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### FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA

## *HANDBOOK*

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### **M.-B. STORE** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### NEW STORE WILL OPEN IN THE ARLINGTON BLOCK

Morris & Border, operators of several chain stores throughout Indiana and Ohio, with main offices at Mishawaka, Ind., were in this city Tuesday where they closed a long-term lease with A. J. Barrett on the store room formerly occupied by Arch Timbers clothing store.

The branch store of the M. & B. chain will carry a complete stock of Ladies Ready-to-Wear garments and Men's Furnishings. Mr. Borden when interrogated concerning the opening of the new business stated he believed they would be ready by Saturday, Sept. 17th.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 7, 1927]

[Adv] GRAND OPENING of the M.-B. Chain Store, 707 Main Street, Rochester, Ind., Tomorrow, Thursday, September 15. Doors Open at 9 a.m. - - - -

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 14, 1927]

### **M-Z FURNITURE HOME** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### M-Z FURNITURE HOME IS OPENED ON SOUTH MAIN

Rochester has a new furniture and radio store already in operation at [Goss Homestead] 1611 South Main Street. The new business which is known as the M-Z Furniture Home, will be under the direct supervision of Emerson Zimmerman of this city.

Mr. Zimmerman who has had many years of experience in the furniture business has secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner who will act as custodians of the furniture home which will be open for patronage both day and evening. The manager stated the overhead costs of the furniture home had been cut to a minimum and through operating on a strictly cash basis the public would be offered truly worth-while savings in both furniture and radios.

The Zimmerman Bros. Funeral home will continue in operation as before at 1410 South Main Street. An advertisement carrying an announcement of the new furniture home appears elsewhere in this issue of the News-Sentinel.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 4, 1931]

### **M. & M. 5 and 10¢ STORES** [Rochester, Indiana]

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[Adv] NOTICE! The old Compton Variety Store will be open Wednesday Morning at 10 o'clock. A Big Removal Sale. - - - New Owners in Charge. M. & M. 5 and 10¢ STORES WITH VARIETY.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 29, 1925]

### **M. & M. COMPANY OF PLYMOUTH INCORPORATED**

Indianapolis, July 2. - The M. & M. 5¢ and 10¢ Store company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of the state of Indiana with a capital stock of \$30,000. Half of the stock is comon and half preferred.

The incorporators are Virgil Morgan and Ray Meredith of Plymouth and Lloyd S Crouch of Columbia City.

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The concern recently opened a store in Plymouth in the Hill building and established company headquarters for the control of their stores and the conducting of wholesale business. They then purchased the J. W. Compton store here. They will continue operating in the Holeman building at Main and Seventh streets.

A store also is operated by the men at Fort Wayne.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 2, 1925]

### **CHICAGO CO. PURCHASES M. & M. VARIETY STORES**

A business deal of considerable import was transacted today between Messrs. Morgan and Meredith, of Plymouth, owners of the local M. & M. Variety store and the Schultz Brothers Co., of Chicago, whereby the latter concern becomes owner of the Rochester store and four other variety stores in the M. & M. group which are located at Plymouth, Columbia City, Winamac and Hobart.

The new owners now control 26 variety stores situated in various cities throughout the mid-western states. Two of the above group of stores are located at Rensselaer and Monon, Ind. The new owners assumed control of their purchases today. Mr. Morgan, who has been operating the Rochester M. & M. store for the past few weeks, has not announced his plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 6, 1930]

## **MABIE CAFE** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **CAFE MOVED**

The Mabie Cafe has been moved from the Robbins room on the south side of the public square to the room at 612 North Main Street.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 22, 1933]

### **7TH CAFE TO CLOSE**

William Mabie, owner of the Mabie Cafe, wishes to announce that he is joining the other Rochester cafe owners in the closing of their places of business one day each week. Mr. Mabie will close his restaurant, which is located on the corner of Main and Sixth streets, every Tuesday.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 5, 1943]

### **MABIE RESTAURANT IS SOLD TO GEORGE FLEEGLE**

Mr. and Mrs. William Mabie, operators of a restaurant at 530 North Main street for the past 12 years, announced today they have sold the cafe to George Fleegle, owner of the Fleegle Market at 526 Main street.

Fleegle has taken possession and will continue to operate the restaurant, which has been in business at the same location for almost 50 years. Fleegle will be assisted in operation of the business by his son-in-law, Jack Reyome.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mabie said they would retire from the restaurant business because of poor health.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 5, 1943]

## **MACHLAN'S CARPENTER SHOP** [Tiosa, Indiana]

Destroyed by fire September 23, 1895.

## **MACKEY** [Rochester, Indiana]

See Kirkendall & Mackey

## **MACKEY, HORACE C.** [Rochester, Indiana]

### BIOGRAPHY

Horace C. Mackey, of Rochester, is a son of one of Fulton county's first settlers. William Mackey, who lived for years just on the outskirts of Rochester, and was a prominent character, was born in Virginia, near Natural Bridge, Rockbridge county, being a descendant of one of the first white families to settle that county. His birth occurred about eighty-five years ago. In 1835 he rode on horseback from there to Fulton county and entered land in Newcastle township. He did not settle on it, but returned to Virginia and remained five years longer. He cast his lot with this state in 1840 and took up his residence in Henry county. In 1849 he came to Fulton and bought a seventy-six-acre tract on the Michigan road of Riley Spencer. He was a prosperous farmer and a popular citizen. He was a strong union man and furnished two sons for the Union army. He married at Natural Bridge, Va., Rachel, a daughter of Joseph McClung. Rachel died in 1852, aged forty-one, leaving seven children. Joseph, deceased, was a prominent citizen of Wabash, Ind. Recruited One Hundred and First Indiana volunteers and was offered major's command, but declined to serve. Lizzie, deceased; Mrs. Mary Loomis, John C., died at Louisville, Ky., in Twenty-ninth Indiana regiment; Hester, wife of James Wilder; Horace C., born April 6, 1843; William, died 1882. Horace C. Mackey graduated from the Rochester public schools at thirteen years of age. Aug. 9, 1862, he enlisted in company D, Eighty-seventh Indiana volunteers, Capt Ward's and later Capt. Hughes' and lastly Capt. Elam's company. The regiment was mustered into service at Indianapolis and was ordered to Louisville, Ky., to aid in checking Gen. Bragg's army. It struck the enemy at Perryville and followed him up to Triune, Tenn.; was in the Chickamauga fight; went with Sherman to the sea and on their return through the Carolinas to attend the grand review at Washington. During all his service Mr. Mackey was never absent from his regiment. He was mustered out of the service at Indianapolis July 23, 1865, sergeant of his company. On returning to civil pursuits Mr. Mackey engaged in farming, which of late years has given place to a miscellaneous and diversified vocation. Mr. Mackey sold his farm, the old Mackey homestead, to Dr. W. S. Shafer, in 1895, to be devoted to the use of the Rochester Normal university and on this tract the college building has been erected. To this enterprise Mr. Mackey lent not only his sympathy but of his substance and while the public are not acquainted with the extent of his donation the history of the consummation of the deal will reveal his connection with it. Mr. Mackey is the owner of several well improved properties in Rochester and laid out Mackey's addition to Rochester. In politics he is a republican and was once elected assessor, but a change in the law prevented his taking the office. April 6, 1868, Mr. Mackey married Lucy Dunlap, a daughter of James Dunlap, from Pennsylvania, who died here in 1855, one year after his advent to the state. He married Clara Stoughton, a cousin of Daniel Voorhees. Their children are: Rev. C. H. Dunlap, Philadelphia, Pa.; Alpheus, St. Louis, Mo.; Julia, wife of Michael Orr, Plymouth; Dr. W., Sedalia, Mo.; Lucy, and Mary, wife of Richard Van Dien, of this county. Mr. Mackey's children are: George M., twenty-six; Orrin S., twenty-two; Mary, twenty; Lottie, sixteen, and Colonel Gleason, six. The family are of the Presbyterian faith.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 107-108]

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[Adv] FARMERS When you want your grocery supplies for threshing days call at the Arlington Grocery. Horace Mackey and Sam Miller are both old farmers and know what you want and will have it, and will make you threshers prices on such bills. Call and see us. We pay best market prices for produce. HORACE MACKEY, Arlington Grocery.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 10, 1896]

[Adv] NEW FIRM and NEW GOODS! Having purchased the stock of groceries formerly owned by H. C. Mackey, known as the Arlington Grocery, we are now prepared to furnish the trade with first glass goods at LOWEST PRICES possible. - - - We also pay top prices for country produce. - - - ROBBINS & ROBBINS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 12, 1897]

**MACKEY, SHANNON** [Rochester, Indiana]

**SHANNON MACKEY**

**Grocery & Restaurant**

The above named gentleman started in the grocery and restaurant business in this city six months ago. There are many well conducted and popular grocery houses in Rochester, but we are free to confess along with hundreds of our citizens that there is not one more popular or deserving of its growing success than that of the gentleman whose name heads this article.

The stock of goods is full at all times, and they carry only such goods as the trade demands, everything that the most advanced grocery and provision dealers keep is kept at this house, and the public can always rely upon honest weight, fresh goods, and low prices.

In the management of the Restaurant Mr. Mackey is ably assisted by his wife. This lady takes great pride in seeing that all patrons are properly waited upon, and ladies without attendants can go there with the assurance of receiving respectful attention and of being treated in a manner due to all ladies. At this restaurant can be had as good a meal as one could wish for at any reasonable hour on short notice, or board by the day or week.

Everything about this house is kept in the neatest possible manner, and the trade is supplied with the best the market affords. A specialty is made of oysters during the winter and in the summer of ice cream. They carry a fine line of confections, also tropical and domestic fruits during their season. We unreservedly commend Mr. Mackey and his house to the public as in every way worthy of its confidence and patronage.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 29, 1888]

[Adv] A Popular Grocery is one where all people are treated alike, where all goods are guaranteed to be just as represented and where you can, with perfect confidence, send your order by Telephone or by your Children, and get just what you want. Such a place is my NORTH END GROCERY. - - - SHANNON MACKEY.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 7, 1899]

### TWO GROCERIES SOLD

Two business changes were effected in Rochester today, whereby two groceries changed hands the Messrs Ott, Hugh, Tom and Bill McMahan buying the business recently owned by the Three Brothers, and Robert S. Lowry buying the Shannon Mackey stock and business.

For the past few months it has been reported that the McMahan brothers would again engage in business here and it was at one time their intention to open another store here, but Mr. Lou Lough, who bought the store founded by the McMahan Brothers, of Otto Caple was not pleased with that line of business and decided to return to his farm near Leiters, and for that reason sold the store. The Three Brothers will add another member to the firm -- their brother Hugh -- and it will be known in the future as the Four Brothers.

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The intention of the new firm is to at first give a sale to reduce the stock of groceries, and dispose with the entire stock of meats on hand, and will then add lines of dry goods, notions, and shoes, which they have bought. The McMahan boys were very successful in their first business venture and built up a very large trade.

Mr. Lowry who purchased the Mackey grocery will turn it over to his son, Robert who will manage it in the future. Mr. Mackey had a very good business and his trade was the largest in that section of Rochester. Mr. Lowry will take possession Wednesday morning. Mr. Mackey will retire from business.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 27, 1906]

### A NEW GROCERY

On or about April 10th a brand new stock of staple and fancy groceries will be opened by J. W. Millice in the room formerly occupied by Shannon Mackey. This will be a spic and span store and a fine addition to Rochester business interests. Everything in the line of fresh and up-to-date groceries will be carried and special inducements will be given to both city and country trade.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 5, 1906]

## MACKEY & SONS [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] 400,000 BRICK! We have four hundred thousand brick in our ROCHESTER KILN ready for delivery at \$6 per 1,000 delivered or \$5.50 at the yard. Buy now and save delay in the building season. MACKEY & SONS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 13, 1893]

### LOCAL and MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. J. F. Wilson, of Kewanna, a practical brickmaker, has leased the Mackey brickyard and will manufacture a fine grade of brick, commencing with the opening of spring.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 16, 1894]

## MACKEY GROCERY [Rochester, Indiana]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The Mackey grocery, on East 13th St., was bought yesterday by Pat and Ott McMahan, of Fulton. John and James McMahan, brothers of the owners, will have charge of the store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 25, 1909]

## MACKEY POND [Rochester, Indiana]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Mackey pond is quite an attraction now for the boys and girls who skate, and it is a very favorable opportunity for older people to see young America in action.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, December 11, 1905]

## MACY, INDIANA [Allen Township, Miami County]

See: Allen Township

See: Carl, Loudon

See: Case, Onis

See: Champ, John

See: Churches, Macy Christian Church

See: Clendenning, Ephraim B.

See: Duey, Phillip

See: Five Corners, Indiana

See: Hurst, Ira B.

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See: Hurst, James W.  
See: Hurst, Levi J.  
See: Lane Sisters  
See: Marshall, William R.  
See: Patents and Inventions  
See: Savage, Lyman J.  
See: Waite, Abner C.  
See: Wilkinson, Anderson  
See: Wilson, John S.

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### HISTORY OF LINCOLN, INDIANA

Lincoln is situated on the west side of the I. P. & C. R.R., fifteen miles north of Peru, and nine miles south of Rochester.

This village was laid out in the year of 1859, by GEORGE WILKINSON and A. WILKINSON, both of whom are now as they were then, citizens of this place. The original plat of this village embraced only six and one-half acres, five and one-half of which were surveyed from the farm of GEORGE WILKINSON, and one acre from A. WILKINSON's farm.

The lots were ninety-nine feet square and twenty in number, and the streets were First, Second, Cooper and Main. It was filed for record on the 14th day of June, 1860 ...

Previous to this time, the only building that was ever erected on the site of this town, was a log cabin, and was used by Methodists as a church. ...in course of time, it fell into decay, and all traces of where the building once stood, have been obliterated.

When the town was originally laid out, no one predicted that it would ever become a place of any importance. There was no railroads in this vicinity, nor were there any prospect of one being made through this part of the country.

In order to accommodate the neighboring farmers, GEORGE WILKINSON procured a supply of goods and groceries, W. J. CORDELL a supply of iron, and the necessary tools for blacksmithing, and the little settlement began its career. Some time during the ensuing year, a COOPER SHOP was put in operation by WILLIAM CARVEY, and these formed the only branches of business at this place for several years. The surrounding country was sparsely settled, and the result was, these branches of business failed to be self sustaining, and the proprietors were compelled to suspend operations.

The embryo town was almost deserted until the year of 1868, when the I. P. & C. R.R. being in process of construction, it received a new impetus, and since then the work of improvement has advanced rapidly and steadily.

Some time during the latter part of the month of June, in the year of 1869, the first train of cars on the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago railroad, passed through the town. It was hailed with delight by the citizens of this place as the harbinger of the good time coming, when they should rank as a town of no mean importance on its line.

The first house that was built in this village after the railroad was completed, was the depot, and was built by the citizens of this place, the railroad company refused to build one on account of their limited means and the insignificance of the town.

During the late war, in 1862, a number of the citizens of this locality formed themselves into a company of what was then called ... LINCOLN HOME GUARDS. Subsequently, the locality was called Lincoln, and has retained this name ever since. When the POST OFFICE was established, it was christened ALLEN in consequence of there being one or two other Lincoln post-offices in the State. Hence the postoffice is Allen and the name of the town Lincoln.

On the 6th day of August, 1869, the services of SAMUEL E. HARKEN (the then county surveyor) were called into requisition, who surveyed and reversed [sic] the original plat, and a description of it was filed for record on the 9th day of August, 1869. On the same day, a plat of a new addition by GEORGE WILKINSON and J. M. POWELL, embracing fifteen acres was filed for record. This was laid out east of the original plat, and adjoining the railroad. The town went

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on improving rapidly. The lots of this plat having been sold, another addition became necessary. Accordingly on the 3d day of May, 1873, DAVID ENYART, filed a description of his addition of eight acres, on the west side of the original town.

[Rochester Union-Spy, Thursday. December 11, 1873]

### HISTORY OF LINCOLN, INDIANA

MARSHAL & PULMER'S BLACKSMITH SHOPS. -Messrs. Marshal & Pulver [sic] engaged in business about three months ago and have permanently located here. They are occupying a large spacious building in the north-west part of the village. They manufacture wagons, buggies, sleighs, and in fact everything in their line of business. They are old, experienced workmen, and the wagons and buggies they have manufactured since they came here, are a credit to themselves and an honor to the place. .... In addition to their wagon business they carry on blacksmithing in all its various branches ...

LOUIS CUFFELL'S CABINET SHOPS. -Mr. Cuffell has been engaged in the cabinet business about three years... now enjoys a large portion of public patronage. ... He keeps bureaus, tables, chairs, and everything else (in the cabinet line) of all styles and prices... Undertaking forms a part of his business, and all orders in this line of business will be executed with promptness. He also keeps on hand coffins of all styles, prices and sizes, and will deliver coffins if desired.

C. S. HORTON'S BLACKSMITH SHOP. -Mr. Horton is a young hand at the business, but notwithstanding this, he has thoroughly learned his trade, and is an excellent workman.... He has in his employ one of the most efficient horseshoers that has ever worked in this town. In addition to blacksmithing Mr. Horton is prepared to manufacture all kinds of edge tools, and will repair the same on short notice. Mr. Horton is an enterprising young man and is certainly deserving of success.

[Rochester Union-Spy, Thursday, December 25, 1873]

### WAGONER ITEM

The town of Macy was surveyed on Tuesday and will be incorporated. Macy is putting on its Sunday clothes.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 18, 1883]

### MACY AND SURROUNDINGS

As locals are a little scarce I took a walk through town to see what the boys were doing and this is the result:

Commencing at the east end the first was M. Lew ENYART, of the *Monitor*, who was seated at his table sweating and writing and we concluded he must be writing a leader which was to doom some great man to oblivion or lift him to the pinnacle of fame.

Merchant COOK and Bill DAY, his clerk, were busily engaged in waiting for customers yet they both looked happy.

Dr. BOGGS was compounding a remedy for Republican hysteria, which is sure cure or no pay. We would advise Lew ENYART, Major BITTERS and W. I. HOWARD to take a bottle.

Frank SKINNER was busy handing out mail and using cusswords because all publishers do not fold their papers as nicely as the *Sentinel* is folded. He says if they would a great burden would be lifted off his shoulders.

Al DAVIS was trying to coax Yost WHEATLY to drink some sweet cider, but Swabby wouldn't indulge. Al spends his odd moments in writing love poetry for his best girl.

Eph CLENDENING was waiting on his many customers while his clerk, Billy BELT, was calculating how much profit there was in paying sixteen cents for butter and selling it out at fifteen.

John CLOUD was trying to fit a lady who had a number seven foot with a pair of number five shoes, while Geo. was just overdoing himself waiting on some other ladies who were trying to make ten cents buy a dollars worth of good. Geo. is a ladies' man and of course he succeeded in pleasing his customers.

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John GROAT was picking his teeth with a spike nail and figuring on how to catch the fellow who got his pocket book.

Dock OGDEN was starting to peg around Jack ZARTMAN's boot and said he would get back next week one day.

George FARRAR was currying one of his horses with a club and studying up a plan to get rid of those fellows who always went to trade horses with him when they know he never trades.

Hank PULVER was shoeing a horse and wondering who made the most cash, the Justice or the saloon keeper as one furnishes work for the other.

John KELLER and Tom Maginis [McGINNIS] were arguing scripture. John believed in hell fire and baptism and Tom favored the revised translation and Universal salvation.

Lyman SAVAGE was making models for Bill's patent fence and wondering who would die next, and if he would get his measure.

Arthur McCARTER was making a tin bucket and whistling to keep from searing.

Elias BILLS was loafing and talking patent rights with Yost WHEATLY and a Green Oak green horn.

Ben HIGHT was wishing somebody would get drunk and give him a chance to exercise a little.

Onis CASE was at his old stand selling hardware cheap for cash.

Schyle FINNIMORE was escorting a dude drummer from the hotel to the depot.

Jerry HATCH was getting fresh beef to feed a large crowd of hungry men who were waiting at his hotel for dinner.

Dave COP was looking up his chances for being elected constable and planning what he would do with the cash four years from now.

Cal FOOR was building a kitchen so as to be even with all his neighbors, as everybody is building in Macy now.

Jim BRIGGS was looking for something to force a rapid growth of Mustache on his lip as he was going to get married Sunday and wants to look manly. . . .

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, November 9, 1887]

## LOCAL NEWS

Col. I. W. Brown will address the citizens of Miami county at Bogg's Hall at Macy, tomorrow night on the subject of "Birds and Bees." The usual admission fee -- one yard of smoked sausage will be received at the conclusion of the lecture from each gentleman in attendance. Ladies free.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 1, 1900]

## NO SALOON IN MACY

The attorney general has sent an official opinion to Macy to the effect that when a remonstrance in legal form and signed by the required number of people is filed against any person three days before the session of the county commissioners no liquor license can be granted to the man if the remonstrance is proved to be good, for two years, according to the law. This decision disposes of the case of Moses Robbins of Macy, who had a remonstrance against him at the last session of the commissioners, but did not file his application then. He intended to file it at the July session, but the decision counts him out for two years as the remonstrance was in proper form. Macy will therefore be without a saloon again.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 25, 1901]

## LOCAL NEWS

Peru Journal. M. Lew Enyart, of Macy, is removing to Peru and in conjunction with his son Ora will go into the real estate business. They will make things hum in that line. Both are experienced and know how to conduct the business successfully. Enyart, the Elder, though of late



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years located at the little town of Macy, has been conducting one of the most active real estate agencies in the state. Ora was recently in business in the same line at Indianapolis.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 15, 1901]

### LOCAL NEWS

Mr. F. D. Musselman and Miss Maud Zortman were married at the bride's home near Macy yesterday evening. Mr. Musselman is the Macy druggist and is a progressive citizen, and the SENTINEL joins the many friends in best wishes.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 22, 1901]

### LOCAL NEWS

A pickle factory meeting will be held in the Monitor office at Macy, May 11, at 7:30 o'clock. All farmers, citizens and business men are cordially invited to this meeting.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 9, 1903]

### LOCAL NEWS

Macy is hard at work securing the necessary acreage to secure a branch of the big Stafford & Goldsmith pickle industry. They know a good thing when they see it coming up the lane.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 11, 1903]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Macy Monitor: Miss May Hurst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hurst, has received quite an honor from the citizens of Wolcott, Ind. Miss Hurst was instructor of the Latin, English and composition classes of the Wolcott High School last year and while there completed her work so satisfactorily that the citizens this year have made up a purse of ten dollars additional per month for her service if she will come back again this year.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 28, 1903]

### MACY'S HARD LUCK

The Peru Journal says last week the citizens of Macy were considerably excited over the prospects of securing a furniture factory which would employ eighty persons, but this week the same old routine of affairs continue, the hopes of the people having been blasted by the sudden disappearance of A. D. Carter, the man who was going to start the new industry. Carter appeared at the hotel in the town about ten days ago and was not very slow about giving the people his idea of starting a furniture factory there, the concern to be a branch of the Valley Manufacturing Company of Grand Rapids, Mich. Some of the level headed people of the town did not take well to the proposition, but the majority began to feel good over the prospects. He agreed to buy 100 acres of land and pay for it when his checks came. Two drafts came last Friday morning, one calling for \$200 and the other for \$150. Carter went to Snepp's bank to have the drafts cashed but the banker was suspicious and would not exchange his money. Carter got mad and went away, arguing that he would go down to Peru and get them cashed. He left on the noon train and that was the last seen or heard of him in Macy.

It is supposed that his little scheme was to get the \$350 and then get away. He paid no board bill and when the proprietor of the hotel went to his room all that he found was a valise containing a couple of old shirts and a few dirty collars.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 2, 1903]

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The business men of Macy are jubilant over the fact that their town is to get a Stafford & Goldsmith pickle salting plant, they having succeeded in getting the necessary acreage subscribed by the farmers in that vicinity.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 15, 1904]

### SUBURBAN NEWS - MACY

J. E. Yocum and C. E. Jones, of Roann, recently purchased the blacksmith shop owned by Pulver & Smith. Pulver will have employment there for a year.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 17, 1904]

### SUBURBAN NEWS - MACY

Jesse Ewing, who has a position in Carvey's barber shop, moved his family from Chicago, Tuesday and are living in the house vacated by Harvey Day and wife.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 10, 1904]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The Macy Monitor says the Pickle Factory promoters have the plant completed, and are now engaged in putting up the salting tanks. There will be fourteen of these tanks, and they are to hold 900 bushels each. Besides this the company has put in a deep water well and erected a windmill to supply the works with good fresh water. It now looks like business in and around the plant.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 22, 1904]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Lee Miller, the well known Macy hardware and implement dealer, will move to Rochester and have charge of the implement department at Stoner's hardware store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 28, 1904]

### MACY

A. L. Browning, sale manager for Bennett & Bennett, of Chicago, is here this week selling the entire stock of goods for C. W. Bell, successor to Snepp & Arnold, at greatly reduced prices. Some of the stock is sold at auction every evening continuing for ten days.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 9, 1905]

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Macy Monitor.

Macy has a new marshal. George Williams resigned and Matt Ewer, better known as Pat Hogan, was sworn in last Tuesday. Now will you be good.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 24, 1905]

### MACY IS GROWING

Macy, nine miles south of Rochester, on the Lake Erie, in Allen township, Miami county, which for convenience sake to the inhabitants should belong to Fulton county, is a prosperous town. Many of the residents have pretty homes with well kept lawns, the streets are well shaded and graded, the store buildings are exceptionally good for a place of its size. It has two churches, each with large congregations, the Methodist being a fine brick edifice. The school building is a substantial brick, and the mill, elevator, pickle factory, creamery, and the rich agriculture valley surrounding, all go to make the place a good one to live in, both from a commercial as well as pleasant standpoint.

The town can truly boast of a good newspaper, with M. Lew Enyart as its stalwart editor. He has for many years been identified with the pushers of the town and has done many good things for it. His paper, the Monitor, is a newsy one, and his plant turns out job work.

Cloud Brothers

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The thriving village of Macy has a store that is a winner in every respect, and in size and stock is not to be equaled in Fulton county. This emporium is owned and successfully managed by Messrs George and John Cloud. The store is located in a fine brick block 60 x 85 feet, and is the outcome of a small beginning and the most courteous and honest treatment on the part of its proprietors.

It is difficult to describe their stock on account of its greatness. In the east room on the east side is the dress goods of hundreds of patterns in silks, wool and cotton; ladies' furnishing goods, dress trimmings, ribbons in all shades, laces, embroideries, lace curtains, etc. In the north end is the ladies' ready-made suits, skirts, shirt-waist suits, etc. On the west is the carpet and linoleum department where many designs ingrains or brussels are shown. Toward the front, on the west is the shoe department, where shoes of the best makes and good wearing qualities, for men, women and children, can be bought. The west side of the west room is devoted to a great showing of queensware, tinware and kitchen furnishings. In the center and on the east side of this room are the men's furnishing goods, composed of hats, shirts, trousers, overalls, neckwear and a hundred other articles. In the rear of the west room is the grocery with a large stock of staple and fancy canned goods, etc.

The Cloud Brothers have been in this business for about seven years, and the large patronage they have bespeaks the continuation of their big business.

### Lucien Savage

In the Duroc hog way, Lucien Savage, who resides just south of Wagoners, is one of the prominent breeders in the Central States, and at present has about sixty head of fine ones at his place.

Mr. Savage has been a breeder of duroc hogs for the past eight years and has always been very careful to handle nothing but the best and high scoring pedigreed hogs of that breed. Of the sixty head he now has, seven are brood sows, five boars, and the other spring pigs he is getting ready for his annual sale in November. His hogs are of the best families to be found in the United States: - Sensation, Can't Be Beat, and Top Notcher.

Mr. Savage has given his entire attention to his hogs since entering the business, and his efforts have been manifested in a surprising manner. His annual sales are largely attended by breeders from all over the central states and his hogs bring high prices.

### Devonshire Stock Farm

With twenty years experience in the cattle and hog business, during which time he has made a careful study of his stock and kept but one breed of either, makes Mr. J. Coffing, proprietor of the Devonshire Stock farm, one mile southwest of Wagoners, the best posted man on pedigreed registered stock in this section. Mr. Coffing is a breeder of the Devon cattle and Berkshire hogs. In the former he has twenty head -- as fine a herd as ever broused a pasture -- with a 1,900 pound bull, "Look Out M.7651," which he purchased of U. B. Moyer, of Mt. Corey, Ohio, December, 1904. This bull was awarded the first premium at the Ohio State Fair, the Michigan State and the West Michigan District Fair. Four cows -- three with long horns, the others dehorned -- are to be seen at his place, and they will tip the scales all the way from twelve to sixteen hundred, and not only are they right in weight and make tender and juicy meat, but have good qualities for dairy use. For two years Mr. Coffing sold milk from thoroughbred Devon cows, to the Macy creamery and for that time the milk test averaged 3.9. With this test as grounds for his belief, he says the Devons are the "Farmers' Cattle," being a combination excellent for dairy and as good for market. The bull formerly owned by this stock man, is now being exhibited at the Lewis & Clark exposition by a Washington man, who purchased him last fall.

The thirteen head of Berkshire pedigreed hogs to be seen on this farm are as fine as are to be found. They are of good build and perfect features and will score high.

Mr. Coffing is not a big advertiser of his stock, letting them advertise themselves on their merits, and this they have well done, as he has sold all the cattle he could conveniently raise.

### Dr. M. M. Boggs

A gentleman who is well and favorably known throughout the southern part of the county as well as northern Cass and Miami, is Dr. M. M. Boggs, who has for years been located in Macy,

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engaged in the drug business. His store is well stocked with all kinds of pure drugs, roots, herbs, etc., patent medicines of the best manufacture, drug sundries, cigars, tobaccos, etc. Dr. Boggs being a physician is a thoroughly capable compounder of all kinds of drugs, as he knows them all by smell or sight, and is exceedingly careful in filling prescriptions.

Dr. Boggs is one of the pioneer citizens of Macy and it is greatly through his progressiveness that the town is now what it is, he having built two large brick blocks, numerous residences, and always gave liberally to help build churches, secure industries, etc. He can, always be counted on for his assistance in any public movement.

Dr. Boggs is well liked and, professionally, has a large practice.  
[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 14, 1905]

## MACY

### Macy Monitor

Having sold his drug store to Frank Skinner, of Peru, Dr. Boggs retires from an active business life. He is now in his 76th year, and with the exception of a few months over two years which he served in the civil war, he has been a practitioner of medicine for the past 54 years.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 5, 1905]

## MACY

### Macy Monitor.

Macy day at Williams Park last Sunday was well attended. The Macy band favored all present with their music and as manager Bailey had anticipated the coming of a large number of people, arrangements were made for their comfort. All had a good time and speak highly of the accommodations at Williams Park under Mr. Bailey's management.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 25, 1905]

## ALL ABOUT HERE

A petition is being circulated for names for the organization of a horse thief detective association at Macy. The organization, which will be the sixth in Miami county, will be perfect as soon as the necessary number of names are received.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 2, 1905]

## MACY WAR CONTINUES

There was a hot time in Macy Thursday night when two non-partisan tickets were nominated for the town election to be held November 7th. While politics did not enter into the nominations, there were two opposing factions, growing out of the telephone war which has existed there for some time. Dr. Swift was a candidate for trustee from the middle district, as a member of the telephone company which wants into the town, but he did not get on either ticket, a blacksmith defeating him in one instance and a barber in another. The convention was a victory for the anti-telephone faction, as a majority of the candidates on each ticket is opposed to granting a franchise on the terms asked by the telephone company.

Following this Dr. Swift and T. J. Ewer had a fight on the street, and this resulted in a big legal scrap which has put the town in an uproar.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 18, 1905]

## BIGAMIST AT MACY

### Special to the Sentinel.

Macy, Nov. 27th: -- A case of bigamy was brought to light here Saturday, the bigamist being John Everard, an Advent, living west of town on his farm known as the old Fair ground. Forty-five years ago he married Miss Malissa Belt, a sister to Raymond Belt, of this place, and Wm. Belt of Rochester. It is charged by a daughter that he had a wife and two children in

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Michigan, and passed here as a single man, no one knowing anything to the contrary until Saturday, when this daughter came from Michigan and exposed the affair. Her mother had also remarried, without obtaining a divorce. Her supposed husband recently died, leaving her destitute with eleven children to care for, besides the two by her first marriage. Mr. Everard's last wife is a good christian woman and entirely innocent. When she asked him if it was true, he abused her promptly and ordered her to leave his home. The county sheriff took him to Peru Monday noon. He and his supposed wife have no children. A good many people will be involved, as he and his second wife had signed deeds to property which they had bought and sold.

Everard is the inventor of the celebrated Macy mole trap and has always been recognized as an upright citizen.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, November 28, 1905]

## ICE 9 FEET THICK

The little town of Macy has another sensation and again the town is agog. While digging a hole to get water for stock, says the Monitor, workmen on Wm. Savage's farm, one-half mile north of here made a peculiar discovery. They were digging a well in the muck just west of the L. E. & W. RR. at what has been known as a sink hole, and when they had reached a depth of twelve feet they came to a hard substance, which at first was thought to be glass, but on close examination was found to be ice.

The ground above was not frozen, and it is a mystery how ice could be deposited twelve feet under ground.

Using a pick the workmen dug through the strata and found it to be nine feet in thickness. In one of the blocks taken out a large green frog was found. The cake was broken and the frog carefully taken out, and when placed near a fire it hopped off as nimbly as though it had just awakened from a night's repose.

The ice is of a yellow hue; when exposed to the light it shows that it was filled with grass and weeds. It is hard to tell just how long or when it was frozen, but old settlers in this locality say that it probably occurred during what is known as the cold New Years more than forty years ago. There are instances on record where the ground never thaws out only a few inches each year, but that is in extremely northern latitudes. This is the first instance in a temperate climate where frozen ground or ice has been found except in the winter time.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 8, 1906]

## MACY

Macy Monitor.

There is but one survivor of the Mexican War in Miami county. That is Dr. M. M. Boggs, of Macy, and he is hale and hearty for one of his age. He receives regularly notices of the annual reunion of the boys who marched away at the call of the government to do battle with the country on the south. The Doctor was a member of the 16th regiment U. S. troop, Company H, Joseph P. Smith.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 16, 1906]

## MACY

Macy Monitor.

Hon Frederick Landis spoke Tuesday evening at the Pavilion to a good sized audience of republican voters of Allen township. It is difficult for the ran and file at least to see why he should not be nominated. We are in favor of returning him and of course that settles it.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 23, 1906]

## MACY

John Palmer purchased the meat market of Chas. Reser last week and has taken possession. Mr. Reser bought a farm west of Mud Lake where he and his family expect to move soon.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 19, 1906]

### MACY

Macy Monitor.

Daniel B. Palmer is giving notice in a Peru paper that he is going to make application to the board of commissioners at the June term, to sell liquor in Macy in a room on Commerce street just east of the McCarter drug store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 25, 1906]

### MACY

Macy Monitor.

The town board at its regular meeting Monday night purchased 5,000 brick for use in constructing street crossings. The board also instructed the marshal to see that all slot machines of chance be taken out at once.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 17, 1906]

### MACY

The tomato factory opened here Monday with Chas. Mullican, O. M. Caulk and Miss Goldie See as employees.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 24, 1906]

### MACY

Macy Monitor.

The public Highway west of town commencing at the county line has been graded to the Peru road and is just the same as a boulevard.

[Rochester, Sentinel, Friday, September 14, 1906]

### SENSATION IN COURT

The Peru Chronicle says pretty much of a scene took place in the circuit court there, Monday morning, when Dr. E. D. Swift, of Macy, appeared and asked for the dismissal of several criminal cases in which he was the complaining witness. One was for an assault committed upon him by Tot Ewer; a second against Mat Ewer, marshal of Macy, for aiding a prisoner to escape, and a third against Charles Palmer and Mat Ewer for aiding a prisoner to escape and resisting an officer.

Dr. Swift had learned in some manner that prosecuting attorney Shunk intended holding up these cases to his own personal advantage and went into court and of his own motion as prosecuting witness asked Judge Tillett to dismiss the cases, which was done. An angry colloquy ensued between the physician and the prosecutor, during which the doctor accused the prosecutor of being paid to hold up the cases and cause him inconvenience, which was answered by the prosecutor that he knew how to take care of himself. At any rate the doctor had the cases dismissed on his own motion.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 18, 1906]

### MACY

C. W. Belt has sold his store to a Mr. Barrett, of Indianapolis.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 21, 1907]

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Macy Monitor.

Miss Junette Evans, the milliner, has rented the John Palmer building and is fitting it up nicely for millinery parlors.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 8, 1907]

### MACY

Macy Monitor.

Macy and vicinity lost heavily Tuesday by having several of its best families "skip" out for Canada under the guidance of John Calloway, of Davidson, Canada. Mr. Calloway is very enthusiastic about Canada and has induced the following people to locate there: Clayton Shaw and family, Cora Calloway and wife, Howard Calloway, Charles A. Calloway and son Howard, Orton Olds, John Stofer, Sid Miller and family, Otto Olds and wife having preceded them about one month ago.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 22, 1907]

### MACY

Macy Monitor.

Monday morning Milton Hoover disposed of his half interest in the barber shop to James Hatch, who has been working in the place for some time.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 5, 1907]

### MACY

Macy Monitor.

Clarence Fenters has opened up a barber shop in the building formerly occupied by Milton Hoover just in the rear of Dr. E. D. Swift's residence.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 17, 1907]

### MACY

Macy Monitor.

Ollie Leonard and Rollie Case have purchased a new, eighteen horse power, two-seated Rambler auto. This is the first auto bought in town and was delivered to them Wednesday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 22, 1907]

### MACY

Macy Monitor.

Sylvanus See is at present considering organizing an electric light company to furnish light for Macy. Mr. See would erect a new cement block building on the saw mill grounds and place his engine and boiler in the building.

The contract for building the new Methodist parsonage has been let to O. P. Enyart, who expects to have the stone work commenced this week. Mr. Enyart went to Peru Monday to secure carpenters to assist on the building.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 12, 1907]

### MACY

Macy Monitor.

Tuesday morning the pickle factory at this place opened up for its season's business with Al Slusser in charge. Mr. Slusser has had much experience in this work, and it is doubtful if a man better fitted for the place could have been found. So far the pickles have been coming in slowly.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 2, 1907]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

John Berryman, of Lincoln, has started a 1907 "soup house" in the Graff barber shop in the Cass county town. He says he has erased the figures "1903" and substituted "1907," and asks all his friends to bring all the bones they can spare to help him in the project. He says he desires to

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serve a hot brand and has decided on Chilo Con Carne. The "soup house" was opened last Sunday and was fairly well patronized, and Mr. Berryman says it will again be open next Sunday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 30, 1907]

## MACY

Ancil E. Pill has purchased the photo gallery of William Alspach and will move the same to the vacant lot west of Dr. Swift's office.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 13, 1907]

## MACY

Macy Monitor.

Thomas Powell, the carpet weaver, has been quite busy at his little shop in the north part of town during the year 1907. During the year he has woven by hand a mile and a third of rag carpet.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 3, 1908]

## MACY

Macy Monitor.

Harry J. See, of Deedsville, opened up his new skating rink and hall to the public last Saturday evening. The hall is 30x60 and has a quarter sawed hard maple floor, highly polished. Good crowds have been in attendance all week and are surely having a good time.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 10, 1908]

## MACY

Macy Monitor.

Ed Jones, the butter maker employed by the Deedsville Creamery Co., expects to leave here February 15, to take charge of his own creamery at Tipton.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 17, 1908]

## NEWS OF THE DAY

Hurd J. Hurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hurst, of Macy, who has been attending law school in Indianapolis during the past year, has accepted a position in the law office of Hon. Albert J. Beveridge at Indianapolis. Being associated with such an able attorney as Indiana's senior senator, is a rare opportunity and will give Mr. Hurst a knowledge and a prestige which come but to few young men.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 14, 1908]

## MACY

Miss Zoa Oliver and Elmer Jordan were united in marriage, Saturday, in Peru. They visited Jordan's parents at Sharpsville before returning home. Both are well known here, Miss Oliver having clerked in J. O. Barrett's store for some time, and Mr. Jordan is station agent.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 23, 1908]

## MACY

Macy Monitor.

Clarence Fenters has closed up his barber shop and moved out of the Palmer building. Two barber shops in Macy are not a paying investment.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 10, 1908]



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### NEWS OF THE DAY

The best colored ball team of Indianapolis will play the Macy Blues at Macy, Sunday afternoon. Game called at 2:30.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 20, 1908]

### MACY

Macy Monitor.

Severe fires are burning in this section on the farms of Dr. J. S. Wilson, William Savage and J. W. Hurst. Perhaps the most serious is that on Mr. Hurst's place, about ten acres of ground have so far been destroyed. These lands are destroyed for years to come and will be a positive detriment to the owners.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 16, 1908]

### MACY

Macy Monitor.

Tuesday Levi McMillen, with the assistance of several of his old neighbors from the vicinity of Birmingham, moved his restaurant and meat market to Gilead. Mr. McMillen found that competition in the meat business was entirely too sharp in Macy and so decided to move where a place of his kind was really needed. We hope that he will meet with success in this new field.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 4, 1908]

### MACY

Kewanna Herald.

Chas. Fields, of Macy, who is well known to many Kewanna people, and has frequently been here doing special photography, has bought the Sam Powell barber shop at Rochester and moved to that city.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 5, 1908]

### MACY

Macy Monitor.

Macy now has another physician, Dr. M. H. Taylor, of Denver, Colorado, having decided to swing his shingle to the breeze in this town. After carefully looking over the field in several other towns, he finally decided to locate here, as the most prosperous place for a doctor.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 16, 1909]

See Crime - Mel McCarter

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### A BLOODY FIGHT

One of the bloodiest fights ever pulled off in Macy stirred that town up Tuesday evening when M. J. McCarter, the druggist, and Wesley Fellers, a painter, indulged in an encounter that resulted seriously. As the story goes there has been the rankest of ill feelings between the two men for the past three or four years. Mr. McCarter was in Rochester Tuesday, and as he left the train at Macy and was on his way to his place of business he met Mr. Fellers. An altercation followed and after many hot words Mr. McCarter went on downtown to his store. Later Fellers came along and it is said McCarter came out of the drug store with a ball bat in his hand. A fight was started at once and in the fray McCarter swung the bat so vigorously that his opponent was soon sprawling on the walk with four deep scalp wounds, an injured spine and his left leg broken in two places below the knee.

The injured man was taken to a physician's office where the wounds were attended.

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McCarter went to Peru Wednesday and gave himself up to the officers but as no warrant had been issued no action was taken.

As to what action, if any, Fellers will take is at the present unknown.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 27, 1909]

## MACY

Macy Monitor.

A. D. Guyer has purchased a canning factory plant with a capacity of 2,000 cans per day and will be ready for business the first of the coming month. Mr Guyer will can all kinds of fruits and will either buy or can on the shares.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 28, 1909]

## NEWS OF THE DAY

Macy Monitor.

Walter McHenry, of Denver, and brother-in-law Teelford Keel, of near Athens, purchased the Macy barber shop of Charles Ambler Tuesday and will be given possession Monday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 26, 1909]

## MACY BOYS IN TROUBLE

Fred Berger, aged seventeen, a young man residing near Macy, was arrested and taken to Peru Friday to answer to the serious charge of poisoning about five hundred dollars worth of cattle belonging to W. H. Berger, a well known and prominent farmer living in the vicinity of Macy. Later in the same day Waldo Berger was arrested on the same charge, and it is said that several other boys are complicated in the case and will soon be placed under arrest.

W. H. Berger, who happens to be a cousin to the boy, taught school last year, and among his students were his cousin and the other two boys. One day, it is said, Fred Berger became unruly, and it was up to the teacher to use the rod. The rod used in a most athletic like manner, and for several days afterward the student was sore. This, it is said, instead of teaching the scholar a lesson, only caused him to grow mean, and in a short time it was necessary for the teacher to handle him again.

Young Berger swore vengeance on his teacher and cousin, so the story goes, and it is said that he told several he would get even. There were two other boys in the room who also held a grudge against the teacher and the three conferred together. This was some time in February, and in March Mr. Berger lost several head of cattle. They died suddenly, and an investigation proved that their death was caused by poisoning. Later on some sheep were lost, about two hundred chickens and turkeys, a colt and a lot of other live stock. The Detective Association was notified, and for the past four months has been working on the case.

It is alleged that the boys have confessed to poisoning the cattle, because of an old grudge they hold against Mr Berger.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 7, 1909]

## MACY

Macy Monitor.

Lemuel Fields has torn down his old green house and is having one of larger dimension erected on the site of the old one. The old building was inadequate to care for his growing business, and so he is having one erected with more than twice the capacity of the old.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 10, 1909]

## MACY

Wallace Murphy has purchased an interest in the Runkle, Secor & Co. hardware store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, December 9, 1909]

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John E. Woolpert has moved his stock of hardware into the building recently vacated by the Runkle, Secor hardware company.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 3, 1910]

## MACY

John Wolpert has sold his interest in his hardware store here to Quick Brothers, who now have sole possession.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 25, 1910]

## MACY'S BIG FIRE

Macy was the scene of a large and very destructive fire Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, when the George Farrar livery barn and a room used by Quick Brothers as a hardware storage, were completely destroyed.

The fire originated in a building owned by Mr. Farrar on McKee street, where he kept a number of livery buggies and a race horse. When discovered the fire had gained such headway that it was with difficulty the rigs and horse were saved. The attention of the volunteers was next turned to the adjoining building owned by Quick Brothers and used by them as a storage room for hardware. The machinery was all saved, but the building was completely destroyed. For a time Cloud Brothers' general store was in great danger of destruction, but the flames were brought under control before they could reach the building. The I.O.O.F. hall is over Cloud Brothers' store and considerable concern was felt lest it should be burned.

The fire is of unknown origin and no insurance was carried in either building destroyed. Macy has no fire department and it is a marvel that a more serious fire did not result. Among those who worked so heroically were Messrs George Schoen, Leo Ambler, and Oscar Field, these young men working on the Cloud Brothers' building.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 16, 1910]

## MACY

Macy Monitor.

"October 1, John Woolpert will open a meat market in the building now occupied by T. J. Ewer as a piano and clothing store."

Mr. Woolpert formerly resided in this city [Rochester], being employed at Stoner's hardware, and his many friends here wish him success in his new venture.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 22, 1910]

## MACY

Earl and Orville Quick bought a half interest in the D. M. Secor hardware store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 21, 1911]

## LIMA MEN HELD

Wednesday morning Sheriff Hostetler of Miami county received a message from the chief of police at Lima, Ohio, informing him that William and J. B. Rutledge, alleged kidnappers of Jennie Rutledge, from Macy about two weeks ago, have been arrested at that place and are being held in custody awaiting his arrival. Deputy Sheriff Doss immediately made preparations to go to Lima and bring the men to Peru.

The abduction created no little excitement at Macy, where the 15-year-old girl was taken from. She was living with a woman by the name of Hakins, who, it is understood, secured her from the orphans' home at Mexico, legally adopting her. One of the men claims to be the father of the girl.

Immediately after the disappearance of the girl suspicion centered on J. B. and William Rutledge. It was known that their home was in Lima, Ohio, and Sheriff Hostetler immediately

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notified the chief of police of that place. Shortly afterward a communication was received from the Lima police stating that the girl was in that city, but the men were not there. However the police kept an eye on the Rutledge home and when the men turned up Tuesday they were arrested.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 27, 1911]

### MET GIRL IN CITY

William and J. B. Rutledge, alleged kidnappers of Jennie Rutledge, and the Rutledge girl were brought to Peru Thursday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Doss and Hostetler and are being held at the Miami county jail.

The mystery of the girl's sudden disappearance was cleared to some extent by the explanation given as to the exact means of the get-away used a couple of weeks ago from the Macy home.

William Rutledge, supposed father of the girl, said that he met his daughter and son, J. B. Rutledge, at Rochester and that the girl willingly accompanied them to Lima, Ohio. He said that his intention was to go housekeeping and that the girl was going to keep house for him and his son. A dispatch from the Lima officers to Sheriff Hostetler stated that the reputation of Rutledge was not of the best, and this may be the means of considerable trouble for him.

Before Messrs. Doss and Hostetler started for Lima, Superintendent Fisher of the Mexico orphans' home filed charges of kidnapping against the men.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 28, 1911]

### POTTAWATOMIE INDIAN VILLAGE

Peru Journal.

