Will & Testament.

I hereby direct and appoint that my said dear wife shall have the guardianship and tuition of my children during their minority and in case of her death or marriage during their minority, then I direct and appoint my beloved son **Craven Lane** shall have the tuition and guardianship of them during their minority, and in case of his refusal, renunciation or death. I will and direct that my beloved son **Fielding Lane** should exercise said guardianship.

In witness whereof, I, **Thomas Lane Sr.** the testator have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of August, 1835. Signed, **Thomas Lane Sr.** (seal)

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

Signed, **Joseph K. Snyder & Samuel P. Davidson**

State of Indiana, Harrison County } sct.

Be it remembered that on the 3rd day of November 1883, the foregoing last Will & Testament of **Thomas Lane Sr.** was produced before me **Henry W. Heth**, Clerk of the Probate Court of said County and proven by the oath of **Joseph K. Snyder & Samuel P. Davidson** as the subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last Will & Testament of said **Thomas Lane Sr.**, deceased, and that he was at the time of executing the same of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of our said Court at Corydon on the day and year above written aforesaid.

Signed, **Henry W. Heth**, Clerk

Recorded in the Clerks office of the Probate court of Harrison County, Indiana in Will book "B" pages 57 and 58 on the 3rd of November 1835. Signed, **Henry W. Heth**, Clerk H. C.



PERRY COUNTY ANCESTORS

By **Doris B. Leistner**, Family Researcher

The following articles appeared previously in the Perry County Newspaper, *The News*, in 1991. This is part 1 of 2 and will be concluded in the next issue of the SIGS quarterly.

Perry County People

Perry County people have many origins. The earliest settlers were mainly of early American heritage, migrating to the river edge of this county. A great number of the pioneer families of 1800-1825 came to this part of the Northwest Territory by way of Kentucky, having earlier roots in North Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Many had crossed through the Cumberland Gap, followed the Wilderness Road and lived in or near various forts in Kentucky, which was earlier a part of Virginia. Others came down the Ohio River from Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, which was also then a part of Virginia.

Next came settlers from Tennessee, South Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, and other eastern states. Later came the German, French, Belgian, Irish, English, Swiss, and smaller groups of immigrants. Some were seeking new land to be cleared, while others came in search of military and religious freedom. Families usually moved in groups with people they previously knew as neighbors, church friends, and relatives. Thus, clusters of families came from similar backgrounds. Many family intermarriages occurred.



Rev. Joseph Springer

Rev. Joseph Springer, the first Methodist minister of Perry County, was one of the earliest settlers of Union Township (then part of Knox Co., Indiana Territory).

He was in this area about 1804 and was a leader in his community, where his home provided for many needs of fellow pioneer settlers. In addition to conducting church services, he had a store and a schoolroom at his home. The log portion of that Springer house recently was dismantled and removed to a new location near Derby.

Joseph Springer was a son of **John Springer**, Rev. War soldier, and was born 17 May 1787 in Kentucky. He married 5 Oct 1809 in Washington Co., KY to his cousin, **Catharine Springer**. Catharine was born 2 Dec 1787 in Maryland, died 24 Aug 1859; Joseph died 17 Mar 1870. Both are buried in a small cemetery known as the **Springer** or **Martin** Cemetery near where their house stood.

A brother, **Charles Springer**, settled not far away in Crawford Co., died 15 Jun 1844 and is buried in the **Hobby Bird** Cemetery. **Charles Springer** md (1) **Hannah Hardin**, daughter of **John Hardin** for whom Hardin Co., KY was named, and md (2) **Comfort Walker**, daughter of **Robert Walker**, early

Perry County settler of Oil Township. Many **Springer** descendants still live in southern Indiana, as well as scattered throughout the United States.

The **Springer** family has been traced to nobility in the Swedish Court of Stockholm in the 1600s. According to a family history, the **Charles Springer** born 1658 was kidnapped as a young man and taken to Virginia where he was sold or bound out as an indentured servant. After serving his indenture, he walked to Wilmington, Delaware, where there was a Swedish colony, and died there in 1738. Family members moved to Frederick Co. MD and their children later migrated to Washington Co. KY (previously Nelson Co. KY). **Joseph** and **Charles'** brother, **John**, was born at Harrods Fort, Harrodsburg, KY.

Those certainly must have been hardy people as pioneers of early America and then as pioneers in Kentucky and Indiana.



Belgium Immigrants Started Coming To County in 1840s

Recent correspondence and phone calls from **Baron Goffinet** of Belgium have prompted an in-depth study and listing of the Belgian immigrants who came to Perry County, beginning in the 1840s. Though the Baron is primarily interested in the **Goffinet** family, this researcher is collecting and charting information about all of the Belgian families who came, mainly to Leopold, Oil, and Clark Townships. An attempt is being made to list as many as possible of the living descendants of those families.