Not many of the present inhabitants of Miami and adjoining counties are aware of the fact that the Pottawatomie Indians had a large village in Allen township near Macy at the time the whites began to locate in that region some sixty-five or seventy years ago. This is of interest now on account of a reminiscent mood brought about by the old-time items with which the papers abound.

The village was located at the extreme southern portion of the farm owned for many years by the late William Powell, who lived on the Gilead and Rochester road, just east of the swinging bridge and near Pleasant Hill church. The spot for many years, if not now, was marked by a thicket of wild plum trees and the grounds about it were strewn with the bones of numerous animals, which the Indians had killed for food.

Near the site of the village across the line and on what was known as the James Alspach farm in the woods were to be seen Indian graves which had been dug up by some white men in a search for relics, which were buried with the owners. The digging brought to the surface hundreds of tiny red, green and white beads that had been used in the moccasins and ornaments of the dead occupants of the graves and the rains would wash the bare surface so that the beads could easily be seen.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 18, 1911]

### MACY

The Carey & Alexander Co. are in Macy this week giving a first class medicine show on the vacant lot of Secor's hardware store. A large crowd is in attendance every evening.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 25, 1911]

### NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

Lewis Rutledge of Lima, Ohio, who is held in the Miami county jail on the charge of kidnapping his sister, Miss Gernie Rutledge from her home in Macy, has made a sworn affidavit of his guilt.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 30, 1911]

### RUTLEDGES PLEAD GUILTY

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The Rutledges, father and son, who have been held at Peru on different charges in connection with the kidnapping of their daughter and sister, Miss Gernie Rutledge, of Macy, have finally admitted their guilt.

States Attorney Merley had made all preparations to summon several witnesses in the kidnapping case, but desiring to save Miami county as much expense as possible he held another consultation with the Rutledges and arranged with them for a plea of guilty. Lewis, the boy, has offered to plead guilty all along if Mr. Merley would agree to dismiss the case as to his father, but the attorney knew the father to be as guilty as the son and was finally successful in convincing the pair that the best thing to do was to "fess up." Judge Tillett fined each of them \$10 and costs. The costs in each case is about \$61, so 'tis said, and at \$1 a day for their time they will continue with Sheriff Hostetler seventy-one days.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 6, 1911]

### NEWS FROM NEAR-BY TOWNS

Macy Monitor.

U. E. Slifer of this place is preparing to open up a new restaurant at Fulton in about ten days. Earl Sowers will have the management of the place, while Mr. Slifer will remain in Macy and operate the barber shop. Ermy is a hustler and an experienced restaurant man and will give Fulton the best place to eat they have ever had.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 15, 1911]

### NO "ROUGH STUFF" GOES THERE

C. H. Mullican, marshal of Macy, was in Peru Tuesday morning in consultation with Sheriff Hostetler with a view to arranging to care for any rough element which might seek to run things during the big Fourth of July celebration, which is to be held there Thursday. Mr. Mullican hopes he will have no occasion to use harsh means to control the crowd, or the pugnacious portions of it, but if anything is started he is determined to see that it is nipped in the bud.

Arrangements have been made for the accommodations of all those who may need a lodging place and one will be treated as well as another when it comes to free hotel accommodations. If drunks attempt to take possession of Macy Thursday, they will find a whole battalion of policemen who will see that the keys of the town are presented to them with formality and impressiveness.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 3, 1912]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

One hundred and sixty-three tickets were sold over the Lake Erie out of this city Thursday for Macy. There was also several truck loads and auto parties to that place from here.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 5, 1912]

### MACY IS STIRRED BY LOVE AFFAIR

Special to the Sentinel.

Macy, Ind., Feb. 1 -- It has been learned here today that Marvin BRIGGS, teacher at the Five Corners school near here, and son of Albert BRIGGS, has during the past week, kept himself and pupils locked in school, fearing to face his sweetheart, whom it is said, is determined to marry him. The girl in the case is Miss Garnett SNOWBERGER, daughter of Lee SNOWBERGER, who lives east of here.

Briggs and Miss Snowberger have been seen in each other's company for several years and a marriage announcement has long been expected. Briggs, however, denies that he ever bound himself in any way and is evidently much annoyed by the attentions paid him by the young lady. Last Friday he went to Peru, to take a teacher's examination, catching the train at Wagoner's as he had learned that the girl intended to meet him here. She discovered his ruse the next morning, went to Peru, and came home with him after creating a scene there, it is said.

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They were met at the train by Briggs' brother and Mrs. SNOWBERGER, each in separate rigs. After an argument, Briggs decided to accompany the girl and her mother to their home, telling his brother to ask his parents to come after him. When Mr. & Mrs. Briggs arrived at the Snowberger home later in the evening they found difficulty in getting their son. During the course of the argument, it is said, the girl struck Mrs. Briggs, blacking her eye. Then when the three Briggs attempted to drive away, the elder Snowberger thrust the girl into their buggy. The result was that she hit the father on his hand and scratched Marvin's face, before she was put out of the vehicle. The Briggs then left.

The young man resumed his teaching Monday, but on Tuesday morning found his school house locked, and the key gone. He had difficulty in getting in, and since has kept the door securely locked, whether he was there or not, evidently thinking the girl had been there on Tuesday.

It is rumored that each family has made advances for settlement, but nothing as yet has transpired. Briggs, it is said, is firm in denying that he is bound in any way to marry the girl and declares he won't.

Miss Snowberger is well known in Rochester, having been a student at Rochester college some years ago.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 1, 1913]

## MACY

Macy now has a brand new bakery which commenced operations in the room recently vacated by J. W. Clymer.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 8, 1913]

## MANY REFUGEES FLEE TO MACY

Special to Sentinel.

Macy Ind., April 2 -- News from Macy is scarce this week, as the visitors here are mostly refugees of the flood. Macy was quick to respond to the appeal for aid from Peru, and for the size of our town, we had more heroes than any of the surrounding towns. However, our heroes are modest and their desire is not to let their left hand know what their right hand doeth. Suffice it to say that the Lieutenant Governor appreciated their efforts and took especial notice of one of our heroes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carl, and Mrs. Carl's mother, Mrs. J. Carrothers, were rowed in a boat to the train at Peru, Wednesday, and have since been the guests of Mrs. Caroline Carl.

## State and Band Room

S. A. Carvey was in Peru at the time of the flood and stayed in the band room until Thursday, when he got home. Miss Lucia Wiltshire was another victim, who arrived home Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Hyriem and Miss Rhoda Nicodemus were taken from Flax Hill to the train, Wednesday afternoon, and have since been at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Nicodemus.

Mr. and Mrs. Verner Carl and daughter, Goldie, came out from Peru Thursday, and are now the guests of relatives here.

Earl Hicks, of Peru, is spending the week with his mother, Mrs. Anna Hicks.

Perry Minter and Charles Mullican went to Peru Thursday morning of last week and returned home Friday evening.

## Visits in Peru

Miss Marie Lockridge, of Peru, spent the latter part of the week with Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Peters.

Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 2, 1913]

## MACY

Dr. & Mrs. S. A. MULLICAN, of Indianola, Iowa, who formerly lived here, were visited by the stork last week, who left them their fourth girl baby, whom they have named Rosemary

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[MULLICAN]. [Note: Rosemary Mullican became a motion picture star, known as Rosemary LANE. Two of her sisters also were stars, known as Lola LANE and Priscilla LANE]

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 16, 1913]

### THREE TOWNS WANT LIBRARIES

The desire for libraries seems to be striking various towns in this community at the same time, Macy, Kewanna and Akron all being affected.

At Akron, the Carnegie commission has assured the town of a \$10,000 donation. The big question is the site, which is expected to be settled satisfactorily in a few days. The matter of a Carnegie library for Kewanna is gradually coming to a focus and the local board has this week filled out and mailed certain blanks required of the Carnegie Commission.

The firm of Cloud and Son, at Macy, realizing the need of some sort of a free library, has secured through Senator J. W. Kern a complete set of the bulletins issued by the Department of Agriculture and have purchased a number of books of special interest to the people about Macy. All of them are for the free use of anyone.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 18, 1913]

### MACY

Special to Sentinel.

L. C. Sroufe, son Scott and grandson Russell, left Monday for Ft. Benton, Montana, where they will reside until the time has expired to settle for their claim.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 11, 1913]

### ORGANIZE LIBRARY SOCIETY

Macy Monitor

A number of Macy young people met last week at the school building and organized a society to be known as the Macy Culture Club. They expect to do work in conjunction with the State University at Bloomington and they expect to take up the study of parliamentary law, literature and debating.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 10, 1913]

### MAY HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Rev. J. H. GERVIN was before the Macy town board Monday night and asked the board for a franchise to operate an ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT in MACY and for permission to use the streets and alleys in putting up poles and wires. The request for a franchise is being favorably considered by the board, and it now looks as if Macy was in a fair way to have some light on the subject.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 11, 1913]

### SHORT NEWS

About December 1st Colonel Whybrew, of Fulton, will open a cream station in Macy. He will buy cream on Fridays and Saturdays and will pay the Elgin market price for butter fat.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, November 20, 1913]

### MACY

Special to Sentinel

A transaction was closed Friday, whereby the Farrar livery barn became the property of Quick Bros., who conduct a hardware store here. They are wide awake, hustling young men and success is predicted for them.

Frank Skinner is moving his stock of drugs to Peru, where he will conduct a store in the future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, November 20, 1913]

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### MACY CHANGES

The general complexion of the Macy business map was considerably altered this week by a sale of the Farrar livery barn to Quick Bros., the removal of Frank Skinner's drug store to Peru, the dissolution of the drug partnership existing between Mel McCarter and Jacob Miller and T. J. Ewer and T. Y. Savage, music dealers. Savage and Miller will both retire.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 21, 1913]

### DRUGGIST IN BAD

Melvin McCarter, druggist at Macy, was called on the judge's carpet at Peru the other day to give a \$100 bond for unlawfully selling a half pint of booze to Fremont Whitten without a physician's license. This makes twice he has been on the capet for alleged bootlegging in the past year. The case will be called this term of court and heard.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 28, 1913]

### MACY ENJOYS BIG EGGING

Special to the Sentinel

Macy, Ind., July 30 -- Allen Wilson, who owns a small farm near Macy, and - - - Clark, said to hail from near Warsaw, are refraining from appearing on the streets of this village since they were egged out of town Wednesday night.

Wilson and Clark, it is said, have been carrying on liasons with women of shady character, until the citizens rebelled. Wilson accused John Parmer, a butcher, of talking about him, the story goes, and Parmer knocked Wilson down, after a short altercation. A mob gathered, and the two men were soon made targets for much decayed fruit and numeous eggs of uncertain age. They fled, only to be caught and threatened with lynching. It is believed here that the lesson taught will be remembered.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 31, 1914]

### MACY OFFICER SHOOTS FARMER

The war spirit of the Teutons now fighting in Europe against the allies may be judged from the shooting affray which took place Saturday evening in Macy between Officer George Shay [Schoen ?], a former subject of the Kaiser, and Al Smith, a well known farmer. The German won the battle and Mr. Smith is now in bed with a bullet in his leg.

Al Smith and Frank Ross, two laborers, had hitched their buggies across an alley. Al Miller, a blind man, ran into the horses. He reported the matter to officer Shay, who placed the rigs in a livery barn, telling the liveryman, Benton Gray, to charge the owners 50 cents extra when they came after the horses.

Smith, several hours later, went after his horse. He was in the midst of an argument with Gray when Shay entered. Hot words followed. Smith, it is said, grabbed Shay by the throat. Shay yelled that he would shoot if Smith did not let go. Smith replied, "Shoot, dam you." Shay pulled the trigger and the bullet struck Smith in the knee. Physicians were called at once, but were unable to get the bullet. Sunday, Smith was in bad condition. He may lose his leg.

The fight caused much excitement in Macy Saturday night. Much jest was made - - - [not readable] - - -, a young man who was called by Office Shay to assist. He ran down an alley and has not been seen since.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, September 28, 1914]

### McCARTER FINED



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Melvin McCarter, druggist at Macy, against whom the grand jury returned eighteen indictments for operating a gambling device and the illegal sale of intoxicants, was before Judge Cole, of the Miami court, Monday and plead guilty. He was fined \$50 and costs.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 9, 1914]

### MACY INSTITUTE

The Macy Farmers Institute will be held Monday, January 18. This will be the 14th annual meeting of the institute.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 12, 1914]

### MACY INSTITUTE ON JAN. 18

Macy, Ind., Jan 14. -- The twelfth annual farmers' institute will be held at the Christian church here, Monday, Jan. 18. The program is as follows: - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, January 14, 1915]

### MACY PROGRESSES

Si Palmer of Peru is about to open up an up-to-date motion picture house in Macy.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 12, 1915]

### NOW AT MACY

Harry Waite of this city has purchased the Quick hardware at Macy of Patterson and Secor of Akron, who had owned the store for a few days. Waite has quit the road and will manage the business.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 1, 1915]

### MACY MILL SOLD

J. M. Bland has sold the Macy Mill to George Doller and son, of Westport, Ind. The new management will take possession November 22nd.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 19, 1915]

### COOPER GETS MACY CONTRACT FOR \$9,652

William Cooper returned Monday evening from Macy where he secured the contract on the addition to the school there against six other bidders at a price of \$9,652. Altho there was another lower bid, the men in charge did not deem it complete and let the work to Mr. Cooper, who plans to begin work next week. The heating and plumbing went to the Lige Heating Co., of Ft. Wayne, for \$1,950. Mr. Cooper plans to bid on a similar sized school job on Thursday at Winamac.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 30, 1916]

### MACY ITEMS

A crowd of people was at the depot, Saturday afternoon, and saw the soldier boys go through on the special train. Harry Owens' brother, Foster Owens, of Rochester, was among them. As the soldiers were cheered, there were many tears shed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 28, 1916]

### MACY ITEMS

Mel McCarter has disposed of his drug store, to John Bookwalter. Mr. McCarter has been in the drug business in Macy for nearly 30 years, and will be missed by his many friends. Mr. Bookwalter is a graduate of the Indiana School of Pharmacy and we wish him success.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 27, 1916]

### MACY ITEMS

Macy received the order from the State Board of Health, Monday afternoon, that the schools and churches should be closed to prevent the spread of Spanish Influenza. There are a number of severe cases of grip both in the city and country, which is thought to be the influenza.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 11, 1918]

### MACY ITEMS

The electric light plant went out of commission Monday evening when the cylinder head blew out and it may be a week or ten days before it can be repaired.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, September 29, 1920]

### TOWN OF MACY ENDANGERED BY FLAMES AND WIND

The entire town of Macy was endangered Tuesday afternoon, when the grist mill owned by E. Wood, located on the south side of the village, caught fire about one o'clock and the flames fanned by a forty mile an hour wind, soon spread to several residences nearby. At two o'clock the woman telephone operator at Macy reported to the Sentinel that the fires in the homes had been put out but that all furniture and other property was being removed as it looked as if they could no longer prevent the increasing flames from spreading.

Telephone calls were immediately put in for Peru, Denver, Fulton and Rochester and they received word that the fire departments from the above towns would start at once for Macy. Mayor Miller ordered the Rochester Fire Department to leave at once and give all assistance possible.

The grist mill was a mass of flames, so the telephone operator said, and the roof was ready to fall in. The high wind was carrying the flames and large pieces of burning wood all over the town and that the telephone exchange which is just a block north of the mill was growing warmer every minute and she feared she would soon be forced to leave. The fires which had started in the various dwellings were put out by quick work of several bucket squads but as the flames grew more intense the work of the men was turned towards removing the home furnishings.

No attempt was made to save the mill as it was a mass of flames when it was discovered. All attention was given to the surrounding property. It is not known how the fire started, but it is thought it caught as the result of the large mill smokestack being blown down Monday night by the high wind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 14, 1920]

### GRIST MILL FIRE NOT SO SERIOUS AS FIRST RUMORED

The big fire at Macy Tuesday afternoon in which the grist mill owned by E. Wood was completely destroyed did not assume the serious proportions indicated by first reports reaching Rochester shortly after the blaze had gotten under way. But there was grave danger and only the foresight of the citizens of the little village and their desperate efforts coupled with the assistance of the Rochester and Peru fire departments and the rain of the day before is responsible for the fact that the town still stands comparatively undamaged.

The high winds blowing Tuesday came from the southwest and it was in this section of the town that fire of unknown origin broke out in the mill. In just a few minutes the wind had whipped the first creeping flames into a roaring furnace and sparks were flying everywhere. Houses in the neighborhood were immediately evacuated and furniture was thrown about the streets where it had been hurriedly deposited after being taken out of the homes for protection.

In the meantime numerous bucket brigades were established and water was hauled to the scene in watering troughs loaded on trucks. The Rochester fire department arrived on the scene and the big chemical tank together with the chemical owned by Macy did valiant service in quenching the first big blaze and the sparks that were flying in all directions threatening other buildings.

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The Peru fire department sent a pump, but this could not be used as there was not a sufficient supply of water anyplace in the village that would feed the big pump. But the men that came worked hard and their ladders and other equipment came in handy. Ladders were thrown upon all adjacent buildings so small balzes could be quickly reached and after hours of hard work there was nothing left to be feared but a smouldering mass of what had once been the grist mill and the household effects of those who had moved out to remind the people of their narrow escape.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 15, 1920]

### MACYITES PROTEST

A protest from Macy residents to officials of the Lake Erie resulted in the opening of the depot waiting room so that passengers would not have to wait out in the cold and inclement weather for early morning or late evening trains.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 31, 1920]

### MACY ITEMS

Orbie Bryant, our genial station agent, and Lloyd KESSLER, of Talma, will launch a new hardware store in Macy February 1st, and are in Chicago this week buying their stock. We predict for them success. During Mr. Bryant's absence his place at the station is being filled by Herrall A. Gratner, a relief agent whose home is at Castleton.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 4, 1922]

### MACY ITEMS

Bryant and Kessler's grand opening of their new hardware store last Saturday was a great success. The crowd in attendance was very large and many from a distance were present, including Talma and Rochester. A ticket was given with each fifty cents purchase and after the program in the evening a drawing was held and prizes were given to the first three lucky numbers. The winners were Scudder Wilson, Sylvanus See and George Southerton. A consolation prize was offered by the Hanna Paint representative, which was set of andirons, and was won by Mrs. S. B. Musselman. Over \$1,000 worth of goods was sold by the firm that day.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 9, 1922]

### SHOOTING AFFAIR AT MACY CAUSES MUCH EXCITEMENT

The story of a shooting affair indulged in by a crowd of young boys of the Macy neighborhood has just become publicly known, but the facts in the case have been so covered up by different accounts of the affair that it is impossible to say just what exactly did occur. However, a few of the details have been worked out of the many reports which have come out of the community.

One story is that two young Macy boys started ill feeling by "taking home" two girls, one of whom lives near Macy and the other a Rochester Miss who was visiting there. It seems that these girls had been keeping steady company with some fellows. The four young people left Macy in two buggies and drove northwest of the town. Meanwhile the "steadies" got a crowd of fellows together and followed, and when a short distance out someone in the crowd fired a shot gun over the two buggies and their occupants.

This frightened the two couples and one of them drove to the girl's home where a shot gun was secured and then went down the road. When the gang of followers came close someone in the front buggy fired a volley at the pursuers. While it is not definitely known how many were hit, it is reported that Ned Bartlett, Walter Banks and Homer Fenters all were taken to a Macy doctor to have their injuries dressed and that one of the youngsters had fourteen shot removed from his head.

Another story given out was that a boy following the two buggies claimed that one of the fellows had his shotgun and would not return it and that he shot just to scare them, but there has

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been such an earnest attempt on the part of those involved and their friends to cover up the facts and this made it practically impossible to get correct or complete details.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 29 1922]

### MACY ITEMS

Macy's electric light plant has been out of commission for nearly two weeks, the result of a broken coil. The needed repairs are expected some time this week and the patrons will rejoice.

[Rochester Sentinel, - - - -, 1922]

### START WORKING ON TRANSMISSION LINE

Work will be started Tuesday morning on an electric transmission line to extend from the power line established around the lake last spring, according to announcement made Monday by officials of the United Public Service Company. The extensions will reach Athens and serve farm houses along the route, in one direction and in the other will branch off south thru Mt. Zion and to Macy. These two extensions have been planned for many months but it was only within the past few days that the hopes of the local utility of doing the work became a reality.

In speaking of the latest extension of the local utility it was stated Monday that some day, probably not in the near future, but on the other hand not very many years away, practically all small communities of Indiana will be served by central power houses, which in all probability will be located in the mining districts. The idea of this proposed change is to cut the cost of service by reducing the overhead of a number of small offices and the shipping of coal.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 9, 1922]

### CLOUD AND SON STORE AT MACY ROBBED TUESDAY

The Cloud & Sons' department store at Macy was entered some time early Tuesday morning and robbed of \$1,600, about 600 in cash, \$900 in negotiable coupon Liberty Bonds, and the balance in merchandise and damage to the store, according to word received from Macy.

Entrance was gained to the store by jimmying the door and the safe, a three inch walled fire-proof affair was knocked open with a sledge hammer. It is believed that local talent is responsible for the theft, as Otto Cloud, proprietor of the store since the recent death of his father, said that he seldom keeps such large sums of cash or bonds on hand, and several people might have known of the amount of money available for burglars.

Mr. Cloud said that he or the Macy officials have as yet been unable to discover the slightest clue as to the identity of the thieves. A baker, going to work at an early hour Tuesday morning said that he thought he heard noises in the store as he passed it at about three o'clock, which leads to the belief that the robbery took place at about that hour.

The sledge hammer methods employed in opening the safe must have caused considerable noise, and Cloud is at a loss to understand why the racket was not heard and the robbers apprehended.

The \$1,600 loss is not a total loss as Cloud carried burglary insurance, which cuts down the loss about fifty per cent.

This is the first robbery that has occurred in Macy for some time, it was stated.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, November 7, 1922]

### MACY ITEMS

Eighteen citizens of Macy and vicinity appeared before the county commissioners at Peru Wednesday morning petitioning them for the granting of a hard surface road, leading from the railroad south of Macy through the main street of the town and west to the Peru and Rochester road, and received their promise for the granting of same if the Council will permit the building of any road. This will be very pleasing to the people of this community as the road had been petitioned before, but owing to another road considered in worse condition was given up.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 14, 1923]

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### MACY ITEMS

William Powell has a radio set which he made himself and is installed in Powell & Love's store. Musical programs have been heard quite distinctly from Schenectady, New York, Missouri and other points over this radio and it is better than the average.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 17, 1923]

[adv. - When in Macy, call at the Goodie Goodie Ice Cream Parlor for ice cream and lunches.]

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, July 20, 1925]

[adv - Goodie Goodie Ice Cream Parlor . . . H. E. Belding, Prop., Macy, Ind.]

[adv - See & Son, dealers in Builders hardware, Lumber and Hard and Soft Coal]

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, August 27, 1925]

### DEEDSVILLE, MUD LAKE TO GET ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Deedsville and Mud Lake will have electric lights this summer if plans of F. L. LONGSTRETH of the Deedsville Electric Co., do not miscarry. Mr. Longstreth will start work about May 1 constructing a line from Macy to Deedsville, a distance of five miles, and one from Macy to Mud Lake, a distance of three and one-half miles. Power will be obtained from the Northern Indiana Power Co. It is expected that the lines will be ready for use by June 1. Eighty homes will be benefited by the project, according to Mr. Longstreth.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, April 9, 1926]

### DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP

The stock buying firm of Quick & Davis which for the past several weeks has been operating at Akron was dissolved Monday of this week. Mr. Quick announced today he would continue in this line of business at the Macy stockyards.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 28, 1928]

### KITCHEN CABINET ORCHESTRA

The Ladies Aid Society of the Macy Methodist church will present "The Kitchen Cabinet Orchestra" at the Woodrow school house three miles south of the city on Federal Road 31 Friday evening, April 13th.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 12, 1928]

### TWO GARAGES ARE BEING ERECTED SOUTH OF CITY

The intersection of the Macy-Nyona Lake Road, on State Road 31, south of Rochester, is taking on the appearance of a small village suddenly springing into existence, with work commenced for the erection of two new garages.

One of the garages is being erected by Harvey "Speck" Smith, who for many years has operated a garage in Macy. The building, a 20 by 60 sized structure, is being built on the east side of the road on land owned by Russell Smith. The other is being built by Losher and Runkle on the west side of the road at the side of the filling station now operated by the above firm. Both garages will soon be ready for operation.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 7, 1928]

### FRIBLEY STORE SOLD

The Fribley Grocery Store at Bourbon was sold yesterday to Cloud and Sons of Macy, who own stores both at Macy and at Fulton.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 27, 1930]

### MACY CENSUS FIGURES

A preliminary census report received yesterday in Peru showed that Macy now has a population of 279.

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[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 17, 1930]

### RECEIVER IS ASKED FOR MACY CORNER BARBEQUE

A petition was filed in the circuit court this morning by Pauline R. Losher asking the appointment of a receiver for the filling station at the Macy Corner, eight miles south of Rochester on Federal Road 31, by Jane Runkle. The plaintiff and the defendant are joint owners of the filling station and barbeque stand. The plaintiff says the station is indebted to the amount of \$2,000 and that the assets are not to exceed \$1,000. Mrs. Losher asks the dissolution of the partnership and for an accounting and for the appointment of a receiver.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 10, 1930]

### NEW DRUG STORE

John W. Bookwalter, a licensed pharmacist, has opened a new drug store in the U. E. Slifer building in Macy. Mr. Bookwalter formerly was in the drug business in Macy.

[The News-Sentinel Wednesday, October 15, 1930]

### LEASES MARKET

Frank Palmer has leased the Macy meat market to Marcellus Herron, who recently resigned his position as the Macy Nickle Plate station agent. Mr. Herron's place at the station will be taken by H. W. Landers, of Bunker Hill.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 19, 1930]

### FIRE AT MACY

Fire believed to have been caused by a chimney spark damaged the roof of the H. E. Belding restaurant building in Macy at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The Macy fire department was called out and extinguished the blaze before it had time to make much headway.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 31, 1931]

### MACY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Frobish and family, of Rochester, are moving their household goods this week from Rochester into the Ramsey property. We are very glad to welcome these fine people into our midst. Mr. Frobish is a partner in the Bryant Pickle factory.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 5, 1931]

### MACY BUSINESS MEN ORGANIZE NEW CLUB

The Business and Professional men of Macy met Monday night and organized a men's club to be held every two weeks. The name of the club has not been named yet. There were twenty men present and the dinner was served at the Skinner Hotel. Those present were Otto Cloud, Sam Musselman, C. B. Read, Ed Fennimore, E. P. White, Howard See, Darius Jenkins, Ollie Leonard, Shore Taylor, Orbie Bryant, Charles Frobish, H. I. Turner, Ed Sutton, Glen Powell, Dr. P. B. Carter, Russell Enyeart, Ronald Shaw, Hershal Dove, John Bookwalter and Ross Sowers.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 17, 1931]

### NEW SCOUT TROOP IS ORGANIZED AT MACY

A new scout troop has been formed at Macy, Ind., sponsored by the residents of the community, A. F. Drompp, of Logansport, scout executive, announces. The troop is to be known as No. 7 of the Logansport area.

The troop committee is comprised of Harry O. Karn, chairman, Earl V. Roberts and Roy Collins. Ernest E. Loughlin is the scoutmaster. Scouts registered include Donald V. Andrews, Junior Bryant, Lester D. Carvey, Herbert Collins, Robert Faurote, George Jenkins, Samuel P.

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Love, Warren McCarter, John R. Palmer, Cecil Powell, Junior Roberts, Richard Stahl, Harold G. Wiltshire and Joe Quick.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 27, 1934]

### COZY-NOOK CAFE, MACY, RANSACKED BY BURGLARS

The Cozy-Nook, owned and operated by Mrs. Myrtle Shields, at Macy, was victimized by thieves Monday night, and as a result the proprietor is the loser of \$12 in cash and \$15.00 worth of cigarettes. Sheriff Burke, of Peru, was called to the scene of the robbery [sic] early today and is working on the case.

Entrance was gained by slitting a screen at the rear door of the establishment and then removing a bolt which locked the inside door. Suspicion is directed at two strange men who had been eating occasional meals at the Cozy-Nook throughout Sunday and Monday. The strangers who drove a small dark-green coupe were missing from that vicinity today it was stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 31, 1934]

### SOLD CAFE

Mrs. Albert Briggs has sold the Co Z Nook Cafe to Mr. and Mrs. Paulson. The new owners took possession Monday, Feb. 11th. Mrs. Briggs was formerly Mrs. Mertie Shields and has operated the cafe here for about two years and has made many friends here who regret to see her leave. However, Mr. and Mrs. Paulson come here highly recommended and we all wish them success in their business.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 13, 1935]

### DOCTOR AT MACY

Dr. William Sennett of Monterey, will locate in Macy within a few days to establish a practice there. He is moving into the S. A. Carvey property. Macy has been without a physician since the death of Dr. P. B. Carter in November.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 4, 1936]

### PURCHASED CO-Z NOOK CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Slifer have purchased the Co-Z Nook Cafe from Mrs. Albert Briggs. The transaction was made last week and the Slifers are now operating the cafe. Both Mr. and Mrs. Slifer are veterans in the restaurant business as they owned a restaurant here several years ago and also in Logansport. We are very glad to have these fine people in business again.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 16, 1936]

### MACY GIRL IS CHOSEN AS "MISS INDIANA"

Miss Rozella Ewer of Macy was chosen "Miss Indiana" in a beauty contest sponsored by the Hudson Motor Car Company, which was held in Michigan City, Friday.

Miss Ewer was given the title of "Miss Elkhart" in a contest a few weeks ago and was sent to Michigan City with seventeen girls from various cities of Indiana to compete for the state prize.

Besides the title, she was awarded a new Terraplane sedan as first prize and was presented with wearing apparel from Elkhart stores.

Her picture appeared in Chicago, Fort Wayne and Elkhart newspapers. Miss Ewer is 19 years of age and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ewer of Macy.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 13, 1936]

### "MISS INDIANA" IS NOW MRS. RICHARD C. WILSON

"Miss Indiana" formerly of Macy no longer is a "miss".

The marriage of Miss Rosella Ewer crowned "Miss Indiana" last August in the annual Dunes water carnival at Michigan City to Richard C. Wilson of New Orleans has been announced.

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Both Miss Ewer and her husband attended and were graduated from the Macy high school. They were schooltime sweethearts.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Ewer and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson, north of Macy.

Miss Ewer, when she won her crown as "Miss Indiana", represented the City of Elkhart in which city she was visiting relatives at the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married in New Orleans several weeks ago. Mr. Wilson is the manager of an A. & P. store in New Orleans where the couple will reside.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 11, 1936]

### MACY YOUTH WINS \$1000 IN RADIO NAME CONTEST

Urcel Duane Miller, aged 12, only son of Mrs. Florence Miller, who resides near Macy, received word today that he was one of the prize winners in the contest conducted by "Amos and Andy" famous radio team. Miller will receive \$1,000 for his efforts.

The lad who is a student in the sixth grade in the Macy school, entered a contest sponsored by Amos and Andy to name the new baby of Amos Jones, one of the team members. Thousands of names were submitted.

### Came to Him

Urshel submitted the name of "Ladicia Ann." Asked why he coined the name the lad stated he did not know but that it just came to him as he listened one night to the blackfaced comedians over the air.

Amos and Andy are sponsored over the air by the Pepsodent Tooth Paste Company. The company offered \$32,000 in prizes for the best names submitted for Andy's new baby. The capital prize was \$5,000.

Mrs. Miller received a telegram today from the Pepsodent Company stating that her son would receive his \$1,000 in prize money in United States government baby bonds and that they would be paid to him on December 21.

### Money Appreciated.

The money will be greatly appreciated by the lad and his mother who is an invalid. They make their home with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Clemens on a farm south of Macy. The lad's father is dead.

The \$1,000 is to be placed in a fund which will be used to further the education of Urshel when he graduates from the Macy schools. The lad is a nephew of Phil Duey, well known radio tenor who is a member of the Ramblers Iquartette who have been heard in a number of radio programs.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 16, 1936]

### URCEL DUANE MILLER RECEIVES HIS \$1,000

Urcel Duane Miller, 12-year-old farm lad residing with his mother, Mrs. Florence Miller, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Solly Clemans, one-half mile south of Macy, is one of the happiest boys in the United States today.

Tucked away in the safety deposit box of the Macy bank are U. S. government bonds in the value of \$1,000 received by the Macy school boy as second prize in the nation-wide Baby Naming contest of the Amos and Andy broadcasting program.

### Ladicia Ann

Urcel won the award on the suggested name, "Ladicia Ann." An anxiously awaiting radio public was told last night that Mrs. Isabelle Smith of Springfield, Ohio, had been given first honors on the suggestion, "Arbadella" and that the Macy school boy was placed second.

Early in the contest Urcel announced to his mother and grandparents that he was entering the event and turned to his grandmother for a suggestion. At the time Mrs. Clemans had a newspaper in her hands and had just read announcement of the birth of a child in Dukes hospital, Peru, that had been given the name Ladicia Ann.

She called the boy's attention to the unusual spelling of the first name. The lad was impressed with the name and sent it in as his only entry.



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### Winning Suggestion

Members of the family do not recall the name of the parents of the child whose name gave the winning suggestion.

Urcel is a member of the seventh grade of the Macy schools and is especially interested in sports. Just now his ambition is to be a school teacher.

The prize winning bonds will remain in the bank untouched until Urcel has completed his high school course and then will be used in furthering his education, he states.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 24, 1936]

### MACY WOMAN WINNER HOG CALLING CONTEST

Chicago, Sept. 18. - Gray soldier's field, whose columns have reverberated the roar of the prize ring and the touchdown shriek of the gridiron, echoed a new cry yesterday.

"Pigeee, sooeeee" went the hog callers and "Jimmie, superr" the husband callers as Chicagoans battled farmers from four states in a nation farm Olympiad.

And the champion hog caller, Frank F. Funk, of Ottawa, Ill, never owned a pig in his life. But Frank's "pig, pig, sooeeee" was judged clearer and louder than the calls of 18 other contestants, all of whom owned pigs.

Mrs. Mary Berger of Macy, Ind., Miami county, had a higher "O" and her "supper's ready" outcarried the largest field of entrants of the day.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 18, 1937]

### NIP PLANS OF TWO MACY YOUTHS FOR WORLD TOUR

Peru, Ind., July 29. - A year ago, Urcel D. Miller, 14, of Macy, was announced as the winner of the second prize in a nation-wide radio contest. The prize was a \$1,000 "Baby Bond."

Ever since Urcel had been thinking how fine it would be to see the world before starting as a freshman in Macy high school next fall. But he lives with his grandfather, Solomon Clemens, in Macy, who had different ideas about how the \$1,000 bond should be invested. So the plans for a world tour were deferred until last night.

Early today police picked up Urcel and his cousin, Dean Clemens, also 14, who also lives at the Clemens home. They had walked to Peru. At daybreak they were released to return home. But the police didn't know they had the \$1,000 bond in their possession. Instead of going home, the lads waited until the postoffice opened, and there calmly presented the bond to be cashed.

W. V. Palmer, a postal employee who knew the boys, "stalled" them until he notified their grandfather who came to Peru and took them home.

Today the bond remained uncashed, and the world tour again had been postponed. The boys indicated that they intended to buy a new automobile for their trip.

Urcel won the bond in an Amos & Andy contest. He won second place with the name, "Ladicia Ann," in nation-wide competition in naming Amos' baby.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 29, 1938]

### ONLY PHYSICIAN AT MACY TO LOCATE IN WINAMAC

Macy's only physician, Dr. W. K. Sennett, Wednesday, gave up his office and practice to join another physician in operating a private hospital in Winamac.

Dr. Sennett located in Macy two years ago after completing his internship at the City hospital in Indianapolis. He located there following the death of Dr. P. B. Carter, who had been the Macy doctor for more than twenty years.

It was reported that two or three physicians have visited Macy during the past week or ten days with a view to locating there.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 15, 1938]

### MACY FARMERS 'PIPE' 19 RATS - THEN KILL THEM

Several days ago George Washington, farmer residing a mile and a quarter north of Macy, who thought he had a rat proof hen house, killed a total of 25 rats on his farm.

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He was cleaning out the hen house when he discovered the rats were in the wall between the decking and the lining of the building. While working he noticed that quite a number of the pests ran into a hole in the wall between the walls. He enlisted the help of a neighbor, Ray Bash, and the two of them devised the following method of their capture:

They took a short piece of 4-inch pipe, tied a sack over the end and put the other end of the pipe over the rat hole. One of them cut into the wall and ran the rats out into the pipe and into the sack. After all were in the sack, a few swings against the floor stunned the group and they were killed and counted. The sack contained 19 rats.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 6, 1941]

### THOMAS POWELL FAMILY

There were two big hardware stores - Case's and Quick Brothers, and two general stores - Cloud & Son, and Powell's store. There were two drug stores - Mel McCarter and Mr. Bogg's store, and two hotels. Ermy Slifer had a nice restaurant with a candy and homemade ice cream store. Pete Ambler had a bakery. There were two barber shops - Charley Ambler's, and Rose Brothers. Clyde Ogden had a shoe repair shop. There was a furniture store and funeral parlor. Mr. Sylvanis See had a lumber yard and also sold coal.

There was a very busy depot: four passenger and a couple of freight trains daily. There was a large livery stable with plenty of horses and buggies for transportation out of town. There was a meat market. Bill Brothers drilled wells and sold pumps. There was the Macy *Monitor*, a weekly newspaper. Maggie Ault ran a cream station. There was a grain elevator, also a nice grist mill. Howard Belt had a dentist's office. Oh yes, there was a very busy blacksmith shop, a bank and two churches.

There were four doctors: Dr. Wilson, Dr. Boggs, Dr. Carter and another whose name I cannot recall. They made house calls in a buggy any place and anytime they were sent for.

There was a fire station with a hand-pulled fire engine. There was also a cheese factory and a pickle factory.

There was a Masonic Lodge, also an Odd Fellows Lodge and a Modern Woodman Lodge.

That is a good description of the Utopia that Macy was to the people who spent their lives there at the beginning of the century. -- William F. Powell.

[Thomas Powell Family, Maxine Heckathorn et al, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

### **MACY BAND** [Macy, Miami County]

See: Rochester Bands

### **MACY BASKET FACTORY** [Macy, Miami County]

#### THEM'S HARSH WORDS

The Macy Basket factory, which moved away last week is accused by the Macy Monitor of ignorance, incompetence, mismanagement and unfair treatment of employes.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 26, 1921]

### **MACY CASH LUMBER CO.** [Macy, Miami County]

See See & Son

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#### MACY

The Macy Cash Lumber Co., closed their business here last week and sold all their buildings to Sylvanus See. D. W. Butz, the manager, returned to his home at Galveston Tuesday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 9, 1905]

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### **MACY CITIZENS BANK**[Macy, Indiana]

#### LOCAL NEWS - SATURDAY

Harvey Snepp, who is interested in the Commercial bank at Macy, was at his home in Kewanna when he received a message of the attempted robbery, early this morning, and he reached Macy one hour and forty-five minutes later by driving across country, a distance of twenty miles.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 18, 1902]

#### LOCAL NEWS - MONDAY

None of the men who attempted to rob the bank at Macy, Friday night, have been caught. The hand car found south of Rochester at first supposed to be the one on which the burglars escaped has been found to be an old abandoned car. The family at a farm house about a mile south of Denver heard a hand car pass during the night, but further than that there is no trace whatever of rascals.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 18, 1902]

#### KEWANNA

D. H. Snepp went to Macy, Tuesday, to settle with the Insurance company for the damage done to the bank safe by the burglars. He received \$740.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 18, 1902]

#### HAND-CAR FOUND

The Peru Chronicle says the Lake Erie handcar which was stolen a few weeks ago by bank robbers, who attempted to burglarize the Commercial bank at Macy, has at last been located. Superintendent Deniston received word this morning, from officials of the Grand Rapids & Indiana road that the car had been found in an empty Illinois Central box car on their road at Conklin. The car was detected by a shipping tag with the name of the foreman of the section gang of the Lake Erie, at Macy, written on it, and by a note from road master Correll to the foreman, which was found in the tool box of the car. The robbers evidently found the car standing empty and a handy place to conceal the hand car.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 2, 1902]

#### MACY

Macy Monitor.

C. M. Snepp will remain in business in Macy, and give his undivided attention to his Banking and Telephone business.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 4, 1905]

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

Peru Journal.

It is understood that Charles Snepp, who has been conducting a private banking business at Macy, north of here, for a number of years, is closing up the business as rapidly as possible and that shortly he will move to Kewanna, where he will open a bank.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 25, 1905]

#### MACY

Macy Monitor.

The much needed and talked of bank for Macy is now a reality. After some delay on account of the room not being in readiness, the new bank opened its doors to the public Tuesday afternoon.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 13, 1908]

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Macy Monitor.

Town board of Macy is having a large sewer constructed on the south side of Commerce street from Dr. Swift's corner to the big tile drain two squares west. The new sewer is being put down to a depth sufficient to carry the water from cellars and is made of 12 inch tile.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 28, 1908]

### **MACY**

D. M. Secor sold his half interest in the hardware business to his partners, the Quick Brothers. Mr. Secor has not yet decided what he will do.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 16, 1912]

### **NEW BANK HOME**

A new 22x56 bank building at Macy will be constructed of water proof cement blocks.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 4, 1916]

### **WILL MOVE BANK**

The Macy Citizens Bank will probably be moved from its present location to quarters in the new building on Christmas day.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 22, 1916]

## **CITIZENS STATE BANK OF MACY, IND. CLOSED**

### **ACTION TAKEN IN WAKE OF CLOUD FIRM RECEIVERSHIP**

The Citizens State Bank of Macy was closed Wednesday afternoon by the directors of the bank, according to an announcement which was posted on the door of the financial institution. Ross H. Wallace, state director of financial institutions, is in charge and two state bank examiners today were making an audit of the books.

Samuel Musselman, president of the bank, stated that the closing was voluntary and that every depositor would be paid in full. Mr. Musselman says that as soon as a few more collections are made the bank will be able to make an initial payment of fifty per cent of their total deposits and that this payment would be made in the near future.

"Nobody will lose a nickel in the bank," Mr. Musselman said.

### **Capital Stock**

The Citizens State Bank of Macy had capital stock of \$10,000, surplus of \$4,800, undivided profits \$4,900, deposits of \$180,000 and loans \$120,000. The bank had been in operation since 1908. The bank was not a member of the Federal Depositors Insurance Corporation, a government institution. All other banks in Fulton, Cass and Miami counties are members of the FDIC, in which the United States government guarantees deposits to \$5,000. The banks in Rochester, Akron, Fulton, Kewanna and Leiters Ford are members of the FDIC.

Until a secret meeting of the bank's board of directors, June 5, Otto Cloud was president and chairman of the board of directors of the Citizens State Bank at Macy. At that time Mr. Cloud resigned and Samuel Musselman, who had been cashier, was named president, and his son, O. E. Musselman, who had been the assistant cashier, was promoted to the cashiership. Plans for reorganizing the bank were made at that time.

### **Followed Receivership**

The closing of the Citizens State Bank at Macy followed close on the receivership proceedings which were brought in the Fulton circuit court against stores owned by Otto Cloud, which he operated in Rochester, Fulton and Bourbon. Boyd Peterson, former sheriff, was named receiver of three stores by Judge Robert Miller and he last week filed his report showing that the stock of goods in the three stores had an appraised value of \$12,201.64. Mr. Peterson was attempting to sell the store at Bourbon today.

Mr. Cloud in addition to operating the three stores at Rochester, Fulton and Bourbon, also sold electrical appliances not only in the three stores, but also at offices in Indianapolis and

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Detroit. The Cloud's often took notes for balances due on electrical appliances and then sold them to financial institutions. Among the banks where they sold these notes was the Citizens State Bank at Macy.

### Gave Bonds

Following the closing of the stores Paul Cloud was arrested for forgery after charges had been filed against him by a banker at Etna Green. He is now at liberty under bond on this charge. Otto Cloud is under \$5,000 bond at South Bend on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. This charge was filed by a South Bend investment company. The charges against the Clouds were filed by the financial institutions, it is said, because they had purchased some of the Cloud notes and found them not as represented.

Willard V. Waltz, South Bend, prosecutor of St. Joseph county today told International News Service that the Clouds had defrauded 21 financial institutions through irregularities in their contracts. "It is the worst case of its kind I ever heard of," said Mr. Waltz who stated a St. Joseph county grand jury would begin an inquiry into the case Friday.

### County Grand Jury

In the meantime, the Fulton county grand jury, it is said, is also conducting an inquiry into the Cloud financial matters. Today after making their routine inspection of the county jail, court house and county infirmary as they are required to do under the law, the grand jurors started their deliberations.

It is said that heads and employees of financial institutions from various parts of Indiana were among those who went into the grand jury room this afternoon. The grand jurors will be in session for several days before they conclude their deliberations.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 30, 1938]

## RECEIVER IS NAMED FOR CITIZENS BANK AT MACY

The Fulton county grand jury today resumed its deliberations at the court house in what is believed an investigation into the alleged tangled financial affairs of Otto Cloud.

More bankers and heads of financial institutions in Fulton and surrounding counties were seen to enter the grand jury room which is on the second floor of the court house. It is believed the grand jurors will be in session for several more days.

Thomas Y. Yater, Logansport, who is the receiver of the United States Bank and Trust Company, has been named receiver of the Citizens State Bank of Macy.

Mr. Yater assumed his new duties at Macy today. He was named receiver by Ross Wallace, chief examiner of the Department of Financial institutions of Indiana.

Efforts are being made at Macy today to reorganize the Citizens State Bank. It is said that the old bank is solvent as it had only \$4,000 worth of loans which could be classed as questionable and has undivided profits which would more than cover this amount.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 5, 1938]

## MACY BANK DEPOSITORS GET \$75,200 DIVIDEND

Macy, Sept. 30. - Former officials of the Citizens' Bank of Macy closed since June 29 with arrest of Otto Cloud, Sr., official forced to resign June 5, revealed today that Thomas Yater, liquidating agent for the state, will ask Circuit Court Judge Hal Phelps to approve a 45 per cent disbursement to depositors of the closed bank.

The 45 per cent disbursement to the bank's estimated 1,000 depositors will amount to about \$75,200 on an estimated \$168,000 in deposits.

To date the liquidation administration under Yater has paid off \$7,000 in preferred claims. Most of these claims were in the form of drafts against the bank which were protested on the day that the bank was closed.

Samuel Musselman, elected president by a meeting of the board of directors June 5 on the day that Otto Cloud, Sr., was ousted from leadership, and in charge of a frantic effort to straighten

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up affairs at the time criminal action was filed in Fulton and St. Joseph counties against the Cloud family members, said today that 48 stockholders have already signed up in an effort to organize a bank to replace the present closed institution, but with state regulation, instead of as a private institution. It would be capitalized at \$30,000.

Action against the Cloud cases still pends in the courts, but officials here believe the bank will pay off 100 per cent in liquidation.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 30, 1938]

### \$70,000 IS PAID TO MACY BANK DEPOSITORS

Macy, Ind., Oct. 4. - Six hundred checks totaling more than \$70,000 and representing a dividend of 45 per cent were distributed Monday to depositors in the Citizens Bank of Macy by Thomas Yater, receiver for the closed institution.

Approval of the dividend, the first since the bank closed June 29, 1938, was granted Saturday in Miami circuit court. A total of approximately \$168,000 was on deposit in the institution at the time it was closed.

Otto Cloud, Sr., former president of the bank who was forced to resign June 5, now awaits trial in federal court, disposition of the case still pending.

Plans are now under way to reopen the Citizens Bank of Macy in the near future under state regulation. Samuel Musselman, who succeeded Cloud as president is heading the group which expects to reopen the bank at a capitalization of \$30,000.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 4, 1938]

### \$1,200 IN DIVIDENDS UNCLAIMED AT MACY

Checks totaling approximately \$1,200 still remain to be paid out to depositors in the now closed Citizens bank of Macy as part of the 45 per cent dividend issued recently it was announced by Thomas Yater receiver for the closed institution.

These 45 per cent dividend checks which have not as yet been called for by depositors will be available to them on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week at Macy, Mr. Yater stated. Checks can be called for at any time on these days.

### DEPOSITORS OF MACY BANK TO GET \$39,555

Logansport, March 4 - A 25 per cent dividend totaling \$39,555.23 will be paid Monday, March 13, to the 500 depositors in the closed Citizens Bank of Macy, subject to the approval of the Miami circuit court, it was announced here by Thomas Yater, special representative of the liquidation division of the State Dept. of Financial Institutions.

The dividend to be paid March 13 will bring the total amount paid by the liquidation department to depositors to 70 per cent. The institution was closed on June 29 and the state department took charge July 5.

Depositors may call for their checks at the bank in Macy on March 13, providing court approval has been granted by that time.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 4, 1939]

### STOCKHOLDERS OF MACY BANK SUED FOR \$17,193

Peru, Ind., April 4. - A suit to collect a \$17,193.12 assessment from four share-holders of the Citizens Bank of Macy was filed in Miami circuit court Monday by the state department of financial institutions, which took over the institution when it was declared insolvent last June.

The shareholders named in the suit are Samuel H. Musselman, John F. Dawalt, John Breece and Ira C. Smith.

The complaint, prepared by Attorney Philip E. Byron, states that deposits, debts and liabilities of the institution total \$97,456.22 while assets will not exceed \$80,272.10, which leaves, including interest \$17,193.12 to be collected by assessing the shareholders.

Any sum collected through the court action will be placed in the fund being accumulated for the next dividend payment to depositors of the defunct institution.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 4, 1939]

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### MACY BANK TO PAY DIVIDEND FEBRUARY 10

Thomas Yeater, Logansport state bank receiver, announced today that effective Monday, February 10, a seven per cent dividend totaling \$11,062.07 will be distributed to depositors of the Citizens bank at Macy, Ind.

Mr. Yeater who has been serving as receiver of the Macy bank in addition to several other closed banks in this vicinity, stated that this is the fourth dividend payment to be made to Macy depositors and brings total payments to date to 87 per cent. The Citizens bank at Macy was closed June 28, 1938.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 8, 1941]

## MACY ELECTRIC PLANT [Macy, Miami County]

### ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

It now begins to look as though Macy would have an electric light plant. Scudder Wilson and Rev. J. H. Gervin have announced their intention to establish such an institution and have been granted a franchise which will be in effect after its publication.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 2, 1914]

[NOTE: Rev. J. H. Gervin was minister of the Macy Christian Church, 1912-1924, according to *History of Macy Christian Church, 1873-1913-1972*]

### LIGHTS FOR MACY

Electric lighting of the streets and houses in Macy is now assured. The plant installed by Messrs. Gevin and Wilson will give satisfactory service it is believed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 10, 1914]

### NEW ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT AT MACY

The promoters of the Macy electric light plant announced that the power station will be ready to supply the "juice" to the subscribers on June 1. The plant is the last thing in small power houses and will undoubtedly be well patronized. Scudder Wilson and Rev. Garvin are the owners and managers.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 29, 1914]

## MACY ELEVATOR [Macy, Miami County]

Also see Macy Milling Company

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### MACY

Macy Monitor.

John F. Crouder and Company, of Sulphur Springs, Ind., have purchased of J. W. Hurst the Macy Elevator and will continue the business with increased vigor. Jas. W. Hurst, who retires from the business, has earned a vacation. He has made the business a success and has accumulated a good bit of money and is entitled to retire.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 13, 1906]

A new grain elevator is in the process of construction on the north [sic] side of the track and south of See and Son's lumber yard at Macy. Six men are working on the building which is the property of the lumber firm. Howard See, manager said: "The elevator will have a capacity of

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7,500 bushels and we will be able to handle this year's grain crop although I do not believe the elevator will be finished by that time."

[Rochester Sentinel 1914 or 1920 ]

### MACY ELEVATOR, DON SEE PROPERTY, BURNS DOWN

The Macy elevator burned down Sunday morning at about 10:30 o'clock. Flames are believed to have started through spontaneous combustion, as the elevator was full of grain - containing 3,000 bushels. The Peru fire service arrived too late and Macy's two small fire engines proved futile as the fire had too great a headway when discovered. The Standard Oil gasoline tanks were just across the street from the elevator and burning brands fell from the roof onto the tanks but were quickly thrown off by men.

It is considered almost a miracle that the tanks were saved, as the heat from the fire was intense and the grass burned up to the tanks.

The owner of the elevator was Don See, a young married man who just started in business for himself a year or two ago. His wife was Miss Ruth Babcock of Rochester.

Insurance carried was for only about \$7,500. At the time the fire was discovered Mr. See was at Millark, but was summoned home.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 4, 1926]

### ELEVATOR AT MACY

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[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 16, 1926]

## MACY FAIR [Macy, Miami County]

[Adv] THREE DAYS' RACES on the fastest and best Half Mile Track in Indiana. PROGRAMME:

Wednesday, Oct 8, Colt Race, horses under three years old, two best in three half mile heats - \$30.00.

Thursday, Oct 9, Three Minute Trot, 3 best in 5 mile heats - \$100.00.

2:40 Trot, 2 best in 5 one mile heats - \$100.00

Friday, Oct 10, Mixed Race, trot or pace, free for all, 3 best in 5 one mile heats - \$200.00

Running Race, free for all, 2 best in 3 half mile heats \$50.00.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 1, 1890]

## MACY FOX & COON HUNTERS CLUB [Macy, Miami County]

The Inaugural Fox Chase, of the Macy Fox and Coon Hunters Club, will be held at Macy, Saturday, March 4th, 1904. [sic]

The Club has spared no pains to make this, their first chase, the most interesting of any yet held in Indiana this year.

The lines will be formed at 12 o'clock noon. All desiring to take part in the chase will report to Captain Silas Clemans.

Those who have attended other fox drives and failed to get a glimpse at a fox will not be disappointed, as the club guarantees a fox to be in the ring at the round up.

William Bush, of Youngstown, Ohio, a noted sprinter, in full uniform, will attempt to catch reynard in twenty minutes from the time it appears in the ring.

After the chase, amusements will be given as follows: Girls race, to which all under fourteen years of age may enter. Women's race for all fourteen years or over. Boy's race for all under fourteen. Men's race for all fourteen or over. Tug of War, six on a side, Frank Hoover



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captain. Many challenges any other town in the Tug of War contest. Fat man's race, weight 200 pounds or over. Free-for-all barrel race. Free-for-all potato race. Wheelbarrow race. Pie eating contest. A valuable prize will be awarded to all winners of first and second place in each of the above contests.

Everybody come out to this drive and have the time of your life.

Dinner will be served to all by the Ladies Aid societies of the Macy churches.

By order of com.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 2, 1905]

## MACY HOTEL [Macy, Miami County]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

John CHAMP, a pioneer resident and for several years proprietor of Macy hotel, passed away at 3 o'clock Sunday morning, after a short illness from paralysis. He was for many years a prominent Mason. Funeral will be conducted by that order, to which Rochester Masons are invited to attend Funeral services at Macy at 10:30 Tuesday morning. [April 8, 1830 - October 11, 1903; bur Plainview cem, Macy, Miami Co Ind]

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 12, 1903]

During the winter, John Hatch purchased the Macy Hotel and his daughter, Mrs. Frank Palmer and family, will soon make preparation to move across the alley, as they have been living in the back part of the post office. Mr. Palmer will also move the post office and they will convert the hotel into a rooming house. The post office has the new furniture and fixtures, many of the lock boxes having the combination locks, and is a great improvement. - - - MACY ITEMS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 20, 1916]

## MACY INSULATOR COMPANY [Macy, Miami County]

### INCORPORATED

The Macy Insulator Co. was granted incorporation papers by the secretary of state at Indianapolis Monday. The company is capitalized for \$500 and the purpose given for the incorporation is the promotion of the sale of insulators. The directors are John Hatch, Thomas Ewer and Jennes Alspach.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, December 24, 1924]

### INSULATOR COMPANY AT MACY IS INCORPORATED

Articles of incorporation of the Macy Insulator company were filed for record in the office of the Miami county recorder Friday morning. The capital stock is placed at \$500, divided into 50 shares of \$10 each. The object of the corporation, as stated, is to promote the use, manufacture and sale, as well as the sale of territorial rights of sale, for patented insulators for use in telephone, telegraph, electric light and power wiring and all kinds of wiring requiring insulation.

The incorporators are John M. Hatch, Thomas J. Ewer and Jenness Alspach, who are also directors. The principal place of business is Macy, Indiana, and the term of existence 25 years.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, February 28, 1925]

## MACY KITCHEN CABINET ORCHESTRA [Macy, Miami County]

### \*\*\*\*\* Photo \*\*\*\*\*

UNKNOWN IDENTIFIED. The ladies in the Macy Kitchen Cabinet Orchestre, performing with only kitchen utensils in the late 20s, early 30s, have been identified as follows:

Rear, left to right: Goldie Baber, Gretchen Smith, Mary Powell, Hazel Carter, Mrs. Leonard, Zoa Smith, Vern Enyart, Ida Combs, Anna Savage, Margaret Savage, Mrs. Bookwalter, Mrs. Ezekial, Evelyn Zartman, Georgia Schoen, Hazel Bookwalter;

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Middle, left to right: Otha Owens, Nellie Musselman, Daisy Washington, Mary Musselman, Mrs. Cora Heckathorn, Renie Slusser, Aretha Slusser, Nora Palmer, Carrie Jenkins, Mrs. McDowell, Marjorie Bryant, Sally Cloud, Tessie Harding, Cora Edwards, Mrs. E. P. White, Bess McCarter, Ruth Carter, Mae Cloud;

Front, left to right: Ruth Leonard, Virginia Cloud, Fern Powell, Toots Skinner, Edna Pratt, Mollie Clemans, Mrs. Halterman, Mary Powell, Cassie Wiltshire.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 25, 1999]

## MACY MILLING COMPANY [Macy, Miami County]

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Macy Monitor.

The Macy Milling company purchased all of the old wheat at the Twelve Mile elevator last week and this week are hauling wheat from Akron, having bought all of the old wheat of Stoner & Haldeman.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 16, 1909]

## MACY MONITOR [Macy, Miami County]

See: Enyart, M. Lew

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An unexpected visitor to our table this week was the *Macy Monitor*, a new paper just launched with David O. HOFFMAN as Captain, or proprietor, and M. Lew. ENYART as mate or editor. The *Monitor* is a neat sheet and shows evidence of mechanical skill and editorial ability. The *Sentinel* wishes it a long and prosperous voyage, but when we view the wrecks of thousands of newspaper crafts that have gone down within the past few months, it looks like folly to launch more barks upon the turbulent sea of journalism.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 23, 1885]

## LOCAL NEWS

Editor Geo. Hicks, of the Macy Monitor, was in Rochester, yesterday evening.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 2, 1901]

## NEW PAPER AT MACY

At a recent meeting of the Official Board of the Indiana State Christian Conference it was decided to establish a state paper for the church, the matter having been placed in the hands of the Board before the meeting by the conference at its recent session at Middletown. The paper will be started sometime in June. It will be edited and published by Geo. E. Hicks, assisted by an efficient staff of department editors chosen by the state conference. The Monitor office will be fitted up with new machinery and thoroughly equipped for the new enterprise. The new paper will start on a five column quarto and will be enlarged as occasion demands. This new venture is an assured success as the church has contemplated starting the paper for several years and Macy is to be congratulated on the outlook for such a worthy enterprise.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 16, 1903]

## LOCAL NEWS

The first issue of the Macy Monitor under the editorial management of Carl Jessen is out and it is a great improvement on its recent news features. The first article on the first page is a burglary writeup and it starts out like this: "Wednesday night, or early Thursday morning, as Macy peacefully slumbered and the moon bathed mother earth with its silvery rays, there was a crash, a falling of broken glass, and burglars gained entrance to Cloud Brothers' large store through the front window." Carl is evidently playing for both the parquet and the gallery. And

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he'll get them too if he can costume his burglary and other sensations so as to blend them with the peaceful picture of mother earth slumbering in a bath of the silvery rays of the moon.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 17, 1903]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

There is a rumor afloat that Carl Jessen has sold the Macy Monitor to M. Lew Enyart, and that D.O. Hoffman will quit the Leader at Fulton and take charge of the Monitor.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 8, 1903]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Rev. Geo. E. Hicks has sold the Macy Monitor to Dr. J. B. Peters and Chas.W. Palmer, both fo Macy, and they took possession this morning. Mr. Palmer is an attorney and will edit and publish the paper in the future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 8, 1903]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Peru Sentinel: Ora Enyart of the firm of Enyart & Sons, has purchased the Sharpsville Record and will take possession of the plant in February. The Record is an independent sheet and the only one in the town. Mr. Enyart will not alter its policy. The new proprietor has had considerable newspaper experience on the Macy Monitor and is an able young man.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 13, 1904]

### MACY

The Macy Monitor owners have dissolved partnership, and Dr. J. B. Peters is sole proprietor. We understand that Ed Enyart and wife will have charge of the paper. The Monitor has been a flourishing paper and boon to our town under the firm of Palmer & Peters, and we are in hopes that with the new proprietor at the helm, the Monitor will still sail on.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 29, 1904]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The Peru Journal says the Macy Monitor is again the property of Lew Enyart, who, for a few years was a real estate agent in that city. Mr. Enyart during the last few months, has been engaged in the real estate business at Denver. Yesterday, he and his son, Edward Enyart, of Macy, purchased the Monitor from Peters & Son, who have owned it for a while. The paper was sold several years ago by Mr. Enyart to Rev. Geo. Hicks and since then it has changed hands several times.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, November 30, 1904]

### FULTON NEWS

From the Leader.

H. M. Brooke, formerly proprietor of the Kewanna Herald has purchased the Banner Times a local paper at Casey, Ill., a small town of 800 near Terre Haute, and formerly edited by B. G. Whitehead who published the Macy Monitor in 1892.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 6, 1904]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The Macy Monitor comes out this week with George Hicks proprietor and Charles Palmer publisher. It is reported that M. Lew Enyart has possession of the front room and Hicks and Palmer the press room and a pad lock as big as a skinned cow fastens the door between them.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 16, 1905]

### WEDNESDAY

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The Macy Monitor has been sold to W. H. Myers, who has been foreman of the Peru Sentinel and publisher of the Converse Journal. He is a practical newspaper man and a hustler.  
[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 11, 1906]

## **MACY**

Macy Monitor.

Ben G. Whitehead formerly of the Macy Monitor in 1892, and now editor of the Democratic organ at Williston, N. D., is slated for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State in North Dakota. Since removing to the far West he has become a factor in the politics of his new home.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 10, 1908]

## **CHANGE IN MONITOR**

The Macy Monitor is to become the mouthpiece of the Miami County progressives, with John Lawrence of Peru, as editor. Later the paper may be removed to Peru and become a daily.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 25, 1914]

## **MONITOR SOLD**

The Macy Monitor has been sold to a progressive party stock company for \$1200 and will become the Miami county organ. It may later be made a daily and will meanwhile seek its share of the county advertising the Moose having polled more votes than the republicans in the last election. Dave Rhodes is to be the editor. W. H. Myers, retiring owner, will farm.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 31, 1914]

## **MONITOR INCORPORATED**

Articles of incorporation for the Monitor Co. have recently been filed with the secretary of state and the certificate has just been received by the Publishing company by whom the Macy Monitor is published. The incorporators are as follows: William McElwee, T. J. Ewer and David F. Rhodes.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 1, 1914]

## **LEASED THE MONITOR**

Will McDowell of Peru has leased the Macy Monitor with the privilege of buying it. R. Duderstadt, a socialist, ran the paper for the progressives during the campaign. His success was limited.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 13, 1914]

## **MACY ITEMS**

The Macy Monitor has been published by Wm. McDowell of Bunker Hill the past two years, but he has resigned his position here to accept a more lucrative one with the Peru Chronicle. This week's Monitor will be published by Scudder Wilson, assisted by Miss Maude Ault.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 4, 1917]

## **EDITS MACY MONITOR**

J. F. Ferry, formerly of Carlisle, Ill., is the new editor of the Macy Monitor.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 10, 1918]

## **FINDS MONEY**

Editor J. F. Ferry, of the Macy Monitor, has found several pieces of money in his coal bin. Each time he goes after a bucket of coal he finds nickels, dimes or quarters, which have amounted in all to several dollars. He is willing to turn the money over to the owner who can prove his property and explain how it got mixed in with his coal.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 20, 1920]

### FERRY'S GOING UP

Editor Ferry, of the Macy Monitor, in describing the visit of a commercial aviator to his village, concludes by telling his fellow townsmen that when airplane rides are lowered to two bits he will go up and if somebody will loan him a Kodak, he will take a snap of the town to be printed in his publication. In other words if he had some ham, he'd have some ham and eggs if he had some eggs.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 26, 1920]

### MACY MONITOR CEASES PUBLICATION THIS WEEK

The Macy Monitor has ceased publication, according to an article carried in this week's issue. J. F. Ferry, who has published the paper for the past three years, says that after 36 years, the people have failed to support it and that he believed that the condition would become worse instead of better, so he has ceased publication and turned over the paid in advance subscribers to the Peru Republican. He does not state what he expects to do himself.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 25, 1921]

### FISHER FERRY STARTS PAPER

The Andrews Signal, which died soon after being taken over by the editors of the Lagro Reviewer, has been revived and the first issue under the new editor, J. F. Ferry, made its appearance on Saturday.

Mr. Ferry, an experienced newspaper man and formerly editor of the Macy Monitor is issuing an eight page six column sheet and has the support of every one in Andrews.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 7, 1921]

### MONTEREY HERALD SUSPENDS

The Monterey Herald, a weekly newspaper that has been published in the town west of here for so many years has discontinued publication. A. L. Treasize, the editor has sold all of the equipment and it will be taken to Medaryville print shop. The Herald was always a creditable paper but like the case of the Macy Monitor and the Star City News, the publisher says that he could not keep up with increasing costs and decreasing advertising and subscribers.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 25, 1922]

### FORMER MACY EDITOR PUBLISHES IN WABASH

J. F. Ferry, former editor of the Macy Monitor, has again launched into the newspaper field, and is editor and publisher of the Wabash County Truth, a weekly established at Wabash. Its first issue made appearance last Friday, Dec. 14th, and a number of copies were received by friends at Macy. In his introduction, Mr. Ferry states that "its purpose is to expound the doctrines and principles of the Ku Klux Klan and to protect it against the assaults of the enemies of that splendid organization, who stoop to anything in order to fight it and to cloud the issues, which it represents."

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 19, 1923]

### FISHER FERRY, ONCE OF MACY, HAS LAGRO PAPER

Fisher Ferry, former editor of the Macy Monitor and more lately of the Wabash County Truth, a weekly that was devoted to the interests of the Ku Klux Klan, will start a newspaper in Lagro, the first issue to come out the latter part of this week.

He has moved his printing equipment into the basement of the Egnew Hotel and will get out his paper from that place. The last newspaper gotten out in Lagro was the "Lagro Press," published for a time by Ed Gumert and later by D. E. Purviance.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 19, 1925]

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### **FORMER MACY EDITOR SELLS PAPER WEEK OLD**

Fisher Ferry, former editor of the Macy Monitor, who two weeks ago started the Lagro Independent, on Monday sold the paper to Mervin Frushour and Lamonte Moore, two young men of Wabash who have had experience in newspaper work.

Mr. Ferry got out the first issue of the paper and the second one was published by the new owners. Mr. Fisher announces that he will start another paper in the near future in another locality.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, June 10, 1925]

Fisher Ferry, [who] for a number of years operated the Macy Monitor and who is one of the pioneer journalists of Northern Indiana, was stricken with paralysis at Carlyle, Illinois last week. The stroke was rather light and he was able to come to the home of his daughter in Wabash, last Saturday. Since then he has been quite ill and his advanced age stands against speedy recovery.

Mr. Ferry is one of the few of the old time newspaper men left. In recent years he had published newspapers in some of the smaller towns in this locality, moving his paper from Macy to Andrews, and then to Wabash where he published for a short time a Klan paper known as the Truth.

Then he moved his equipment to Lagro where he published a paper for a few weeks, and then disposed of it. Since then Mr. Ferry has worked on various newspapers in Illinois and North Dakota.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, October 14, 1927]

## **MACY NURSERY** [Macy, Miami County]

### **MACY NURSERY**

This is the time of the year for transplanting trees and small fruits and the best place to secure them fresh and at rock bottom prices is at W. L. Minter's, 2-1/2 miles west of Macy, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 6, 1892]

## **MACY PICKLE COMPANY** [Macy, Miami County]

### **MACY PICKLE COMPANY OWNERS SUED FOR \$300**

Suit for \$300 damages was filed in Miami circuit court today by Harry R. Brake against Orbie G. Bryant and Charles L. Frobish, owners of the Bryant Pickle Co., near Macy. The suit is the result of an automobile accident near Plymouth Aug. 30, 1930 in which Brake alleges that James Smith driver of one of the company's trucks, fell asleep and a collision occurred.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 9, 1931]

## **MACY POST OFFICE** [Macy, Miami County]

### **MACY POSTMASTER**

Postmaster I. N. Eurit, of Macy, has been four \$1200 short in his accounts and his bondsmen, E. B. Clendenning, Jacob Miller and Wm. Musselman have taken charge of the office and assumed the pressure. Eurit is a bankrupt and was made such by the crush of the prosperity we have been suffering for several years. He operated a store and was always considered an honest and careful merchant, but his business showed that he became involved in debt and he probably used post office funds to keep himself clear of pressing obligations.

Wesley [sic] Eurit was always an honorable man. He was for years a school teacher and a good man. He is a member of one of the first families of Cass county, and his misfortune and disgrace will be deplored by all who know him and his excellent people.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, November 9, 1899]

## **NEWS OF THE DAY**

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Macy Monitor: With the first of March Miami county will have complete rural mail service. Macy will at least get two more routes and will serve the people of Fulton county as far west as the Freerer school house.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, January 28, 1904]

### MACY HAS WARM FIGHT OVER POSTMASTERSHIP

Republicans in Macy and Allen township, Miami county, are in the midst of a postoffice controversy, which may lead to a division of the ranks before it is settled. The fight came as the result of one member of the township committee, Lee Snowberger attempting to take control of the republican patronage for the township entirely into his own hands, it is said, but the opposition which came rather unexpected has caused the situation to be considerably in doubt.

Mr. Snowberger according to some of the voters from that community who oppose him, suddenly made up his mind to boost his friend Ed Sutton to be the next postmaster and without consulting the two women members of the township committee told the other member Ollie Leonard what he was going to do and then sent in the name to Congressman Milton Krause as the man recommended by the committee.

Thereupon the female members of the said committee arose in righteous wrath and called the republican voters to their colors, explained what had been done and immediately a petition was started recommending A. E. Horton for the postmastership. This was signed by over 300 voters, was then sent onto Mr. Krause who forwarded it to the Postmaster General.

According to the indignant voters, Snowberger made an attempt to control affairs in Allen township without the advice of anyone and they are set to get his scalp. The present postmaster, Frank Palmer, democrat, meanwhile calmly holds his office.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 29, 1921]

### HUGH FENTERS IS NEW POSTMASTER AT MACY

Coming as the climax of a long political fight in which civil service played its usual leading part, Hugh A. Fenters, a farmer living out of Macy, has been appointed postmaster of that town to succeed Frank Palmer, present democratic postmaster. As the result of the appointment of Fenters there is considerable hard feeling among the republicans at Macy, particularly by those in the Ed B. Sutton crowd who once had the office in their group.

Fenters, who is about 40 years old, and a life long republican, obtained the appointment, it is understood, as the result of a long standing quarrel between Ed Sutton and Ad Horton and as neither one of these men could get the office the republican powers that be, led by John Hatch of Macy and Hurd Hurst of Peru, finally decided on Fenters as the compromise man.

Last fall Ed Sutton let it be known about Macy that Congressman Milton Krause, of Peru, had promised that he would be the next postmaster, and had a letter to that effect. Thereupon Ad Horton got busy and the republicans of the community signed a petition asking that Horton be appointed. It is understood that Krause then withdrew his promise to Sutton but later when approached by Hurst, said that he could not appoint Horton for fear of losing the support of Sutton's crown.

Meanwhile the civil service examination was held and Mrs. Carrie Burkett, and Ed Sutton stood at the head of the list. Frank Belt was third, Fenters, John Shadle, an ex-service man and Horton were understood to be lowest on the list. When this standing became known, it is said that Congressman Krause, Hurst and Hatch finally agreed on Fenters.

Then the civil service examination papers were conveniently re-graded. The grades of the high three were learned and that of Fenters was raised so that he displaced one of them on the list and thus became eligible for selection by Postmaster General Work on the recommendation of Congressman Krause.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 5, 1922]

### HUGH FENTERS IS NOW POSTMASTER AT MACY

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Hugh Fenters assumed the duties of Postmaster at Macy Wednesday, succeeding Frank Palmer, who has held that position exactly eight years to a day, and has given splendid satisfaction. Mrs. Glen Edwards has been assisting in the work at the postoffice, but her place will be filled by the new postmaster's daughter, Miss Miriam Fenters, as soon as she becomes acquainted with those duties. Mrs. Edwards has accepted a position at the Macy telephone office.

Mr. Fenters has been a successful farmer for a number of years, but he expects to sell his life stock and other personal property on the farm August 29, when he will devote his time entirely to the postoffice.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 5, 1922]

### POSTMASTER AT MACY

Sam Foor has been appointed acting postmaster at Macy to replace Hugh Fenters, whose term expired recently. Mr. Foor assumed his new duties last week. Miss Helen Schoen has been appointed assistant.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 26, 1934]

### MACY POSTOFFICE SAFE IS BLOWN - \$500 STOLEN

The safe in the postoffice at Macy was blown sometime Sunday night and money and stamps valued at \$500 were taken. Robbery was discovered by Postmaster Sam Foor when he opened the postoffice today. Postal inspectors from Indianapolis and state police are making an investigation.

Thieves gained entrance to the postoffice by using picks which had been stolen from the Nickel Plate railroad section foreman's shack at Macy. The picks were found on the desk in the postoffice.

Nitro-glycerine was used in opening the safe and blankets were used to muffle the sound of the explosion. A large car, it is believed, was used by the thieves because of tire tracks which were left in the road in front of the postoffice which is located on Main street next to the Glen Powell store. In addition to the \$500 in cash and stamps the thieves took \$1,687.50 in savings bonds which are non-negotiable and from \$80 to \$100 in money orders. The entire stamp supply of the Macy postoffice was taken.

State Policeman Eldon Tucker of Peru and Estil Bemenderfer of this city were in Macy as was Deputy Sheriff Walter Anderson of Peru. The state policemen called a fingerprint expert from state police barracks at Ligonier who obtained fingerprints from the safe and from the picks as did the postal inspectors.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 18, 1939]

### GERALD WELSH DENIES MACY ROBBERY CHARGE

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 27. (INS) - Gerald Welsh, 27, Evansville, Ind., has denied complicity in a recent postoffice robbery at Macy, Ind., Indiana authorities who questioned him in Springfield said today. Welsh, they said, will not be taken to Indiana to face charges.

Welsh said he obtained \$50 and the pistol which authorities found on him from a companion, whom the authorities believe to have been the man who blasted the postal safe at Macy. Welsh was arrested Saturday.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 27, 1939]

### MACY POST OFFICE LOOT IS FOUND NEAR DENVER

Peru, Ind., Nov. 14. - Sheriff Robert Tillett and Deputy Sheriff Walter Anderson late Monday afternoon recovered more than \$1,800 in bonds which were stolen from the Macy postoffice during a robbery that occurred about a month ago. The bonds were found scattered along the Nickel Plate railway right-of-way just north of Denver.

The bonds were first discovered by Henry See who lives in that vicinity. See immediately notified Tillett and Anderson.



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Included in the bonds were one \$1,000, one \$500, four \$100, three \$50 and four \$20 bonds. Sheriff Tillett said there was no clue to the identity of the robbers.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 14, 1939]

## **MACY SCHOOL** [Macy, Miami County]

See: Schools - Macy School

## **MACY TELEPHONE EXCHANGE** [Macy, Miami County]

### **AKRON**

Mr. Savage representing the Macy Telephone Co., was in Akron Tuesday, and consummated arrangements with the Akron Telephone Co. to build a joint telephone line connecting Akron and Macy.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 30, 1903]

### **MACY**

Macy Monitor.

C. M. Snepp will remain in business in Macy, and give his undivided attention to his Banking and Telephone business.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 4, 1905]

### **MACY**

Macy Monitor

The new Independent Telephone Co., of which Dr. E. D. Swift is the manager, was granted a franchise by the town board of Macy at their last meeting to operate an exchange and to erect poles on any street or alley in the town excepting Commerce street. The new company expects to put in an exchange and do a general telephone business.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 16, 1908]

### **MACY**

Macy Monitor.

T. Y. Savage is now secretary and manager of the Macy Telephone Co.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 12, 1909]

### **MACY**

The Home Telephone Company has sold to Argos parties, who will take charge soon.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 15, 1910]

### **MACY**

Macy Monitor.

Austin O. Yarrick and Claude Warner, two prominent young men of Argos, have contracted with the Macy Telephone Company for the purchase of their entire plant, possession to be given Sept. 20.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 16, 1910]

### **MACY TELEPHONE COMPANY FORMS AN INCORPORATION**

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Peru for the new Macy Telephone Co., with Thomas Savage, Mary Cloud and Otto Cloud as the incorporators. One hundred and fifty shares of

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stock will be issued at the rate of \$100 per share; 75 preferred and 75 common. The corporation is pledged to pay a per cent dividend on the preferred stock. The Macy system was formerly owned by L. E. Greenwood, who operated under the name of the Macy Telephone Exchange.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 25, 1915]

### SEEK TO PURCHASE PHONE EXCHANGES MACY, FULTON

Petition to purchase the Citizens' Telephone Company, of Macy, valued at between \$20,000 and \$30,000, and which is the pioneer telephone exchange of Miami county, has been filed with the public service commission by the Northern Indiana Telephone Company.

The company also asks the right to purchase the Fulton Telephone Company, which is owned by the same interests, who are Otto Cloud, Macy, and the estate of T. Y. Savage. Mr. Savage was one of the founders of the Macy exchange in 1902.

Purchase price for the two exchanges is listed with the commission at \$48,000. The Macy exchange is larger than the one at Fulton.

Ruling on the petition will be made by the commission about a week from today. The Northern Indiana Telephone Company operates forty-two exchanges, the largest being at North Manchester.

The hearing on the petition was conducted by Frank T. Singleton, chairman of the commission. The Macy exchange serves between 350 and 400 homes and the Fulton company, 300. Mr. Cloud, who obtained an interest in the concern in 1915, is manager of the Macy and Fulton office and is president of the two companies. C. D. Savage, Macy, son of the founder and administrator of his estate, is secretary of the company.

Besides petitioning for the right to purchase the two exchanges, the Northern Indiana company seeks authority to issue \$48,000 in securities to finance the proposed transaction.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 25, 1929]

### MACY TEL PATRONS MEET TO DISCUSS RATE RAISES

Patrons of the Macy telephone exchange report a meeting that was held in the gymnasium at Macy last Tuesday night in which about 300 persons met to talk over the telephone situation. The discussion came as the result of the new proposed rates recently published by Carl H. MOTE, president of the Northern Indiana Telephone Company. O. R. LEONARD was chairman of the meeting and E. B. SUTTON was appointed secretary.

The letter which contained the proposal of new rates and regulations was read and various sections were re-read and discussed. Mr. Leonard gave an interesting talk in which he related experiences in recent meetings at other exchanges. He also explained the new proposal as he understood it and compared it with rates and regulations now in effect at the Macy exchange.

Talks were given by Mr. RANNELLS of Fulton, Ray WILDERMUTH, Carl QUICK, Garland KLINE and E. B. SUTTON, in which they related certain experiences relative to their exchanges.

After some discussion a motion was made for the chairman to appoint a committee to draw up a resolution. Carl QUICK, John HATCH and Dr. CARTER were appointed on this committee and the following resolution was drawn up which was unanimously adopted:

"Restore service as existed on date of purchase, with other telephone companies. Replace all telephones free of charge, forced out by taking service away, and continue at our present rate of rentals."

The resolution was presented to the company.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, December 13, 1929]

## MACY THEATER [Macy, Miami County]

### MACY THEATER SALE

U. E. Slifer, business man of Macy, has purchased the Temple theater from Mrs. Cy Palmer, of Peru. Slifer took possession at once.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 23, 1915]

### **MADARY, AMOS** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

### **MADEFORD, FRANK** [Akron, Indiana]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Frank Madeford, proprietor of the cafe which bears his name at Akron, is one of the enterprising business men of Fulton county, whose progress in life is entirely due to his own efforts. He was born in Miami county, Indiana, May 9, 1886, youngest child in a family of nine, five sons and four daughters, of whom seven survive, although he and a brother, Charles, are the only ones living in Fulton county. They are the sons of Alvin K. and Sarah (Yoder) Madeford, natives of Pennsylvania, he born February 14, 1839, and she, March 25, 1952, and both attended the common schools. He has always been interested in agriculture, but he and his wife are now living retired at Cando, North Dakota. He is a republican, and both are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and Mason, and is zealous in behalf of the last named order. Frank Madeford grew to manhood in his native county and after he had completed the studies in the common schools he took the four-year course in the Gilead High School. His first connection with the business world came when he entered the Miller Hardware Company as a clerk at a wage of \$3 per week, in 1907, and continued with this substantial house of Akron for fourteen years, during which period his responsibilities and remuneration were considerably augmented. During this time he was thrifty, saved his money, and in 1920 was able to buy his present business, then a small concern. From the start he began to inaugurate changes of importance, and now has one of the best cafes in the county. The service is most excellent, and he also carries a fine line of cigars, tobacco and confectionery. He owns the building in which his cafe is located, which he erected in 1921, his residence, a modern bungalow, and he is interested in 131 acres of land in Wabash county that is devoted to stockraising. While he has been so steadily advancing in material prosperity he has at the same time been gaining the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. July 13, 1913 he was married to Trude Tracy, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Edwards) Tracy, and they have one son, Joseph, who is attending the graded schools of Akron. Joseph Tracy was born in Ohio, and his wife in Illinois, and both are now residents of Fulton county. He is a republican, and both he and his wife are devout Methodists. Mrs. Madeford attended the Gilead High School. In all of his work her husband has had her support and encouragement, and he feels that he could not have achieved his present success alone. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order, and to Cordelia Lodge No. 329, K. of P., at Akron.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 236-237, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

### **MADEFORD RESTAURANT** [Akron, Indiana]

#### PURCHASES RESTAURANT

Willis (Doc) Cook, who has resigned his position as salesman for the Finneren Motor Sales Company of this city, has purchased the Madeford Restaurant of Frank Medeford of Akron.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 16, 1923]

### **MADEFORD & WILHOIT** [Akron/Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] NOTICE To The Public. It has been rumored that Madeford and Wilhoit of Akron, Ind., have discontinued selling the Chrysler automobile. This report is untrue. We will continue the agency and will have sales headquarters and service station at Brubaker's Garage, Rochester for the Hudson, Essex and Chrysler cars. **MADEFORD & WILHOIT.**

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 1, 1928]

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### HUDSON-ESSEX AGENCY TO BE OPENED IN THIS CITY

The firm of Madeford and Wilhoit of Akron, who have held the agency for Hudson and Essex cars in Henry township for several years, on Tuesday signed a contract to become agents for Hudson Motor Car company products in Rochester. The Akron men have leased the Robbins room at 115 East Ninth Street on the south side of the public square where they will open a modern salesroom and parts department. The new agents will carry a complete display of Hudson and Essex cars. The Hudson company a few weeks ago announced a new line of cars listing 14 models. Madeford and Wilhoit for several years have maintained a service department in the Brubaker Garage.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 16, 1929]

### MADRID THEATRE [Akron, Indiana]

See: Argonne Theatre

See: Moving Picture Theaters

See: Swastika Theatre

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[Adv] SEE OUR NEW PLAY HOUSE. The Biggest Pictures of the Year. Wed. & Thurs. Jan. 7-8, 7:00 and 9:00. The Big Trail. MADRID THEATRE, Akron.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 6, 1931]

### MADRID THEATER, AKRON, IS SOLD BY KARL GAST

Announcement was made in Akron yesterday of the sale of the Madrid Theater by Karl Gast to Mark Gates of Indianapolis. Mr. Gates will assume management of the show on January 1.

Mr. Gast has owned the theater for over twenty-three years and will devote his time to his other interests. He is the postmaster at Akron.

Mr. Gates is an experienced moving picture man and for a number of years was employed by the MGM company.

Mr. Gates will continue a modernization program which has been under way at the Madrid for the past year.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 29, 1940]

### AKRON MOVIE THEATER WAS SOLD ON SATURDAY

Indianapolis, Dec. 30. - Purchase of a motion picture theater in Akron, Ind., to be operated by Theaters, Inc., 902 Security Trust building, was announced Saturday by Isidore Feibleman, a member of the newly formed corporation.

Mr. Feibleman said the new corporation would operate theaters in small cities over the state. Two hundred shares of \$50 par value common stock have been issued.

Incorporators, in addition to Mr. Feibleman, are Mark M. Gates and Charles B. Feibleman.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 30, 1940]

Swastika Theatre located in 1919, at 110 W. Rochester St., next to hardware.

Theatre owned by Clarence Erb and Horace LaRue, who sold it in 1919 to Karl B. Gast, who moved it to the E side of Mishawaka St., middle of first block N of Rochester St., and renamed it Argonne Theatre. During the thirties, name was changed to Madrid Theatre. Closed in 1957.

Furniture store opened same location in 1959.

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### WABASH MAN PURCHASES AKRON'S MADRID THEATRE

Akron, Ind., Aug. 7. - The Madrid theatre at Akron has been under new management since Sunday night, Mark Gates selling his interest in the show to Bruce Wright of Wabash.

Mr. Wright purchased the theatre for his nephew, Roger Wright, who will manage the theatre. He has been in the show business for a number of years, and at present operates a free show at Utter's Filling Station west of town every Sunday night. He also operates free shows in other towns the rest of the week.

Personnel of the new management will be: George Swope, operator; Jerry Hill, ticket window; Betty Fellers, pop corn machine, and Mrs. Gerald Bemenderfer, ticket taker.

Mr. Gates purchased the Madrid from Karl Gast in January, 1941. He is returning to Indianapolis, and has not announced any definite plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 7, 1942]

### MAGLECIC, ARTHUR [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Arthur Maglecic)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Arthur Maglecic)

### MAGLECIC, WILLIAM [Rochester, Indiana]

See Maglecic & Keel

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#### TO OPEN PAINT SHOP

Wm. Maglecic, an automobile painter of Chicago, is moving into the business building on the corne of Madison and Eighth Sts. He will live upstairs and open a paint shop below.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 8, 1919]

#### WM. MAGLECIC PAINTER HAS INTERESTING CAREER

William Maglecic, the well known automobile painter and furniture refinisher will soon move to larger quarters to take care of his increasing business so that he may have a better place to do his high grade work.

Mr. Maglecic has just finished his second year in this city and the quality of his work during that time has been his best asset. This is probably due to the fact that he has had 23 years experience at carriage and automobile painting both in this country and in Europe. He served his apprenticeship across the sea, under artists who did the coach work for the nobility.

Fifteen years ago he came to the United States, and has since served in the employ of coach and automobile builders including the Locomobile Co., Pierce Arrow Co., and the Packard Motor Car Co. He also finished pianos for Kimball. Mr. Maglecic came to Rochester because he liked the town and will make this his future abode. He has purchased a home here and according to his statement he will continue to serve the people of the community to the highest style of his art.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 10, 1921]

[Adv] Announcement. After Monday, March 14th, William Maglecic, the Auto expert painter, will be located in his new studio on East 7th street, two blocks east of the Arlington Hotel. Bring in your automobile and let him give you prices on refinishing.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 10, 1921]

#### NEW PAINT CONCERN

Messrs Vaughn and Blok of Grand Rapids, Mich., have acquired the former William Maglecic painting plant on east Seventh street and will conduct a business here. They will do auto painting and furniture refinishing.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 25, 1926]

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### **OPENS PAINT SHOP**

William Maglecic has leased the east room in the city building on Seventh street, formerly occupied by the street department, and has opened an automobile paint shop. In addition to flat painting Maglecic will also do Duco painting. Mr. Maglecic for several years operated an automobile paint shop in the Barrett building on East Seventh street.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday March 15, 1926]

### **OPEN AUTO PAINT SHOP**

William Maglecic has reopened his automobile paint shop on East Seventh street in a building just opposite the Farmers Elevator. Mr. Maglecic in addition to doing flat automobile painting will also operate a Duco shop.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 24, 1927]

## **MAGLECIC & KEEL** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **MAGLECIC AND KEEL OPEN UP NEW BUSINESS**

William Maglecic, who for the past several years has been engaged in repainting of autos in this city and Burl Keel, auto body repair expert who has had several years of experience in the Studebaker factory at South Bend have formed a partnership and are now established in the old planing mill building on North Monroe street.

This firm will engage only in the repair of auto bodies, fenders, upholstery and repaint jobs. The latest improved machinery for this class of work has been installed by the owners.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 8, 1928]

## **MAGNETIC SHIELD DIVISION OF PERFECTION MICA**

[Rochester, Indiana]

Located at 226 E 7th.

Owned by Charles Tyra (Casey) Jones.

Later renamed Advance Magnetics, Incorporated.

## **MAGNETIC SPRING WATER** [Lake Manitou]

See Woodworth Spring

## **MAHLER, D. R.** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - I have purchased the Downey Restaurant and Bakery - - - D. R. MAHLER, Opp. Arlington, Telephone 165.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 16, 1897]

## **MAHLER, GIDEON E.** [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

### **BIOGRAPHY**

This man is of German descent; being the son of Gideon and Estania Mahler, who were born in Germany and married near Flat Rock, Seneca County, Ohio, and came to this county in 1839, where the mother deceased April 5, 1875, and the father Decemer 17, 1880. The man of whom we write was born on the home farm in this county March 11, 1842. He received a fair common school education, yet spent the greater portion of his time at work on the farm. He was united in marriage to Martha Slonaker, March 25, 1864, and one year later settled on his present farm in the green woods, and by his industry and energy has made a beautiful home and one of the best farms of that township, and has added many acres to his original farm. Mrs. Mahler is the daughter of Jacob and Margarette Slonaker, and was born in Preble County, Ohio, May 24, 1846. Her parents are still living and are residents of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Mahler are the parents of eight [sic] children--William E., born September 20, 1867, and deceased October 13, 1867; Frank A., born October 7, 1868; Daniel R., born June 15, 1870; Catharine, born February 19, 1872; John

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M., born May 30, 1873; Sarah A., born January 31, 1875; Estania M., born October 25, 1876; Joseph E., born May 3, 1878; Melvin E., born December 18, 1880. The family take an active part in all good work and occupy a high place in the social circle of their community.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 34]

## **MAHLER, LESTER** [DeLong, Indiana]

### **DELONG**

Lester Mahler has contracted a mile and a half of the new double-track grading on the Erie, just east of Leiters. A force of Austrians and Americans will be used to do the work.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 7, 1912]

## **MAIN BARBER SHOP** [Rochester, Indiana]

Jesse Shelton, one of the well known barbers of this city, who for the past number of years has been employed in the Main barber shop, announced today that he had purchased a half interest in this modern shop from Bruce Morrett. The business will continue under the same name, it was stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 14, 1930]

### **LUTHER KEEL BUYS MAIN BARBER SHOP**

Frank Justus has announced the sale of the Main Barber shop, 720 Main street, to Luther Keel, who will take possession Jan. 1.

Mr. Keel also announced that Bruce Morrett, well-known local barber, will have charge of the tonsorial department, while Keel will manage the newspaper distribution department.

Keel, for several years the circulation manager for The News-Sentinel and Indianapolis News in this territory, has the background and experience necessary to care adequately for the distribution of the several out-of-town publications which clear through the local agency.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 27, 1945]

## **MAIN RECREATION PARLOR** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **JAMES WILBURN OPENS NEW BILLIARD PARLOR**

James Wilburn has opened a billiard parlor and card room at 709 Main Street, which he has named the Main Recreation Parlor. Mr. Wilburn has operated a billiard parlor at 502 Main Street for several years. He moved this equipment to the new parlor. The room in which the new billiard parlor is located is the same one in which the late Reuben Gilliland operated a similar business for so many years. In addition to card and billiard tables Mr. Wilburn will operate a lunch counter and also sell soft drinks, confectionaries and tobaccos.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 19, 1933]

## **MAIN STREET BAZAAR** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv - half page] Grand Opening MAIN STREET BAZAAR, Saturday, May 27, 8:00 a.m. - - - - "Walk a block and save a lot." B. E. Thompson, Prop. 604 Main Street, Phone 151.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 26, 1922]

### **ADDS GROCERY DEPT.**

The Main Street Bazaar is showing conclusive evidence of growing business in the fact that they are adding a line of groceries to their stock of merchandise.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, July 29, 1922]

## **MAIN STREET TAVERN** [Rochester, Indiana]

Located at 721 Main.

Owned and operated by Otis A. Burkett for 26 years until his death in 1970.

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[Burkett Genealogy, Janet Rae Urbin Burkett, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2*, Willard]

### **MAIZENA MILLS** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] MANITAU FLOURING MILLS. Hereafter the Maizena Mills will be known as the Manitau Flouring Milles. - - - - HUCKINS BROS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 11, 1898]

### **MAJESTIC CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### MUSIC SCHOOL OPENS

The Majestic Conservatory of Music has opened its studio in the rooms over the Howard Jewelry store. Those in charge of the school for instruction on all kinds of stringed instrument stated today they had an enrollment of over 40 students.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 16, 1936]

### **MALETA'S BEAUTY SHOP** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Announcing Opening of MALETA'S BEAUTY SHOP (over Black & Bailey's Hardware), Thurs., Dec. 8th - - - - Phone 238. MALETA BARKMAN, Proprietor.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 5, 1938]

### **MALLORY BUS LINE** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### GIRL BUYS BUS

Miss Ruth Kern, Thursday, purchased a Studebaker bus of a Mr. Winegardner, of Logansport. It has been rumored this automobile will be used on a new bus line between Rochester, Athens and Akron. One other company now runs between the three towns that of Ira Mallory.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 16, 1920]

### **MALTBY'S FURNITURE & UNDERTAKING STORE** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Maltby's Furniture and Undertaking Store, Noftsgers' Block, Rochester, Ind., Offers special bargains - - - - A. F. MALTBY, Successor to V. Zimmerman and Kellar & Sellers.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 26, 1886]

### **MAMMOTH GROCERY** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] GREAT BANKRUPT SALE. Having purchased what is known as the Chas. A. Kilmer or Mammoth Grocery, at two-thirds its value from the assignee, in the Sentinel block, on Saturday 27, June 1908 we will open the doors of this store for business with a full line of Staple and Fancy Groceries. Also a fine line of fresh Vegetables and Fruits with prices that should interest the closest buyers. Yours for trade, K. W. SHORE, Proprietor.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 26, 1908]

### **MAMMOTH HARDWARE** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] A FEW FARM WAGONS! At Less Than Cost, at the MAMMOTH HARDWARE STORE. - - - - JONAS GOSS., Successor to A. C. SHEPHERD.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 6, 1893]



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[Adv] - - - - We have a full line of fancy and staple hardware, stoves, tinware, building material, paints, oils and varnishes, garden hose and connections. Studebaker Wagons and Buggies - best made. The famous Oliver walking and riding plows and repairs. Solid Comfort riding plows. The renowned Crown Cultivator. Deering Binders and Mowers. In fact everything that a farmer needs. THE MAMMOTH HARDWARE STORE, John R. Barr, Prop.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 10, 1896]

### **MANCHESTER COLLEGE** [North Manchester, Wabash County]

#### **COLLEGE GROWS**

The North Manchester college of the Church of the Brethren is rapidly increasing its capacity, and while there is only accommodation for 250 or 300 students at the present time, changes are being effected which will allow the administration to care for approximately 400 students by next year.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 2, 1913]

### **MANDLECO STUDIO** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **MANNING SELLS STUDIO**

L. L. Manning announced Monday morning that he had leased his studio on Main street to James Mandleco, of Indianapolis. Mr. Manning has no immediate plans for the future, but intends to visit with relatives in Illinois and Montana. The change was made because of Mr. Manning's desire to be in the open air.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 11, 1920]

#### **JAMES MANDLECO BUYS THE MANNING STUDIO**

James E. Mandleco has assumed ownership of the Manning Studio and will at once start plans for remodeling and making a modern photography shop. Mr. Mandleco had leased the studio from W. L. Manning since the latter left this city last year to go South for the benefit of his health, and the transaction was completed Tuesday, whereby the former becomes sole owner. Mr. Mandleco has made a reputation for himself as an artist in his line since he has been in the city and he intends to improve his place of business accordingly. If permission can be secured from the city to allow him to move the building where he is now located out about fifteen feet, he will remodel the structure and make it over anew. If this cannot be done he probably will seek a new location at an early date.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 25, 1921]

#### **MANDLECO STUDIO SOLD TO MISHAWAKA ARTIST**

James Mandleco announced today he had sold his studio at 720 Main street to Charles Lockridge, an experienced photographer of Mishawaka, who has taken possession.