Some included in this search are: **Albert, Allard, Bell, Belva, Bigonville, Boullie, Bouillon, Claise, Collignon, Damin, Darden, Dauby, Delaisse, Deom, Devillez, Drouard, Duchenois, Dupaquier, Dupont, Embry, Etienne, Evrard, Fays, Flamion, Foury, Francis, Franchville, Gabelia, Gillarden, Genet, George, Goffinet, Graves, Guillaume, Hanonville, Harbaville, Holman, Hubert, Jacob, James, Jupin, Kaufman, Kergan, Lemaire, Lambert, Lampkin, Lagrange, Lanotte, Laurent, Leclere, Lenard, Lucas, Marchal, Massut, Meunier, Navaiux, Peters, Pierrard, Ponsard, Richard, Rogier, Tibsard, and Thiery**, with the various spellings.

There were many marriages between these families and they are so intertwined that anyone descended from one of these lines probably also has ancestors of one or more of the other surnames. Almost all of the marriages recorded in Perry County for these Belgians and their children were with members of other Belgian or French speaking, Catholic families who had settled here. Their main occupation was farming, but there were stone masons, storekeepers, etc. Few moved from their adopted homes to other areas until 1900 or later. Many are buried in St. Augustine, St. John, St. Joseph, St. Isidore, and St. Marks Catholic Church cemeteries.

Some biographic sketches were printed in the county histories and much information has already been collected for several of these families. Census records were not consistent when listing birthplaces, but would list Belgium in one record and France in another, probably because of the language spoken.

According to county histories, **Andrew Peter** was the earliest native born Belgian to cut trees and establish his residence in the wilderness area that later became the town of Leopold. The Catholic priest, Fr. **August Bessonies**, who founded Leopold, encouraged would-be immigrants to come from Europe to this southern Indiana community.



Lincoln Relatives Settled in Perry County in 1800s

The year 1991 is the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the **Thomas Lincoln** family in Perry County, as well as the same anniversary of Indiana's statehood. The Lincoln family settled in Section 32, Township four south, range five west, a part of Perry County until January 1818 when Spencer County was formed. We know from history some of young **Abe's** activities at Troy, Maxville, and the mills on Anderson Creek.

There was another **Lincoln** household in Perry County, but in Anderson Township. They were relatives of **Abe** and settled here several years before Thomas brought his family. President **Lincoln** knew his cousins **Austin** and **Davis**, and remembered them in some of his writings.

Hananiah Lincoln was born about 1756 in the Boone and Lincoln settlement at Exeter, Pennsylvania. He served as a Captain in the Rev. War and migrated west to what later became Kentucky. He is listed in the records of Jefferson County as early as 1782 and was in Nelson Co. in 1786. He married **Sarah Jane Jeffries** in 1787. They moved to Hartford (now Ohio Co.) Kentucky in 1792 where they remained about two years until they moved to Elizabethtown in Hardin Co. The 1797 tax list shows **Thomas Lincoln** next door to **Hananiah**, and both removed to Cumberland Co. KY about 1798-1801, where lands had become available south of Green River. **Hananiah** married **Lucy Wilson** 1801 in Cumberland County and was the first sheriff of that county. He is said to have joined **Boone** in his Missouri expedition but soon returned to reside in Jackson Co., now Clay Co., Tennessee, across the state line from his former Cumberland Co. KY home.

Austin and **Davis** were two of at least six children of **Hananiah** and **Sarah Lincoln**, **Austin** was in Perry Co. before June 1815 when he served on a jury. He entered his land claim at the Vincennes land office Dec. 1816. It is believed that he moved his family on to Illinois or Missouri and died there.

Davis Lincoln probably moved to Perry Co. late 1820 or 1821 where he entered a tract of land in April 1821, served as a Justice of the Peace in 1823, and was owner of the Lincoln Mill on Anderson Creek. While on a trip to New Orleans about 1825 he contracted cholera and died. He and his wife, **Abigail (Campbell)** were the ancestors of many Lincoln descendants who have lived and some still live in southern Indiana. As a widow, **Abigail** later married **Thomas Jones**. **Austin** and **Abigail** had three sons and five daughters: (1) **Hananiah** who died before 1850 and is buried in the Avery Cemetery; (2) **Austin** married **Catherine McGuffy** and operated the Lincoln Mill, where he was murdered 16 January 1840; (3) **Robert J.** married **Christina Williams** and moved to Missouri before 1850; (4) **Ellen**, born about 1815/16, married **Macajah/Jesse McGuffey**; (5) **Nancy** married **Josiah/Cyrus Dunn**; (6) **Sarah** born 12 May 1820, married **Francis Armstrong** and moved to Kentucky and Jackson Co. Tennessee; (7) **Amarintha/I Martha**, born ca 1822, probably married **Mr. Wilson** who is believed to have murdered her father; (8) **Lucy** born ca 1824, married first **Thomas Mills**; her second husband **Edward B. Cutler** served in the Civil War and they later moved to Illinois.

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