Mr. Lockridge has been connected with the Kaylor Studio in Mishawaka for the past eight years. He is a graduate of the Winona School of Photography.

At the present time Mr. Lockridge is remodeling and redecorating the studio. He will also enlarge the mechanical equipment in the studio.

Mr. Mandleco has been a resident of this city for 19 years, coming here from Oklahoma City, Okla. He says he has no immediate plans for the future.

Mr. Mandleco stated that he is retiring from business because of ill health.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 22, 1936]

### **MANDOLIN CLUB** [Kewanna, Indiana]

Was sponsored about 1896 by Rev. Jonas Bair, who ministered to the Baptist Church for five years.

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Members in 1896 included: Hugh Sparks, Roy McCoy, Rev. Bair, Myrtle McCoy, Jesse Zook, Pearl Mutchler, Hugh McCoy, Ola Zook, Louise McCoy, Mrs. Jonas Bair, Clyde Henderson, Albie Patty, Earl Working, Floyd Bair

## **MANHEIM & CO.** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **GET THE BEST**

The best is always the cheapest and it also the safest so far as the purchase of coal oil is concerned. At the new China store in the north end of town you can get pure oil, 175 test, that burns longer, gives a brighter light than common oil and is absolutely safe from explosion. It costs but 25 cents per gallon and one gallon is worth two of the common kind. Call at MANHEIM & SON, for it.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 29, 1879]

### **CLOSING OUT SALE**

I wish to announce to the citizens of Rochester and the public generally, that I will close out my large and fine stock of Queensware, Glassware, Earthenware and all the goods composing my stock at COST PRICES. The recent death of my wife makes a change in my business necessary and to all who wish to get goods at a bargain, now is the time. Everything I have will positively be sold at cost. I would sell the entire stock in bulk at a sacrifice and upon easy terms if any one comes forward and wants to take my extensive trade. I cannot wait for such a customer and now is the time to call and get bargains at retail. M. Manhaim & Co., North Rochester China Store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 26, 1881]

## **MANITOU/MANITAU, THE** [Rochester, Indiana]

See Rochester Baseball.

See Lake Manitou - Anybody Remember These Old Times? - Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 23, 1922.

## **MANITOU AUTO SPEEDWAY** [Rochester, Indiana]

Harry Bricker, general manager, his son, who is assistant manager of the Bricker Auto Race Association, and C. Ross Lindemuth, surveyor and civil engineer, arrived in Rochester Monday morning. They have started work on the track with men, trucks and tractor. Mr. Bricker will spare no expense in reconditioning the track and grounds.

Mr. Lindemuth has had much experience in designing and building speedways and has said that the Manitou Speedway can be made one of the fastest half-mile tracks in the middle west.

The Manitou Speedway is the only dirt track in this part of the country that has the full length according to regulation rules, which measure 2640 feet at a distance of 4 feet out from the inside line.

Several thousand gallons of oil will be put on the track which will be ready for the next race which is scheduled for Sunday, June 28.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 10, 1931]

## **MANITOU BAND** [Rochester, Indiana]

Organized around 1910 by Prof. Samuel Davidson, former director of Citizens Band.

Members: William Williamson, Ben Brandenburg, Jack Irwin, Charles Kilmer, Herman Weir, Fred Deardorf, Harry Nellans, Ayrton Howard, Clarence Hill, Harry Karn, Brant McKee, George Buchanan, Harold Weir, Ancil Thompson, Arthur Miller, Dean Newcomb, Charles Myers, Walter Miller, Fred Felty, Guy Pontius, William Foor, Verl Foor, Emmet Tranbarger, Ermal Smith, Art Shirmen, John Belcher, Bert Braman, Joe Masterson, James Masterson, Harold Masterson, Baker Kilmer, Harold Redelsheimer.

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Performed Saturday nights on four-wheeled band stand set in the middle of street intersections of 4th & Main and alternating 5th & Main.

The band was sponsored by the north end merchants, while the Citizens Band was sponsored by the south end merchants.

The band lasted until 1917 when Prof. Davidson moved to Plymouth.

The members then joined the Citizens Band.

See Rochester Citizens Band.

## **MANITOU BARBER SHOP** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] A guarantee of Cleanliness goes with every shave or bit of work done - - - Clean towels for every customer - - - THE MANITOU BARBER SHOP, Bert Van Dien, Prop.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 15, 1904]

Martin McINTIRE, a well known barber of this city, died at his home on North Jefferson street this morning at 12:30 o'clock. Death was due to a complication of diseases. He has been seriously ill since the middle of March. Several times he rallied and was able to be on the street, but he gradually grew worse.

Martin McIntire was born January 3, 1872 in this county, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot McINTIRE. He was married to Ethel LEWIS and to this union two children were born, Deverle [McINTIRE] and Carmen [McINTIRE], both of whom are living. Mr. McIntire was in the barber business in this city for many years, being a partner in the Arlington Hotel barber shop at the time of his death. He also had been interested in the Manitou barber shop. He was a member of the Moose lodge and of the Barbers union. He has many relatives in this part of the country. The funeral arrangements have not been completed, but will be announced Tuesday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 18, 1914]

### **CLAUDE BRUBAKER BUYS MANITOU BARBER SHOP**

Claude Brubaker, of the Arlington barber shop, has purchased the Manitou barber shop of Mrs. Dan Bussert, taking possession this morning.

Mrs. Bussert parted with the business because her husband who formerly conducted it ran away to California several weeks [ago]. Mr. Brubaker has had a number of years of experience as a barber and for the last year has been employed at the Arlington shop. The Manitou is fully equipped in every respect with baths and shine stand. Three barbers are employed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 17, 1915]

### **BUYS BARBER SHOP**

Thomas McMahan Friday purchased of Rex Geyer, thru the latter's father, the Manitou barber shop on Main St.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 25, 1917]

[Adv] Bring Your SHOE REPAIRING to JOHN G. DOWNS, 718 Main Street (Old Manitou Barber Shop) - - - Work Done While You Wait.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 6, 1918]

## **MANITOU BEAUTY SHOP** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **PURCHASES BEAUTY SHOP**

Miss Helen Gaumer, who has been associated with the Val Zimmerman Furniture Store for several years, has announced that she has purchased the Manitou Beauty Shop, located in the Dillon Building.

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Miss Gaumer has taken immediate possession of the shop, which has been operated by Mrs. Edythe Heeter and Mrs. Robert House. Mrs. Heeter will continue as operator of the shop for several months.

The same high policy of workmanship will be continued under Miss Gaumer's ownership. She will assume active operation and management of the beauty parlor at the first of the year.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 25, 1936]

## MANITOU BLUES [Rochester, Indiana]

See National Guard

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### THE MANITAU BLUES

In a military way Rochester stands right at the front of the Ind. Nt'l. G'ds. Co. B, of the 2nd Regt., is one of the oldest and strongest companies in the State and the efficiency and stability of the organization is largely due to our townsman, A. H. Skinner, present captain of the company and to Capt. H. C. Long, its organizer and, for several years, promoter.

Capt. Skinner has been a resident of Rochester for 12 years, during which time he has been constantly associated with the Blues in an official capacity. He entered the service at Peru, in 1882 as a Sargeant and served in that capacity until his transfer to Co. G., 3d Regt., now Co. B, 2d Infantry. He was 1st Lieutenant of the company until Capt. Long's promotion to Major, when, by a unanimous vote, he was elected Captain and has stood at the head of the company ever since. With his company Capt. Skinner has attended all state Encampments, participated in the dedication exercises of the World's Fair, answered the call of the Governor to prevent riots in the southern Indiana coal fields and at Hammond, and to suppress prize fighting at Roby.

The following named officers and privates constitute the company:

#### OFFICERS

Captain, A. H. Skinner

1st Lieut, H. M. Goodwin

2d Lieut, A. H. McCarter

Sgt Major, Peter C. Meredith.

#### SARGEANTS

C. Maier, F. Davis, H. M. McCarter, Q.M., S. McCarter, H. Kingery.

#### CORPORALS'

M. Burns, F. Jones, Alf McCarter, Henry Newcomb, Tom Day, Edgar Wallace, musician, A. Burgett.

#### PRIVATES

Wm. Alspach, Mitchel Baker, Ben Rutz, Ot. Barcus, Lee Beck, George Barkdoll, E. Clinger, Wm. Campbell, Oscar Bolliver, A. C. Conrad, Alf Day, E. Day, Alpert Day, Sam, Dawson, Rheuben Elkins, Wm. Ewing, Chas. Faurote, Chas. Ginn, Jno. Haimbaugh, Frank Holman, J. Jones, E. Jones, Jacob Karns, Wm. Kimes, Harvey Kimes, Milo King, Lee Montgomery, Lorn Montgomery, Alf McLean, Esta Moonshower, Bruce McHenry, Jay Phillips, Otto Pettit, Nate Spencer, W. A. Squires, H. Tuttle, F. Tuttle, C. True, Mel True, Fred True, Chas. Wines, Joseph Ziegler.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

## MANITOU CLEANERS & DYERS [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Extra!!! - - - Suit or Top Coat Free with each suit ordered - to introduce our new line of Western Woolens. - - - Two suits \$36.50 or Suit and Top Coat.

MANITOU CLEANERS & DYERS, 707 MAIN STREET, Rochester, Indiana. Cleaning, pressing, repairing. We call for and deliver.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 14, 1929]

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### **MANITOU COLONIAL HOTEL CO.** [Lake Manitou]

See: Hotels - Fairview

### **MANITOU/MANITAU COPPER MINING COMPANY** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### LOCAL NEWS - FRIDAY

A copper mining company has been organized in Rochester, the officers being: D. M. Swinehart, Pres.; Chas. Jackson, Secy and Treas; and T. R. Smith, of Grand Encampment, Wyoming, general manager. It is known as the Manitau Copper Mining company and is organized under the laws of Wyoming. Grand Encampment is located in the richest copper mining section of the United States and considerable stock in mines there is already held by Rochester people.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 6, 1902]

#### MANITAU MINING CO.

The Grand Encampment (Col.) Herald, contains the following story which may be of interest to Fulton county readers:

P. J. Winters has taken a 200-foot contract on a new tunnel on the property of the Manitau Copper Mining company in the Beaver Creek section of the camp. Work was commenced this week. The company owns a group of three claims, formerly known as the Platte property, which endline, the lead being traceable over the length of the three claims. The property lies about one mile west of the Evening Star, on the same lead, and presents a very flattering surface showing. A shaft has been sunk thirty feet in a decomposed iron capping, and considerable good ore has been found. Specimens of ore assayed twenty-two per cent copper, while the vein matter at the surface averaged two per cent copper. During the past week, a trench was completed, and both walls of the vein was located. The trench is 200 feet from the shaft, showing that the lead is continuous. The contact is granite and diorite, and the copper ore in the iron is black and red oxides with carbonates. A camp will be constructed on the property and work on the tunnel pushed with all possible speed. The contractor is one of the best known miners in the camp. In addition to the prospects of developing a mine, the Manitau property has fine facilities for water power with good timber in abundance. The trustees of the Manitau company, with one exception, reside in Rochester, Ind. They are: D. M. Swinehart, Recorder of Fulton county; R. S. Lowry, Auditor of Fulton county; Jos. A. Myers, Secretary and Treasurer of the Rochester Normal University; Chas. Jackson, Township trustee; M. Wilson, dentist; W. S. Crosby, physician; B. O. West, agent for the Erie Ry; and C. Hoover, furniture dealer.

D. M. Swinehart is president; W. S. Crosby, vice president; and Chas Jackson, secretary and treasurer. Hon. T. R. Smith of Grand Encampment is a trustee and the general manager of the Manitau company.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 1, 1902]

#### LOCAL NEWS - SATURDAY

The Manitou Copper Mining company have an opportunity to sell their property at Grand Encampment, Wyoming, but having recently received some very flattering reports of the finding of a fine grade of mineral ore on their claims, the Company will not sell out, but will push development work on their property. A recent assay of ore taken out of the Manitou claim gives \$390 in gold, some silver and 30 percent copper to the ton, which is a very fine showing for their property, and places the Manitou claim among the best prospective mines on the Encampment District.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 10, 1902]

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## **MANITOU COUNTRY CLUB** [Lake Manitou]

### **MANITOU COUNTRY CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING**

About 30 of the charter members of the Manitou Country Club met in their first meeting Thursday evening and perfected their organization. They also drew up tentative plans for their new club house. It was decided to limit the charter members to those who have already subscribed for stock and to those members of the Rochester Golf Club, who have not been solicited and who care to purchase stock. With these members as a unit the club will incorporate for the purpose of buying ground, building a club house, and leasing and improving ground for a golf links.

President J. Gordon Martin of the Rochester Golf Club, who was in charge of the meeting, appointed a committee and called upon them to meet at once to nominate seven members who would act as board of directors for the first year. The committee nominated A. L. Deniston, Dr. Perry Heath, Dr. M. O. King, Guy Barr, Charles Emmons, Floyd Van Trump and Gordon Martin. The members elected them unanimously to serve as directors until Jan, 1921. A committee to draw up the constitution and by laws of the Manitou Country Club was also appointed by the president. Arthur Metzler, Chas. Emmons and Chas. Campbell made up the personnel of this board and they will submit the proposed regulations at the next regular meeting of the club.

The directors held a short conference after the regular meeting and outlined their plans for incorporation. A selection of a club house site was discussed and other plans gone into. They will meet again within a few days and elect officers.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 12, 1919]

## **MANITOU DAIRY** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **NEWS OF THE DAY**

The Manitou Dairy will be discontinued after Wednesday of this week. All holding tickets are requested to present them to the wagon for redemption before that day if possible.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 18, 1912]

## **MANITOU DRY CLEANING SHOP** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **CLYDE HICKMAN BUYS DRY CLEANING BUSINESS**

The Manitou Dry Cleaning shop located at 707 Main Street, this city, was purchased Wednesday by Clyde HICKMAN from Howard BUNN. The new owner assumed the management of the establishment Thursday morning. Mr. Bunn, who started the business a little over a year ago has not as yet announced his future business plans.

Hickman, who is a local young man, has had several months experience in the business. He plans to operate the business along the same methods of efficiency and service as the former proprietor.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, March 7, 1929]

## **MANITOU FAIR RACE TRACK** [Lake Manitou]

Located on Tim Baker farm between city limits and Lake Manitou. [area later developed and called Manitou Heights]

See Lake Manitou Fair & Athletic Club.

See Manitou Speedway

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### **FAIR GROUND IS LEASED FOR AUTO RACING SEASON**

The refinanced Lake Manitou Fair and Athletic Association in a further endeavor to recoup its depleted treasury, has leased the fair grounds for the summer and early fall season to the Interstate Racing Association for \$1,200 and a series of auto and motorcycle races will be held here this summer, beginning Sunday May 17. The local track is called by H. A. Marow, himself a racer, president of the leasing company and Doc Essex, track manager, as the fastest half-mile dirt

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track in the world, and the best adapted for auto racing, with the exception possibly of that at Winchester, Ind., in this section.

The men who have leased the local track also operate this season tracks at Elkhart, Valparaiso and LaPorte, having been last season at Benton Harbor, Mich.

The qualities of the local track, which the men said were particularly good were the slopes and the widening at just the right points.

Mr. Marow has been in touch with his agent at Indianapolis and is rounding up a field of six of the best dirt track racers in the country for the opening race here. Twenty entries will be in the first race. A feature driver of the race will be Fuzzy Davison of Dayton, O., piloting a Barber-Warnock special. Davison has been in California the past winter. He went through the last 500-mile Memorial Day race at Indianapolis, finishing with an average of 88 miles an hour.

Good policing of the grounds and track is promised by the race promoters. All admissions to the grounds will be \$1.10 including cars.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, May 6, 1925]

### 'HOME TOWN BOY' TO BE IN SUNDAY'S AUTO RACES

A "home town boy", Harold Bill Masterson, will mingle with the best dirt track race driving talent on the Fair grounds track here next Sunday afternoon. 'Bill,' known as a tinkerer with mechanical contrivances and builder of other special cars, will drive a Fronty Ford.

The program at Rochester to begin at 2:30 p.m. has been arranged to afford the most excitement possible and with entry list running over 20 cars plenty of thrills are assured. Program consists of a three mile match race for the three fastest cars, 10 miles dash for nine cars and the main event of 25 miles, for 14 cars. The time trials will start at noon and will furnish plenty of entertainment up until 2:30.

A partial list of the entries follows: Joe Huff, Huff Special, Indianapolis; Chance Kinsley, Frontenac, Indianapolis, Dutch Bowman, Frontenac, Indianapolis, Jay Brook, Fronty Ford, Chicago; L. L. Dean, Dean Special, Dayton; Harry Nichols, Frontenac, Chicago; A. Domlay, Isotta Franchini, Chicago; Hal Morine, Fronty Ford, South Bend; A. Burns, Burns Special, Plymouth, Ind.; Bill Platner, Platner Special, South Bend; Charles Valenski, Chevrolet Special, South Bend; Bill Masterson, Fronty Ford, Rochester, and a number of others.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, May 15, 1925]

### AUTO RACES, PARACHUTE DESCENTS, SUNDAY'S BILL

Wilbur Shaw, Harry Nichols, Fuzzy Davidson, Joe Huff, L. Dean, Bill Planter, Speed Crouch, Howdy Wilcox, Floyd Shawhan and Curley Young compose the list of premier drivers who will compete on the Manitou oval tomorrow in three auto dashes of 5, 10 and 20 miles, piloting an assortment of Fronty Fords, a Barber-Warnock special and special creations. They should provide plenty of entertainment, through the qualifications beginning at 12 noon and the races beginning at 2:30.

In addition to the racing program, the aerial attraction promises to be interesting. A double parachute drop to be made by J. M. Stewart of South Bend is in itself sufficient cause for one to hold one's breath. Besides Stewart, a second aeronaut, Shorty Davis of Chicago, will make also a descent. In just what manner this daring performer will return to the earth is being kept a secret, as he is anxious to treat the crowds to surprises as well as thrills. While he refuses to divulge just what his new stunt will be he has assured the promoter that it will be the most thrilling of its kind ever attempted.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, June 13, 1925]

### FALLS 2200 FT. TO DEATH; NECK BROKEN

A sheer drop of 2,200 feet, when the container bag of his parachute came untied from a balloon crossbar, caused the death of James M. Stewart, 26 years old, 221 Mishawaka avenue,

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Mishawaka, near the Lake Manitou Fair and Athletic Club grounds at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Jack Trumbull, South Bend, making his first drop, who cut loose just before Stewart in the double descent that closed an auto racing program, reached ground safely.

Many spectators followed the greater part of Stewart's descent, and watched the veteran aviator, who got into aerial work in 1914 and served 19 months in the U. S. air service overseas, struggle nearly all of the way to extricate the parachute from the deadly containing sheaths.

Stewart struck feet first, and then his body crumpled, in the mud at the edge of the lake just west of the Colonial Hotel. His left leg was broken between the knee and the thigh, the ribs on the right side were crushed, and his neck was broken. He was lying on his back when found.

The doomed aeronaut passed Trumbull in his dizzy fall, Trumbull being approximately 200 feet aloft when Stewart reached the ground.

A report was current that the parachute had opened approximately 100 feet above the earth, but this was unfounded. The edges of the cloth flapped as though it would open, but came down merely fluttering.

S. B. STEWART, father of Stewart, was the first to his son's side and dragged him from the soft earth into which he had plunged to a depth of two feet or more. Through heavy traffic, Stewart was taken in an automobile to Woodlawn hospital, but died almost immediately. Dr. RINGLE of Tippecanoe, who was found some minutes later, said the man was dead. County Coroner C. B. HIATT at an undertaking parlor here determined the nature of Stewart's injuries.

Stewart is survived by his parents and two younger brothers, Arthur [STEWART] and Frederick [STEWART]. Until four months ago the aerialist had lived in South Bend where he was born Dec. 26, 1898. The deceased's wife died a year ago.

Some persons, at a distance, mistook the human plummet for a trail of smoke such as would be left by a bomb, as the balloonists prefaced their drops by shooting off bombs.

Trumbull first took off through a shower of smoke. It was a matter of perhaps three seconds after which Stewart followed through another veil of gas.

Through a third of his descent the throng watched as the bag did not open, taking it as a part of a daredevil, thrilling drop. Then the spirit of all changed to sickening awe as they realized the man's fate.

Only a few persons were near the spot where the birdman fell. The high-powered automobile into which he was placed, had difficulty in getting through the heavy traffic. Six or eight men were riding on the car, several on the running board, flagging down cars and inquiring for a doctor. Someone directed the car to the hospital.

Four years ago Stewart came from time to time to Long Beach Amusement park and gave parachute drops from a balloon.

Trumbull, who was fortunate enough to escape death, said afterwards that he would not attempt the feat again.

In the hospital yard, a brother of the dead aeronaut drew a revolver from a hip pocket and some thought he was going to commit suicide. He was disarmed and the weapon was given to the other brother.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, June 15, 1925]

### DRIVER WHO RACED HERE "DIES OF CONGESTION"

Death of Arthur (Fuzzy) DAVIDSON, 28 years old, a dirt track automobile race driver, near the Hoosier motor speedway, Thirty-eighth street and Pendleton pike, Indianapolis, was due to congestion of the heart, hastened by alcoholism, according to a verdict given by Marion County Coroner Paul F. Robinson Thursday. Davidson was found by companions near a shack in which he had been living with other auto drivers near the motor track, and died before medical aid could be obtained.

Funeral services will be held at the home of his mother, Mrs. G. T. DAVIDSON, 824 North Oxford street, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Davidson had been a driver in practically all of the larger dirt track races in the state for the past five years, appearing several times on the Manitou track this season. He was involved in



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the Memorial day tragedy at Elkhart, in which three persons were killed and twelve injured. The car he drove sideswiped one driven by Floyd Mathews and plunged through the fence, striking a crowd of spectators. Mathews charged that Davidson and another driver, Floyd Shawhan, intentionally caused the accident. A grand jury investigated and reported it found no evidence on which to base an indictment.

Davidson is survived by his mother and a sister, Miss Elsa DAVIDSON, of the Oxford street address, and a brother, A. A. DAVIDSON, 3517 Balsam avenue.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, July 24, 1925]

### HOWDY WILCOX WILL BE IN RACES HERE MONDAY

Howdy Wilcox will again be seen in action in the one hundred mile national championship race at the Lake Manitou Fair Grounds on Labor Day. Wilcox already has two victories to his credit on this particular track and has a large following of fans in this part of the state. He at present holds the record on the Rochester track having turned it in thirty and two-fifth seconds on June 14th of this year.

In competition with a number of the fastest cars in the country, at Crown Point last Sunday, Wilcox won first place in the main event of the day. His sudden burst of speed in the last event, after making a rather mediocre showing in the first three races was quite a surprise and places him among the favorites in the Labor Day go. His car is being carefully gone over and prepared for the one hundred mile grind which carries with it the championship honors.

His mount will arrive Saturday night and will be given a thorough try out Sunday afternoon in preparation for the event. Wilcox is confident that he will be able to hold his own against such stars as Bugs Allen and Ralph Ormsby, the two best [sic] point winners of the season.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, September 5, 1925]

### NEARBY PRESS SCORES THE AUTO RACE OF MONDAY

The press of neighboring cities has much to say of the Labor Day auto races here Some of the best follow:

The Peru Tribune editor, "red-hot," referred to the affair as "the farce which was advertised as an auto race."

The Goshen Democrat said, "Several score of Goshen and other Elkhart county residents who went to Rochester to witness widely advertised automobile races yesterday were in the vernacular, "stung."

The Huntington Herald said, "Edward Sperr of Roanoke, who paid \$2 Monday to see forty-four sporting automobiles in a 100-mile race at Rochester and actually saw four alleged speed machines take the track, became so disgusted that he filed a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses against Herbert A. Marrow of South Bend, promoter of the races."

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, September 9, 1925]

Harry Bricker, of the Bricker Auto Race Promotion Co., of Ft. Wayne, was in Rochester today and announced that he had secured the Manitou Fair race track for the summer season, during which time Bricker plans to hold at least five auto races. Work of repairing and oiling the half mile oval will be started Monday morning.

The first event will be held on Sunday, June 10 with at least from 12 to 15 of the best dirt-track speed demons entered for the opening day's program. Wild Chuck Valinski who needs no introduction to the local auto race fans will be among the headliners with "Streak" Day, of Columbus, Ohio holder of a score or more of dirt-track first prize monies in his state is also booked to race for the Ft. Wayne promoters.

This same company promoted a speed classic here last fall which gave the spectators their money's worth in both speed and thrills. A complete list of the entrants will be carried a few days prior to the race.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, June 1, 1928]

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### PROMOTER PURCHASING LAKE MANITOU SPEEDWAY

Through a transaction made a few weeks ago The Manitou fair grounds is being purchased by Harry Bricker, race promoter for the purpose of giving the public high class auto racing events and other forms of amusement throughout the summer season.

Mr. and Mrs. Bricker and son Harry, who assists his father in the management of the races and publicity work, are taking up their permanent residence in this city in order to supervise the continuous improvement work which is being made at the Manitou speedway.

To numerous ideal business men Mr. Bricker has been well and favorably known for the past five years, he having had supervision of racing events at the local speedway for that period of time with the exception of two years when his services were centered almost exclusively in the management of races at Ft. Wayne. Through his long years of co-operating with the leading dirt track auto racers in the Mid-West states he has made a host of friends through his "square dealing" and as a result these star performers of the "roaring" track are always ready to turn out and give their best for Promoter Bricker.

On next Sunday, July 19th one of the largest field of auto racers ever to assemble on an Indiana track will be at the local speedway to risk life and limb in furnishing a realistic background for Bricker's slogan of speed, thrills and spills. A list of these drivers will appear in an early issue of this newspaper.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 11, 1931]

### MANITOU FISH MARKET [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] MANITOU FISH MARKET Opens For Business Saturday, January 22, '27. - - - - 515 Main Street.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 22, 1927]

### MANITOU/MANITAU FLOURING MILLS [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] MANITAU FLOURING MILLS. Hereafter the Maizena Mills will be known as the Manitau Flouring Milles. - - - - HUCKINS BROS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 11, 1898]

[Adv] A New Grist Mill. We wish to announce to the farmers of Fulton county that THE MANITOU FLOURING MILLS, located in the northeast part of Rochester, on the Ft. Wayne road has been remodeled and an entire outfit of new and improved machinery placed in position, and we are now parpared to receive your grit. We do all kinds of feed grinding. Our now flour is "STATE SEAL." Give it a trial. HUCKINS BROS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 22, 1898]

[Adv] Ask Your Grocer - "STATE SEAL" FLOUR. The Flower of all Flours. Use it once and you will use no other. Made by MANITAU FLOURING MILLS, O. N. Secrist, Prop., Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 25, 1899]

[Adv] - - - - STATE SEAL FLOUR - - - - MANITAU MILLS, R. C. Wallace, Prop.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 17, 1901]

### MANITAU MILL SOLD

A deal was consummated, Tuesday afternoon, whereby Viers & Wicks, of Akron, become owners of the Manitau Mills in this city which has been operated for a number of years by Robt. Wallace. The new proprietors are mill men of experiences having run a flouring mill at Akron for years and come to this place with the best of Recommendations.

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Mr. Wallace, the retiring owner, has built up a good business and much friendship by his honest and steady application to business while running the industry and his many friends are sorry to see him leave the business.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 3, 1905]

## **MANITOU/MANITAU GUN CLUB** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **NEWS OF THE DAY**

Don't forget the big shooting match given by the Manitau Gun Club, at the West Side grounds on Friday. It will be an all day event and participated in by a large number of shooters.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 10, 1903]

## **MANITOU HALL** [Rochester, Indiana]

Located East 8th Street

See Waring Glove Co.

## **MANITOU HEIGHTS** [Rochester, Indiana]

Subdivision created by Arthur and Dorothy Fansler, owners of Fansler Lumber Co., just following WW2, when they visualized a need for housing.

The area extends along E 9th street from about 900 E 9th to near the dam at Lake Manitou, and S to Division Road. It was previously the property of Tim Baker, dealer in horses and mules. At the E end of the area a dirt automobile race track was used for several years. Wilbur Shaw was injured twice on this track and was taken to Woodlawn hospital for treatment.

The field to the west was where the circus and carnivals had stopped many times.

On occasion, parachutists would land in that field.

The Fanslers built streets, sewers and water mains, and the area grew each year since it was created.

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### **NEW MANITOU HEIGHTS ADDITION IS STARTED**

Manitou Heights, Rochester's new residential housing project, is now under development and construction, A. R. Fansler of the Fansler Lumber & Construction Co. stated today.

As proof for the statement Mr. Fansler pointed to four basements now excavated facing road 14, just east of the city limits where erection of modern homes will begin soon.

These homes, Fansler reveals, will be strictly modern in style, construction and appointments. Each home will be different in design from any built in the addition. There will be no home with less than five rooms and most of them will have six. The completed price, including lot and landscaping will start at \$5,500 and go up, although there will be no trend adopted toward ostentatious construction or surroundings.

All lots in the new addition are 60 by 165 feet. All alleys will be 15 instead of the usual 10 foot width. A street starting at road 14 and connecting with the Wabash road to the south, and another beginning at the north and south thoroughfare, will run eastward to connect with the Damlanding road which skirts the west shore of Lake Manitou.

The four basements now excavated will be part of the first unit of ten houses to be erected this autumn, and as all housing limitations are expected to be lifted by Oct. 1, the local contractor hopes to have the unit completed by the first of the year.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 28, 1945]

### **MANITOU HEIGHTS ADDN. PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED**

The construction of new homes got underway today in the Manitou Heights addition at the eastern edge of Rochester. Mr. A. R. Fansler, head of the Fansler Lumber and Construction Co., which is erecting the new residences, announced today that contracts called for the building of at least 25 new residences.

The contractor, outlining the features of these new homes, stated no two homes would be identical in either floor plan or exterior design. Some of the homes will be wood frame with

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garage attached; homes entirely double constructed, having sub floors and hardwood pre-finished oak floors throughout house, bathroom and kitchen having inlaid linoleum. Walls will be double constructed; outside finished with 8 or 10-inch lap siding and painted. Interior walls will be lathed and plastered; plaster will be tinted attractive colors. Some of these homes in the price range will also be brick veneer.

All homes will have expertly planned arrangement with roomy wardrobes, linen closets, built-in kitchen cabinets, and equipped bathrooms. All heating, electric and plumbing installed.

Cost of these new two, three and four bedroom homes, including the 60x165 foot lot, will range from \$4,000 to \$7,000, Mr. Fansler stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 20, 1945]

## MANITOU LUMBER CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - - MANITOU LUMBER CO., 217 East 7th Street, Phone 146.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 24, 1934]

### R. S. McCORD SELLS HIS SHARE IN LUMBER YARD

R. S. McCord Tuesday sold his interest in the Manitou Lumber Company to his partner, Wallace Haworth of Atica, Indiana, and will be associated with his brother W. R. McCord in the Logansport Lumber Co., where he bought Mr. Haworth's interest.

Mr. McCord would like to take this opportunity to thank his friends and customers for their patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. McCord have been residents of this city since April 1, 1933, and have made many friends here. They will move to Logansport in the near future to make their home.

Mr. Haworth announced today that he will continue the lumber yard in operation. For many years the yard was operated under the name of the Barrett Lumber Company.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 27, 1937]

### LOCAL LUMBER COMPANY WILL CHANGE ITS NAME

William Haworth, his son, William H. and Lewis H. Stewart, who yesterday purchased the R. S. McCord interest in the Manitou Lumber Co., of this city, announced today that on and after August 1st, the firm would operate under the name of The Rochester Lumber Co.

Barrett Irvine, who has been connected with the Manitou Lumber Co., since its organization, will continue in the employ of the new organization, it was stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 28, 1937]

## MANITOU MANOR [Rochester, Indiana]

Located S side of street at 1109 E 9th.

Ten members of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce financed and built the Oakwood Apartments.

Later renamed Manitou Manor.

## MANITOU PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] SPECIAL! Saturday, July 20th Only, to introduce Garretts Wines - - - -MANITOU PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE, 627 Main St. Phone 375. We Deliver.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 19, 1935]

[Adv] WHISKEY 100 Proof Bourbon. Sat. Only 75 cents pint. MANITOU PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE. 627 Main St.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 26, 1937]

## MANITOU/MANITAU PARK PLACE [Lake Manitou]

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### **MAGNETIC SPRING WATER**

The flowing spring discovered at Manitou Park Place, east bank of Lake Manitou, promises to be a bonanza for its owner. Many who have drunk of the water experienced exhilarating effects and it was decided to have it analyzed. A quantity of it was sent to Capt. Swadley, a Wabash druggist, and he found it impregnated with several health giving minerals and, best of all, with magnetic properties. Pieces of steel, after being laid in the water a while, are so thoroughly magnetized they will pick up needles and other pieces of metal just like a highly charged magnet.

Capt. Swadley was here over Sunday and in a talk with the SENTINEL, gave it as his opinion that drinking the water from the Woodworth spring will effect the same cure of rheumatic, kidney and liver trouble that they get at French Lick, Martinsville and other Indiana mineral springs.

People who have rheumatic trouble are invited to send to the spring and get water and drink it. It will cost them nothing and in that way the medicinal quality of the water may be fully proven.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 13, 1902]

### **MANITOU PRODUCING AND REFINING CO.** [Rochester, Indiana] **TO INCORPORATE OIL COMPANY**

The stockholders of the Manitou Producing and Refining Co., who have oil claims near Smith's Grove, Ky., following arrival at the conclusion that their wells are going to pay out well, met Tuesday evening and appointed the following directors, preliminary to the incorporation of their company: Harold Van Trump, A. L. Deniston, O. B. Smith, Fred Leiter, Howard Reed, Frank Durkes and Fred Moore and John Hoover.

The incorporation of the company will be accomplished at as early a date as possible. Chas. Bailey, of this city, is and has been for some time, in Kentucky where the wells are being drilled, looking after the interests of his fellow stockholders. Every indication points to big money in the local men's claim, which is completely surrounded by paying wells.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 12, 1919]

### **PREPARING TO PUMP OIL WELLS**

Whether the Manitou Oil Co., a Rochester corporation, is to reap very extensive financial benefits from their oil holdings near Smith's Grove, Ky., will soon be ascertained, for preparations are now under way to get the pumps going on the finished wells.

The policy of the company has been to go ahead with the drilling of new wells just as soon as one was finished, without stopping to think of pumping them. This was done in order that when the pumping started there might be enough oil to pay for the expensive equipment of pumps, pipe line and tanks needed to get the oil and store it.

There are now four wells ready to pump and all but one of them have a strong showing of oil. The one exception is now filled with salt water, but as in many cases the strongest wells follow the pumping out of the salt water, the Rochester corporation feels this may be their banner well.

Manager Charles Bailey is on the ground and is now getting plans laid for the purchase and installation of the necessary equipment for the pushing of the last stages of the work.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 10, 1919]

### **LOCAL OIL COMPANY TO DISSOLVE; LOCATED OIL**

At a called meeting of the stockholders of the Manitou Oil and Producing Company, last Friday night, it was decided to dispose of the leases, drills, pumps and other property of the company, at Smiths Grove, Ky., and to distribute the money which was obtained from the sale to the stockholders. It is thought they will received about 25 to 30 cents for every dollar invested.

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The company was organized about two years ago and took out a lease on some ground near Smiths Grove, Kentucky. Since that time the company has leased in all 170 acres nearly all of which is in Berrien county. The company purchased a Star Drilling Machine and drove several wells which gave prospects of being winners, the oil raising high in the casings. These wells when pumped did not produce enough oil to pay the men a good return on their investment.

Geologists who have studied the formation of the ground under the Rochester lease believe there is oil to be had, but would have to go about 2,500 feet to get it which would cost a great sum of money. The stockholders did not believe that they wished to take the chance on this proposition. About thirty-five men were interested in the proposition, from Rochester and Fulton county. Charles Bailey, of this city, who had been in the field for the Rochester men as manager has accepted a position with an Indianapolis oil company and will leave for Kentucky in about ten days.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 19, 1920]

### **MANITOU PRODUCING AND REFINING CO. DISSOLVED**

The final chapter in the Manitou Refining and Producing Company, a local oil corporation formed for the purpose of promoting a venture in Warren and Barren counties in Kentucky, was written just a week ago Tuesday by Ed Jackson, secretary of state, who passed on certificate of dissolution filed by the company.

Like many another similar venture, this was believed by the promoters and investors to be a sure fire money maker, and as a matter of fact, according to Charles Bailey, field manager for the company, three wells were brought in, all of which eventually proved to be little more than "boom" wells and failed to produce.

The corporation, a \$10,000 project, was formed by Rochester men in 1918 and operations were halted a little more than a year ago. The company had purchased rights in the Kentucky oil fields and their property was adjacent to big producing wells. Many other similar organizations were formed and drilling operations were more than lively for a long period, but all the wells that were brot in in this particular locality failed as did those of the Rochester investors.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 14, 1922]

### **LOCAL MEN DRILLED FOR OIL NEAR CAVE PRISON**

Sand Cave, near Cave City, Kentucky, in which Floyd Collins, the young explorer, is entombed, is but 10 miles from where local men who composed the Manitou Oil and Refining company drilled several wells five years ago with little success. City Water Works Superintendent Charles Bailey, who was the field manager for the Manitou company and who spent two years drilling for the local concern, had often visited the cave country.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, February 10, 1925]

### **MANITOU QUARTET** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **QUARTET TO BROADCAST**

The Manitou quartet, composed of Otto Sherbondy, Estil Rogers, William Hoffman and Ray B. Fretz, will make their debut "over the air" next Monday evening, on Station WCMA Culver, at 8 o'clock. This quartet has been singing together for the past 10 or 12 years and the close harmony which is so essential in this class of music, is never lacking in its varied selections.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 14, 1927]

### **MANITOU RINK**

See Roller Rink

See Manitou Theatre

### **MANITOU RIPPLES** [Rochester, Indiana]

The name of the Rochester high school annual.

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The first *Manitou Ripples* published with student initiative was published in the spring of 1907.

### RAYMOND CAMPBELL

#### Obituary

Raymond Campbell DAWSON, son of Geo. and Effie DAWSON, was born at Rochester, Ind., September 22, 1887, and departed this life November 28, 1908, at Madison, Wisconsin, being 21 years, 2 months and 6 days old, leaving father, mother, sister, grandfather, grandmother and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Raymond was a strong, sterling, lovable character, wielding an influence over all who came in contact with him. Raymond, with his ever companion, Harry, and other boy friends, united with the Baptist church in the winter of 1901 and '02 under the pastorate of Rev. G. L. CONLEY, always giving his talent to the church, in the choir and other ways, leading the B.Y.P.U. meeting the last Sunday night of his summer vacation. Raymond was ambitious and very desirous of making much of his way. He graduated from high school in 1906 with good grades, was president of the class and editor of the first high school annual, *Manitou Ripples*. By making his credits the first year in Madison, the University of Wisconsin commissioned the Rochester High school. At the beginning of his second year's work he was put on the editorial staff of the *Cardinal* the college daily paper, and showed talent in his chosen work.

During his sickness he maintained that cheerful, kind, submissive, sweet disposition that he carried all through life, winning the hearts of the physicians and nurses of the hospital. Raymond died as he lived, always doing his very best.

The funeral will occur at his late home, Geo. V. DAWSON, 212 West 9th St., at 2 o'clock Tuesday, December 1st, Dr. O. P. MILES officiating. The remains may be viewed from now until the hour of the funeral.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, November 30, 1908]

### MAGAZINE PRAISES PLANS FOR 1925 SCHOOL ANNUAL

The 1925 *Manitou Ripples*, high school annual, of unusual excellency is indicated by comment appearing in the current number of the *Art Crafts Review*, a leading monthly publication in the interest of the engraving industry.

An article dealing with annuals of various schools, from the University of California to Culver Military Academy, contained among the eight publications mentioned a highly complimentary reference to the *Manitou Ripples*.

The reviewer said he had seen the plans for the local annual, and engraving work now under way, which led him to expect a very attractive *Manitou Ripples* of 1925.

Miss Elizabeth Flett of the high school faculty is supervising the preparations of the annual this year, and the editors-in-chief are Martha Hood and Raymond Pontious.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, December 24, 1924]

### MANITOU SADDLE CLUB [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Join MANITOU SADDLE CLUB. Special Rates to Charter Members. Pay only \$1 per week and get two one-hour rides. (This offer for charter members only). Non-members will be charged 75c per hour. Hurry . . . This offer good until 25 have joined the club as charter members.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 28, 1939]

### MANITOU SPEEDWAY [Rochester, Indiana]

#### MANITOU SPEEDWAY LET TO SOUTH BEND PEOPLE

Through a business deal transacted Wednesday the *Manitou Speedway* racing track and grounds located on the Baker farm at the east edge of Rochester has been leased for the season by the American Speedway Attractions Corporation of South Bend.

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W. Donald Dunkle, business manager of the South Bend racing association, was in the city yesterday making arrangements to get the track and grandstand in condition for their opening race which will be staged here on Sunday May 15th. The new management which conducts races in five other northern Indiana and southern Michigan cities assures the public that all the races which will be held here throughout the present season will be high-class bona fide speed contests with scores of the best cars and most daring drivers in the mid-west states competing.

The events scheduled for the 15th include a 10-mile race for the six fastest cars qualifying; a 10-mile race for the balance of the cars entered; a 10-mile handicap with the slowest cars in front; a five-mile consolation event for the cars not winning in the first and third events and finally, a 25-mile race, 50 laps that will bring out the real speed and staying qualities of all cars.

Mr. Dunkle intends to employ only local laborers in the care of the track and grounds this season and work on the re-conditioning of the speedway is expected to get underway early Monday morning.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 6, 1932]

### WHEN DAREDEVILS RACED AT THE MANITOU SPEEDWAY

Many attractions were to be found at Lake Manitou in long-gone years: the zoo at Columbia Park, the actors' colony of Charlie Holden, Coney Island's beer parlor, White City Amusement Park, dancing to big band music at Fairview and Colonial hotels.

I've written about all of them, but until now have neglected to resurrect another: the Manitou Speedway.

This was a half-mile dirt track on the west side of the lake that flourished for nine seasons. It began in 1923, during the optimistic Roaring Twenties, and finally succumbed to the Depression's pessimism in 1931.

Harness horses, greyhounds and motorcycles raced there during the earliest years. For the last seven seasons, though, its prime attraction was dirt-track auto racing.

The Speedway was located along the entire length of today's Lakeshore Drive and southward into Manitou Heights, which then was known as the Baker Grounds.

The Speedway appeared in the summer of 1923 as a feature of the Lake Manitou Fair and Athletic Club's extensive new fairgrounds, the old fairgrounds having been sold to Rochester to become the present City Park.

Along with the racetrack, the new fairgrounds had seven cattle and hog barns, some exhibit houses, a carnival area and a double row of concession stands 500 feet long.

Later, a baseball diamond and spectator stands were built northwest of the track. There the popular semi-pro Rochester Merchants played until 1932 when they moved further west to a field at the end of 12th Street, still in the Baker Grounds.

The race track's turns were banked and its grandstand on the south straightaway could seat 2,500 persons; another 1,500 spaces were available on long concrete steps leading to it. Crowds of 3,000 sometimes turned out for the auto races.

From time to time, vaudeville shows and rodeos were given in front of the grandstand.

By 1925 the Fair Association was in financial difficulty and leased the grounds for the summer and fall to the Interstate Racing Association. Thus began the Speedway's auto racing phase that continued until its 1931 end.

Over the course of these seven years the best of the Midwest's daredevil dirt-track drivers competed on the local track. These included Howdy Wilcox and Wilbur Shaw. Wilcox had won the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race in 1919; Shaw would win it three times, 1937-39-40. Wilcox, who later was killed in a race crash, held the local track record of 30 2/5 seconds. A home town boy, Harold Bill Masterson, a mechanic and car builder, sometimes drove against the pros.

It was a fast track, recording speeds of up to 120 miles per hour on the straightaways, and crashes, on the turns were not unusual. A normal race schedule provided for dashes of 5, 10 and 20 miles but sometimes included features of 50 or 100 miles. Admission first was \$1. 10, then dropped to 75 cents, car included.



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Race promoters could be a bit shady. For one 100-mile race in the 1925 season, for example, 44 cars were promised but only four showed up. The crowd was incensed and a spectator sued the promoter for "obtaining money under false pretenses," \$2 a head in that case.

Such chicanery in 1928 brought Harry Bricker, a seasoned Fort Wayne promoter, into management of the track. He would stage races each summer and fall until the end of the 1931 season. By then dwindling attendance, the economic Depression and pressure from his creditors had become too much to overcome. The track never reopened.

I remember being taken to a race as a small child, probably in 1931. My memory of the experience conjures images of a bright yellow race car, much dust and lots of noise. My father occasionally would drive us to the track in the family car and park outside. There we got our race thrills vicariously from the roar of the engines and cheers of the crowd.

In its best days the Speedway was the fashionable place to be and attracted spectators from many surrounding cities. Parachute jumps, popular events of the time, often were staged there as a finale to the races. One jump ended tragically in 1925 when 27-year-old James Stewart's chute failed to open and he fell 2,200 feet to his death. The Mishawakan's body plunged two feet deep into the mud at the west edge of the lake near Colonial Hotel.

Soon after the Speedway closed, the fairgrounds were abandoned and the land reverted to the ownership of Tim Baker. He was a farmer and stock breeder whose farm buildings were situated where the Faith Outreach church is today, 1125 East Ninth Street. Baker later converted the racetrack's grandstand into a barn to store hay for his mule herd. The barn was destroyed a few years afterward in a spectacular fire that quite likely was arson.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 10, 1999]

## MANITOU TENNIS SUPPLY CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Tennis Players. We have installed the Armour Master Krafter Stringer which provides the correct tension on each string. Let us string your Racket with Armour Strings. We carry a complete line of Rackets and Balls. MANITOU TENNIS SUPPLY CO., 1503 S. Main.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 3, 1935]

## MANITOU THEATRE [Rochester, Indiana]

Also called Manitou Vaudeville.

Located at 120-122 E 8th St.

Operated by Mose Kimmel, a farmer from near Galveston, Ind.

Operated by Kimmel & Myers in 1907.

Had vaudeville, music, and motion pictures.

Later Orlan (Brick) Kepler Oldsmobile agency located same place.

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### MANITAU THEATRE CHANGE

Arrangements have been made whereby Carl Jessen is to take charge of the management of the Manitaui, and the house will open tonight with a show at 7:15.

At this time arrangements have not been completed for regular vaudeville performances, but negotiations are pending with the Gus Sun Booking Association of Springfield and the Southern Vaudeville Managers' Association which has headquarters at Cincinnati. Either association will furnish talent but now the question to be determined is which will give the Rochester people the best attractions. The regular vaudeville performances will begin Monday evening, April 16, if arrangements for a mid-week change can be completed with Peru, Huntington, Wabash, or Logansport by that time.

The program for this evening will consist of an illustrated song sung by Mr. Glen Rouch, and motion pictures. Miss Helen Reiter will act as pianist.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 4, 1908]

### WANT TO BUY A SHOW?

Sheriff Clem Miller will sell the equipment of the Manitou Theatre at sheriff's sale on Monday, May 31st. The outfit consists of around a thousand chairs, several sets of scenery, a moving picture machine and other theatrical equipment once owned by the Cass county pmpressario, Moses Kimmel, who tried for a time to run a vaudeville show in Rochester. From the outset the path of Mr. Kimmel was best with thorns, due probably to the fact that Rochester is a trifle small to support a vaudeville theatre, but he put up a game fight until overcome by accounts he could not meet.

The sale will be made to satisfy a claim for rent due Shepherd & Deniston who own the building in which the show was operated.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 20, 1909]

### MANITOU VAUDEVILLE TO OPEN

The Manitou Vaudeville, which has been closed since managed by Moses Kimmel, will be opened to the public within the next week or ten days. The new manager will be Adam Eherneman he having leased the theatre from Shepherd and Deniston, who bid it in Saturday at Sheriffs sale.

Mr. Eherneman stated, today, that he would spend about a week cleaning and repairing the interior and then start a moving picture show.

Later, probably within a month, high class vaudeville acts will be procured and a regular vaudeville show given every evening.

The new proprietor is an industrious business like man and will no doubt meet with success.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 31, 1909]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The roller skating rink will be open at Manitou theater Saturday evening and it is expected a large crowd of lovers of this popular sport will be present.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, January 13, 1910]

### MANITOU THEATRE GONE

When Ira Kimmel of Hoovers, drove out of Rochester this morning in charge of wagons carrying chairs, scenery and other stage effects, the knell of the Manitou vaudeville theater was sounded. Moses Kimmel, proprietor of the defunct play house, has been here several days tearing out the stage and other property awarded him by the Miami county court, in his recent damage suit, and this morning his belongings were placed on wagons and started overland for his home at Hoovers in Cass county.

Of course, the Manitou has not been open for a long time, yet it was used on various occasions as a public hall and its dismantling will be a source of disappointment to those who used it.

Now that the stage, which occupied a goodly portion of the north end of the room, has been removed, the place will be cleaned up and used by Claude Rouch of this city as a roller skating rink.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 19, 1910]

The first of the outdoor motion picture theatres was established by the late Roy Shanks at about the same time as Mose Kimmel operated a vaudeville theatre (The Manitou) north of the public square. This writer nightly packed crowd into the Earle Theatre, present location of the Kroger market (Knapp Building), and J. Carl Jessen provided poenty of opposition with his Kai-Gee movie house where now stands the Arthur Shore building (716 Main).

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Monday, August 25, 1958]

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### MANITOU/MANITAU VAUDEVILLE [Rochester, Indiana]

#### WILL OPEN VAUDEVILLE

The Shepherd room in the Centennial block, formerly occupied by the skating rink, has been rented to Messrs. Moses Kimmel and George W. Myers, and will be converted into a vaudeville theater. At this time the plans are not yet fully made. A stage fifteen feet deep will be built across the north end of the room with dressing rooms on either side. An incline floor will be put in for the seats. The management, at this time, are unable to say what attractions they will have or when the house will be opened. They have opportunities of getting in in a vaudeville circuit with Logansport, Marion and Anderson and another with Plymouth and South Bend. The shows will last about one hour and the admission price will be ten cents.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 29, 1907]

#### WILL HAVE FINE PLACE

Kimmel & Myers, managers of the new vaudeville show, which will open up in the room formerly occupied by the Boston store, are putting in extensive fixtures and intend to give Rochester as good a show as Logansport, Wabash and Huntington has. They have erected a twenty-five foot stage with all attachments. Seats will be put in to accommodate four hundred people.

The entertainment which they intend to give here will be strictly first class and will be of the same character as those given in cities of twenty thousand population or more. The price of admission will be ten cents and each show will last one hour and a half. Opening up in the afternoon at 2:30 a continuous vaudeville will be given until ten o'clock every evening.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 16, 1907]

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

The ten cent vaudeville, north of the court house is preparing to open up Friday afternoon. The managers are decorating the room in fine style. For the drop curtain they have a beautiful picture of Main street looking north from the corner of Ninth and Main street. Dolph Parker is the artist and the picture shows that he has considerable talent in that line.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 29, 1907]

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

The moving picture machine arrived this morning for the Vaudeville and they will open up next Monday with a grand concert.

[Rochestr Sentinel, Monday, May 6, 1907]

#### VAUDEVILLE WILL OPEN

The Manitau Vaudeville will open this evening at 7:30 o'clock with a fine troupe of actors, composed of Ben Van, black commedian, Fox and Carper and St. Leon McCassel. Each performance will last one hour and fifteen minutes.

The house has been put in fine shape for the coming season. At present only temporary seats have been ut in on account of delay in shipment of regular seats from Chicago. The price of admission is ten cents and the managers, Myer & Kimml, feel sure that theri show will please the people and will be given a good reception.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 13, 1907]

#### HOLDEN TO MANAGE MANITOU

The Manitou theatre is to be again opened to the public Saturday evening. C. A. Holden, the well known theatrical man of this city will be the new manager and promises Rochester people the best motion picture show it has ever been their pleasure to witness.

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The program will be one hour long and will consist of all late pictures, accompanied by pictorial songs by Miss Maud DeBolt, of Peru, who is well known in this city.

Mr. Holden is confident of success and what he lacks in confidence will no doubt be soon strengthened by the large crowds which will nightly visit this popular show house.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 24, 1909]

## MANN, CHARLES HOWARD [Rochester, Indiana]

CHARLEY MANN, Biog.

Charley MANN married Mrs. LANGSDORF about three weeks ago. Their honeymoon, which has not yet ended, has been anything but a pleasant one. They have a peculiar way of showing their love for each other which usually takes the form of kicks, cuffs, and shooting. Monday morning of this week they were unusually loving. Charley got drunk early in the day and then proceeded to the little hovel he and his wife occupied in the north end of town, near the race bank, where he showed his loving and gentle disposition by abusing his wife and making splinters of the furniture. Such conduct was more than the wife could endure and she sallied forth to procure protection from the law. After making her complaint and a warrant had been issued she returned to her home where the battle between herself and her husband was renewed with greater vigor than ever. The officer was slow in putting in his appearance and before his arrival a tragedy was enacted that will probably cost the life of the belligerent husband. He was breaking up the furniture and throwing it out into the yard when his wife remonstrated with him. He then turned his attention to her and according to her statement, came toward her with an uplifted chair. To save herself from harm she drew her revolver and fired. She then retreated without the house, keeping up her fusillading until two shots had been fired through the closed door. She then retired to a window which she raised and fired two more shots into the room where her husband still remained. By that time the officer had arrived upon the scene. Mann was found to be seriously wounded, a ball having entered his right breast. He was cared for at once but the severity of the wound could not at once be determined. Several efforts were made to find and extract the ball but without success. During the day he was removed to his mother's residence where he now is in a very critical condition. The weapon used was a 32 calibre Smith & Wesson revolver and made an ugly wound in a vital part of the body, the ball passing entirely through his right lung and finding a lodgement where it cannot be discovered.

Mrs. Mann was arrested and put in jail. The grand jury being in session, the facts of the shooting were laid before them and an indictment charging her with shooting with intent to kill was found against her. Judge HESS being on the bench fixed her bond at \$500, but afterward increased it to \$700. His Honor has been severely censured by the best citizens of the place for placing her bond so low. Mr. Charley LANGSDORF, her divorced husband, went upon her bond and she was released. She almost immediately left town and her present whereabouts is probably only known to a few.

Both of these persons engaged in this proceeding are notorious characters in this community. Each have been in several serious troubles but from some cause have managed to escape with but slight punishment. Mrs. Mann hails from Logansport, her maiden name being BOYER. She married in that city but in due time she obtained a divorce from her husband. She then attracted the attention of our townsman, Charley Langsdorf, who made her his wife and brought her to Rochester where they resided for several years and were blessed with two or more children. She began neglecting her husband and her household and received the attention of other men. Among the number was Charley Mann whom she has just shot. Langsdorf discovering that he was being supplanted in the affections of his wife by Mann, watched his opportunity and one evening a year or two ago caught them together under peculiar circumstances. The ready revolver was brought into regulation and Mann received a bullet in the hip from a weapon in the hands of the outraged husband. The trouble between Langsdorf and his wife grew from bad to worse until they were divorced. Mann then had everything his own way and paid marked attention to the cast off wife of Langsdorf. But even then the course of their love did not run smooth. They had their

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quarrels and fights frequently. One night they met on the streets and Mann wishing her to accompany him to a place she did not wish to go, used such violence that she drew her pop and put a ball into one of his lower limbs. That kind of treatment endeared her to him all the more and after a year of courtship of that character she married him about three weeks ago, as above stated. How happy they have been since their marriage is shown by their recent love spat.

Charley Mann, the hero of all these encounters in which he has been shot three times, is of a good and very respectable family. His father, Dr. H. W. MANN, several years dead, was treasurer of this county for four years beginning with the year 1859, and is well remembered by the older citizens of the county. From his youth Charley has been a wild and wayward young man, causing his mother and friends much trouble and sorrow. He first married when quite young and cruelly neglected his wife and the offspring that was born to them. Their bonds of wedlock were severed by the courts, since which time he paid court to and married the woman who is now the cause of his terrible suffering. But he still clings to her and if he should recover he will be her best witness to shield her from the penalties of the law. It was by his evidence on a former occasion when she perforated his body with a pistol ball that she was acquitted, and it is quite certain that if he lives he will do what he can to defend her from harm. They are both worthless characters who have disgraced themselves, their friends and the whole community.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 1, 1883]

One week ago the *Sentinel* gave a full and complete account of the shooting of Charley MANN, by his wife. It also stated that the murderess had been arrested and an indictment found against her by the grand jury, then in session, charging her with shooting with intent to kill, and that Judge HESS had accepted her bond for \$700 and set her at liberty. The further statement was also made that she had left the city or was secreted where she could not be found. The wounded man was removed from the hovel in which he was shot to the home of his mother, where he received the best of surgical and medical care and faithful nursing by his mother and sisters and other friends. From the day of the shooting to the hour of his death, those who were most familiar with the nature of his injuries entertained no hope for his recovery, yet the report was circulated every day that he was getting well and would soon be about again. His sufferings from the very first were most excruciating and could never have been borne so long by a man of less physical and constitutional strength. Since last Saturday until yesterday afternoon at half past one o'clock, when death relieved him from his sufferings, he was almost a raving maniac and could not be confined to his bed.

Charles Howard MANN who met an untimely death at the hands of a woman who only three weeks before the shooting took him by the hand and promised to love and protect him, was born in this place September 14, 1858, and was twenty-five years of age on the 14th of last September. Mrs. M[ark] L. [Martha J. MANN] KILLEN is his twin sister. His life has been short but an eventful one. With all his follies he had many noble traits of character that will be remembered when his misdeeds are forgotten. The aged mother in her great distress, as well as the sisters of the deceased and the friends of the family, ought and does receive the heartfelt sympathy of all good people who have a proper appreciation of their mental and heart anguish.

The funeral of the deceased has been appointed to take place from the residence of Mrs. Mann tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. At the time of going to press, no definite arrangement had been made as to who would conduct the religious services, but in all probability it will be Rev. N. L. LORD. The true friends of the family, those who sympathize with them in their deep sorrow, are invited to attend the funeral.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 8, 1883]

**MANN, HENRY W.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester, Indiana [Historical Review]

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H. W. Mann Physician and Surgeon. Office up stairs over Holman's Drug Store.  
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 25, 1858]

### BIOGRAPHY

Dr. H. W. Mann. Henry W. Mann was born March 24, 1817, in Columbiana County, Ohio, and it may be truly said of him that he was one of the self-made men of his time, in view of his career in later life. Just as he had reached the age of seven years, his mother died, and thus early was he thrown among strangers. For the first four or five years after his mother's death, his home was in the family of Samuel Young, after which he joined his father, who was then engaged in the millwright's trade in Stark County, Ohio. Here he became his father's assistant in the daily work, in the meantime attending the common schools, and acquiring an education that would have qualified him to follow the same pursuit had he been content to stop at that. But the circumscribed course of study in the common schools only gave him a glimpse of the possibilities beyond, and awakened within him a desire for more extended knowledge. He was fond of reading in his leisure hours, gaining little by little a rich and varied store of information. At an early age, he resolved upon a professional course, and when twenty years of age began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. David Silvers, in his native county. During his term of study, to provide for his necessary expenses, he taught school in the winter, and finally entered upon the practice of his chosen profession at Uniontown, Ohio. At the end of a year, he removed to Greensburg, Ohio, where he was joined in marriage to Miss Susanna Alt. In 1842, he started with his wife to Indiana, and located in the then new town of Rochester, Fulton County, with whose public interests he was afterward intimately identified. He was then but twenty-five years of age, and for the first few years he was subjected to the prejudice and lack of confidence that is the worst enemy of all young physicians. Gradually, however, this prejudice yielded, and each year witnessed a large increase in his practice, until it became extended and lucrative. He was devoted to his profession, and by his skill as a physician gained the confidence of his patients and professional associates alike. In the years that followed his arrival here, success crowned his labors, and he amassed a very comfortable fortune. At the same time, he was always ready to lend a helping hand to every enterprise calculated to promote the best interests of the town and county, and his nature was free from that sordid disposition that prompts men to hoard and add to fortunes already ample. He was a generous friend and a public-spirited citizen, and was recognized as such by all who knew him. Politically, he was a stanch Democrat, and, while he was an active and zealous partisan, he had never sought recognition through the medium of public office. But he had devoted himself so assiduously to his profession, and its care and duties had so worn upon his physical constitution, that he became aware of failing strength; and when his party friends proposed his name as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Fulton County, in 1859, he accepted the nomination, believing that in the duties of this office he would enjoy the much needed rest from professional cares. In the fall following his nomination, he was elected, and served two terms, discharging the duties of his office with commendable fidelity and marked satisfaction to the public, and retired with the hearty congratulations of the people for his efficiency as a public officer.

During the many years of his residence in Rochester, he was a consistent and active member of the Presbyterian Church, and, although the nature of his profession called him from home much of the time, he was singularly regular in his attendance upon the church services--rising very early on Sunday morning in order to make all his professional calls before the hour of service. He was an elder in the church for a number of years, and an active laborer in the work of the Sunday school. As a citizen, no one, probably, was more universally esteemed, or possessed more completely the warm regard of those who knew him. He would never engage in a personal quarrel, and if, in times of political enthusiasm, hot words were addressed to him, he would turn and walk away. In a word, he was such a citizen as a community can ill afford to lose, and his loss was sadly felt, not only by the loved ones of his own family, but by those who had been associated with him as friends and neighbors, and those to whom he had administered in times of sickness. He died on the 20th of January, 1864, leaving behind him the record of an honorable, industrious life--

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-his richest legacy to his family, while he left them, at the same time, a comfortable store of this world's goods.

He was married three times, and in all his domestic relations was extremely happy, if we except the two sad periods in which death visited his household, each time robbing him of a devoted companion. Within three years after his arrival in Rochester, (March 12, 1845), his first wife died, leaving one son, De Witt Clinton, since deceased. On the 28th of December, 1845, he married Miss Mary J. Small, daughter of David Small, an early settler and highly respected citizen of this county. She died February 24, 1849, leaving one son, Edwin E., who now resides in the State of California. On the 20th of May, 1850, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah M. Chinn, daughter of Chichester and Lucy Chinn, who came to Fulton County in an early day. Four children blessed this third union, and all now survive, save one who died in infancy. His wife still survives, living in the home that was for so many years the Doctor's residence, and enjoying the affectionate regard of a large circle of friends.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 24]

## MANN, SARAH [Rochester, Indiana]

### LOCAL NEWS

Workmen were engaged today cutting down the old maple trees in front of the property recently owned by Mrs. Sarah Mann, just north of the Fieser block. Mr. Fieser has purchased that property and is preparing to erect a new two story brick bukliding.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 1, 1901]

### LOCAL NEWS

Clark Condon has purchased the Mrs. Mann house and will move it to South Madison street and fix it up for a nice residence.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 7, 1901]

## MANNING STUDIO [Rochester, Indiana]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

A deal was closed Monday evening, by which C. B. Moore and Ray Showley sold their photographic studios to Messrs J. M. Steele, of Sidell, Ill., and V. L. Manning, of this place. The new owners took possession at once. They will conduct the Showley studio, in the rooms where it is now located and open another in the rooms over where Ditmire's store formerly was.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, November 1, 1904]

### L. L. MANNING IN PHOTO BUSINESS

L. L. Manning of this city, who, for a number of years, was engaged in the photograph gallery business in Rochester and who a couple of years ago sold out his interests to Misses Stauffer & Blausser, has re-entered the picture field once more. He purchased the two studios operated by Misses Stauffer & Blosser several days ago and has already taken hold of the business in his old-time style. Mr. Manning is an artist of no mean ability and there is no doubt that he will succeed in the business in a greater extent than before.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 18, 1912]

### MANNING SELLS STUDIO

L. L. Manning announced Monday morning that he had leased his studio on Main street to James Mandleco, of Indianapolis. Mr. Manning has no immediate plans for the future, but intends to visit with relatives in Illinois and Montana. The change was made because of Mr. Manning's desire to be in the open air.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 11, 1920]

### JAMES MANDLECO BUYS THE MANNING STUDIO

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James E. Mandleco has assumed ownership of the Manning Studio and will at once start plans for remodeling and making a modern photography shop. Mr. Mandleco had leased the studio from W. L. Manning since the latter left this city last year to go South for the benefit of his health, and the transaction was completed Tuesday, whereby the former becomes sole owner.

Mr. Mandleco has made a reputation for himself as an artist in his line since he has been in the city and he intends to improve his place of business accordingly. If permission can be secured from the city to allow him to move the building where he is now located out about fifteen feet, he will remodel the structure and make it over anew. If this cannot be done he probably will seek a new location at an early date.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 25, 1921]

## **MANNING & SCHOLDER** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **NEW MEMBERS IN PLUMBING FIRM**

Through a deal which was made Tuesday the plumbing firm of Manning & Scholder was changed to that of Scholder & McWilliams. Mr. McWilliams, who came here from Chicago, looked the local ground over and decided that he would like to make this city his home, with the above result. He is a master plumber of twenty-four years' experience in the business and comes to Rochester highly recommended. He has already taken charge of his new interest and will move his family here as soon as school is out, so that the children may not be compelled to move during the school year.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 16, 1912]

## **MAPLE LEAF DAIRY** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **NEWS OF THE DAY**

The new Maple leaf dairy, owned by Clarence Eshelman separates its milk for purification. Give him a trial. Watch for the new wagon.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 6 1911]

## **MAPLES GROCERY** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **PURCHASES BABCOCK GROCERY**

Ray Babcock has announced the sale of his grocery store opposite the court house to Chas. Maple, of Illinois, a former resident of Rochester, who lived for years in the Richland Center neighborhood. Maple will take charge of the store within a week or two. Babcock has no definite plans for the future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 5, 1919]

[Adv] Prices are not coming down, but we are offering you some real goods that we made a good buy of and are giving you the benefit of such. The Sale Begins Saturday Morning - - Two Phones, 63 or 70.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 13, 1920]

## **MARBAUGH BROS.** [Monterey, Pulaski County]

[Adv] Monterey is the place to buy your FARM IMPLEMENTS. We have in stock McCormick Binders and Mowers, Gibbs Plows, Brown Cultivators, Studebaker Wagons, Solid Comfort Riding Plows, and all kinds of Shelf Hardware. Also a full line of Top Buggies and Bicycles. Special prices on Binder Twine for the next 60 days. MARBAUGH BROS., Monterey, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 7, 1893]



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### NEWS OF THE DAY

The Monterey Sun says in a little over a year, Marbaugh Bros., the hardware dealers, have sold 13 dredging machines manufactured by the Fairbanks Steam Shovel Co., of Marion, Ohio, which sales amounted in round numbers to \$92,000. This is no small amount of business, done as a side line by a firm located in the town the size of Monterey.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 5, 1904]

## MARINE, CLYDE [Gilead, Miami County, Indiana]

### McCRAI BUYS FARM

Clyde Marine sold his farm south of Gilead this week to Warren T. McCray for \$27,787. It is considered one of the best farms in the northern part of Miami county.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 25, 1920]

## MARINELLO SHOPPE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] LeMur permanent waving machine - - - A Full Permanent for only \$15. One waving lasts at least six months. MARINELLO SHOPPE, Mrs. J. D. Ewing, Prop.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 1, 1925]

[Adv] Christmas Sepcial on Waves Permanent. Will-o'-the-wisp, Marlene, Lady Marlene, Oil of Sharon - - - MARINELLO SHOP, 804 1/2 Main Street.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 14, 1936]

### MARINELLO SHOP MOVES INTO ITS NEW HOME

A large number of Rochester and Fulton county people attended the reception which was held Thursday in Marinello Shop's new modern home, situated the northeast corner of Jefferson and Eighth street.

This new building which is a combination of a beauty parlor and apartment house, makes a most attractive improvement in the near-business area of the down-town district, was erected by Della Pontius, proprietor of the Marinello Shop and her son, Dr. Guy Pontius, of Chicago.

The beauty shop consists of an artistically equipped lounge and an operating room which is equipped with five booths. The parlors are decorated with snow white and turquoise appointments, and all furniture and operating equipment is of the modern design.

The beauty parlors are situated on the first or main floor of the home and two spacious and attractively arranged apartments are situated on the upper floor. The apartments are occupied by Mrs. Pontius and Mr. and Mrs. Don Plank, Jr.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 5, 1938]

## MARK MUSIC CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

### NEW MUSIC STORE

Rochester is to have a new and up to date music store, which will be opened by Mr. Grover Mark, formerly of Marion but now a resident of this city.

The store will be known as the Mark Music Co. and will occupy the P. M. Shore business room recently vacated by the White City Bar. A full line of pianos, organs, talking machines and musical merchandise of all kinds will be carried so that the music lovers of this city and surrounding country may be afforded an opportunity of getting their wants filled at a moment's notice.

Mr. Mark, the proprietor, is a genial, industrious young business man and having had considerable experience in his chosen line in Marion will no doubt prove successful in this city.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, September 14, 1908]

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The Mark Music Co., which has operated in this city under the management of G. C. Mark for the past year, will close its doors Saturday evening and the remainder of the stock which is left unsold after the sale just closed will be wholesaled to the Thad Butler Music Co., of Marion. Mr. Mark is well pleased with the patronage he has enjoyed since his residence in Rochester and is grateful to all his customers for their business. The reason for going out of business is that Mr. Mark has new opportunities at Marion where he will locate in a short time.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, November 2, 1909]

## MARKLEY, H. W., M.D. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] H. W. MARKLEY, M.D., The A. B. Shore Bldg. Rochester, Indiana, Phone -- Office 401. Res. 401-B.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 21, 1925]

## MARL [Fulton County]

Marl! Colonel K. G. Shryock brought into our office yesterday morning a specimen of Marl, it is free from clay and is a very good quality of lime, we understand there are exhaustless beds of this material on his place 2-1/2 miles north of Town, when burned it slacks and makes a very strong lime, it makes the best of cement. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 26, 1866]

## MARONEY'S IMPLEMENT & HARNESS SHOP [Grass Creek, Indiana]

Located first door E of Eli M. Barker General Store.

Owned by John Maroney

## MARRIAGE, FIRST IN FULTON COUNTY

David Shore to Susan M. Ormsbee on January 17, 1836.

## MARSDEN, JAS. [Rochester, Indiana]

Jas. Marsden, Attorney at Law. Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 25, 1858]

## MARSH, DAVID [Wayne Township]

### BIOGRAPHY

David Marsh was born in Preble County, Ohio, September 15, 1816. His father, Timothy Marsh, was born near Amboy, N.J., and died in Preble County, Ohio, in 1843, at the age of sixty-six years. His mother, Mary Closson, was one of the first white children born in Ohio, and died in September, 1877, at the age of ninety. They were the parents of nine children, three of whom, besides David, viz., John, Willson and Learing, are living. Learing is a Missionary Baptist minister. Both of their grandfathers were in the Revolutionary war. Grandfather Closson served for seven years, and both were in several battles, among which were those of Monmouth and Trenton. David Marsh was married to Annie Howe September 15, 1846, and came to this county prior to or in 1843, having purchased 270 acres five years before, at \$2.50 per acre. Mr. Marsh has seven children living, and has lost two. Those living are Lavinia Clara, Sarah Calahan, Mary E., Schuyler C., Phoebe L. and Ulysses S. Mr. Marsh has done, perhaps, as much as any other man in the township in improving it. He has served as Trustee for two years. He is a Baptist. His wife for many years was a member of the Methodist Church, but has severed her connection with it, in consequence of living quite a distance from church facilities.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 61]

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### **MARSH, FRANK** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### FRANK MARSH TO MOVE GROCERY STORE AUG. 1

Frank Marsh announced this morning that he would move his grocery store from 822 Main street its present location to the room recently vacated in the Odd Fellows building by Kirkendall and Mackey. The new address will be 828 Main Street. Mr. Marsh is redecorating and refurnishing the room and will open in the new location on August 1. Mr. Marsh is the oldest grocer in the city. He has operated a grocery store in the room at 822 Main street owned by Dr. William Hector of Chicago for the past 20 years.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 24, 1929]

### **MARSH, MARION** [Fletcher's Lake/Crystal Falls, Mich.]

#### FORMER FLETCHER'S LAKE MAN, CRAZED, KILLS 2 LABORERS

Marion Marsh, aged 44, World war veteran, and for many years a resident of the Fletchers Lake neighborhood, is being held in jail at Crystal Falls, Mich., on a charge of murder. He was arrested last evening after he had killed two acquaintances and shot a third when he became temporarily derganged.

Marsh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Marsh who live on a farm located on the south bank of Fletchers Lake. He is one of eight children and he was reared at Fletchers Lake.

Marsh has been living in Michigan for the past twelve years working as a wood cutter and also has been trapping destructive animals for the Michigan State Department of Conservation. Following is a press dispatch about Marsh:

#### Ran Amuck

Crystal Falls, Mich., Feb. 28. - Marion Marsh, a 44-year-old World war veteran, ran amuck last Tuesday, shooting two acquaintances to death, wounding a third, and firing at a truckload of homeward-bound WPA employees.

Sheriff Emery J. King of Iron county, in upper Michigan, said Marsh apparently had become temporarily deranged. He told officers his victims had been "bothering" him for several months and he was "proud I shot them."

"Your children won't have to do this business. I did it for them" he said.

Dead from bullet wounds were Hans Matson, a lumberjack and Peter Baker, an aged laborer. Tony Kuchinski, a WPA foreman, was wounded in the back.

#### Shot In Back

King said Matson was shot in the back of the head with a .22 caliber pistol after quarreling with Marsh at Marsh's rural cabin near Iron river, where he had gone to visit.

He said Marsh immediately walked a mile to Baker's home and shot him to death through the mouth, then continued on a mile to a WPA project shack, when he fired at Kuchinski through a window.

He shot at a WPA truck driven by Clarence Gustasson when it failed later to stop and give him a lift. Four shots broke the windshield, but failed to wound any occupants of the truck.

King said Marsh accused his friends of poisoning five dogs he had purchased recently in another section but that acquaintances accused Marsh of killing them himself. Sheriff's officers found the dogs' bodies piled up in a shed at Marsh's home. Marsh, a bachelor, said he formerly lived in Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 28, 1940]

### **MARSH, R. B.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### LOCAL NEWS

R. B. Marsh is again in the restaurant business having become proprietor of the American restaurant recently established in the Arlington block by S. Alspach. This place has the largest and nicest dining room of the kind to be found in the city. It is a fine place for family dinner parties, and the lunch counter is always supplied with the best.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 5, 1901]

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### A BUSINESS CHANGE

R. B. Marsh has sold his American restaurant to Geo. Mitchell. The deal was consummated Saturday evening, and the new proprietor took charge this morning. Mr. Marsh is an experienced restaurant man and has had charge of the American restaurant since last January. He will now spend some time looking after the interests of his farm. Mr. Mitchell came here from Peru last winter. He had four years of experience in the restaurant business at Peru and understands catering to the wants of the public. Mr. Marsh has enjoyed a liberal patronage and desires that his successor be likewise patronized.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 10, 1901]

[Adv] New Dry Goods Store. - - - ROBERT B. MARSH, The New Dry Goods Man. Omer T. Ross, Salesman, in the Capt Long Building.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 7, 1902]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Omer Ross has resigned his position at Marsh's dry goods store, and has accepted a position as stock keeper and salesman with M. Wile & Son, where he will have entire charge of the stock. Mr. Ross has a well earned reputation as one of the best stock keepers in Rochester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 3, 1905]

[Adv] CLOSING OUT. Sale Beginning Saturday, July 4. I have fully determined to move to New York and will therefore close out my entire stock of Dry Goods at a Great Sacrifice. - - - ROB MARSH.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 2, 1908]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Marsh and daughter, Mrs. Roxy Souers left today for Brooklyn where they will make their future home. The departure of this family is a loss to the business and social life of Rochester that will be felt keenly but the best wishes of their many friends go with them.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 15, 1908]

## MARSH BAKERY [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Don't Abuse Your Wife! You abuse your best friend, your wife, when you compel her to bake your bread, cake and pie during the hot season. Bob Marsh employs the best baker in Indiana - - - - ROB'T MARSH, The Baker.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 25, 1897]

[Adv] A Bright, New Restaurant and Bakery - - - -HOT LUNCH always ready. CHAS. E. ROBBINS, Successor to Bob. Marsh.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, November 8, 1899]

## MARSH GROCERY [Rochester, Indiana]

### PRIEST GROCERY SOLD

Considerable surprise in Rochester's commercial world was caused today, when it was learned that A. M. Priest had sold his grocery to Frank Marsh who has conducted a similar business in the same block for several years. The Priest grocery stock will be invoiced this evening and the new owner will take possession at once. The Marsh grocery stock will be moved to the room now occupied by Priest, and the two stocks will be consolidated.

Mr. Priest, the retiring owner, retained his huckster wagons and will pay his entire attention to his different routes.

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Both stores enjoy a good business and Mr. Marsh will surely continue his excellent patronage.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 10, 1910]

Next, to the north [of the Stanton & Sterner Book Store] Holman & Onstott sold dry goods and beyond this True & Wigmore conducted a grocery business, later the operation of Frank Marsh.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Monday, July 14, 1958]

### MARSH QUITS AFTER 24 YEARS

Frank Marsh, who sold his grocery Friday to Ray Babcock, has been in the grocery business in Rochester for nearly 24 years. He came to Rochester in March, 1914, from Marstown, opening a grocery on East 13th St. Mr. Marsh says that he will never enter the grocery business again here, because he asserts that it is too crowded. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh will probably leave soon for a visit in Dublin, Ga., with Mr. and Mrs. Guy BELDING and daughter.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 9, 1918]

### NEW GROCERY STORE

Ferol Kerschner, of South Bend, has leased the room at 828 So. Main street, formerly occupied by the Marsh grocery and will open a new grocery store in the location. Mr. Kerschner is an experienced grocery store operator and formerly lived in Denver. For many years he was the traveling salesman in this territory for the Hellman Company's products.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 31, 1931]

### MARSH & BELDING [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Are you feeling the pinch of the family shoe bill? - - - THE PEOPLE'S STORE, Marsh & Belding, 828 Main Street.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 17, 1930]

### MARSH & BELDING GROCERY [Rochester, Indiana]

#### GUY BELDING LEAVES GROCERY

Guy Belding, of the firm of Marsh and Belding has temporarily severed his connection with that grocery, and accepted a position as salesman with the International Law and Collection Co., a large Dayton, O., concern. He will cover Fulton county and adjacent territory as assigned, selling contracts for collection. Mr. Belding's new connection is one of the largest firms of its kind and he may enter the business permanently.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 4, 1916]

### MARSH & COMPTON GROCERY [Rochester, Indiana]

Walter Compton has sold out his interest in the Marsh and Compton Grocery on Main street opposite the court house to Hiram Lackey, formerly of this city, but more recently a Gary resident. The firm will be known in the future as Marsh & Lackey. Mr. Compton has not announced his plans for the future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 14, 1921]

### MARSH & LACKEY GROCERY [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Kiddie Knead Bread, A Pal for the Palate, Sold by Marsh & Lackey, The Peoples Grocery, Rochester, Indiana

Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, July 16, 1921]

[Adv] "Kiddie Knead" Bread . . . Marsh & Lackey Grocery.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 3, 1922]

### **MARSHALL, N. O.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Innerspring Mattress Co.

### **MARSHALL, ROBT. C.** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] High Quality and Promptness is the good motto of the MARSHALL GROCERY recently opened on North Main street. - - - ROB'T. C. MARSHALL, T. C. Shore old stand. Telephone No. 413.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 5, 1904]

### **MARSHALL, WILLIAM** [Macy, Allen Township, Miami County]

#### BIOGRAPHY

William R. Marshall, blacksmith at Macy, was born in Bedford County, Virginia, November 7, 1833. He was the eldest child born to William and Catharine (Walker) Marshall, both natives of Bedford County, Virginia. His father was born June 23, 1810, and his mother February 24, 1815. The former died January 10, 1844, and the latter August 17, 1847. When William was about three years old his parents emigrated to Preble County, Ohio, and located upon a farm. Some years later they came to this State and located in Grant County. About three years later they returned to Virginia, but soon afterward they again came to this State and this time located in Wabash County. A year later they removed to Whitley County. There his father died, and, his mother having re-married, William accompanied his mother and step-father to Cass County, this State. He was then about fourteen years old. At the age of twenty-two he went to Carroll County, where he worked at the trade of a blacksmith one year. He then went to West Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, but a year later he returned to Fulton County, this State. He worked at his trade in the town of Fulton about four years; he went to Missouri in the fall of 1866; in 1870 he returned to Wabash County, this State; in November, 1871, he located at Rochester, Fulton County, but in the following year he came to this county and located at Macy, where he has ever since resided. He learned the trade of a blacksmith early in life, and this has been his occupation ever since. September 14, 1854, he was married to Mrs. Sara A. St. Clair, who died May 28, 1863; May 10, 1864, he was married to Sarah J. Oliver, who died June 2, 1871. He was married a third time to Mrs. Sarah Kamp, January 13, 1878; she died January 12, 1884, and on the 13th of April, 1886, he was married to Laura J. Hosey. In all, Mr. Marshall is the father of six children. They are Eugene A., Troylous B., Henry A., William A., Loyd I. and Florence N. Troylous B. died in the 22d year of his age. The first two were by his first wife, the next two by his second wife, and the last two by his third. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall belong to the M. E. church. Mr. Marshall is a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge and a Republican in politics. He is an industrious and skillful workman and a good citizen.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. pp. 524-525]

### **MARSHALL FIVE AND TEN CENT STORE** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### JOHN HISEY SELLS STORE

John Hisey has sold his five and 10 cent store on north Main St., to John Marshall who will take possession soon. Mr. and Mrs. Hisey will move to their property in East Rochester. They have owned the store on North Main St., for a number of years.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 7, 1917]

### **MARSHALL MANUFACTURING COMPANY** [Akron, Indiana]

Mentone has a new factory. The Marshall Manufacturing Company has moved its machinery from Akron, into the old elevator building of the Mayer Grain Company, and will

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proceed to turn out its product - step-ladders. Much new machinery is being added. The concern will also manufacture lawn swings, porch settees and extension ladders.

The move was made from Akron in order to get more floor space. A lease was taken on the Mentone elevator building.

The firm did not ask any help from Mentone citizens in any way. It is hoped that 30 more employes will be used before spring.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, November 5, 1923]

## MARSHLAND [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

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### MARSHLAND

Marshland is the name of the new little town that has sprung up at the crossing of the C. & A. and Vandalia railroads, a short distance west of Leiter's Ford. A few words in relation to it may not be devoid of interest to your readers.

Since the opening of the roads, the growth of the place has been quite rapid, and many persons stop here to change cars for different points.

Several new buildings have been erected, and many more are in contemplation by parties from abroad, who expect to make this place their future home.

In addition to the large transfer of passenger travel at this point, a great many goods are received here for re-shipment to their destination. The express office is also doing a good business. What is most needed is a good hotel for the accommodation of the public.

Crist & Co's mill has been thoroughly overhauled by Wm. Sedan, and is now making an excellent quality of flour.

W. W. Duff was given a very pleasant surprise party a few evenings ago, by his many friends. He met with quite an accident recently by a pulley, weighing a hundred pounds, falling on his foot and mashing it quite severely.

An eel, five feet long, was caught in the water wheel at the mill the other day.

Peter Castleman returned from Missouri last week, and reports that he is well pleased with what he saw in that State. AMERICUS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 10, 1883]

## MARSHTOWN, INDIANA [Wayne Township]

Located at intersection of 500W and 725S.

Bluegrass post office was opened in 1851.

Town was founded as Mount Vernon in 1852. It had 16 lots, recorded by Hugh Miller, James Thrush and David Marsh.

Around 1900 it became known as Marshstown, named for the seven Marsh brothers who lived near there.

Called Mount Vernon in 1883 in the Fulton County Atlas; called Bluegrass on the Indiana State Highway map; and Marshstown on the Fulton County maps.

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### MARSHTOWN SCHOOL IS BURNED TO THE GROUND

The one room school building at Marshstown, located four miles west of Fulton, burned to the ground Friday morning. All of the children, about 18 in all, who attend there got out in plenty of time after the fire was discovered. Helpers who arrived early on the scene removed several of the desks and many of the school books before the flames drove them from the building. The fire is supposed to have caught from a defective flue and was discovered shortly after the morning session started. The building was a frame structure, but in recent years had been remodded and was in excellent shape. It is not known what the loss amounted to or whether there was any insurance.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 20, 1922]

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In 1883 Mount Vernon had two general stores, two sawmills, two physicians, two blacksmiths, a cooper shop, a tannery, and a meat market.

Jesse Lease had a blacksmith shop west of Marshstown. The Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and Nickels grocery with I.O.O.F lodge upstairs were on the north side of the street. On the south side were Ben Caldwell's blacksmith shop, Ben's house, the Art Fry (later Frank Rans) residence, Riggle butcher shop, James Winter's saloon, alley, S N. Beattie store and post office, John Rush store.

Around the corner to the south was the Barker house, which is the oldest house still standing in Marshstown and now owned by Dee Nickels. Across another alley was the Dr. Towey residence, then Dr. Towey's pharmacy, Fitzgerald's store, the road to Grass Creek, and Elizabeth Rans' house. Ed Kimble had a sawmill and cider mill on the north side of town. He was killed by an accident in the sawmill and his son Lester lost his arm in the sawmill, so they closed it around 1918.

It had no school within its limits until about 1913, when the Smalley School was moved into town. It burned down in 1921, and the pupils were then taken to Grass Creek.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church sold in the late 1920's to a Dick Henderson who moved it east of Fletchers Lake, and made it into a house.

Today Marshstown has about 10 families living in houses and mobile homes, Virgil Gunter's repair garage, Bob Collins' TV repair, and Howard Smith's paint shop.

[Marshstown and Green Oak, Shirley Willard, Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2, Willard]

### **MARTIN, ANDREW, REV.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Churches - Methodist Church [Rochester, Indiana]

### **MARTIN, EMIL "POP" F.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - West Side

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#### TO MANAGE GRILL

Emil F. Martin, who at one time managed the Colonial Hotel, is now in charge of the grill at the Tasmogardens located on the Jefferson Highway east of Mishawaka.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 18, 1928]

#### MARTIN FEATURED IN KOKOMO PAPER'S "25-YEAR" COLUMN

In a recent issue of the Kokomo Tribune, in the "25 Years Ago" column appeared the following item concerning Emile Martin, proprietor of the New West Side Hotel.

"Three unarmed American merchant ships have been sunk by German submarines, the overt act that is expected to bring a declaration of war from the United States government. With this in prospect Capt. Emile F. Martin of Kokomo's Co. E of the National Guard, just home from the Mexican border, has been recruiting his company, having received orders from Washington to bring it to war time strength."

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 22, 1942]

### **MARTIN, H. M.** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Stephens Salient Six. Thoroughbred lines and snappy performance make the Stephens the favorite of men and women of the great outdoors. The zest and fire of Stephens response convey the same thrill of satisfaction as when they "sink a long put."

The racy lines that carry such appeal to the ardent motorist are secured in the Stephens Salient Six by combining a high, narrow radiator and gracefully tapering cowl with a long, low



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graceful body. The body sides are fashionably low, allowing the occupants to recline gracefully in exceeding comfort.

The finish of the car is in harmony with its ultra-smart exterior. Appointments include many things that the fastidious will appreciate. In the right hand front door is concealed a touring kit while in the left front door is placed a complete tool kit.

The new "80 Series" is now ready for inspection and demonstration. H. M. MARTIN, 606 Main Street, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, January 22, 1920]

[Adv] Cleveland Light Six. It is here - Don't fail to see it at our salesroom. High quality car at a modest price. H. M. MARTIN, 606 N. Main St., Phone 58-02.

Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 30, 1920]

## MARTIN, HARRY [Fulton, Indiana]

### FULTON COUNTY BOY A WINNER

Fulton Leader.

Joe Dawson, an Indianapolis man, won the auto race Thursday with a National car make, and, of course, gets the \$35,000 prizes contributed by accessory concerns. Here is where Fulton gets in the limelight. Harry Martin, the mechanic of the National and to whom Dawson, the driver, gives great credit for his work and who never rested during the entire 500 mile race, was born on the farm west of town, where Bill Lovatt now lives and moved from there to Peru, where the parents now reside. Let little old Fulton get the credit for the birthplace, at least, of the rising young auto star of 1912. Harry received for his work something like \$2,000.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 7, 1912]

### MECHANICIAN AT HOME NOW

Peru Journal.

Harry Martin, famous mechanic and hero of the 500 mile sweepstakes race at Indianapolis on Decoration day, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Martin, of Ewing Street. Mr. Martin will remain in Peru until about Sunday, when he will return to Indianapolis and resume his duties with the National Automobile Company, whose No. 8 car was the winner in the big race. Harry is glad to get home after the big excitement, and during his stay will take things easy.

Harry is a very pleasant young man, with a large circle of friends. Since his arrival Wednesday he has been busily engaged in receiving congratulations, which he so richly deserves. Harry and Joe Dawson, driver of the winning car in which Harry rode as mechanic, were to have gone to Chicago this week to attend the races on the Hawthorn track, but the races were postponed until the 21st of the month, and Harry took advantage of the time and came to Peru. When they go to Chicago they will take the National No. 8 with them, and while they will exhibit it on the track they will not race. The Hawthorn track is only a mile, and it is said the National people do not care to try for any honors on it.

It is not improbable that Harry will drive a car next year. It is his intention, unless something unforeseen happens to remain with the National's racing team. The large purse won by the National car was equally divided among the drivers and mechanics and it is needless to say that Harry came in for a large share of the long green.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 8, 1912]

### RACING CAR HERE

Harry Martin, who was a mechanic in one of the winning Stutz cars in the recent 500 mile race, was in Rochester Tuesday, from Peru, driving Bernie Wallace's McFarland Six "24" which took part in the 1912 Speedway contest. Mr. Wallace was also in the city and while here was a guest of Jonathan and George Dawson, to whom he is related.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 18, 1913]

### **MARTIN & MYERS PLANING MILL** [Rochester, Indiana]

Planing Mill. David R. Martin, Jonas Myers. Martin & Myers, having formed a co-partnership, would respectfully announce to the public that they are now the sole proprietors of the new Steam Planing Mill and Shingle Machine . . . Rochester, July 27, 1865.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 27, 1865]

### **MARTIN & WAGNER FURNITURE STORE** [Rochester City]

Martin & Wagner the Rochester Furniture men, have moved their splendid Furniture Store into their own new building, immediately west of the Wallace Steam Mills . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, December 28, 1865]

### **MARTIN BLACKSMITH SHOP** [Fulton, Indiana]

Located at the extreme north edge of town by Frank Martin and his son, Harvey Martin.

### **MARTIN BUILDING RAISERS** [Rochester, Indiana]

D. R. Martin would respectfully inform the public that he has purchased a set of Jack Screws and is now prepared to raise buildings, put under new sills &c &c . . . Rochester, Oct. 3, 1861.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, October 3, 1861]

D. R. Martin will hite out his Jack-Screws, on reasonable terms, to persons wishing to use them. Inquire at the Planing Mill, near Wallace's Steam Mill. Rochester, April 16th, 1863.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 16, 1863]

### **MARTIN FURNITURE STORE** [Rochester, Indiana]

Furniture Store. David R. Martin of this place, has brought on a fine stock of Furniture of every description. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 24, 1865]

### **MARTIN PLANING MILL** [Rochester, Indiana]

Planing Mill. The subscriber would respectfully inform the public that his Planing Mill is now in excellent running order. . . . D. R. Martin, Rochester, August 20, 1863.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 20, 1863]

Wanted! I will pay \$3.00 per cord for timber suitable to make shingles out of. Apply at my planing mill in Rochester, just west of Wallace's steam grist mill. D. R. Martin.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 23, 1864]

### **MARTINDALE, WARREN B.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

### **MARTINDALE'S, MRS.** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Cut Prices in MILLINERY. In order to reduce our stock to make room for an elegant line of Fall and Winter Millinery - - - MRS. MARTINDALES.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 29, 1899]

MILLINERY STORE SOLD

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Miss Stella Keel having bought my store and taken possession July 6, solicits the continuance of the patronage. Having had fine experience herself, she has hired a firstclass trimmer of ten years experience. She will continue to give perfect satisfaction. She asks her many friends to call. Mrs. E. Martindale.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 6, 1904]

### **INAUGURATION HAT**

Mrs. Lucy Krause, formerly a Logansport milliner, and well known in Rochester, wore the hat that was selected by Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the president of the United States, for the inauguration ceremonies, on March 4. The piece of millinery, which had been made famous by usage in the inaugural ceremonies was designed by Mrs. Martindale, formerly of this city.

Miss Krause was photographed in the hat and the photograph was sent to the milliners for Mrs. Roosevelt, at Washington, along with the photograph of three thousand other designs from all parts of the United States. The Martindale hat was selected and now Miss Krauss' photo, in which she wears the hat, is shown all over the country in newspaper and magazine cuts.

[Rochester Sentinal, Friday, March 10, 1905]

## **MARTZ (WILLIAMS), E. R.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From E. R. Martz (Williams))

## **MARTZ, S. G. "GRANT"** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Grant Martz)

## **MARYLAND SINGERS** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **MRS. CLYDE WILSON IS TO ENTER VAUDEVILLE**

Former Rochester Girl Has Joined Company - To Go on Keith Circuit

Tipton friends and admirers of Mrs. Freda Wilson, wife of Clyde Wilson, manager of the Martz theater at Tipton, who is a former resident of Rochester and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, of this city, will be pleased to know that this favorite soprano singer has been accepted as a member of the "Maryland Singers," a high class vaudeville company which will be headed by Otis Mitchell, the banjo wizard of this city, and which will play the Keith circuit in the New England states this winter.

Mrs. Wilson has a high soprano voice of extraordinary ability and she has been a favorite singer at churches, public recitals and at the Martz, where she has appeared to great advantage. Her friends have predicted that her voice would have secured her a position and this prediction has come true.

The "Maryland Singers" is an act written by Ralph Dunbar, a Louisville producer, and is a high grade vaudeville musical turn which Otis Mitchell, who has been in high time vaudeville for the past ten years, says is a winner. Five people are in the act, which is headed by Mr. Mitchell himself, there being three ladies in addition to Mrs. Wilson. The company is composed of people with finished musical educations and who come from the best homes and Mrs. Wilson will find herself in congenial company.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 10, 1923]

## **MASCOT BAND** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rannells, William W.

## **MASONIC HALL** [Rochester, Indiana]

Located, third floor, NW corner Eighth and Main Streets. [730 Main]  
This hall was used 1869-1977.

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Presently at NW corner Tenth and Main Streets, in building owned by the Masonic Lodge.

See Lodges - Rochester Masonic Lodge

## **MASSAC AND TIOSA RESERVE** [Fulton County]

Indian reservation located in Newcastle and Richland townships, named for the Indiana chiefs whose tribes lived there, Chief Massac and Chief Tiosa.

## **MASTERS, ORLYN E.** [Kewanna, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Orlyn E. Masters)

## **MASTERSON, HAROLD** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

## **MASTERSON, JAMES** [Rochester, Indiana]

James Masterson of Macy has started a tin shop in the room on North Main street formerly occupied by M. Flox. Mr. Masterson is prepared to do all kinds of repairing and tin work.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 30, 1907]

[Adv] The best Way to improve the value of your property is to repair it. We will look after the tinning, roofing and spouting if you will let us know. JAMES MASTERSON, North Main Street.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 23, 1910]

### **NEWS OF THE DAY**

Les Reed, who for many years has been with Zook & Shanks as head of the tinning department, is opening up a shop of his own in the rear of Newby's drug store. James Masterson has sold his stock and will accept a position with the Richardson Hardware Company as head tinner.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 11, 1911]

## **MASTERSON & HARRISON** [Rochester, Indiana]

The new motion picture show to be opened by Masterson & Harrison in the Shore building is rapidly nearing completion and will probably be opened to the public in about another week. The interior of the building is being finished and decorated in modern style and will present a very cosy appearance.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 18, 1910]

## **MASTERSON & JESSEN** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **NEWS OF THE DAY**

Masterson & Jessen will put on an up-to-date steel roof for you at the lowest price. 528 Main street.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 27, 1907]

## **MATHEWS, R. M.** [Wayne township]

BIOGRAPHY

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R. M. Mathews was born in Wayne township, Fulton county, Indiana, November 14, 1868, the son of W. M. and Jane Mathews, who were early settlers of Wayne township. Our subject was one of a large family of children five of whom grew to maturity. He was educated in the public schools of his home community, and when his studies had been completed, he decided to become a farmer. He has always been a dealer in live stock and for many years conducted a dairy farm on which he kept thirty cows. He producted between seventy-five and one hundred pounds of butter each week, and his products were sold to a number of regular customers in Logansport, Indiana. Mr. Mathews was twice married, taking for his first wife Ida Beaty, who died in 1893 leaving two children: Lena died 1918, the wife of H. P. Calloway and who had two children, Virginist and Bobby; and Florence, who married J. W. Stoelting, a resident of Lexington, Kentucky, and who has three children, Billie, Lena Florence and Anna Blanche. Mr. Mathews chose Ella Lemon, the daughter of Henry Lemon, of Cass county, Indiana, for his second wife. Mr. Mathews has held various positions of public trust among them being a member of the county advisory board for four years. Mr. Mathews hauled the first grain when the elevator at Fulton was built.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, p. 238, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

## MATHEWS, WILLIAM M. [Wayne Township]

### BIOGRAPHY

William M. Mathews was born in Ross County, Ohio, July 7, 1842, and married Jane Christie, a native of Massachusetts, November 23, 1865. Mrs. Mathews is of Scottish descent, being the daughter of George and Margaret Christie, who were natives of Scotland but died in this country. Mr. Mathews is the parent of eight children, of whom Robert M., Carrie E., John A. and Amanda B. are living. He owns 200 acres of land, and this couple are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Mathews' parents, John and Amanda (Wilson) Mathews, died on the farm where he now resides. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Mathews, Sr., in 1846, helped to organize the church at Fletcher's Lake, of which he was an Elder for many years.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 61]

## MATHIAS, LINA CULVER [Rochester, Indiana]

### LINA CULVER MATHIAS MURDERED

Friday evening the remains of Lina CULVER MATHIAS, wife of Col. MATHIAS, formerly of this city, but for several years a resident of Decatur, Illinois, were brought here and with them the blood curdling report that the head was almost severed from the body and that an insanely infatuated lover had inflicted the death wound with a razor. Particulars of the murder and capture of the murderer are thus given by a special from Decatur wired to the city papers Wednesday afternoon:

The body of Mrs. Col. Mathias was found in a field near Decatur this morning with her throat cut from ear to ear. She was a handsome woman, thirty-five years old, and had a husband and three children. Her body was found about two blocks from her house, and in her hands bits of grass and brush were clinched and the surrounding ground showed that the woman had struggled desperately for life.

Her husband was absent from home and her three children had been left over night by themselves. It was soon learned that William CRAWFORD, who had previously worked for Mathias and for whom it was said Mrs. Mathias had too friendly a feeling, had been at the house at 9:30 last night. Some time ago Crawford was arrested for an alleged attempt at burglary at Mathias' house. It was said then that he was charged with this crime by Mrs. Mathias to shield herself. The grand jury indicted him and he was taken to Jacksonville. He succeeded in getting bond and a few days ago returned to Decatur.

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A posse, suspecting him, started after him, and about 10 o'clock found him at the home of his sister, eight miles northeast of Decatur. Crawford saw the officers coming and ran. When the officers commanded him to halt he turned half around and, drawing a razor, with one slash cut his throat, missing the arteries, but severing the windpipe. He then made a written confession, saying he had killed the woman because he loved her. He cannot recover.

In the Decatur papers, Mr. Mathias emphatically denies his wife's reported infidelity. He said to the reporter: "You can say for me in the *Republican*, and make it as strong as you like, that I have never been jealous of my wife. I believe she was a strictly virtuous woman. She never gave me cause to believe otherwise. Crawford and my wife never run together, and Lina was always a good and true wife to me. She did not leave her home Tuesday night voluntarily. In some way she was inveigled into going into that field."

Nine years ago the deceased and her bereaved husband were married in this city and soon after moved to the suburbs of Decatur. They lived happily and three bright children are the fruit of the union, who are now left motherless by the fiendish stroke of a murderer's hand.

Deceased was a cousin to the McQUERN family and the remains were taken to the home of Mr. J. C. TIPTON, where, on Friday, brief funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. H. WINANS, and the remains were then consigned to a premature grave in Odd Fellowos cemetery in the presence of a very large assembly of relatives and sympathizing friends.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, September 3, 1890]

## MATHIAS, RUSSELL [Akron, Indiana]

### AKRON MAN HAS SONGS COPYRIGHTED IN CHICAGO

A song writer's combination was revealed recently with the publication of several songs by Russell Mathias, route 1, Akron, and Bernice Byers.

The songs were copyrighted and published by Rayner, Dalheim and Company, music printers, Chicago. Mathias wrote the words and Bernice Byers wrote the music. Miss Byers, whose married name is White, lives in Dayton, Ohio, but her home is at Onward, Indiana and was formerly employed at Peru.

Titles of the songs are< "My Mom Has a Light in Her Window Tonight", "Today I Joined the Army", "I have a Brand New Partner", and "You Can Be Mean if You Wanna."

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 25, 1944]

## MATTHEISEN, MRS. A. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] A New Store! MATTHIESEN'S FANCY BAZAAR. I have just opened up a stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Fancy Queensware - - - Fine watch, clock and jewelry repairing a specialty, and all work warranted first-class in every respect. Watches cleaned or main spring put in for \$1, and all other work in proportion. MRS. A. MATTHEISEN, 2d door north of Citizen's State Bank, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 10, 1892]

## MATHIA, ERNEST [Rochester, Indiana]

See Unique Bakery

## MATTICE, FLOYD J. [Rochester, Indiana]

Fulton County's most illustrious attorney.

April 20, 1882 - Dec 30, 1970, bur Rochester I.O.O.F. cemetery.

See: Western Union Telegraph Co., Coplen Missing.

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## FOREWORD

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One day in early 1941, a tall, sandy-haired Irish looking man came into my law office, which was located on the second floor above Baxter's Drug Store at 724-1/2 Main street, Rochester, Indiana.

He was a stranger, but he soon took care of that!

It was my first introduction to Floyd J. Mattice. He possessed a deep voice, accompanied by a commanding appearance, as if he might have been a professional military man. He had an outgoing personality and was obviously never at a loss for words.

"I started practicing law in this room," he said, as his eyes surveyed every corner. "I first worked as a messenger boy at Western Union," he continued. "It wasn't long before I learned Morse code well enough to help the operator in emergencies."

He went on to tell me about his grandfather, Julius Rowley, who had come to Indiana from New York State, and had become one of Rochester's better lawyers. It was in Mr. Rowley's office that the stranger, who was now one whom I would like to know better, studied law.

Soon after he opened his law office, the district manager of Western Union, who was well acquainted with Mr. Mattice, came in and begged him to run the telegraph office in Rochester. The manager of the Rochester office had absconded the day before with all the money, and the company desperately needed some capable and trustworthy person to take over the office.

Finally, Mr. Mattice agreed to handle the business, on one condition: that he do it along with his law practice. This was accomplished by a wire leading directly to this room.

The years went by. I spent some time as a Special Agent of the F.B.I., then as an enlisted man in the U. S. Navy and for many years, my wife, Jean, and I operated a small retail store in Rochester. My life began to seem unfulfilled, and I yearned to get back to the law, so after an unsuccessful attempt to run for Judge of the Fulton Circuit Court in 1960, I opened an office, and ran again in 1966, visiting as many people as time allowed, for my practice had begun to keep me busy. While going house to house on the east shore of Lake Manitou, I happened to see Mr. Mattice who, as usual, was cordial and wanted to talk. Although I knew that he was a Democrat, I sensed that he liked me. He even offered some encouragement.

We had gotten pretty well acquainted over the previous four or five years, for about every noon we ate lunch at Felts' Cigar Store, located next door north of Baxter's Drug Store. (Felts' store is no more, and the room is now a part of Webb's, formerly Baxter's) Our meal consisted of a delicious hamburger (the best served in town) and a cup of coffee. He still was never at a loss for words, and would begin talking as soon as I sat down, something like a phonograph with a broken "off" switch. He told, and re-told many stories of his life. He enjoyed telling how he was the first to ever broadcast a football game. His college team was playing away from home, where he was equipped with a telegraph key, and a receiving key was installed back at his school auditorium where the results were read to the crowd.

He also related how he had defended two Japanese war criminals, both of whom had been hanged. He had tears in his eyes when he told me that one of the men thanked him personally for his efforts in the trial.

Whatever he said could not be construed as bragging, for when he talked you knew that he was telling only a truth.

A couple of times I asked him to stop at my office so he could tell about his interesting life on my tape recorder. He only shook his head, gestured in a negative way, and went on with another story.

He was intimately acquainted with Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, who had previously been Attorney General. I believe Floyd worked in the Department of Justice under Mr. Clark. I once attended a judges' meeting in Indianapolis where Justice Clark was expected to appear. At the last moment he could not attend, but he telephoned the meeting, and his voice was amplified for all of us to hear. He extended personal greetings to a few named friends in Indiana, among whom was Floyd.

After I became Judge he visited my office a few times. He would talk a few minutes, and leave me always wanting to hear more. I think he sensed a kinship with me, perhaps because of

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my having been with the F.B.I., for he also had been associated at one time with the United States Bureau of Investigation, predecessor of the F.B.I.

On one of his last trips to my office, he handed me a notebook. "I carried this all over the United States," he said. "It was my quick reference during trials. The judges were impressed when I could cite a case in point. It's a little out of date now, but you may still get some good out of it. Anyway I want you to have it." What he was trying to say was that it has more sentimental than real value.

He loved history of his family and of Fulton County. "There's one thing I'm very proud of," Floyd said to me. "I have personally met one of the first three or four settlers of Rochester - Jesse Shields."

As is customary, when an attorney dies, the Bar meets in the court room and lawyers talk about the deceased. Floyd died while I was in office, and I presided at the court room ceremony on January 5, 1971, which I consider to be of great historical significance. The program was quite lengthy, but I shall quote only my remarks and those of City Judge William H. Deniston:

### *Judge Tombaugh:*

I would like to open by saying that I knew Jack. I learned that he liked history of his country and he loved this county's history, and he took a particular delight in recalling that he had the opportunity of personally knowing one of the first three or four settlers in this county.

We all know of the great things that he's done, the many outstanding achievements that he's had. There is one thing that explains why he's had them. We remember that about three years ago we had a bar party and Jack attended that for the last time. At the table where we were sitting he matter of factly told me that the next week or so he was going to have a leg amputated. It didn't seem to worry him. Then, about a year ago his long-time friend, Art Copeland, told me that he had just talked to Jack, and Jack told him that he hoped when he had his next leg amputated, which was to be in another day or two, that they would only give him a local so he could watch the operation. He had great determination, was unafraid of anything.

I considered Jack my friend, and I believe that I was his friend, because when I took office up here he brought his notes to me that he had carried throughout the United States. He said he wanted me personally to have those notes. Although they are probably not of any research value at this time, they certainly have a sentimental value, and I'd never part with them.

We've lost a link with the past, but he certainly set an example for the future.

*Judge Tombaugh:* The Court recognizes (City Judge) William H. Deniston.

### *Judge Deniston:*

I wish to express to you, Your Honor, and to the family and friends of Floyd Mattice: Floyd was the influence, with my family, that got me to practice law. He was a member of our family - practically a member of our family - and I've known him all of my life. I can only say one thing: I lost a friend.

After I graduated from law school I spent one year with the firm of White, Wright & Bowman at the great salary of fifty dollars a month, and Floyd Mattice took me into his home. I lived with Floyd and his wife about one year. I've heard the stories; I know how dedicated he was to the practice of law. I visited him when he was the attorney for the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate during the War. I know how dedicated he was to the practice of law, and I only wish that I was the same.

I have great admiration for Mr. Mattice; he was a friend of the family, a friend of mine, and he will be a great loss to the community and to our Bar Association.

I not only knew Floyd Mattice, but I became acquainted with the author of the following clever tribute to Floyd.



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Harry V. Huffman represented the plaintiff in a civil case venued to the Fulton Circuit Court, and during the course of the trial I made a ruling which he appealed to the Indiana Court of Appeals.

He impressed me as being a fine young lawyer, and the higher court's decision confirmed my impression of him - - - when it reversed me!

We have met a few times since, and I learned that he was interested in history and writing, both of which talents he employed successfully in the following tribute.

In February, 1990, Mr. Huffman stopped to see me, telling me that he was searching for anything I might know about Mr. Mattice, as he was preparing to write a paper for submission to the Indianapolis Literary Club.

In a letter dated October 5, 1993, Mr. Huffman said:

Please find enclosed a copy of the paper that I presented last night to the Indianapolis Literary Club entitled "I Barely Knew Magoo". As you know, the paper by-and-large came about as a result of your very fine obituary of Floyd J. Mattice. I hope that my efforts in some small way, will help fill-in some of the color to your beautiful portrait of him.

Please feel free to do with my paper whatever you wish in your fine community.

My answer, dated October 12, 1993, is as follows:

It was so nice of you to send the copy of "I Barely Knew Magoo".

The clever introduction had my immediate attention, the story moved well, painting a clear mental picture of Mr. Mattice in his surroundings of Lake Manitou with his family, friends and neighbors; and the conclusion left me wanting to read more about my friend whom you so clearly described from your observations as a boy.

In short, it was a well-written description of a very outstanding man.

I'll be surprised if you don't win first prize!

Mr. Huffman's tribute should be read by everyone generally interested in law, county, state and national history, and especially by those seeking to know more about Fulton County's most illustrious lawyer, Floyd J. Mattice.

June 15, 1994

Judge Wendell C. Tombaugh Retired  
700 Pontiac Street  
Rochester, Indiana

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### LOCAL NEWS

The well known law firm of Conner & Rowley will dissolve on April 1st, when Mr. Rowley, with his grandson, Floyd Mattice, who is soon to graduate from Chicago, will open a fine office in the ksuite of rooms over the Blue Drug store. Judge Conner will continue the practice in the present comfortable rooms in the Sentinel block.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 27, 1901]

### LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mattice and two sons, Floyd and Mac, are here from Sandusky, Ohio, to visit Julius Rowley and family. Floyd will remain in Rochester and read law with his grandfather, Mr. Rowley.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 3, 1901]

### A NARROW ESCAPE

While skating at the lake Thursday evening, Miss Bessie Bowers and Floyd Mattice broke through the ice, and after being in the icy water for more than five minutes were rescued by the other skaters.

The accident occurred in water that is thought to be about fifty feet deep. The couple were using an ice sail, and coasting east across the center of the lake. When directly south of Columbia Park hotel, the ice, which had previously been cracked by five boys skating abreast over it, gave way, and they went through, going down far over their heads.

To add to their difficulty in getting out of the water, the sail that they had been using fell over them. When they came up to the surface, after going down the first time, Miss Bowers was instructed to hold her breath, and Mattice tore the sail to pieces. When this task was accomplished he looked for Miss Bowers, and found that she had floated about ten feet away from him. He swam to her and together they held to the ice and the remnants of the sail, and called for help.

The nearest people to them were not less than a quarter of a mile distant, and consequently it was some time before they arrived at the scene of the accident. Five boys, who were the first to arrive, formed a chain by laying down and taking hold of each other's feet. In this manner they pushed one to the edge of the hole and pulled out Miss Bowers, and later assisted Mattice in effecting his rescue.

The couple went to the Columbia Park hotel and from there called a cab and were taken to their homes. In falling through, Miss Bowers received an ugly cut on her nose, and her appearance, while yet in the water, with blood smeared over her face, frightened those who beheld her, and it was thought she was badly injured. She also received cuts on her lips.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 12, 1906]

### TUESDAY

Floyd and Max Mattice left yesterday morning in a canoe on a trip down the Tippecanoe river to Lafayette, and possibly farther. They expect to be gone about a week or ten days and have a tent so constructed that they can have it up in five minutes.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 24, 1906]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

A foot ball team has been organized composed of Mattice, Bailey, Linkenhelt, Van Trump, Bitters, Hartung, Parker, Miller, Berrier, Montgomery, Calloway, McIntire and Cunningham. The team will average one hundred and seventy pounds. Floyd Mattice has been engaged as Coach. North Manchester has already engaged a game.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 15, 1906]

Word has been received by Julius Rowley that his aunt, Mrs. Delight Austin, died at her home at Dansville, Michigan, Wednesday. She was 102 years and 4 months of age and was the grandmother of 105 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 18, 1908]

### MATTICE IS ORGANIZING COUNTY'S FOUR-MINUTE MEN

F. J. Mattice has been officially notified of his appointment as chairman of the four-minute men in Fulton county. He takes the place of Enoch Myers, who resigned. Mr. Mattice is proceeding at once to organize so that his speakers may take part in the present Liberty Loan drive and following out instructions, will place a speaker in every motion picture theatre, two evenings each week.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 15, 1918]

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### MATTICE TO ASSIST IN U. S. DISTRICT ATTY'S OFFICE

Deputy Prosecutor F. J. Mattice Friday announced that he had received an appointment from Attorney General Gregory at Washington to a position in the Department of Justice. Atty Mattice has been detailed to assist the United States District Attorney's office in Indianapolis in the prosecution of federal offenses. His new connection necessitates his resignation as deputy prosecutor of Fulton county. He will continue to make his home in this city for the time being at least, altho much of his time will be spent in Indianapolis.

Mr. Mattice reported for duty Wednesday, but returned home again Thursday. After sending his resignation to Prosecutor SHAKES, at Plymouth, he left Friday to take up his new duties.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 12, 1918]

### MATTICE IS NAMED ASSISTANT TO SLACK

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 3 -- Floyd J. Mattice, an agent in the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, was appointed assistant United States district attorney Monday to succeed Milton W. Mangus, who resigned.

Mr. Mattice served as deputy prosecuting attorney of Fulton county at Rochester prior to coming to Indianapolis last July with the Department of Justice. For the past 10 days Mr. Mattice has been assisting L. Ert Slack, United States district attorney, and the appointment had been expected. He took the oath of office before Judge Anderson Monday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 3, 1918]

Julius ROWLEY, 84, prominent democrat, attorney, president of Fulton County Fair Association and a resident of this city for nearly half a century, died unexpectedly at seven o'clock Wednesday morning at his home on S. Madison street following a sudden stroke of apoplexy.

He arose Wednesday morning, and after dressing for the day, started to work at his desk before breakfast, on a telephone list of persons to call up regarding the fair this fall.

His daughter, Mrs. E. H. MATTICE, with whom he made his home, had been going about her house work, Mr. Mattice having eaten and left the home. Mrs. Mattice told her father that she would get his breakfast for him when he was ready, and then passed his bedroom where he was working at his desk and went into a front room to lie down for a moment. Just a few moments later she noticed that her father was breathing hard, and arising, she went to the bedroom and found him lying back in his chair, apparently asleep.

She shook and called to her father in order to get him to return to his bed and then, discovering that he was unconscious, ran to the neighbors for help. In the meantime, Mr. Rowley's breathing continued to grow more labored and when a physician arrived just a few minutes later, he was placed on the bed. He seemed to be in great pain, and when asked about his troubles, made an effort to speak, but could not summon the strength. Not more than 15 minutes from the time he was stricken, he passed away.

Julius Rowley was born in Clarendon, N.Y., March 6, 1837 one of four children, now deceased, born to Amos and Clarissa ROWLEY. He lived with his parents until he reached the age of 19 years, when he moved to Schoharis, N.Y., where he was married July 4, 1855 to Miss Harriett NETHERWAY, who died in this city about 10 years ago.

At the time of his marriage he was teaching school in New York state, but later gave up this work and entered the University of Alabama law school, from which he graduated May 25, 1865, when he was admitted to the bar.

After practicing law in New York he moved to this city in 1876, where he has since resided. Upon arrival in Rochester he resumed his practice, forming a partnership with H. HERMAN. After they had practiced for a number of years, this firm dissolved and Mr. Rowley again formed a partnership, this time with Isaiah CONNER, which continued until Mr. Conner was elected to the circuit court bench, after which Mr. Rowley formed a third partnership with M. A. BAKER and a fourth with his grandson, Floyd MATTICE.

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He gave up his active law practice nine years ago, or about the time of the death of his first wife, and married Mrs. Nettie BROWN, who died about a year ago. While he had abandoned his active practice, Mr. Rowley continued active in other enterprises, having all his life taken a strong interest in every public project. He was a prominent democrat, but never held a political office.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 6, 1921]

### PICTURE IN STAR

Jack Mattice, Indianapolis attorney formerly of this city, was included in pictures of sport in the Indianapolis Star Sunday. With five other men he was shown practicing putting on the Highland Country club golf course.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 24, 1925]

### HELEN MATTICE NAMED FOR ART SCHOLARSHIP

The number of scholarships awarded to Indianapolis high school students by the John Herron Art institute for use in the Saturday classes of the art school has been increased from twenty-five to one hundred, because of the growth of school enrollments there and because of increased interest in art.

Miss Helen Mattice, formerly of Rochester and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mattice, is one of 12 Shortridge high school pupils recommended by their teachers for the scholarships and who have passed examination in the Herron art school.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 22, 1926]

### ATTY. FLOYD MATTICE ON LAW SCHOOL FACULTY

Attorney Floyd J. Mattice of Indianapolis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mattice of this city who maintains a law office in room 905 Fletcher Trust Building in Indianapolis, has been honored by being named a member of the faculty of the Indiana Law School at Indianapolis by the trustees of the school. Mr. Mattice will teach classes in "Criminal Law" which classes have for many years been taught by Fremont Alford former judge of the Marion County Criminal Court who died recently. The teaching of the law school classes will require but two hours time each week and thus will not interfere with Attorney Mattice's large law practice in Indianapolis. Attorney Mattice is well qualified to fill the law school position. He is a graduate of Rochester High School and the University of Michigan Law School. For several terms he was prosecuting attorney of Fulton county and for four years deputy United States District Attorney for Indiana. While acting as prosecutor and deputy district attorney he was able to acquire a large knowledge of criminal law.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 25, 1930]

### FLOYD MATTICE IS NAMED FIRST DEPUTY PROSECUTOR

Attorney Floyd J. Mattice, of Indianapolis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mattice of this city and a former resident of Rochester, was yesterday named by Herbert E. Wilson, prosecuting attorney-elect of Marion county, as his chief deputy. The former Rochester man is well qualified to hold the office to which he was appointed by Mr. Wilson who is a democrat as is Mr. Mattice.

Mr. Mattice is a graduate of the Rochester high school and the law department of the University of Michigan. He served as prosecuting attorney of Fulton county for two terms and during the war was an agent of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

Mr. Mattice executed the work assigned to him so capably by the government he was selected as first assistant United States district attorney of Indiana by Ert Slack when he held the district attorneyship. Mr. Mattice has been practicing law in Indianapolis for the past 12 years and in addition to his practice has been teaching criminal law at the Benjamin Harrison Law School.

Mr. Mattice will assume his new position on Jan. 1. He will have under him 20 deputies who are assigned to the various court rooms in Marion county.

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Mr. Mattice's many friends in this city today were extending him congratulations on his appointment either by letter, wire or telephone.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 14, 1930]

### MATTICES MARRIED 55 YEARS

\*\*\*\* Photo, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mattice \*\*\*\*

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mattice of this city celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Tuesday, November 27th, in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mattice in Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Mattice were married in Middlebury, New York, November 27, 1879. They have lived in Rochester since 1901. Mr. Mattice was a railroad man for several years and was agent for the old United Express Company in Rochester. This picture is published through the courtesy of the Indianapolis News.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 4, 1934]

### FORMER RESIDENT IS NAMED CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Floyd Mattice of Indianapolis, a former resident of this city, has been named city attorney of Indianapolis by John Kern, mayor-elect. Mr. Mattice has served for the past four years as chief deputy prosecuting attorney of Maion county. Prior to that time he had served as deputy United States district attorney for Indiana and at one time deputy prosecuting attorney of Fulton county. Mattice will assume his position as Indianapolis city attorney on January 1. He with one of the aldermen and the mayor form the board of public safety. Mr. Mattice's appointment is considered one of the best which can be given by the mayor and carries with it much prestige. The appointee is a graduate of the law school of the University of Michigan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mattice of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 12, 1934]

### FORMER LOCAL MAN NAMED SENATE CLERK

Washington, D.C., April 2 (INS) - Senator Frederick Van Nuys this week announced the appointment of Floyd J. Mattice of Indianapolis, las clerk of the Senate judiciary committee, of which Van Nuys is chairman. Mattice will succeed Dick Price, who has resigned the clerkship to accept a naval commission.

Mattice served as first assistant United States attorney under Van Nuys when the latter was United States attorney. He entered the district attorney's office under L. Ert Slack, and had previously been connected with the bureau of investigation, now the FBI. He is expected to report in Washington at once.

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Mattice, a former resident of this city, is the son of Mrs. E. H. Mattice, 408 Pontiac street. He is well known by many local residents.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 2, 1942]

### ON IMPORTANT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ed Mattice received word from her son, Floyd J. Mattice, Washington, D. C., that he had recently been appointed chief counsel for the Senate liquor investigating committee. Mr. Mattice, formerly of this city, has been employed at the nation's capital for the past few years.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 29, 1943]

### FLOYD MATTICE MEMBER OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

According to word received here yesterday by Mrs. E. H. Mattice, her son, Attorney Floyd Mattice, has accepted a post with the Department of Justice in Washington. Attorney Mattice was a former Rochester resident.

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Mattice resigned his position as chief investigator for a Senate judiciary committee upon the death of the late Senator Frederick Van Nuys to fill his present position with the Department of Justice.

Attorney Mattice is a graduate of the University of Michigan law school, and served two terms as Fulton county prosecutor. He later was an operative for the Department of Justice and then was assistant United States district attorney for Indiana.

For several years he practiced law in Rochester, before leaving to fill his position at Indianapolis.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 9, 1944]

### MATTICE NAMED TO HIGH POST IN JUSTICE DEPT.

Washington, D.C., March 10 (INS) - Assignment of Floyd J. Mattice, formerly of Rochester, Ind., to the War Frauds unit of the criminal division of the Justice Department, has been announced today in Washington.

Tom Clark, chief of the division, named Mattice, former Senate judiciary committee clerk under the late Senator Frederick Van Nuys, to the new post.

#### Has Varied Experience

Mattice has had extensive experience in criminal and civil law and figured in several notable criminal cases while chief assistant prosecuting attorney in Indianapolis. The University of Michigan law school graduate practiced law at Rochester, Ind., and had served three times as prosecuting attorney in Fulton county.

He resigned from his Rochester, Ind., office in 1918, in order to accept appointment as special assistant U. S. attorney, District of Indiana, in charge of war cases. He became first assistant U. S. attorney, District of Indiana, after the armistice, serving until he entered general practice in Indianapolis in 1922.

Mattice was chief deputy prosecuting attorney of Marion county from 1931 to 1934, and also served in the state capital's legal department, and as city attorney and corporation counsel.

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Mr. Mattice has a host of friends throughout Rochester. His mother, Mrs. Ed Mattice, resides at 408 North Pontiac street, this city, and a daughter, Mrs. Glen Marsh, resides at Bluffton, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 10, 1944]

### F. J. MATTICE IS ASSISTING IN FEDERAL TRIALS IN OHIO

Special U. S. Attorney Floyd J. Masttice of Washington, D.C., who spent Saturday and Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. Ed Mattice, left Sunday evening for Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Mattice, it was stated, will be in Cincinnati for the next three weeks where he is assisting Ohio federal attorneys in the prosecution of several criminal cases which are being tried in federal court there.

Prior to Mr. Mattice's appointment to the U. S. Department of Justice, he was serving as a special attorney for the late U. S. Senator Frederick Van Nuys who was chairman of a committee probing the conditions of the alcoholic beverage industry in the United States.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 24, 1944]

### F. MATTICE TRANSFERRED TO OFFICES IN CHICAGO

Floyd J. Mattice of the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., announced today that he is being transferred from Washington to the Chicago office of the department, War Frauds Unit of the Criminal division, and will be in Chicago for an indefinite period.

Mrs. Mattice is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Glen O. Marsh of Bluffton, Ind. Mr. Matice is the son of Mrs. Ed H. Mattice of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 7, 1944]

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### FLOYD MATTICE WILL HEAD WAR FRAUDS UNIT

The appointment of Floyd J. Mattice to head the war frauds unit in Chicago, was announced Saturday by the U. S. Department of Justice.

The appointee, son of Mrs. E. H. Mattice, 408 Pontiac street, this city, is well known here, having practiced law with the late Julius Rowley, and having served as deputy prosecutor of Fulton and Marshall counties in the old 41st. Judicial District. He also served as district U.S. attorney under the late Senator Frederick Van Nuys, and later went to Washington as a special representative of the Justice Department. His home at present is in Indianapolis.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 4, 1944]

### HELEN MARSH, 54, DIES IN FLORIDA

Mrs. Helen Marsh, 54, formerly of Rochester, was found dead Wednesday morning in her apartment at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., of a gunshot wound.

Fort Lauderdale detectives said death apparently was self-inflicted. Preliminary opinion was that death occurred Saturday. An autopsy was being conducted by the coroner's office.

Mrs. Marsh had been in ill health several years. She formerly resided in this city, moving to Florida a year ago. A graduate of Indiana university, she was a member of Delta Gamma social sorority and of the Bluffton chapter of Tri Kappa sorority. She formerly was an art teacher in the Bluffton school system and at Kewanna.

Mrs. Marsh was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Surviving are two sons, Jack and Glen Jr. (Sonny), both of Bluffton, and a daughter, Linda, who arrived in Bluffton Wednesday night from Austria, where she had been on a summer study tour. Another daughter, Kay, preceded in death.

The body is to be cremated in Florida, with brief graveside services to follow at the I.O.O.F cemetery here. Date of the rites has not been determined.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 25, 1966]

He did the first play-by-play broadcast of a football game on October 31, 1903, while he was attending the University of Michigan Law School. He broadcast over a telephone hookup back to Ann Arbor a Michigan-University of Minnesota game from Minneapolis.

He operated the Western Union Telegraph Office from his law office in Rochester for a while.

He served as Prosecutor of Fulton County.

In 1918 he accepted an appointment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and later that year he was appointed Assistant United States Attorney.

From 1927 until 1942 he was a professor of criminal law at the former Indiana Law School, now the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis. He then served as counsel for the U. S. Senate Judiciary Committee for three years. He served also as Marion County deputy prosecutor, and was named, in 1949, counsel for the special House committee to investigate lobbying. At the time of the appointment, he was assistant to Alex Campbell of Fort Wayne, chief of the criminal division of the Department of Justice.

Before retiring in 1957 Mr. Mattice spent six years as assistant to the attorney general on the Justice Department's Criminal Division trial staff.

Then, following a brief stint as prosecutor of U. S. War Frauds in Chicago, he was asked by U. S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark to go to Tokyo to serve in the International Tribunal for the Far East.

While there he defended Gen. Itagati, a Japanese officer who was found guilty and ordered hanged. Gen. Itagati sent Mr. Mattice the following letter:

"I beg to express my thanks on this occasion when the individual summation on my behalf has been made.

"At the International Tribunal I never expected to be represented by an able counsel like you and given the opportunity to state to the Tribunal fully the trust and justness of the conducts of both the country and myself.

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“Indeed what you have done is more than I hoped for and now I feel that I have done my last duty. There is nothing more that I desire to be done.

“My feeling is suffocated with gratitude. I hereby express my heartfelt thanks for your service and pay my deep respect to you.”

[Jack Mattice: Hoosier History Maker, Pat Delahanty, *Fulton Co. Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard.]

### OBITUARY

Floyd J. (Jack) Mattice, a Rochester-trained lawyer whose distinguished legal career brought him international recognition, died this morning at 8 o'clock in Dukes Memorial hospital at Peru.

He was 88 years of age.

Mr. Mattice had been residing at the National nursing home here and was transferred to the Peru hospital Tuesday evening to undergo surgery, which was performed at midnight. He had been in ill health the past two years, sustaining the loss of both legs by amputation, but retained his natural buoyancy and interest in life until the end.

His 50-year career in law was capped following World War II when he assisted in the prosecution of Premier Tojo and other Japanese military leaders for war crimes. He spent three years, from 1945-48 in these trials, which attracted international attention.

Mr. Mattice served 14 years as an attorney for various U.S. governmental agencies before his retirement in 1956, when he returned to Rochester.

He came to this city in 1901, as a 19-year-old after his graduation from high school in Lima, O. Here he came under the influence of his grandfather, Julius Rowley, longtime Rochester attorney, and began to read law in Rowley's office.

In a year, he had “passed” the bar by oral examination of local lawyers and in 1902 entered the law school at the University of Michigan, where he graduated in 1905.

He then returned to Rochester to enter law practice, served two terms as county prosecutor, and from 1910-17 was one of the founders and general manager of the Rochester canning company.

The advent of World War I changed Mr. Mattice's career and sent him on a varied and interesting path in many far-flung legal fields.

The U. S. Bureau of Investigation (now the FBI) badly needed lawyers with criminal trial background upon the outbreak of the war.

Mr. Mattice accepted such a post in 1918 as a special agent in Indianapolis and a year later moved to the post of first assistant to the U.S. district attorney in that city.

Entering private practice in Indianapolis in 1922, he became one of the city's leading attorneys for the next 20 years before moving onto the national scene.

While in Indianapolis, Mr. Mattice was instructor in criminal law for the Indiana law school, chief deputy prosecutor for Marion county, city attorney under Mayor John Kern and corporation counsel under Mayor Walter Boetcher.

In 1942, with yet another World War in progress, Mr. Mattice went to Washington as counsel to the U.S. Senate judiciary committee and the next year served in the same capacity for the Senate liquor investigating committee.

It was while he was in the latter post that the War Department borrowed his services for the Japanese war crimes trials. Returning from Japan in 1948, he became a trial attorney for the Department of Justice as special assistant to the Attorney General.

During this period, from 1949-56, he was loaned to the House of Representatives as counsel for the House select committee on lobbying. Before his retirement in 1956, he also was counsel for the House committee investigating the White County Bridge Commission in Indiana.

Following a brief stint as prosecutor of U.S. War Frauds in Chicago he was asked by U.S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark to go to Tokyo as part of the tribunal.

In 1949, Mr. Mattice, a former Marion County deputy prosecutor, was named counsel for the special House committee to investigate lobbying. Former Indiana Congressman Charles A. Halleck was ranking minority member of the committee.



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At the time of the appointment, Mattice was assistant to Alex Campbell of Fort Wayne, chief of the criminal division of the Department of Justice.

Before retiring in 1957 Mr. Mattice spent six years as assistant to the attorney general on the Justice Department's Criminal Division trial staff.

He was a member of the Elks and Moose lodges here.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the I.O.O.F Cemetery here.

Survivors include three grandchildren.

Mr. Mattice retained a life-long interest in Rochester and was well-versed in its history, much of which he committed to writing.

As a young man in Lima, he had learned telegraphy and pursued this talent as both vocation and hobby the rest of his life.

Telegraphy helped pay his way through the university of Michigan and there he earned the distinction of being the first man to "broadcast" a football game.

At the 1903 game between Michigan and Minnesota at Minneapolis, he stood in a booth atop a 40-foot tower and telegraphed a play-by-play report of the game back to Ann Arbor, where 5,000 student had gathered to receive the news.

Born April 30, 1882, in Middleburg, N.Y., he was the son of Edmund H. and Clara Rowley Mattice. His marriage was in 1908 at Rochester to Charlotte Killen, who preceded in death.

Surviving are three grandchildren, Jack T. Marsh and Glen O. Marsh, Jr., both of Fort Wayne, and Miss Linda Marsh, Bloomington; two great-grandchildren, Shannon and Lincoln Mattice Marsh, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Myra Mattice, Rochester. A daughter, Mrs. Helen Marsh, died in 1966.

Graveside rites will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the I.O.O.F. cemetery, following cremation. The Zimmerman Brothers funeral home is in charge. There will be no calling hours at the funeral home.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 30, 1970; Monday, January 4, 1971]

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### FLOYD MATTICE DIES; WAR CRIMES DEFENSE LAWYER

#### Star State Report

Rochester, Ind. - Floyd J. (Jack) Mattice, 88, Rochester, a retired attorney who defended two of the most noted principals in the Japanese War Crimes trial following World War II, died yesterday in Duke's hospital at Peru.

Mr. Mattice, who had been taking life easy since 1957, defended Gen. Seishiro Itagaki and Gen. Iwane Matsui during the International Tribunal.

He originally went to Tokyo to be a part of the prosecuting staff but volunteered to serve as defense counsel when he learned there was a lack of defense attorneys.

Early in his career Mr. Mattice did the first play-by-play broadcast of a football game.

This occurred Oct. 31, 1903, while he was attending the University of Michigan Law School. He broadcast over a telephone hookup back to Ann Arbor a Michigan-University of Minnesota game from Minneapolis.

A few weeks earlier he had broadcast a game by Morse code over Western Union lines, a result of having dropped out of Rochester High School after his freshman year to take a \$3 a week job as Western Union telegrapher here.

After a year he returned to school, completing three years in two to graduate with his original class.

Mr. Mattice was graduated from Michigan in 1908 and began to practice law with his grandfather here. At the same time he helped with his family's canning business, became an agent for the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York and operated as a Western Union telegrapher from his law office.

He also served four years as Democratic prosecutor of Fulton County and in 1918 accepted an appointment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Later that year, following the end of World War I, he was appointed assistant United States attorney.

From 1927 until 1942 Mr. Mattice was a professor of criminal law at the former Indiana Law School, now the Indiana University School of Law. He then served as counsel for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee for three years.

[The Indianapolis Star, Thursday, December 31, 1970]

### THE SINGULAR, UNFORGETTABLE JACK MATTICE

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

Telling of the life that Rochester's Floyd J. Mattice lived is worth a book and maybe one day I'll write it. For now, those who didn't know him at least should be made aware of this unusual man. I consider it a privilege that I was able to be his friend for the last 14 of his 88 years.

He was best known here as Jack Mattice and he moved to Rochester from Lima, Ohio, as a 19-year-old to begin the study of law in Grandfather Julius Rowley's office that was above today's Webb's Pharmacy. That was a humble beginning, to be sure, but there was nothing modest about Jack Mattice's intellect, his drive nor his ambition.

Earning a law degree at the University of Michigan, he opened his first practice in Rochester and then, over a 40-year period, compiled a distinguished record in state, national and international legal arenas. When that was completed, back to his beloved Rochester he came for the remainder of his life.

After his death, an Indiana attorney who examined his career and the admiration in which his colleagues held him, called Mattice one "of the greatest lawyers the state (has) ever produced." He was particularly noted for his prowess as a trial lawyer.

Jack spent about a decade in Rochester as a practicing and prosecuting attorney, managing to found and manage the local canning company at the same time. Fulton County was neither challenging nor lucrative enough for his talents and ambition, however, and then came World War I.

The U. S. Bureau of Investigation (later the FBI), needing criminal lawyers, made him a special agent in Indianapolis. Thus was his flagging career jump-started. After the war and for the next 20 years he became prominent in Indianapolis as teacher of criminal law at the Indiana Law School, as Marion County prosecutor, as Indianapolis city attorney and as the city's corporation counsel.

In 1942, with another World War in progress, he was called to Washington as counsel for the U.S. Senate judiciary committee. Three years later Attorney General Tom Clark selected him to join the International Tribunal as a counsel for Japanese militarists at the war crimes trials in Tokyo. Clark, later a Supreme Court Justice, became a lifelong friend.

For 32 months Mattice and wife Charlotte lived in Japan while he filled the difficult, thankless task of defending commanders of two Japanese armies, Gen. Seishiro Itagaki and Gen. Iwane Matsui. None of the 26 defendants had a chance of acquittal, of course, and both of his clients were among the seven sentenced to be hanged. Before the execution Gen. Itagaki wrote a letter to Jack that he forever treasured. In it Itagaki said that he was "suffocated with gratitude" for Mattice's efforts on his behalf that he termed "beyond all racial prejudice and former enmity."

The general's additional gift of a silk robe now rests in the Fulton County Historical Society museum. Jack, incidentally, always doubted the legal validity of the trials as well as their value to insuring future peace.

More assignments from the Attorney General followed until in 1956 Jack retired and chose to end his life where his career began, in Rochester. Here he was with friends of many years, could pursue his interests in local history and his family's genealogy (he claimed to have traced the Mattices to 10 B.C.).

A constant pipe smoker, Jack was a bear of a man at 6-2 and 230 pounds or so. Athletic in his youth, he often spoke with considerable pride of the marathon swims he made from shore to shore at Manitou, where he spent so much time as a youth and young man and where he later lived

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in retirement. He began visiting his grandparents here in 1888, when he was only six, and could recite events of those early lake days with vivid total recall.

Even as a boy he had the quick and curious intelligence that served him so well later in the law. He was captivated by the invention of telegraphy in 1896, for instance, and taught himself to use it while still in high school. Later, while attending the University of Michigan, he became the first person in the nation to "broadcast" a football game.

It was his own idea. He went with the team to Minneapolis in 1903 when it played Minnesota. From a 40-foot tower he watched the game and by Morse code sent a play-by-play account back to Ann Arbor, where 5,000 students waited to hear it transcribed.

One more episode helps define Jack Mattice. When Peru was hit by a devastating flood in the spring of 1913 the city of Rochester was called upon for boats and men. Mayor Omar Smith put this 25-year-old attorney in charge. Not only did he organize the local relief force that saved so many Peruvians from death, he also with his own canoe and a friend personally rescued scores of people.

Widowed in 1961, Jack spent his last years in a modest duplex in the 1000 block of Madison Street. It was not far from wife Charlotte Killen's childhood home that, before their marriage, he had secretly wired with a telegraph line so he could court her after hours.

Life had come full circle for this vigorous but introspective giant of a man and when it ended on December 30, 1970, he confronted it with same equanimity he had faced all his other crises and challenges. Shortly before his death he underwent amputation of a second leg. He asked to be given only a local anesthetic so he could watch the operation.

Jack Mattice's character was unforgettable and his existence is an eternal credit to the Rochester that he adopted.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 16, 1997]

## MATTINGLY, W. H. [Rochester, Indiana]

### BIOGRAPHY

W. H. Mattingly. - Mr. Mattingly, who has been dubbed a *stalwart* of the stalwarts among county editors, was born in New Albany, Ohio, November 9, 1811. His parents were Kentuckians. He was reared at Corydon, but moved with his parents to Plymouth, Ind., when fifteen years of age. He remained with his father, in the office of the Plymouth Republican, until 1860, when he made arrangements for self-education at the Valparaiso Male and Female College. The war breaking out, he joined the Ninth Indiana, and bore its colors through the first campaign of West Virginia. He drifted into the regular, where no civilian or private could ever hope for promotion. He then entered, with the whole ardor of his youth, into the bloody drama, and for nearly four years he followed the destiny of the old flag, eighteen months of which time he spent in the prison hells of the South. He was an inmate of Andersonville Prison, where death and starvation held high carnival. Demons, high and low, seemed to vie with each other in making that place miserable. Years and ages cannot blot its contemptible history from the records. Returning from the war, he went to work at the case, and has worked as printer and publisher ever since. He became editor and publisher of the Rochester Republican, which was established as the Rochester Union Spy in 1868, succeeding the Chronicle, which had been edited and published last by Hon. M. L. Essick and Mrs. Lewis Sholts. The Republican ran as the Spy until 1879, when it was re-purchased by Mr. Mattingly, who had parted with it some five and one-half years before, to T. Major Bitters. On re-accession of Mr. M. to the editorial tripod, the Republican experienced a boom which ran up to 1,200 copies. The paper overflowed with advertisements, and was more than ordinarily prosperous. In 1881, he became Postmaster of Rochester, and is now serving under an appointment in the Public Printing Department at Washington, D.C.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 24]

## MAXEY, JAMES [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

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### MAXINKUCKEE INN [Culver, Indiana]

[See Culver Military Academy]

### MAXWELL, MARVEL

#### MARVEL MAXWELL TO LAUNCH FILM CAREER - IS KNOWN HERE

In a recent issue of the Indianapolis Star a feature story was written about Marvel Maxwell, whose screen name is Marilyn, a vocalist who was to warble with Amos Otstot and Art Berry's Boys in Indianapolis night spots and at Lake Manitou. She is now going places in Hollywood.

Six months ago a film career, to her, was only something to dream about. Now at the present time she's working on her fourth picture with the first "Stand By For Action," already playing the theatres and the other two finished, awaiting release. I'd say not bad for a start.

Marvel, who some will remember is a tall girl, with blond hair and hazel eyes, this combination is a cameraman's delight. She played only a bit part as Robert Taylor's gal in "Stand By For Action," but you'll see lots of her in "Salute For The Marines," her next.

She plays the romantic lead and the film is in technicolor. She also has played the top feminine role opposite Lionel Barrymore in "Dr. Gillespie's Prison Story." She is now working with Kay Kyser in "Right About Face," which gives her a first chance to show her singing talent on the screen.

Marvel, whose home town is Fort Wayne, owes part of her start to Colonial Hotel at Lake Manitou, for it was there that she began her professional career as a singer with Amos Otstot's orchestra. Amos "discovered" Miss Maxwell while she was auditioning at Station WOWO in Ft. Wayne. He engaged her then to sing with his band in the 1937 summer season at Colonial Hotel. The following fall he took her with him to the Columbia Club in Indianapolis and a few months later Buddy Rogers was there and stopped to hear the band. He took a quick liking to the attractive vocalist and arranged for her to join his band on tour. She went on from there.

Before joining Otstott, Marvel, who is now 21, had been singing for a couple of years on the radio in her home town. Marvel's mother, at the present time is still living in Fort Wayne. It isn't every band that has the honor of starting a movie star on her way on the ladder to stardom. She also appeared a few weeks with Art Berry's musical crew at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis.

Rogers took Marvel for an engagement at Catalina and it was there Mary Pickford, Buddy's wife, noted her screen possibilities and offered to help her launch a film career. But nothing came of this suggestion because Marvel said "No", until three years later. She continued to do well as a main line band canary. She returned to Indianapolis for a week's engagement with Ted Weems. Three years ago Ted Weems played a one night stand at Colonial Hotel and Miss Maxwell appeared with him. They have been through Rochester and stopped here a few times since.

Six months ago she was singing in Cleveland on a bond-selling program when the dawn appeared. Five days later she was in the arms of Robert Taylor in Hollywood. A telegram to M-G-M's Cleveland office from Hollywood did it.

Several other stars have appeared at Lake Manitou at the old Fairview Hotel and Colonial Hotel. Among some of these stars are Dick Powell, who sang two seasons with Charlie Davis' orchestra at Fairview and also Hoagy Carmichael, who played a season at Fairview.

Of course, we have our famed King's Jester, who are local boys. They are now playing with Columbia Network in Chicago. They got their start with Paul Whiteman and later worked into a band of their own. Dorothy Lamour, who before her famous film career, sang four times at Lake Manitou with Herbie Kay's orchestra.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 6, 1943]

### MAXWELL & JACKSON [Rochester, Indiana]

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[Adv] POSTPONEMENT. On account of the late arrival of some of our goods, we will have to postpone the opening of The ROCHESTER BAZAAR until Saturday, April 21. Watch this paper next week for big bargains in all lines. MAXWELL & JACKSON, Props.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 14, 1906]

## MAYNARD, KEN

See Cole Bros.-Clyde Beatty Circus

### KEN MAYNARD VISITING COLE BROTHERS OFFICIALS

Ken Maynard, noted Hollywood film star, who has been featured in a number of western motion pictures and serial films, is spending two days here at the Cole Brothers Circus winterquarters as the guest of Jess Adkins and Zack Terrell.

Maynard is to be featured in the Cole Brothers Circus during the 1937 season.

His trip to Rochester was for the purpose of arranging his act in which he will feature several others who have been in films with him.

### Is a Film Star-Writer

The western film star is one of the few movie actors who writes his own script. At the present time he is working on the script of a new serial picture "Ghost Mountain" which is to be produced shortly.

The serial will be in eight sections and will be produced under the direction of Maynard with his own company. He is a "western" veteran having been in films for twenty years. For several years he was owner of his own circus in which he was the star performer.

His home is at Columbus, Ind., where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Maynard still reside. Mr. Maynard plans to visit his parents before he returns to California.

### Snow New To Him

Maynard stated that he has not seen the ground covered with snow since he left for Hollywood twenty years ago to make films in the days of the silent movies.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 29, 1937]

### KEN MAYNARD SUED BY HIS WIFE IN LOS ANGELES

Ken Maynard, former resident of Columbus, movie star who was featured in the congress of rough riders in the concert of the Cole Brothers Circus for the past two years, has been sued for separate maintenance by his wife, Mary Elsie Maynard.

The suit was filed in the Superior Court at Los Angeles, Cal. yesterday. In her plea, Mrs. Maynard, who formerly lived in South Bend, charges her husband with persistently associating with other women.

Mrs. Maynard asks \$600 a month alimony and \$1000 for her attorney's fee. No date for the hearing of Mrs. Maynard's petition has been set by the court.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 15, 1938]

## McCALL & PONTIUS [Rochester, Indiana]

### ILL, A. A. TATMAN SELLS BLOCK, STONE BUSINESS

Because of ill health, A. A. "Gus" Tatman, veteran cement block and burial vault maker of this city, Wednesday afternoon sold his business at the corner of Main and Fourth streets to Pontius and McCall. The new owners have a cement plant on the Van Dien cement road and plan to merge the new plants at the North Main street location.

Mr. Tatman today stated that he will take a long rest and then may assist his son who conducts cement block and burial vault factory in Akron.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, April 2, 1925]

## McCALLA, HAROLD [Rochester, Indiana]

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See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Harold McCalla)

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### **McCARTER, EDGAR** [Liberty Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Edgar McCarter, of Liberty township, Fulton county, Indiana, was born at Rochester June 11, 1858, the son of Samuel McCarter, a native of Shelby county, and his wife Rachel N. (Shelton) McCarter born in Virginia September 3, 1838. The father was a Democrat, a farmer and a member of the Methodist church. He died in 1897, and was buried in the Shelton cemetery in Fulton county. His wife was also a devout Methodist and a pioneer settler in Indiana. Her family drove a "prairie schooner" into the new country and located near Rochester. His son, Edgar, is also a Democrat; was a trustee of Liberty township from 1909 to 1915, and served four years on the advisory board. He is a Methodist and a member of the I.O.O.F. He was married June 22, 1878, to Mary E. Quick, daughter of Philo N. and Hannah (Packer) Quick of Fulton county. The children of this marriage are: Daisy E., Pearl, Frank, Alva and Harry. Daisy Edith, after completing her schooling in the schools of the community, married George Washington, by whom she had three children. Pearl was a student in the common schools. Frank is a farmer and married Bertha Smith and they have had one child. Alva married Doris Palmer and had two children. He is a carpenter. Harry married Gail Wiltshire. He is a clerk by vocation, and served in the World war. He is also a Mason.

0 [Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 234-235, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

### **McCARTER, FRANK** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: First National Bank

### **McCARTER, HARLEY** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

Harley McCarter has purchased the Enterprise restaurant and will take charge immediately. The former proprietor, Oley Owens, will stay in Rochester this winter but will leave for the West in the spring, for the benefit of his wife's health.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 16, 1903]

#### OPENS NEW CAFE

Harley McCarter today opened his new cafe in the Fromm building at 614 North Main street. He will specialize in serving meals and short orders. Mr. McCarter has redecorated the room and built a number of attractive booths for his customers. Mr. McCarter has been engaged in the cafe business in Rochester for a number of years.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 9, 1940]

#### BUYS BUSINESS BUILDING

In a recent real estate transaction, Harley McCarter of this city, purchased the business building located at 604 Main street, from the Minta Holeman heirs. Mr. McCarter has already taken possession of the building, where he is operating his restaurant business. He was formerly located in the Fromm building, 514 North Main.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 24, 1944]

### **McCARTER, HARRY** [Fulton, Indiana]

#### BUYS ROOM AT FULTON

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCarter who operate a grocery and dry goods store in Fulton have purchased a cement block store building in Fulton from A. A. Gast and will move their store into it. The Gast room was occupied for a number of years by Cloud & Son.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 12, 1940]

## McCARTER, MEL [Macy, Indiana]

### A BLOODY FIGHT

One of the bloodiest fights ever pulled off in Macy stirred that town up Tuesday evening when M. J. McCarter, the druggist, and Wesley Fellers, a painter, indulged in an encounter that resulted seriously.

As the story goes there has been the rankest of ill feelings between the two men for the past three or four years. Mr. McCarter was in Rochester Tuesday, and as he left the train at Macy and was on his way to his place of business he met Mr. Fellers. An altercation followed and after many hot words Mr. McCarter went on downtown to his store. Later Fellers came along and it is said McCarter came out of the drug store with a ball bat in his hand. A fight was started at once and in the fray McCarter swung the bat so vigorously that his opponent was soon sprawling on the walk with four deep scalp wounds, an injured spine and his left leg broken in two places below the knee.

The injured man was taken to a physician's office where the wounds were attended.

McCarter went to Peru Wednesday and gave himself up to the officers but as no warrant had been issued no action was taken.

As to what action, if any, Fellers will take is at the present unknown.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 27, 1909]

### McCARTER UNDER ARREST

As the result of the fight between Mel McCarter, the Macy druggist, and Wesley Fellers, mentioned exclusively in the SENTINEL, Thursday, Mr. McCarter was taken to Peru Friday afternoon by Sheriff Volpert and placed under arrest on a warrant charging him with assault and battery, with intent to kill.

McCarter was placed in jail but later furnished bond and was released pending the trial which will be held within the next few days.

The affair created considerable excitement at Macy and the citizens are greatly wrought up over the matter.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 29, 1909]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The SENTINEL stated that Mel McCarter was confined in jail at Peru the other day, pending the signing of his bond, and secured the information from what it considered a reliable source. A friend of Mr. McCarter's called today to state that he had never been committed to jail, but immediately gave bond for \$1,000 and was released from custody.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday June 1, 1909]

### CELEBRATED CASE

The case of the state of Indiana vs Melvin McCarter, of Macy, assault and battery with intent to commit murder, is scheduled to be taken up next Monday morning in Miami county circuit court. The prosecuting witness to the case is a man named Fellows, of the Allen township metropolis, who, it is alleged, was terribly beaten by McCarter in front of the latter's drug store at Macy about a year ago. Fellows and McCarter had been enemies for some time and it just seemed that the opportune time had come for them to get together at the time they met at the drug store. Fellows suffered a broken leg and was otherwise considerably disabled in the scrimmage. It is said McCarter used a ball bat on his opponet, but this allegation is firmly denied by the defendant.

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He is represented by attorneys Bailey & Bailey, and prosecuting attorney V. M. Kagy will be assisted by Cox & Andrews. All indications point to the case to be taken up for trial Monday. It will be the first state case to be tried before a Miami county jury for some time. McCarter has been at liberty under bond.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 10, 1909]

### HOT TIME AT PERU

Peru Journal.

The case of the State vs Mel McCarter, of Macy, is still occupying all the time of the circuit court, and the many witnesses are being rapidly examined and cross-examined. The state is trying to prove that McCarter assaulted Wesley Fellers with the intent to murder him with a ball bat, and the defense contends that McCarter is not a fighter and was persecuted to the extent that he took a ball bat and defended himself. During the fight in front of the McCarter drug store at Macy last May, the pair clinched, and fell to the ground and fought like wild cats until separated by the crowd, when it was found that McCarter had been bitten on the finger and that Fellers had sustained a broken leg and numerous bruises that kept him bedfast for some time. All the state's witnesses have been examined and the examination of the witnesses for the defense was taken up Tuesday forenoon, and Hank Winters was the first witness called. When Prosecutor Kagy took up the cross-examination and asked Mr. Winters such personal questions as to whether he had ever been in jail or ever drank intoxicating liquors, Mr. Bailey, Sr., for the defense, objected, saying that Kagy was conducting an ungentlemanly trial and was asking questions that might coincide with his own experiences. At this Mr. Kagy objected and in the words that followed it looked as if there would be another assault and battery case to try. After some trouble, during which Mr. Bailey remained seated, the court restored order and the routing work proceeded.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, December 16, 1909]

### STUBBORN JURY

Peru Chronicle.

The most stubborn jury that has figured in affairs in the circuit court for many days is still deliberating in the case of the state vs Melvin McCarter, the Macy druggist, after being out two days and nights, and from all appearances the body will fail to reach a verdict. The jurymen were down from headquarters this afternoon and reported to Judge Tillett that they were unable to arrive at an agreement, but the judge retained their service and returned them to the jury room. P. C. Smith is the foreman. It is understood the majority of the jurors stand in favor of acquitting the defendant, while others are holding out for a verdict of assault and battery, eliminating the charge of intent to kill. Those who have been in favor of acquittal have been endeavoring to win the others over in order that a disagreement will not be reported, thus probably saving the inconvenience of another hearing and saving McCarter from a probable suit for damages for injuries alleged to have been inflicted upon Mr. Fellers. The jurors have become restless and at intervals spend much time having a rough house. Some heated arguments have been heard throughout the entire building and the occupants of the court house are reminded much of a political meeting.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 18, 1909]

### FELLERS WANTS \$5,000

A suit was filed in the Miami circuit court, Thursday morning by Wesley Fellers against Melvin McCarter. The case is a damage suit in which the sum of \$5,000 is asked.

Messrs Fellers and McCarter are both of Macy and the suit is the result of a scrap which the men had some months ago in which Fellers received a severe beating. Two weeks ago, it will be remembered, McCarter was tried in the Miami circuit court on the charge of assault and battery with intent to commit murder, and after the jury had been out three days and two nights they were discharged by the judge, having failed to reach an agreement.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 24, 1909]



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### MACY TRUBLE OVER

Melvin McCarter, the Macy driggist, is now through with his troubles for a while at least. Thursday in circuit court the charge against him for assault and battery with intent to kill was reduced to that of assault and battery, to which he entered a plea of guilty. He was fined \$5 and costs, which he paid. The prosecuting witness in the case was Wesley Fellers, a fellow townsman, who alleged McCarter attempted to take his life in a fight that occurred in the McCarter drug store about a year ago. During the October term of court the case was heard before a jury and many witnesses were examined, but the jury failed to reach an agreement.

A civil action of Fellers vs. McCarter, which had also been pending in court for several months, was dismissed Thursday morning, and now the hatchet is buried. Fellers had entered a suit for \$5,000 damages.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 25, 1910]

### McCARTY, J. MURRAY [Rochester, Indiana]

See Rochester Federal Fish Hatchery.

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### LOCAL NEWS

Huntington Daily News.

J. A. McCarty, the Erie detective, who has been at Hot Springs, Ark., taking treatment, was an arrival in the city Monday and later left for Rochester, to visit his family, who are visiting Mrs. McCarty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Murray. So great is the improvement in Mr. McCarty's general condition that his friends will be surprised and delighted in finding him looking so well.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 20, 1903]

### McCARTY QUILTS ERIE

Huntington Herald.

Detective J. A. McCarty, of the Erie, had a letter Friday, saying that he had been "relieved" as Captain of Erie Police. This is neither a "Resignation" nor a "discharge." Mr. McCarty has been in poor health for several months and unable to look after his duties. When he recovers his health the way is open to him for re-installment should he desire to continue in Erie service. He has been a very efficient special agent, stands high with Erie officials, and his release from present service is only due to his continued ill health.

Mr. McCarty's present plans are to break up house keeping in this city and go with his family to Rochester, where they will remain with Mrs. McCarty's parents until he is able to resume work.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 21, 1903]

Knowledge of the secret marriage of two prominent young people of the city became known today, when it was learned that Miss Henrietta Ward, daughter of Mrs. Blanch Ward, and Murray McCarty, son of Mrs. Charles Campbell, were married at St. Joe, Mich., on September 9, 1919. When asked about the marriage, Mr. McCarty denied it and would give no further information. Members of Mrs. McCarty's family, when interviewed over the telephone refused to confirm or deny the fact but referred the interviewers to the principals. Mrs. McCarty could not be located up to the time of going to press.

It is understood that the news of the marriage became known to the relatives of the young bride, when the marriage license was found in an old trunk at her grandmother's home. However the secret has been kept inside the family circle, since then. It is also understood that Mr. McCarty has rented a house here in the city and is making plans to move in at an early date.

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It has long been understood by close friends of the young couple that they intended to be married soon and that the date was not far off but there was no suspicion of their marriage being already over. No further details of the event are known owing to the refusal of those involved to give any information.

Mrs. McCarty is one of the charming young ladies of the younger set. She has been attending St. Mary's Academy at South Bend, until Xmas holidays, when she did not return to school. She also attended Rochester high school. Mr. McCarty is a graduate of the class of 1915 of Rochester high school. He also attended Purdue University. He is now employed in the offices of the Rochester Bridge factory.

County clerk Baker, of Berrien county at St. Joe, Michigan, when called by long distance late Tuesday afternoon gave the information that the young couple were issued a marriage license on September 9th and were married by Rev. Kirn of the Evangelical church. Mrs. McCarty gave her age as 18 and Mr. McCarty as 20.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 13, 1920]

### ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Murray McCarty was granted permission to practice law in the Fulton circuit court yesterday by Judge Robert Miller. McCarty was admitted to the bar on the request of his step-father, Atty. Charles Campbell.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 27, 1931]

## **McCARTY, WARD** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Ward McCarty)

## **McCLAIN HARDWARE STORE** [Fulton, Indiana]

Being operated by Frank McClain in 1901.

## **McCLUNG, CARL** [Rochester, Indiana]

Carl McClung, a former resident of this city who has been the manager of the Cincinnati Club, a hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio for the past three years announced Saturday in Cincinnati that he would leave that city on December 5th for Toledo, Ohio, where he has accepted the managership of the Hillcrest Hotel. Mr. McClung received his first hotel experience in Logansport. Later he was connected with a hotel in Indianapolis. For the past ten years he has been in the hotel business in Cincinnati having served as assistant manager of the Hotel Gibson, manager of the Fountain Square and Cincinnati Club and served eight years as secretary of the Ohio Hotel Association. The Hillcrest Hotel is a year and half old. It is an apartment hotel of 600 rooms and has a 250 car garage.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 1, 1931]

## **McCLUNG, JOHN L.** [Rochester, Indiana]

### BIOGRAPHY

John L. McClung, the auditor of Fulton county, was born on a farm five miles southeast of Rochester on the Wabash road, the son of Joseph J. and Sarah J. (Davidson) McClung, who were among the first settlers of Fulton county. Joseph McClung was a farmer during his entire life, engaging in general farming on the home place. He died twenty-four years ago at the age of fifty-seven years and his wife passed away in 1917 at the age of seventy-one years. To them were born two children, John L., the subject of this review, and Ruth, who married E. T. Brown, an attorney of Indianapolis, and died in 1917. John L. McClung received his elementary education in the public and high schools of Rochester and then entered Purdue University from which he was graduated in the course of Pharmacy in 1895. For seven and a half years thereafter he was employed as a drug clerk in Rochester, giving up this work at the expiration of that time to take

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charge of the work on the home farm. Here he remained until his entrance into politics which demanded that his attention be turned elsewhere. He had been asked to run for the office of County Auditor on the Republican ticket, and he at last agreed to do so in the elections of 1918. He was elected to the office of auditor by a majority of 349 votes and assumed the duties of that position on January 1, 1920. He has been an able and efficient auditor, amply fulfilling the expectations of the citizens who elected him. He was married on October 22, 1902, to Gertrude Cook, of Akron, Indiana, and to him and his wife have been born three children, two of whom, Joseph and Mary Louise, are deceased and the third, Marjorie is still living. Mr. McClung's popularity is also evinced by his membership in Masonic Lodge No. 79 and Thirty-second Degree at Ft. Wayne and Shriner at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Lodge No. 47 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 235-236, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

### **McCLUNG DRESS MAKING SHOP** [Rochester, Indiana]

Dress Making. Miss Maggie McClung would respectfully announce to our citizens that she is now prepared at her shop, between Keith, Calkins & Henderson's Brokers office, and Parmalee's Law office, in Mrs. Shryock's old residence, to do all kinds of Dress and Cloak making, cutting and fitting to order in the best possible manner, and at reasonable terms. Call and see.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, October 31, 1867]

### **McCLUNG HARDWARE STORE** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] ANNOUNCING BUSINESS CHANGES. The Frank S. Sheppard Hardware business has passed into the hands of the McClung Hardware Company, and will be conducted in the same building as formerly, and will have associated with it the Electric Wiring and Sales Company.

The Hardware Store will be under the management of John McClung, ex-County Auditor and a former farmer- - - Mr. McClung will be assisted by John E. ("Jack") Chamberlain, a hardware man of large experience. - - - McCLUNG HARDWARE CO.

The Electric Store will continue to supply the trade in Electric Wiring, Heating, and Plumbing Work, and be under the management of Guy E. Barger, who is known to do things right, assisted by Lester Rogers, a coming electrical salesman. - - - ELECTRIC WIRING AND SALES COMPANY.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 22, 1924]

### **McCLUNG SELLS OUT HARDWARE INTERESTS**

John McClung, recently retired county auditor, who had purchased the stock of the Sheppard Hardware store which he had since operated, has sold out his interests to Charles Davis and Guy Barger, who were operating an electrical equipment supply shop in the same room. Barger and Davis had been interested in the hardware stock, but are now the sole owners. Mr. McClung has not yet signified his intentions for the future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 6, 1924]

### **TWO LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE TRADED FOR FARM**

A deal was closed Thursday whereby Charles Davis and Roy Barger traded the McClung Hardware company and the electrical merchandising business of the Electric Wiring and Sales company to John Shoup for his 160-acre farm situated two miles north of Akron. The transaction, which involved \$30,000, was closed by Martin Barkman of this city and Henry Penry of Akron. Possession will be given by both parties about November 15th.

Mr. Shoup, who is a married man with a family of three children, will move to this city and take charge of the store. Jack Chamberlain will continue as manager. Mr. Barger will open a

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shop in the west room of the Barrett building on East Seventh street where he will handle electrical wiring, plumbing and heating contracts.

Mr. Davis will devote his entire time to the ice, coal and dairy business of the Bailey Ice company in which concern he is a heavy stockholder. The Shoup farm is one above the average in Fulton county, while the stock of the hardware acquired by Mr. Shoup is very complete.

The merchandise in the store was purchased after Frank Sheppard, former owner, mysteriously disappeared about nine months ago.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 31, 1924]

## McCLURE, THOMAS JESSE [Millark, Indiana]

### A HORRIBLE CRIME

A special from Marion to the *Indianapolis Star* tells of a terrible crime committed near Point Isabell, Grant county, Sunday afternoon.

Thomas Jesse McCLURE, a farm hand about forty, separated from his wife, went to visit her and see his little boys, aged 4 and 2 years respectively. He had candy and nuts for them and took them out for a ride. When he had driven about 'till they fell asleep he took his revolver and shot each of them in the head killing the oldest one instantly and mortally wounding the other. Then he laid them down by the road side and drove to Marion and gave himself up.

A mob gathered to hang him and he was taken to the Indianapolis jail.

From the description of the man and the name it is believed here that he was the same Jesse McCLURE who grew up at Twelve Mile and afterwards married a daughter of "Doc" JOHNSON at Millark. McClure was so mean to this wife she got a divorce from him and he afterwards tried to get the child but was foiled. Since then, which was twelve years ago, he left this part of the country and has never been back.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 26, 1903]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Jesse McClure, the child slayer, passed through Rochester today noon on his way to Michigan City Prison, to serve his life sentence. At the investigation of Prosecutor Daniels, during the session of the Tipton county grand jury, another indictment will be brought against McClure for the murder of his younger son, Dee, as a matter of record in case there should ever be an attempt to pardon him.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 2, 1903]

### PHOTO OF THOMAS JESSE McCLURE

"Former Fulton county man as he appeared when he passed through Rochester last week to begin a 99 year sentence at the Prison North for the murder of his two little boys."

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 8, 1903]

### JES. McCLURE TALK

Jesse McClure, who murdered his two little boys and was sentenced for life, told the story of the crime again to the Michigan City News when he arrived at prison, saying:

"I took them in the buggy and drove up and down in front of the house while they ate some cakes that I bought for them, and then they fell asleep. I then knew that the time was coming when I must separate from them, and it was more than I could stand, so I decided to kill them. Dee had gone to sleep in my arms and Homer was lying on the mat asleep. I laid Dee on the grass at the side of the road, took my revolver from my pocket and placed the muzzle against his forehead and sent a bullet through his brain. I then went to the buggy, removed Homer, who had been awakened by the discharge of the revolver. He said: "Papa, what are you going to do?" The pleading expression in his eyes was more than I could endure and I placed one hand over his face, laid him on the grass at the side of his dead brother and shot him."

As McClure was passing through Kokomo, on his way to prison, he told the Kokomo Dispatch the following:

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"I want to say in the paper that I love my wife yet. Tell her that I love her more than anything in the world. Maybe she will see it and forgive me.

"I have tried ever since the night I was arrested to see her and talk to her. I wanted just one talk and then I would never have seen her again. But she would never see me. Last night I sent Les Riddles around to her to plead for me. Les knows her and he got her to promise to come to see me before I had to leave this morning. It made me very happy. I forgot all my troubles and slept last night like an innocent little child. She didn't come this morning as she promised, but she went to Centerville, where her folks are. She will live there with them, and I won't never see her no more.

"I will write to her just as soon as I get to prison if they will let me. It ain't any real use, though, because she will send the letters back, I know she will, without even opening them. I have got religion. I am a good man now and I will try to lead a better life when I get home. I suppose I ought to call the prison home, because I will stay there until I die.

"All the same, I wish that they had hanged me. It wasn't fair to keep me there all my life. I am trying to be a good man, so I can't commit suicide, but I hate to think of living so long. I don't blame the judge or the jury, though, they done the best they knew how.

"I am sorry now that I committed the crime, but it is too late to think of that now. I don't know why I did it, unless it was because I loved my wife so, and she had been so mean. I thought that I would be revenged, and I guess I thought that she would be better to me if the children were out of the way. I don't know just what I did think."

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 5, 1903]

### McCLURE PUZZLES 'EM

Jesse McClure, the infanticide, who was recently sentenced to the state prison, has acted strangely since being confined. The question which confronts the prison officials is, whether he is a religious fanatic or a moral degenerate.

Prison officials say he is the hardest looking specimen of humanity that has entered the prison gates in years. His face is that of an extremely degenerated type of man and the marks of the criminal are as prominent in his face as his features.

Throughout the time that McClure was confined in the Tipton jail awaiting trial he was religiously inclined. A bible was his constant companion and he spent many hours committing prayers to memory. Written on the fly leaves of the new testament he had with him was the following:

Our little ones have gone to rest,  
They are freed from life and care  
They are pillowed on the Savior's breast  
And safe from every snare.

In another part of the book is written the following: "James Omer McClure was born April 13, 1900, and died Oct. 25, aged 3 years, 6 months and 6 days. Richard Dee McClure was born March 7, 1901, and died Nov. 10, 1903, aged 2 years, 8 months and 2 days." Upon his arrival at the prison the bible and new testament were taken from him until he had been given a bath, assigned to his cell, given a suit of convict garb and various other formalities gone through with. The murderer was greatly exercised over the fact that he had been temporarily deprived of his constant companions and asked repeatedly that the books be brought to him.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, December 17, 1903]

## McCLURE & WILSON HARDWARE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located NW corner 9th & Main, in S half of Odd Fellows Building.

The building was remodeled many years later by Torchy Knapp, and was called the Knapp Building. James Zimmerman renamed it Century Building when he purchased it.

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## McCLURE WORKING MEN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

[Rochester, Indiana]

The members of the McClure Working Men's Library Association are requested to meet at the Library Room in the Court House on Saturday evening, May 12, at 6 o'clock p.m. . . .

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, May 10, 1860]

McClure Library Association. There will be a meeting of the Association at the library room -- J. J. Davis' Law office -- on next Thursday eve., at 6:30 p.m., for special business. A. J. Holmes, Secy.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 12, 1863]

Notice. There will be a meeting of the McClure Library Association at the Court House, on Tuesday next, April 11, 1865, at 7 o'clock p.m. The object of the meeting is to organize the Association, by electing permanent officers . . . A. F. Smith, Temporary Secretary. Rochester, April 4th, 1865.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 6, 1865]

## McCLURG, FRED [Rochester, Indiana]

### CIRCUIT COURT

Fred McClurg was today admitted to the bar by Judge Carr on motion of Attorney Charles Emmons. Mr. McClurg has for the past two years been studying law in the Chicago Law School. Prior to starting his legal training Mr. McClurg was a rural route carrier. He is also a World war veteran and a member of the Shelton American Legion post of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 2, 1926]

### FRED McCLURG APPOINTED TO POSITION WITH STATE

Fred McClurg, attorney of Rochester, has received notification of his appointment to a position with the Gross Income and Sales Tax Division of the State of Indiana. Mr. McClurg will depart on Wednesday to assume his new duties and he will make his home at Indianapolis for some little time, he said.

The appointment came to the local man, the letter stated, due to his legal training which will be needed in the department particularly while the new gross income tax law is being enforced. He received his appointment from Clarence A. Jackson, director of the department with the approval of Governor Paul V. McNutt. Jackson stated further that McClurg would at first be used in solving legal problems in the store license division of the department and that he would be employed in the capital offices for some little time after which he would be sent into the field.

McClurg served as prosecuting attorney of Fulton County for two terms. He has always been an active democrat and is a leading member of the Masonic Lodge and the American Legion. In the last few years he has practiced law in the same offices with Selden Brown.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 25, 1933]

### FRED McCLURG AUTHOR OF INCOME TAX BOOK

A new book of regulations of the Indiana Gross Income Tax Act, written and compiled by Fred C. McClurg, former Prosecuting Attorney of Fulton County, has just been released by the Treasurer of the State of Indiana.

The book, now being distributed, is highly technical and covers every phase of the application of the law.

C. A. Jackson, Director of the Gross Income Tax Division had long recognized the need for such a book of this kind and selected Mr. McClurg to write it. Mr. McClurg's regular duty is sitting as Judge of Hearings, involves legal matters related to tax cases under this act.

The book has already received considerable praise from members of the legal profession of Indiana. Mr. Jackson stated that he believed that the book will be of great assistance to

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taxpayers in obtaining a clear understanding of their tax liability under this law which has been the subject of much controversy since its passage by the 1934 legislature.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 28, 1934]

### FRED McCLURG NAMED ON IMPORTANT BOARD

Fred C. McClurg, formerly of this city who is employed in the legal department of the Indiana Income Tax and Store License Division, was recently appointed on a 22-man Tax Study Committee. McClurg's capacity will be in the form of a legal advisor and also to make suggestions to the committee for technical amendments to the Gross Income Tax.

The former Rochester attorney accompanied Clarence A. Jackson as a delegate to the National Tax Administrators convention which was held at French Lick, Ind., December 3rd and 4th. At the Tuesday's meeting, Mr. McClurg addressed the assembly on the various phases of the Indiana Gross Income Tax.

The Governor's newly appointed 22-man committee will have for its task a comprehensive study of the effect of the gross income tax law as it has been in operation since its passage in 1933. From the results of this study the committee will be expected to suggest any changes that are needed to make its operation more equitable.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 11, 1934]

### ATTORNEY FRED McCLURG TO HEAD TAX DIVISION

Attorney Fred McClurg of this city, who has served on the legal staff in the state gross income tax division for the past two years, was this week named head of the legal department. The appointment was effective as of March 1.

Attorney McClurg has been the assistant of Leroy Sanders, an Indianapolis attorney who has been the head of the legal staff of the state gross income tax division and who resigned the position. Sanders gave as reason for resigning that he wished to resume his private law practice.

Attorney Elmer Marchino, Vincennes, who has been with the tax division since its organization in April, 1933 will become assistant to McClurg. Marchino was city judge of Vincennes in 1927 and 1928.

### Prosecution Attorney

Attorney McClurg has been a prosecuting lawyer in this city for a number of years. He is a democrat and served two terms as prosecuting attorney of Fulton county.

The appointee is well qualified to assume the position to which he has been named as he has made an extensive study of tax problems. Before leaving for Indianapolis Attorney McClurg had his law offices at 725 1/2 Main Street.

Clarence Jackson, Greenfield, is in charge of the state gross income tax division. Mr. Jackson is well known here and has spoken in this city on a number of occasions.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 1, 1935]

### McCLURG TO DEFEND STATE TAX LAW IN COURT

Indianapolis, Ind., March 7 (INS) - Fred McClurg, Rochester, chief of the legal staff of the Indiana Gross Income Tax Division, will participate in the arguments before the Supreme court at Washington this week, when questions of the taxability of interstate sales is argued before the nation's highest tribunal.

McClurg has been connected with the gross income tax department since 1933.

Constitutionality of Indiana's gross income tax statute is questioned in a suit of the J. D. Adams Manufacturing Co., of Indianapolis. The state Supreme court already has upheld the law.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 7, 1938]

### FRED McCLURG FEATURED IN STATE TAX JOURNAL

Fred McClurg, former prosecuting attorney of this city and now chief counsel of Indiana's Gross Income Tax and Store License Division, of Indianapolis, received considerable publicity, a portion of "kiddin'" and some well-merited compliments in the March issue of The Gross Income Tax and Store License Digest, which is published in Indianapolis.

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To Fred's legion of Rochester and Fulton county friends the following story taken from the tax division journal will prove most interesting:

"Tell me the hometown low-down on Fred McClurg," we asked a Rochester citizen.

"Since we cannot write a book, we must give it to you fast - as fast as Rochester's man-about-town gave it to us.

"A city mail carrier; didn't like to walk so get on a rural carrier route where he had more time to read postcards and the National Geographic; an active Mason; delights in scaring the daylights out of those being initiated by his sonorous voice. Best pool player in town; wonderful bass singer; writes poetry; pretty good cartoonist; won a hog calling contest; had (editor's note: "Still has") lots of girls, but always just one of those "big brothers" (?) Would stay up town nights as long as there was anyone left on the corner to argue with; went to war, returned, became an active legionnaire; was chaplain of his post; worked as a brick mason in Chicago while studying law; came back to Rochester and was elected on the Democratic ticket as prosecutor of his judicial district. It is evident that Mac was born and trained by Destiny to be an attorney in the tax-collecting business.

"Mac signed up with the Gross Income Tax Division as a field man, but never got to do any "fielding." That was in the April days of 1933. There was then one lawyer in the Department - Roy Sanders who was on a retaining fee basis. And who would have thought that one wouldn't be enough. However, when the customers started coming the question was would we ever have enough lawyers? Mac started "lawing" right away - and how!

"When Roy Sanders could not give the department any more time, Mac became Chief Counsel of the Gross Income Tax and Store License Division. Mac fit the general policies of the Division like a glove. His straight-forward logic mixed with good common sense gained through his early experience enabled him to help interpret a complicated and entirely new piece of legislation in understandable legal terms for the hundreds of thousands of Indiana citizens obligated under the law.

"Decisive but not dogmatic, forthright but not lacking in fairness; when he gives his opinion one has a very satisfactory feeling that he knows what he is talking about. The straight thinking of the Gross Income Tax Legal Department is best illustrated by its almost perfect winning score in over 200 cases involving the tax that have been tried in the courts.

"When the 1935 Special Session of the Legislature put the new Unemployment Compensation Act in the Treasury Department and Governor McNutt sent it up to the gross income tax crowd to administer, Mac became Acting Chief Counsel of the Unemployment Compensation Division, and still is. The Unemployment Compensation Division is now two years old and the ruling and interpretation of the Division have not in a single instance been taken to court.

"Mac is a good lawyer, and a good fellow. (And, girls, as we go to press, he is still a bachelor!)"

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 12, 1938]

### ROCHESTER ATTORNEY HONORED BY HIGH COURT

Atty. Fred C. McClurg of Rochester, who is the legal advisor of the Indiana Gross Income Tax and Store License Division, has been admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court at Washington, D.C.

A motion was made to Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes to admit Atty. McClurg. The motion was granted and Chief Justice Hughes ordered the Rochester attorney's name placed on the roll of the United States Supreme Court Bar.

Motion for the admission of Atty. McClurg was made by Joseph W. Hutchinson, veteran Republican United States Deputy Attorney General, who was also one of the local man's sponsors. The other sponsor who recommended Atty. McClurg's admission was Hon. Albert Stump, Indianapolis attorney, who was the Democratic candidate for United States Senator from Indiana in 1926 and 1928.



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At the time Atty. McClurg was admitted to practice before the highest tribunal in the United States he was representing the State of Indiana in two tax cases which had been appealed to the Supreme Court from the U. S. District Court of Appeals.

Atty. McClurg, who served two terms as Fulton county prosecutor, was questioned by the members of the Supreme Court in these cases which were heard Monday and Tuesday, March 31 and April 1.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 9, 1941]

### McCLURG ENTERS PROTEST AGAINST COCHRAN BILL

Fred C. McClurg, of Indianapolis, and formerly of Rochester, who is chief counsel for the Gross Income Tax Division, has returned from Washington, D.C., where he appeared for the State of Indiana before the ways and means committee in protest against the Cochran bill. This proposed legislation by Congress would exempt war contracts and contractors from state taxation.

McClurg stated that "the loss of state revenue which would be caused by this bill would result in new tax acts for the states and the necessity of again raising property tax rates."

He further stated that "its ultimate effect would be further centralization of power in Washington by curtailing the revenue of state and local governments until they would be forced to plead with the federal government for subsidies."

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 20, 1941]

### McCLURG ON PROGRAM AT NATIONAL TAX CONFERENCE

Deputy Attorney General Fred C. McClurg, of Indianapolis and Rochester, has been appointed by Gov. Henry F. Schricker, to represent the State of Indiana at the National Tax Conference at St. Louis, September 12th to 14th.

The question "Overlapping Jurisdiction of State with Respect to Taxation of Commerce" will be debated by McClurg and R. J. Crandall, general counsel for Montgomery Ward & Co. of Chicago.

The conference is scheduled to begin Monday and last through Wednesday with officials present from every state in the Union.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 8, 1944]

## McCONNELL, JOE

See McConnell, Joseph W.

See McConnell, Margaret

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[NOTE: Mrs. Cecil Patterson, of Rochester, Indiana, sister-in-law of Josephine (ROWE) McConnell, gave me her address. Mrs. Patterson stated that Josephine Rowe had married the brother of Margaret McConnell. The following letter from Josephine to Wendell C. Tombaugh, dated 10-26-96, explains that her husband, now deceased, was Joe McConnell, and that her son, also named Joe McConnell, is a sports announcer]

Dear Wendell:

10-26-96

You can call me Jo anytime. That is most familiar to me. It was nice to hear from you. I remember you as a young man.

Sorry it took this long, but Margaret is a pretty busy lady - even at 86. She just doesn't sit around!

When I showed her your letter, I said, "Well here is your chance to tell it just like you want to!" We both laughed. Thank goodness we have a good sense of humor.

My husband, Joe, had that too. I really miss that. I lost Joe in 89 after 54 yrs. of marriage to a great husband.

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Wendell, do you ever listen to Purdue Boilermaker's football games? If you do that is my son, Joe, doing the play by play. He has been in the business ever since he graduated from college. He has really been around. He has announced football, basketball & baseball. He has been w/ Minn. Vikings, Twins, Chi. Bears, White Sox, Ind. Pacers, Colts, Denver Broncos, & out here w/ Phoenix Suns many yrs. ago. He now lives in Indpls.

I talk to my sisters Dora & Eva pretty often. They are doing pretty well. We're all just little old ladies anymore! ha.

I enjoy my sister-in-law, Margaret. We live only 2 or 3 mi. apart. She is a very nice person & I am very lucky to have her.

I have Ted Koppel's "Night Line" on. They are talking about how differently siblings can be according to their birth order. No wonder I'm so wild! I was the last child to arrive. It can all be very interesting.

Guess I'll close on that note - best wishes to you & your wife. I think you must be doing a very interesting job. You must talk & correspond with a lot of interesting people.

Sincerely, Jo.

### **McCONNELL, JOSEPH W.** [Kewanna, Indiana]

#### KEWANNA YOUNG MAN HAS WAY TO PAY WAR DEBT

Joseph W. McConnell, Kewanna, who has been assisting George Richman, receiver of the United States Bank and Trust Company here, advances the following solution for European nations to pay their war debts owed to the United States. The article was published in this week's issue of the Literary Digest.

"Sir: - Since Europe wants to pay her War debt; since such a payment is absolutely impossible in money; since the only way she can pay it is in commodities; since such a plan (payment in commodities) would completely wreck our factory system, there remains only one way in which this debt will or can ever be paid!

"Give each American a month's vacation in Europe.

"Transportation to be furnished by Great Britain and such expense credited against her indebtedness.

"France to entertain each guest a week, and such expense credited against her indebtedness.

"Italy to entertain each guest a week and such expense credited against her indebtedness, etc., etc., et cetera.

"In this manner we could use up the European commodities in Europe and such a plan would not wreck our factory system.

"After such a trip the American people would be more contented in their homeland, they would be better educated, the unemployment situation would be reduced a bit by the absence of each worker for a month and in many more ways the American people would profit by such a plan, I believe."

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 6, 1935]

### **McCONNELL, MARGARET** [Kewanna, Indiana]

See McConnell, Joe

See McConnell, Joseph W. \_\_\_\_\_

#### FORMER KEWANNA GIRL TO TAKE MOVIE TESTS

Rochester movie-goers may sometime within the near future, have the thrill of seeing a Fulton county girl taking a prominent part in filmdom activities. The beautiful young lady who has been invited to Hollywood for screen tests is Miss Margaret, 21 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McConnell, of Kewanna.

Miss McConnell, who is a commercial artist in Chicago, has also served as an artist's model for some of the largest advertising agencies in the country, and it was through the

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reproduction of some of her poses that Hollywood producers became interested in Miss McConnell as a potential screen star. A double column picture of the young lady appeared in Wednesday's issue of the Chicago Tribune.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, January 26, 1933]

### MISS McCONNELL ARRIVES IN WEST FOR MOVIE TEST

A news item appearing in today's Chicago Tribune, will be of interest to Fulton county friends of Miss Margaret McConnell, Kewanna girl, who has been made a most attractive offer by a movie producing company in Hollywood, the article follows:

Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 1. - Margaret McConnell, the Chicago "Cigarette Advertisement" girl, whose smile in the ads won her an MGM contract, was so happy and excited when she arrived in Los Angeles last night that she "quivered like a captured rabbit," to use the expression of one of the studio's committees who went to the depot to welcome her.

"Miss McConnell, who hails originally from Kewanna, Ind., and who attended Indiana University and the American Academy of Art in Chicago before she began drawing fashion art and posing for advertising articles there, said it was the longest train ride she ever had, and that when she received the studio order to come West at once, 'all my clothes were at the cleaners, and all my laundry out at the washwoman's and I had to catch the next train.'

"Anyway, she looked pretty, and modish in black and gray woolen coat and black felt pill box hat, when she arrived here, and she had a great time picking out items of apparel in the snappy women's shops on Hollywood boulevard in her first morning here, today."

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, February 1, 1933]

### MISS McCONNELL SIGNS MGM MOVIE CONTRACT

According to a report carried in today's issue of an Indianapolis newspaper, Miss Margaret McConnell, former Kewanna girl, has made good in her screen tests at Hollywood. The story in part follows:

Indianapolis, March 2. -- Margaret McConnell of Kewanna, Ind., the Hoosier beauty who attracted the attention of Hollywood by the distinction with which she posed for cigaret ads has gone to Hollywood and made good on the strength of that first impression. She has been given a long term, option-period contract at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Her trip to the studio was a gamble - her transportation was provided, but it was a round trip ticket and all depended on the satisfaction of officials with her screen tests. "I guess they weren't very optimistic at first," Miss McConnell said. "Now I feel so relieved."

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, March 2, 1933]

### MISS McCONNELL RECEIVES SPECIAL MOVIE TRAINING

Anyone thinking that movie stars are made overnight, need only to write to Miss Margaret McConnell, the Kewanna girl who recently signed a 7-year contract with the MGM film producing agency to learn that there are plenty of routine matters before one becomes a full-fledged illuminary. A recent news story appearing in the Chicago Tribune, has the following to report on Miss McConnell's movie experiences:

"Hollywood, Cal., Mar. 10. -- (Chicago Tribune Press Service) -- Margaret McConnell, the Chicago advertising girl beauty, isn't getting rich in her venture into the movies, having been assigned to her first actual screen job just before the eight weeks' half salary rule went into effect, but she says she's getting a 'liberal education.'

"MGM studio, which put the brown eyed, raven haired beauty under contract for seven years -- providing her successive options are renewed -- thinks well enough of Miss McConnell's film future to have her under Oliver Hinsdale and Dr. Fleischmann as daily drama and voice instructors. More than that she is learning technique by acting as a "stand-in-girl" for Benita Hume in the all star cast which is polishing "Service" into screen form under Director Clarence Brown.

"Watching Lew Stone, Miss Hume and Elizabeth Allen, who, like the Hume girl, is an English importation, go through 500 feet of intricate acting business and emotional dialogue with Miss McConnell yesterday, I saw Director Brown sneak a peek at the McConnell girl, who

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seemed as wrapped up in the emotion of the scene as the principals themselves. 'Alice in Wonderland,' the director murmured softly."

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester Indiana, Monday, March 13, 1933]

### MARGARET McCONNELL TO SIGN CONTRACT IS REPORT

Miss Margaret McConnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McConnell of Kewanna, is reported to have signed a long term movie contract with the M-G-M studios at Hollywood, California. This report was heard by persons over the radio but so far no confirmation of the signing has been received by the members of the young lady's family.

Miss McConnell after serving as an artists model in Chicago where she also was an artist herself, received a six months try-out contract with the movie studio and has been in the West since the first of the year going through motion picture training. She has appeared in several pictures in minor parts. Members of her family have understood that she would be offered a long time contract. When such a contract is signed it will mean that gradually the girl, who has become nationally known for her beautiful features, will work into more prominent parts in the films.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, August 10, 1933]

### KEWANNA YOUNG LADY VISITING AT HOME TELLS OF ACTING ON SCREEN

\* \* \* \* Photo \* \* \* \*

The Kewanna community has been brightened considerably during the holidays by the visit back home of one of its own girls who is making a successful start as a screen player in Hollywood. The attractive young lady is Miss Margaret McConnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McConnell of Kewanna, and she is with her parents to spend her first vacation from the screen duties and to tell her admiring relatives and friends all about her experiences.

When a reporter from The News-Sentinel called at her home and informed the young lady that this newspaper wanted a story about her she was genuinely flustered and protested against any publicity here where she said "the folks all knew her." But she consented to tell a little about herself how she got "in" the movies and then modestly added that her parts were "ridiculously small" and that she "never knew whether she would be in a film one minute, one time or ten." As for her future on the screen she is going to let that take care of itself.

#### Won A Scholarship

Miss McConnell was born at Oxford, Indiana, but has spent much of her life at Kewanna, graduating from high school there. Ambitious for a career she studied diligently and won a scholarship at the University of Indiana where she attended for a year and was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Believing her future lay in the world of art she went to Chicago the following year and enrolled at the American Academy and at the National Academy of Art. She developed rapidly as an artist and a number of her sketches have since appeared on magazine covers.

While attending art school she attracted the attention of advertising artists and next she found herself selected as a model for nation-wide cigaret advertisements. Becoming known as, "that girl in the cigaret ads," she attracted the attention of Hollywood movie directors who are always looking for beauty and new talent. Just as she was planning to leave for New York to continue modeling, telegrams and letters began to arrive from an official of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. She paid no attention to these for a time and then a brother-in-law of the official came through Chicago and dropped in to see her. At his insistence she had a number of pictures taken and he sent them to the studio in California. Later the official and his brother-in-law came through Chicago again and in a short time she had signed a contract. She returned with them to Hollywood last February and after establishing herself a home with her brother she awaited her first studio call.

#### First Screen Test

Her screen test was particularly trying and from her own viewpoint a complete failure she said. While the camera ground out the film she was instructed to "make love," to an old bachelor

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who turned his back on her, not affected by her entreaties. When she talked she said her voice sounded like that of a two year old child and she admitted that she was, "just scared to death." Leaving the studio certain of the fact that she had made a complete "flop" in her big chance she went home and started packing ready to take a train back to Chicago. In the midst of this came a telephone call from the studio with an official saying she had passed the test and would be used in coming pictures. That changed everything and naturally she decided to stay.

Since then she has had small parts in several outstanding productions including "Reunion in Vienna," "Dancing Lady," "Tugboat Annie", and "The Hollywood Party." The latter picture was an idea of the studio's in which they presented all of their youthful talent and beauty gathered from the entire country to the public in one film. Her last film was in a technicolor cooking short which will appear soon.

### Meets The Stars

Upon Miss McConnell's return to Hollywood at the end of this month she has been cast for bits in "Operator 13" in which Marion Davies and Gary Cooper play the lead roles. Her contract is optional yearly to run for a period of seven years. She admits she enjoys mingling with all the movie and stage stars and says they are the finest and most considerate people in the world. She told about the earthquake which struck that section last summer and how she dropped down under a table at the studio. Lewis Stone, character actor, found her there and carried her outside to safety. One experience after another in the movie capital makes life exceedingly thrilling for the attractive young lady and gives everyone back home plenty of interesting entertainment to hear her tell about it.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 3, 1934]

### BEAUTIFUL KEWANNA GIRL TO BE BRIDE OF CHICAGO ARCHITECT

\* \* \* \* Photo \* \* \* \*

Discarding the glamour and thrills of a possible movie career, Miss Margaret McConnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McConnell of Kewanna, will on Tuesday, June 26th become the bride of W. L. Pereira, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pereira, of Chicago. The ceremony will be performed in Chicago.

For the past year, Miss McConnell has been in Hollywood, California where she has played minor parts in several pictures, namely "Reunion in Vienna", "Dancing Lady", "Tugboat Annie", "The Hollywood Party", and "Operator 13". Miss McConnell returned from California two weeks ago. Just before leaving she was offered an important part in the new picture "Hide-Out" but declined the opportunity. Miss McConnell was under contract with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Company.

For the ceremony, the bride will wear a dark blue sheer suit, trimmed with white organdy and a blue French felt hat. Miss McConnell, following graduation from the Kewanna high school, attended Indiana University. She became interested in art and went to Chicago where she enrolled at the American Academy and the National Academy of Art. It was there where she received her Hollywood contract. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, June 23, 1934]

[NOTE: The following letter was received by Wendell C. Tombaugh in answer to our request for any further information she would care to give about herself. -- WCT]

Dear Mr. Tombaugh

[undated, postmarked 10-26-96]

Here I am in the year of our Lord - 1996 - which makes me a ripe 86. It doesn't seem that long ago that Kewanna was my home.

After 1-1/2 yrs. at M.G.M. I chose marriage to my young Chicago architect. From that time on my story shifts - mostly to his career. My role was wife, mother, hostess and charity activist, etc. That was marriage in those days.

After four years in Chicago, his firm was selected to build a new studio for Paramount. We moved back to Los Angeles - but the war intervened and it was never built. During the war he

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was head of camouflage for the eight western states and Alaska. After the war he produced a few pictures for Paramount and RKO - then later returned to his first love - architecture. He became internationally known and honored. He was on a September 1963 cover of Time magazine. His firm is still active - although he made his transition ten years ago.

I then moved to Scottsdale, Arizona which is delightful. I heartily recommend it to anyone who loves the sun and beauty. Our son and daughter gave us six grandchildren and they've given us four great-grandchildren (all adorable). I guess that makes me a matriarch. My friend - Art Linkletter - wrote a book "Old Age is not for Sissys," and he's right. In spite of that - I'm enjoying it tho I wish that our world were not so troubled. Mr. Tombaugh - feel free to use whatever - or as little of this as you like. Since my career didn't get into overdrive - it may not be what you're looking for. [unsigned]

### THREE MORE OF OUR TALENTED BUT FORGOTTEN WOMEN

#### Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

Today concludes your introduction to six Fulton County women who achieved prominence far afield but mostly have been forgotten in their homeland.

Margaret McConnell

A beautiful brown-eyed brunette, she was born and raised in Kewanna, at the age of 23 went to Hollywood and was signed to a seven-year contract by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. She pursued a career on the silver screen for 17 months, then gave it all up to marry a Chicago architect who later became internationally famous.

Margaret's parents were Ralph and Lela McConnell; her father owned the Kewanna Lumber Yard. She went from Kewanna High School to Indiana University, then to the American Academy of Art in Chicago. Becoming a fashion artist, she also took jobs as an advertising model. Her smile and beauty, captured in just one Camel cigarette ad, caught the attention of Hollywood talent scouts.

In February of 1933 MGM paid her train fare to Los Angeles for a screen test. It was a round-trip ticket. The return half was not needed, for she passed the test, was dubbed "The Camel Girl" by the studio, offered the contract and immediately went into drama and voice training.

Her movie career got off to a busy start, and during the next year she appeared in minor roles of pictures such as Reunion in Vienna, Dancing Lady, Tugboat Annie, The Hollywood Party and Operator 13. Then love intervened and on June 26, 1934, she married her architect, W.L. Periera, and returned to Chicago.

Periera dabbled in movie production for Paramount and RKO after World War II, then concentrated on architecture. His subsequent work that included the Trans-America building in San Francisco won international recognition. Time Magazine honored him with a cover story in September, 1963.

Margaret and her husband divorced in 1975. Today, at the age of 89 she lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, not too far from sister-in-law Josephine Rowe McConnell, a Rochester native. Of her movie career. Margaret says, "it didn't (have time to) get into overdrive."

Last week: Margaret Ernsperger, Bess, Emrick, Freeda Sullivan.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 19, 1999]

## McCORD, R. S.

See Manitou Lumber Co.

## McCOY, ELIZA JANE [Union Township]

### BIOGRAPHY

Mrs. Eliza Jane McCoy. - This respected lady was born in Wsshington County, Ind., in April, 1819. Her parents, John and Patsy Martin, were natives of Kentucky. Mrs. McCoy's father was twice married, and by the first union he had three children, and by the second six. Mrs.

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McCoy was married to her husband, I. N. McCoy, January 24, 1840. He was born March 27, 1819, and died February 22, 1875, from exposing himself while gathering donations for the Kansas sufferers. Mrs. McCoy is the mother of eight children, of whom all are living but Robert, the eldest son. Those living are Iretta, Jane, John M., David L., James R., Willard and Lincoln. Mrs. McCoy and her husband first settled, after marriage, in the south part of the State, where they remained until 1847, when they came to Fulton County and settled on the present homestead of 160 acres, which she now owns, it being one of the finest farms in the county. Mrs. McCoy still resides on the farm, with her son Willard. She is an earnest and worthy member of the Baptist Church.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 58]

## **McDANIELS, CLAUDE** [Argos, Indiana]

Marshall county Sheriff Frank MARTIN, working with members of the State Police department, last night stated that failure to carry a bucket of water for his wife was the motive for the shotgun slaying of Claude McDANIELS, 66, farmer, according to a confession signed by Mrs. Mary McDANIELS, 65.

In her confession, Mrs. McDaniels admitted firing the shotgun charge which fatally injured her husband Saturday night on their farm, five and a half miles southwest of Argos. The murder weapon and a discharged shell were found later by authorities inside the home.

Charles SOLOMON, a neighbor, arrived on the scene of the tragedy after hearing Mrs. McDaniels screaming and crying. He immediately summoned an ambulance and notified Sheriff Martin of Plymouth. The unconscious McDaniels was taken to the Kelly hospital in Argos where he died at 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

When approached by Solomon the spouse was sobbing hysterically and bathing her husband's head wounds as he lay in the yard near the farm home.

### Denies Shooting Husband

At first Mrs. McDaniels denied shooting her husband, claiming that she heard a gun's report while working in the kitchen and rushed into the yard to find her husband unconscious. Authorities later obtained the confession at Plymouth.

A brief re-enactment of the murder scene as pieced together by Mrs. McDaniels' confession, alleges that she became angry after her husband had refused to carry the water for her and she reproached him. McDaniels then purportedly threatened her with an axe.

Still angry, the Marshall county woman went into the home and found the shotgun. Raising the bathroom window she fired one shot at her husband as he worked in the yard, the charge striking him in the head.

### Met Husband in Argos

According to eye witness reports the couple seemed to be in good spirits Saturday morning and their behavior gave no hint of the impending tragedy.

McDaniels, an employee of the Nickel Plate railroad, was met Saturday noon by his wife who walked five and a half miles to Argos. Together the couple returned to their farm home to perform their daily routine.

Police said that 36 years ago Mrs. McDaniels killed Will RIDDLE with an axe in Cumberland county. She was exonerated on a plea of self defense after evidence that the victim and three other men were molesting her and her mother.

She is now being held in the Marshall county jail pending arraignment.

The body has been removed to the Easterday funeral home in Culver and will be taken to Rushville for burial.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 26, 1944]

## **McDOUGLE, WILLIAM T.** [Rochester, Indiana]

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William T. McDougale, saw-milling, Rochester. This estimable gentleman was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, January 21, 1842, is the son of Joshua and Mary (Hilyard) McDougale, the former born in Virginia, March 14, 1819, and the latter in Pennsylvania, December 24, 1815. The subject of our sketch was educated in the schools of Ohio. He enlisted August 20, 1862, as a private in Company K, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Ohio Infantry. As a soldier he was brave and fearless, and participated in numerous battles and skirmishes, among which may be mentioned Mine Run, Wilderness, Gaines' Mill, Petersburg and Cold Harbor. He was present at the surrender of Gen. Lee. His discharge bears date July 2, 1865. Mr. McDougale was married September 26, 1866, to Catharine A. Stemen, of Hocking County, Ohio, born May 28, 1842, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Grim) Stemen. This union has been blessed with four children, viz.: Clara, born March 7, 1869; an infant born May 1, 1870, and died in infancy; Mary E., born November 30, 1871, and deceased October 1, 1873, and John, born July 30, 1873. Mr. McDougale became a resident of Fulton County in 1867. He first settled in Liberty Township, and was there engaged in farming until 1873, when he moved to Rochester, where he was engaged in saw-milling until 1876, when he removed to his present location in Section 2, where he is now extensively engaged in the saw-milling and lumber business.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 30]

## McDOUGLE FILLING STATION [Fulton, Indiana]

William McDougale ran a filling station at the north end of town.

## McELROY, CLARENCE [Winamac/Medaryville, Indiana]

### WINAMAC AVIATOR LOST IN LOWER PART MEXICO

Winamac, Ind., July 7. - A report that Clarence McElroy, local aviator, is missing on a flight to Honduras was received today by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy of near Medaryville.

The communication was from the Waco Airplane Corporation at Troy, O., for which McElroy was a pilot and advised that he had not been reported since June 27.

It was understood that McElroy was accompanied by a Mr. Gordon, an official of the Waco company.

According to Mr. and Mrs. McElroy, their son and Mr. Gordon started off for Honduras, with two other persons accompanying them in another plane. The second ship was forced back to Mexico by a storm and at that time lost contact with McElroy's craft.

A search is being conducted for the missing ship the parents were advised.

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### Planes Being Delivered

Troy, O., July 7. - Clarence McElroy, piloting one of two airplanes to Honduras for the Waco Airplane Corporation, has been missing since July 27, it was revealed last night. Waco officials said he was last reported in southern Mexico. The planes had been sold to an air line in Honduras and were being flown southward by easy stages.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 7, 1932]

### McELROY REPORTED FOUND FOLLOWING PLANE CRASH

Mexico City, July 15. (U.P.) - An aviator believed to be Clarence McElroy of Indiana, missing since late in June was found today near San Geronimo state of Oaxaca a dispatch to the newspaper Univrsal said.

The disptach said the flyer had a Waco plane numbered 12474. Dispatches did not clearly establish identity of the flyer.

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Medaryville, Ind., July 15 (U.P.) - Clarence McElroy reported found in Mexico after his plane had crashed in the state of Honduras is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy of near here.  
[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 15, 1932]

### MEDARYVILLE PILOT TELLS OF EXPERIENCE AFTER PLANE CRASH

Mexico City, July 16 - Clarence McElroy, Medaryville airplane pilot, who was found yesterday after he had wandered 17 days without food through dense tropical jungles in the state of Oaxaco where his plane crashed June 27, stated his partner in the flight, Roy Gordon, an American resident of Honduras, was killed.

Neither Gordon's body nor the wreckage of the plane was found by the rescue party. Too weak to walk and almost too weak to talk, McElroy was first seen Wednesday by an Indian woodsman five miles west of San Garoulmo.

The woodsman went back for help and at noon yesterday a searching party found the airman. He was slightly injured in the crash but was declared in messages received here, to be in fair condition despite his adventures.

### Storm Caused Crash

McElroy said the plane crash was caused by a severe tropical storm in the midst of which his motor failed.

Last night the rescued airman slept in the home of the mayor of the little town, near which he was found.

When the Indian discovered him he was sprawled out in a heavy growth of ferns in the jungle. He knew no Spanish but by signs he conveyed the information that his plane and his companion were somewhere in the deep jungle from which he had come.

The area where the plane crashed is one of the least known spots in Mexico. McElroy, employed by the Waco corporation of Troy, Ohio, was delivering the plane to Honduras when the crash occurred.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 16, 1932]

### CRASHED HOOSIER PILOT ARRESTED BY MEXICANS

Mexico City, July 21. - Clarence McElroy, American flyer lost in the jungles of Oaxaca state for almost three weeks after his plane crashed June 27, was arrested today in the town of San Geronimo, where he is recuperating from numerous injuries.

Dr. A. E. Goodman, American physician who flew there to treat him, returned yesterday afternoon with the explanation the arrest was merely technical.

A lawyer representing the Dean company of Honduras, of which McElroy's companion, Roy Gordon, was a co-owner, requested the flyer be held. It is believed that the case will be cleared up by Sunday and that McElroy, who comes from Medaryville, Ind., will then be able to leave San Geronimo by the next airplane. Gordon was killed in the crash.

No suspicion was held against the American airman, it was said, but the authorities wished to clear up all details of the case. Dr. Goodman would have brought the injured man back today, but the authorities would not release him.

McElroy recovered consciousness only yesterday. He is able to talk. Dr. Goodman said, but he is very weak and has not said much. The physician said his leg was not broken as previously reported, but it was partly paralyzed and useless. In addition, his head was injured and he suffered from thousands of insect bites.

The doctor brought back news that McElroy stayed with the broken plane four days and then struck out to save himself, traveling on his hands and knees for 14 days through the jungles until he was found by an Indian hillman.

Gordon apparently was killed when a heavy case in the cabin struck him on the head as the plane crashed.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 21, 1932]

### McELROY RELATES DETAILS OF CRASH IN MEXICO JUNGLE

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Mexico City, July 25. - The Medaryville, Ind., flyer, Clarence L. McElroy, who was desperately injured in a plane crash in the jungles of Oaxaca state on June 27, today told for the first time the story of his 18 days' terror before he was rescued.

Semi-paralyzed from a blow on the head, covered with insect bites and still very weak, McElroy was brought here aboard the Pan-American international plane from San Geronimo.

The flyer was met by his brother, Richard McElroy, and Joseph E. Ryden of Medaryville. He was attended by Dr. A.R. Goodman, who said his condition was satisfactory but it would be some time before he could recover the use of one leg.

The flyer said his subconscious mind forced him on toward safety in the jungle while he was semi-delirious and he finally sighted four calves tethered to trees and waited for somebody to come get them.

### Crashed During Storm

Here is his story:

"We were flying southward enroute to Honduras when we ran into a furious tropical storm. There was no visibility and I tried to find a spot to land. Suddenly the plane crashed into a mountainside.

"That was at 10 a.m. I was knocked out and recovered consciousness in a rainstorm at 2 p.m., noting that the plane was a complete washout. My leg and head pained severely and I was too weak to crawl out of the wreck.

"I can't remember much of these first three days. Everything was hazy. I could see that my companion, Roy Gordon of Tugucigalpa, Honduras, was dead, but I was too weak to move.

"Three days later I had recovered some strength. I tried to cover Gordon's body and then started crawling up the mountain to get my bearings.

"It was almost impossible to make headway in the jungle. My pains increased. I got water from a small mountain stream and caught a few crabs and ate them raw.

### 3 miles in 14 days

"At night I could see the lights of San Geronimo, but made very slow progress, probably not more than three miles from the ship in 14 days' crawling. I was very weak and somewhat delirious.

"I would crawl a while, then pick bugs and insects a while and dodge many snakes. I saw no wild animals.

"I nearly gave up several times but it is hard to die as long as you might have a chance. Even in my clouded mind the urge to live survived. I was desperate many times in the jungle, almost sure I would die, but I could not give up.

"July 13 was my lucky day, for that evening I found a herd of cows beside a stream, but what gave me hope was the sight of four calves tied to trees. I knew somebody eventually would come to untie these calves, so stopped right there. I was too weak even to try to milk a cow.

### Found By Indian Boy

"The next morning an Indian boy came. He was Garardo Esquez and I motioned that I wanted some food. He milked a cow and gave me some milk and some cheese he had. By signs I told him of my predicament and he understood. He built a small lean-to to protect me and left for help.

"That boy did a marvelous job. He covered 20 miles to San Geronimo four times in a single day getting help and getting me out. I am going to reward him handsomely."

As soon as Dr. Goodman gives the word, McElroy intends to start for Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 25, 1932]

### McELROY PLANS TO FLY AGAIN DESPITE RECENT SMASH-UP

Medaryville, Aug. 6. - undaunted by one of the most horrible accidents an aviator ever survived, Clarence McElroy, Medaryville pilot who arrived home yesterday from a Mexico City hospital, will fly again.

Resting last night at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy, where he was brought yesterday morning by auto from Lafayette, he said he planned to remain in Indiana about

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two months. He will then resume his position as pilot with the Waco corporation of Troy, O., try to put the crash out of his mind, and make the most of his career.

### Lost 18 Days

The accident, which occurred during a tropical storm in Oaxaco state on June 27, was fatal to McElroy's companion, Roy Gordon. The Medaryville man wandered 18 days without food through the dense jungles, and was finally rescued by an Indian boy, Gerardo Enriquez, who had tied his four calves near the spot where McElroy collapsed.

"The boy did a marvelous job," the pilot said last night, "and I am going to reward him handsomely. I may return to San Geronimo to present the reward, personally."

The aviator's brother, Richard McElroy, of Monon, Ind., who accompanied him from Mexico City, returned to his home today.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, August 6, 1932]

### McELROY AT MAYO CLINIC TO HAVE INJURY TREATED

Rochester, Minn., Aug. 18. - Clarence McElroy of Medaryville, Ind., who was in a plane crash in Mexico in June in which his companion, Roy Gordon, was killed, is a patient at the Mayo clinic to have an injured hip treated. He came here from his home by plane.

"I'll be back in a plane just as soon as I can crawl in and out of it," McElroy, who is on crutches, said.

His plane crashed into a mountain side in Mexico on June 27. Five hours later when he regained consciousness he discovered that his companion was dead. For seventeen days McElroy dragged himself toward aid. An Indian youth found him and had him taken to the nearest village, San Geronimo, a five hour journey. McElroy said he had only covered about three miles during the seventeen days. He and Gordon were on their way to Honduras.

McElroy was accompanied here by a friend, R. J. Kroft of Medaryville, and Lee N. Brutus and H. R. Perry of the Waco Aircraft Company of Troy, O.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 18, 1932]

### McELROY NOTED AVIATOR SPEAKS HERE THURSDAY

Through the sponsorship of the LeRoy Shelton Post of the American Legion, Richard J. McElroy, noted aviator of Medaryville, Ind., will give an interesting story of his experience as a pilot at the Whitmer Gymnasium Thursday evening, starting at seven o'clock.

In the afternoon he will address the H. S. assembly. Everyone is invited to hear this address which will embrace Mr. McElroy's experiences when a plane which he was flying from the United States to Honduras crashed up in the jungles of Caxaca, Mexico, last June. In this crash McElroy suffered numerous injuries among which were fractures of each hip. After long hours and days of harrowing experiences he crawled out of the jungle and was later found by an Indian youth who with the assistance of Mexican friends nursed the Hoosier aviator back to health and enabled his return to his home in Indiana.

McElroy has appeared on several public platforms since his return and those who have heard him relate the many adventurous escapades during his 12 years of flying were deeply interested in his address. The American Legion band will play for the occasion.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 3, 1933]

### CLARENCE McELROY NOTED AVIATOR COMING TO LAKE

A notable visitor will wing his way to Rochester's new federal airport on Decoration Day, May 30th, according to word given out today by R. Lee Rickman, FERA work director of Fulton County. The distinguished guest will be the internationally known Commercial pilot, Clarence McElroy, of Medaryville, Ind.

It will be remembered that Mr. McElroy was the pilot of a commercial plane which crashed in the jungles in Southern Mexico, about 18 months ago. McElroy was given up as dead

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and was not found for almost a month later. He received a broken leg and arm and was in a state of exhaustion when his plight was discovered by a Mexican Indian who was hunting near the scene of the crash. McElroy's passenger, a prominent U. S. business man, was killed instantly as the giant, tri-motored plane struck the forest.

The plane which McElroy will fly here on Wednesday of next week is a sister ship of the one flown across the Atlantic by Colonel Charles A. Lindburgh, the "Spirit of St. Louis". Several state officials and Airport men will be at the field to welcome Mr. McElroy. The aviator will be a guest at the Colonial Hotel on Wednesday and Mr. Rickman is making arrangements for several local business men to interview the famous pilot.

Two aviators from the South Bend airport will also be at the Federal Airport at Lake Manitou on Decoration Day.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 25, 1934]

[NOTE: see lengthy article McELROY RELATES STORY OF CRACK-UP IN TROPICAL ZONE, The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 12, 1934]

### CLARENCE McELROY OPENS NEW WINAMAC AIRPORT

Winamac, Ind., Aug. 28. - Winamac's new airport, two miles north of here and a quarter of a mile west of state road 29, has been officially opened by Clarence McElroy, Medaryville aviator, who superintended the work at the field.

The field is L-shaped running 2,300 feet east and west and 2,500 feet north and south. Boundaries are marked with sheet iron painted a bright yellow.

Mr. McElroy, famous for his escape from the jungles of central America after an airplane accident, reports the port one of the best in the state. He has invited officials in charge of the state air tour, Sept. 10-16, to include the new port on the route of the 60 planes making the trip.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 28, 1934]

### LEASES WINAMAC AIRPORT

Medaryville, May 18. - Clarence McElroy, local aviator, has leased the Winamac airport, and will conduct a flying school there. Mr. McElroy has several students, some of them with enough flying hours to qualify as pilots. His long record as an aviator well qualifies him for this kind of work.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 18, 1935]

### McELROY TO HAVE TWO PLANES HERE SUNDAY

Clarence McElroy, well known and a government licensed pilot, is bringing two types of airplanes to the Rochester municipal airport Sunday afternoon where he will personally take-up all passengers who desire to ride.

One of the ships is a cabin type Robin monoplane and the other is a Wright motored open-pit bi-plane. Both of the crafts are licensed. Mr. McElroy who has hundreds and hundreds of flying hours to his credit, having been engaged as a commercial pilot for a number of years, was recently appointed supervisor of the Winamac Municipal airport.

Miss Helen House, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter House of this city, who was granted a commercial pilot's license several weeks ago, will pilot one of the McElroy planes tomorrow.

On Monday McElroy will fly to Indianapolis where he will take part in the Seventh Indiana Air Tour activities.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 15, 1935]

### AIR TOUR IS HONEYMOON FOR FORMER ROCHESTER RESIDENT

\* \* \* \* Photo Clarence McElroy and Mrs. Lenora McElroy \* \* \* \*

Indiana's annual Air Tour, in which more than fifty airplanes will visit twenty airports throughout the state during the week of June 22nd, has as it appears, played a role in addition to its avowed purpose of stimulating interest in aviation. It also turned out to be Cupid's assistant.

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Several years ago, Clarence McElroy of Winamac, Indiana, and Mrs. Lenor Harper, of Indianapolis, each went a-flying on the fifth annual air tour, each in their respective plane. They met. This year, Mr. McElroy and Mrs. Lenore Harper McElroy will be honeymooning as they fly their plane on the eighth annual tour. The couple was married a few weeks ago in Indianapolis.

Mrs. McElroy, a former Rochester resident, is one of two Indiana women holding a transport pilot's license. Mr. McElroy, who is now manager of the Winamac airport, where the couple will reside, claimed nation-wide attention several years ago when he was lost seventeen days in a Mexican jungle, after his plane crashed near San Geronimo, Oaxaca. With both his hips broken, he finally succeeded in crawling through the jungle to an Indian settlement. Mr. McElroy was attempting to fly from Troy, Ohio, to Tegueigalpa, Honduras.

The air tour will visit Mr. McElroy's home port at Winamac, immediately after leaving Rochester tomorrow afternoon.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 24, 1936]

## McFADDEN GENERAL STORE [Talma, Indiana]

### ACQUIRES TALMA STORE

Samuel Friend has traded his home and lots on West Fourth street, near the mausoleum, for the McFadden general store at Talma and will move there soon, having already taken possession of the store. Mr. Friend formerly operated the grocery now owned by the Frye brothers and prior to that managed a business in the southwest room at the corner of Main and Seventh streets.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, December 18, 1925]

## McGLAUGHLIN GARMENT FACTORY [Akron, Indiana]

Mary Margaret Rittenhouse Leininger was manager for seven years. In 1957 she bought the Gerig Insurance Agency and operated the Leininger Insurance Agency for 24 years.

[Freeman Rittenhouse Family, Miriam Rittenhouse Hammond, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

See Peru Garment Factory

## McGOWEN, HOWARD W. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Howard W. McGowen)

## McGREW, ELIJAH [Rochester, Indiana]

Elijah McGrew, having established himself in Rochester, on the corner of Washington and Madison Sts., east of the Livery Stables, will furnish Sash, Doors and Window-blinds, on short notice.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 19, 1866]

## McGREW'S WELL DRILLING [Fulton, Indiana]

Christopher Columbus McGrew started learning the well drilling trade from Atcheson McConkey at Rochester for a fee of \$500. He worked for McConkey for two years, and went into business on his own in 1907. For the first three years wells were drilled using the power of one horse walking in a circle. Later he built his own well machine, and this was run by a gasoline-powered engine. In all he built three well machines, the first two being blown over by the wind. After these losses the derrick was tied down by using guy wires and stakes.

As it often took several days to drill a well, and the distance was too great to travel by horseback or buggy, he usually stayed on the location until the well was completed. He sometimes stayed in the home, or slept in the barn. If he was drilling a well fairly close to home, he pulled the buggy behind the well machine and drove the buggy home at night.

When Glen became old enough he helped and learned how to do the drilling, and after the death of his father in 1944, he managed both the farm and well drilling by himself.

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The McGrews purchased their first factory-built well machine in 1953, at which time Robert was working with Glen in the business. They are still using this machine today, along with a newer one purchased in 1968.

After Glen died May 8, 1959, the well business was continued by his two sons, Robert and Donald. They, along with two grandsons, Ken and Keith, are operating the business today. Keith represents the fourth generation of the family in the business.

[McGrew's Well Drilling, Tami and Freda McGrew, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

## McGRIFF, RAY [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Ray McGriff)

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See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Fourth Letter From Ray McGriff)

## McGUIRE, PATRICK [Wayne Township]

THE TALE OF PATRICK McGUIRE, WHO GOT AWAY WITH MURDER

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

Patrick McGuire and Michael Kain were two Irishmen who owned adjoining farms in Wayne Township near Grass Creek over a century ago. Neighborly they were not. They disliked one another so intensely that for 15 years they and their families fought in their fields, at each other's homes and in the courts.

The feud ended like a Shakespearean tragedy, murder by ambush. But the murderer, unlike one of Shakespeare's, was not easily identified nor convicted.

The story absorbed the attention of Rochester and Fulton County people for over three years before it was played out. The climax to the unrestrained McGuire-Kain enmity came early in the morning of Wednesday, August 5, 1885. Kain's lifeless body was found near his house on the road he had taken to bring in his cows for milking. He was beaten about the head and his skull was crushed as if by the bloodied fence rail that lay nearby.

McGuire was suspected instantly but was nowhere to be found. His wife Catherine, however, already was in jail in Rochester on a warrant for both McGuires that had grown out of an assault on Kain's wife, Rosa. Patrick later claimed he had gone to Cincinnati to obtain money from relatives to pay his and his wife's fines.

The neighborhood, was well aware of the two families' ceaseless quarreling which had resulted in 18 lawsuits and personal violence. They threw down each other's fences so their stock could graze on the other's growing crops. There were numerous accusations of poisoning each other's livestock. The Kains, the older of the two couples, considered the McGuire children an annoyance and treated them unkindly. Kain frequently came to the McGuire farm to aggravate Patrick, who would chase him off with a hayfork.

McGuire was known to lay in wait all night trying to catch Kain lowering fence for stock to enter his fields and once chased him away with an axe. "I can't catch him" he once told a friend, "for Kain can outrun any man in Wayne Township."

Their bitterness toward each other often came to blows, which is what landed the McGuires in court just prior to the murder. McGuire had impounded some Kain hogs and was holding them for indemnity, an act that precipitated a regular fistfight and wrestling match between the two couples. Mrs. Kain got the worst of that and charges were filed.

Not only was McGuire the logical suspect in Kain's death but there was an important material witness against him. Etta Grauel, an 18-year-old neighbor, told the coroner's inquest that just after the time of the murder a man who appeared to be McGuire had come running to her mother's house. He stopped at the well for about five minutes and left behind a bloody rag.

But with McGuire absent, the case languished until late November, 1885. Suddenly, the county was surprised to learn that McGuire had been captured in the mountains of east Tennessee,

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living under an assumed name. A clever Logansport detective, hired by Kain's relatives, had tracked him down. McGuire was taken to the Fulton County Jail and his conviction appeared to be a cinch.

However, it would be almost two years before he finally was brought to trial.

In January, 1886, after her mother's death and before McGuire first appeared in court, Etta Grauel mysteriously disappeared. The prosecution, which needed her testimony, discovered she was living in Newport, Ky., across the Ohio River from Cincinnati under protection of McGuire's brothers who would not let her testify.

The McGuires should produce her, said the state, and so it became a test of wills between the two sides. In six terms of the local court, the case was called and six times prosecutors were granted continuances because of Miss Grauel's absence. McGuire then filed a habeas corpus suit for unlawful detention without trial. That, too, was denied.

Finally, the prosecution blinked. Trial was begun without Etta's testimony on October 10, 1887, and 93 witnesses were called over the next 17 days. After a 24-hour deliberation, the jury failed to agree on a verdict, voting 7-5 for conviction on the first ballot, 9-3 on the second. McGuire was released from his long captivity on \$2,000 bond, which a brother paid immediately, and took the noon train to Cincinnati.

A full year later, Etta Grauel returned just as unexpectedly as she had left, saying she now would testify against McGuire. The case was called one last time, on Dec. 10, 1888, but no defendant appeared. Patrick had no intention of facing Etta. His bond was forfeited and he never was seen here again. He had gotten away with murder.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 8, 1997]

### ABSENCE DOES NOT ALWAYS MAKE THE HEART GROW FONDER

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

Not long ago I recounted for you the story of Patrick McGuire's apparent but unproved murder of his Wayne Township neighbor, Michael Kain, an event that ended a long feud between these two hateful farmers in 1885. Three years later McGuire was freed on bond after a hung jury and thereupon vanished from Fulton County's jurisdiction.

Research into the details of that case also turned up the curious coincidences of three other tragedies of the same decade in Wayne Township. All were affairs of the heart.

The first came on August 2, 1886, when young Annie Newbraugh was shot and seriously wounded by her former boy friend, Edward O'Brien, who then immediately took his own life.

The 21-year-old O'Brien, in the vernacular of the time, had been "paying his attentions" to Miss Newbraugh, a 17-year-old farm girl of the Grass Creek neighborhood. Two months before, however, he had been spurned by Annie in favor of another gentleman.

On the morning of the shooting, O'Brien went to the farm home of Thomas McDonough where Annie was employed. The two met in the front room and soon after she suddenly came running in fright onto the porch. O'Brien, following, pulled out a revolver and shot her once in the face and once in the upper arm.

The rejected suitor then turned the gun on himself, firing once into his right temple. He died late that afternoon. Annie survived with loss of an eye and a disfigured face. She later said that O'Brien not only was jealous of her new beau but had made improper proposals to her, details of which she had threatened to tell her mother.

Nearly two years later, on January 22, 1888, a second romantic misfortune in the Grass Creek area resulted in the suicide of a 17-year old girl because of her despair at having been rejected by her fiance.

She was Almeda Hizer, who for an extended time had been "receiving the attentions" of a young man named McGraw. A few weeks before, the couple had a lovers' quarrel and he stopped calling on her. She lapsed into a deep melancholy, which she ended by swallowing a fatal quantity of rat poison.

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The Sentinel's story reporting of this sad affair also referred to a third case in the summer of 1887 when a young woman who worked at a Wayne Township farm, becoming disappointed in love, returned to her Pulaski County home and committed suicide.

Now, just one more ancient homicide to tell of and I shall abandon this woeful subject.

At 6 o'clock on the evening of December 6, 1904, the Hanna Cripe family was at supper in the kitchen of her home three miles south of Rochester. Suddenly two shotgun blasts tore through the window and killed Hanna's son, Joe, 35, and Mrs. Gilly Burns, 28, who was working for the Cripes to support herself and two children.

Pandemonium ensued. Mrs. Cripe ran into the yard, rang the dinner bell and summoned help. Sheriff Stilla Bailey arrived and then came word from a mile southwest that Gilly Burns, 52, was dead in the neighbor's barnlot, a suicide from another shotgun blast to the head. The murderer had done in himself.

It seems Gilly's wife had left him, taking the children. When he found her working at the Cripe home and she refused to return with him he began to believe, mistakenly, that she had become friendly with the Cripe son. He resolved to kill them both.

So much for human passions of another age; riot so different from today's after all.

Consider, however, the misplaced admiration displayed in The Sentinel reporter's comment in the "fine marksmanship (Burns) displayed in the murders" which, he went on, "has astounded many." No surprise in that, he wrote, for Gilly had been a champion wing shot since boyhood. He seldom missed anything that came in range, an ability acquired "by long and patient practice shooting swallows as they dipped about on their flight over the prairies."

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 29, 1997]

### **McGUIRE'S MARKET** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Specials for Saturday - - - McGUIRE'S MARKET. Phone 54. We Deliver.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 27, 1928]

### **McINTIRE & VAN DIEN** [Rochester, Indiana]

Bert Van Dien has purchased a half interest in Mart McIntire's barber shop the deal having been made Wednesday afternoon. The new firm will move into the Perry Ritchie room, one door north of their present location, as soon as the room is ready. Decorators are now at work in the Ritchey room and when finished it will present an elegant appearance.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 1, 1908]

### **McINTYRE FILLING STATION** [Lake Manitou]

#### FIFTH NEW FILLING STATION BEING ERECTED

Dan McIntyre, Tuesday morning started the erection of the fifth new filling station to be constructed in this city and the lake this summer. The McIntyre service station will be located at the crossing of the Barrett cement road and the Sanders road at what is known as Cook's corner.

The station, which will face northeast will be 20 by 30 feet and will be built of cement blocks. Wide cement drives will lead past the filling station, terminating on both highways, while the ground will be ornamented with shrubbery and flowers.

The new station should enjoy a large business, both from the crowds at Long Beach and from Fairview and the cottagers on the east side of the lake. The Barrett road is also part of the Harding Highway. Mr. McIntyre, who will have personal charge of the station hopes to have it completed by May 3p. Standard Oil will be used.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, May 19, 1925]

### **McKEE, ALBERT** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION



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Notice is hereby given that the partnership known as Hill & McKee has this day been dissolved by mutual consent and that Albert McKee continues said business at same old stand and is in a position to continue in the contracting and general cement work.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 1912. ALBERT McKEE, J. HILL.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 22, 1912]

## McKEE, RICHARD [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Richard McKee)

## McKILLIP, DAVID [Allen Township, Miami County]

### BIOGRAPHY

David McKillip, one of the prominent farmers of Allen Township, is a native of Union County, this state, and was born June 5, 1837. He was the seventh son in a family of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters; born to Alexander and Elizabeth (Skillman) McKillip, the former a native of Scotland, who emigrated to America at the age of fourteen, served as soldier in the war of 1812 and was one of Commodore Perry's victorious crew on Lake Erie. He finally located in Union County this state, where he died about 1847. Our subject grew up to manhood in his native county, working upon a farm. He attended the district schools, in which he received an ordinary common school education. In 1858 he removed to Henry County this state, where he landed on the 13th of January. There he worked upon a farm by the month about two years, after which he learned the trade of a cooper. He worked at this about two years. He then learned the carpenter's trade which received his attention more or less for a number of years. In February, 1870, he went to Delaware County and located upon a farm, but in July, 1872, he returned to Henry County. There he located upon the old home place of his father-in-law and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until August 1880, at which time he came to this county and located where he now resides in Allen Township. June 16, 1861, he was married to Amanda Fouts, a native of Henry County, this state, born April 16, 1840. She was the daughter of Elias and Mary (Shaffer) Fouts, the former a native of Randolph County, North Carolina, and the latter a native of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. McKillip have had but two children; their names are Alfaretta and Forest, the latter of whom died when eleven months old. Mr. and Mrs. McKillip are members of the Christian Church. Politically the former is a Republican. In the spring of 1886 he was elected to the office of Township Trustee and is the present incumbent. He owns a farm of eighty acres about half of which is in cultivation. It was formerly low, swampy land and its present high state of cultivation reflects very creditably upon the energy and industry of Mr. McKillip. He is a very successful farmer and one of the worthy citizens of the Township.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. pp. 525-526]

## McKINLEY FAMILY

### AUNT OF McKINLEY

In poverty, but happy in her little three-roomed log cabin at Winamac, Mrs. Nellie McKinley Winters, 82 years old, an aunt of the late President [William] McKinley, died Tuesday of complications caused by age. Until the end she refused medical aid, saying, "I have lived this long and had eleven children without the assistance of a doctor and I don't want one fussing about me this time of life."

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 25, 1914]

## McKINNEY, MAUDE WARE [Rochester, Indiana]

### SHOT DOWN FROM BEHIND

Pueblo, Colorado, June 13 -- Mrs. Herschel [Maude WARE] McKINNEY, formerly Miss Maude Ware, of Rochester, was shot and instantly killed here Saturday night by a bullet from a gun fired by Gilbert DODGE, while out riding in a carriage with Dodge's wife.

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The shooting took place in the business district of this city, Dodge riding up behind the carriage they occupied on horseback, deliberately stopped and fired two shots at them from the rear, one striking Mrs. McKinney in the back of the head. The noise frightened the horse they were driving and by turning suddenly both ladies were thrown from the carriage alighting in the gutter about twelve feet away. Mrs. McKinney was dead when picked up a few seconds later.

Mr. & Mrs. Dodge have been having considerable domestic trouble and it is claimed both shots were aimed at his wife of whom he is very jealous.

Dodge has been arrested and is now awaiting trial on the charge of manslaughter.

Mrs. WARE, Mrs. McKinney's mother is here and will depart for Rochester with the corpse tonight.

(Special to the *Sentinel* by Frank STINSON)

The first word of Mrs. McKINNEY's death was received Sunday morning by her brother, Lon WARE, and as her husband is a miner of Independence, Colorado, a small mining town four miles from Cripple Creek by trolley, it was at once thought she had been killed in the fight between union and non-union miners at that place.

Mrs. McKinney is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth WARE, of this place, who was visiting her daughter at the time of her death. Mrs. McKinney resided in Rochester until about three years ago, when she was united in marriage with Chas. FAROR, at Elgin, Illinois, and went to Colorado to reside on his cattle ranch. This did not prove as pleasant as had been hoped for and she sought a divorce which was granted. About a year ago she was united in marriage with Herschel McKINNEY.

The corpse is expected to arrive here about Tuesday night of Wednesday morning.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 13, 1904]

## McLOCHLIN, EDWARD [Wayne Township]

### BIOGRAPHY

Edward McLochlin was born in Cass County, Ind., August 10, 1837, and is the son of Felix and Mary McLochlin. His father was born November 24, 1812, and is said to be the oldest settler now living in Wayne Township, having located where he resides in 1834. Edward, one of six children, was married, in November, 1861, to Margaret Hoynes, a native of Ireland. He has three children--William, George and Mary--and has lived in this township ever since he was six months old, and has always followed farming; was elected County Commissioner in 1880, and owns 120 acres of land. He and his family are members of the Catholic Church.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 61]

## McLOCHLIN, JOHN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Louderback Garage

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### JOHN McLOCHLIN RETIRES FROM AUTO AGENCY

John McLochlin, who has operated a Hudson auto agency here for the past year at 606 North Main street under the title of the McLochlin Motor Sales today announced that he was retiring from the automobile business.

Mr. McLaughlin says that he will devote his time to the operation of his farms and to the selling of seed corn and fertilizer. Joe Conaway, who was reared on a farm northeast of Rochester and who has been a salesman for Mr. McLochlin, will take over the Hudson agency and operate it in the same location where it had been at 606 Main street.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 16, 1940]

### HUDSON AGENCY OPENS IN THE HAGEN BUILDING

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John McLochlin today announces he is reopening the Hudson auto agency at the Hagan Building, 606-608 North Main street. Mr. McLochlin has formed a partnership with O. H. Hine and the latter will assume active management of the building.

A complete line of Hudsons will be on display at the agency and a repair and parts service will be maintained it was stated.

### **McLOCHLIN, ROBERT** [Wayne Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Robert McLochlin, the son of Robert and Nancy McLochlin, was born in Ireland December 18, 1829, and came to this country in 1850. He has been a resident of township ever since. Having barely money enough to bring him here, he commenced with nothing for capital but his physical and mental and moral powers, and now owns 240 acres of land. October 2, 1856, he married Mary Kelly, a native of Pennsylvania. The fruit of this union has been nine children, all of whom have been reared in the Catholic Church, the faith of the parents.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, pp. 61-62]

### **McLOCHLIN, WILLIAM H.** [Wayne Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

William H. McLochlin is a native of Wayne township, Fulton county, Indiana where he was born August 21, 1862. He went through the prescribed course at the public schools and at the age of twenty-five married Miss Elizabeth Ware who died in 1890. For his second wife he chose in 1893 Miss Lucinda Hizer who bore him two children one of whom only is living, a daughter Susie. Mrs. McLochlin passed away in 1920 and is interred in St. Ann's cemetery at Grass Creek. Mr. McLochlin married again, April, 1923, to Mrs. Della Bamett. Susie married Loyal Bugbee after having completed her school years in the grammar grades and two years at the Logansport Holy Angels Academy. Her husband is a railroad man and belongs to the Republican party. Mr. McLochlin himself is a farmer by vocation and a Democrat. On November 7, 1922 he was elected trustee of the township on the Democratic ticket. He also served one year as assessor in the same district. He lives on his farm of fifty-three acres and cultivates it. His parents were Edward and Margaret (Hines) McLochlin the former of whom was born August 24, 1837 and the latter October 11, 1844. Their family consisted of three children of which two are still living. The elder McLochlin was a farmer and a Democrat. He served for six years as county commissioner of Fulton county. Both he and his wife were members of the Catholic church. He died in 1898, she in 1906 and they are interred in St. Ann's cemetery at Grass Creek.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, p. 235, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

### **McLOCHLIN MOTOR SALES**

See: McLochlin, John

### **McLOUGHLIN MFG. CO.** [Akron, Indiana]

#### BRANCH GARMENT PLANT OPENS SOON IN AKRON

Allaying rumors which have been current for several weeks it was officially announced today that Akron is soon to have a new factory. The McLaughlin Manufacturing Company, of

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Peru, has definitely decided to open a branch of its garment factory in Akron, just as soon as materials for its operation are available.

The company had asked the Akron Chamber of Commerce to secure at least 40 women for employment before they would consider the establishment of a plant in that city. Through the medium of the Akron News, 5 women have signed blanks for employment with the factory.

William Cox, superintendent of the Peru factory and Mrs. Lucille Langer, his assistant setup temporary offices at the Akron Chamber of Commerce quarters Wednesday, where they interviewed all of the women who had signed for employment and made arrangements for 50 of these to start work when the plant is opened.

Mr. Cox intimated that it would be late in February of the coming year, before the branch factory could be put in operation. He plans to install 40 electric-powered sewing machines and the products of the manufacturing concern will be various styles of ladies blouses. All of the cutting of the goods will be done at the Peru factory and the materials trucked to Akron for the sewing operations. The firm hold several contracts with some of the nation's largest mercantile concerns including J. C. Penny & Co. and Montgomery Ward & Co, he stated.

The branch factory will be located on the second floor of the new refrigerator locker building which was formerly occupied by the Alger Chevrolet agency.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 29, 1945]

## McMAHAN, BILL [Rochester, Indiana]

See Three Brother's Grocery

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### NEWS OF THE DAY

Bill McMahan will try his hand as a newspaper man and will commence work as a writer on the SENTINEL Monday morning. He is a polite and popular gentleman and the SENTINEL will be grateful for all favors shown him.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 18, 1905]

## McMAHAN, CLARA [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Downs Sawmill

## McMAHAN, HARRY [Los Angeles, Calif.]

Rochester friends of Mrs. Erma S McMahan, of Beeville, Texas, former resident of this city, are in receipt of a newspaper article which appeared in a recent issue of the Bee-Picayune, of Beeville, Texas. The story which relates the interesting and unique work of Mrs. McMahan's son, Harry, follows in part:

"Mr. and Mrs. Harry McMahan of Los Angeles, Calif., were in Beeville Monday to visit with Mr. McMahan's mother, Mrs. E. S. McMahan.

"Harry McMahan and Ray Fernstrom, a photographer with whom he has been associated at Dallas in the making of advertising shorts for the Dr. Pepper Co., for some time, have launched out on a career which promises to bring them renown in the movie world.

"They are making shorts to be run under the title 'Here's How'. All are done in color and they have completed a series which have been offered to Paramount.

"One of the pictures, 'The Air Hostess,' was run in the Rialto theater at the conclusion of the first show Monday afternoon. It is both interesting and beautifully filmed.

"Mr. McMahan, a graduate of A. C. Jones high school here, writes the script and selects the subjects to be told in shorts, which are educational, historical and interesting."

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Mrs. E. S. McMahan, who was formerly Miss Erma S. Sibert of this city is herself conducting a book review column for the Beeville Picayune. She is a sister of Kent Sibert, who resides on the Sibert farm east of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 3, 1940]

### **McMAHAN, HUGH G.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Delaney, Will J.

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

See: Hotels - Barrett Hotel

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#### SENATE OKAYS McMAHAN AS LOCAL POSTMASTER

Washington, D.C., April 28. (U.P.) - The senate late yesterday confirmed the nomination of Hugh G. McMahan, as postmaster at Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 28, 1934]

#### McMAHAN SELLS RICE HOTEL

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McMahan announced Saturday that they had sold the Rice Hotel, at Decatur, Ind., to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Beehler, of this city. Mr. Beehler is well known in Rochester, having taught in the public schools here for 14 years. The Beehler family will move to Decatur sometime this week.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 2, 1943]

### **McMAHAN, JESSIE** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### JESSIE McMAHAN OPENS STORE IN CALIFORNIA

Word received yesterday from Miss Jessie McMahan, former principal at the Columbia school, by relatives, stated she had established a ladies ready-to-wear shop at 1818 Eye street, Bakersfield, California.

Associated with Miss McMahan in her new venture is Miss Dorothy Prescott, a former teacher at the Columbia building, of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 17, 1926]

### **McMAHAN, JOHN B.** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Dr. John McMahan, Physician and Surgeon. Office first house west of Dawson & Richter's drug store. Sick poor treated free on Friday of each week. Telephone No. 13.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 11, 1899]

Dr. John B. McMahan has decided to move to Earl Park and practice his profession there. Earl Park is the center of a very rich farming section of Tippecanoe county and there is a fine opening there for a young physician. But Rochester will regret the loss of Dr. McMahan. He is an elegant gentleman, a progressive citizen and a successful practitioner and Earl Park will find both he and his wife most desirable citizens.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 1, 1899]

### **McMAHAN, JOHN B.** [Bearss, Ind.]

#### BIOGRAPHY

John B. McMahan, farmer and merchant at Bearss, Ind., is a native of Bartholomew county, this state, and was born Oct. 4, 1845; son of William and Louisa (Love) McMahan, natives of Kentucky. The father was born May 11, 1817, and died in Fulton county, Ind., June 21, 1895, and the mother was born in May, 1823, and also died in this county in September, 1871.

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The family came to Fulton county in 1847 and settled in Rochester township, southeast of Rochester. In early life the father learned the tailor's trade, at which he worked for some time. He was a prominent man in this county and had held the offices of township trustee and county commissioner. The major part of his life was devoted to farming and at which he was considered successful. The subject of this mention is the eldest of thirteen children, of whom six are living. He was raised upon the farm and was educated at the public schools of this county. Later he began teaching during the winter season and worked upon the farm in summer. He continued teaching for fifteen terms. Twenty-four years ago he began farming for himself and in April, 1876, removed to his present farm, in the southwestern part of Rochester township, where he has seventy-three acres of fine land. In 1893 he opened a store in the neighborhood and was instrumental in the establishment of Bearss postoffice, and in May, 1893, was commissioned postmaster. This office has a daily mail from Rochester and is a great convenience to the people in that locality. The business venture of establishing a store at Bearss has been successful. In politics Mr. McMahan has always affiliated with the democratic party and in political affairs he has always manifested an active interest. Dec. 28, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Goss, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Goss. To this marriage relation are these twelve children, viz.: Lorena, Daisy, Josephine, Sarah, Otto, Hugh, Thomas, William, Pat, John, Josie and an infant as yet unnamed. The mother of these children, a member of one of the old families of this county, was born in Liberty township March 14, 1853. The family is highly respected and Mr. McMahan is one of the honorable men of Fulton county and a member of the order K.O.T.M.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 106-107]

### **McMAHAN, JOHN W.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Dawson, George V.

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#### JOHN W. McMAHAN (Biography)

One of Rochester's boys who has made his way to considerable prominence in local business circles is John W. McMAHAN, the founder of the popular Oak Drug Store establishment. He was born in Rochester in 1870 and has always lived here except six years temporary absence at college. He is a graduate of Union Business College of Lafayette and of Purdue University School of Pharmacy. When through with his school work he came home and purchased an interest in the Pellens drug store. Then his firm opened The Oak drug store and operated it with much enterprise until some months ago when Mr. McMahan sold out for the purpose of completing his medical studies, after which he will again return to Rochester and engage in the practice of medicine, as observation as a traveling drug salesman convinced him that Rochester is one of the best towns in the state. His extensive experience with drugs, his fine schooling in their uses and effects and his knowledge of prescriptions gives him an invaluable foundation for a successful physician. He married Miss Venia ZOOK in 1893 and they are the parents of one child, a boy.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

### **McMAHAN, OTTO** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Downs Sawmill

See Three Brother's Grocery

See Lough's Grocery & Meat Market

See McMahan Construction Co

See Pat McMahan

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Mr. Ott McMahan, the very efficient chairman of the democratic county committee, after winning a glorious democratic victory in the county and settling up the political affairs, has returned to Fulton where he will give attention to his mercantile interests.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 20, 1908]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Ott McMahan left yesterday for Indianapolis to attend the inauguration of Governor elect Marshall. Next week he will go to Washington, where he has received through Congressman Barnhart, a position in the agricultural department.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 12, 1909]

### FULTON CREAMERY HAS BEEN SOLD

The creamery at Fulton has been sold by the stockholders to M. O. Enyart, the price being \$800, it is said. It is also reported that the business will be abandoned there and the building used for a garage.

There are many reports concerning the institution to be heard, but from reliable authority it is learned that the building and equipment cost the promoters and stockholders \$5,000. The industry was completed last year and has been in operation about one year. During the time it is said to have lost the stockholders something in the neighborhood of \$2,400, which leaves them a net loss of about \$6,600.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 15, 1912]

### ENYART-McMAHAN CREAMERY

It has been rumored that O. M. Enyart had purchased the Fulton creamery and would discontinue the business and turn the building into an up-to-date garage. This report is wholly unfounded. Mr. Enyart purchased the creamery and in turn sold a half interest in the business to Ott McMahan and the firm will continue the business. In fact, the wagons are now on the road and every effort will be made to build up a profitable business. The creamery was started by an association of farmers a couple of years ago and never proved a profitable investment. Both Messrs. Enyart and McMahan are alert business men and expect to put steam enough back of the business to make it a success.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 21, 1912]

### NEWS FROM FULTON TOWN

Otto McMahan of Fulton has traded his residence in that city for the Hagan farm, four miles southwest of Rochester. Mr. McMahan expects to give a great deal of time to the upbuilding of the farm, but has not yet decided whether he will reside there or take up his home in this city.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, November 11, 1912]

### DAMAGE SUIT IS HEARD IN COURT

The attention of the Fulton circuit court was taken today with the damage suit of Sarah A. BUSHAWN vs. Otto McMAHAN. The greater part of the morning was taken in impanelling the jury.

The complaint, which is an interesting one, is as follows: On Sept. 14, 1910, Otto McMahan sold a piece of land in Liberty township to the plaintiff, one of the agreements being that he was to clean the ditch, known as the Thomas R. BUTLER ditch, which runs through the land, within 30 days.

Though the weather permitted, the ditch was not cleaned within the time agreed upon, and Edgar McCARTER, trustee of the township, ordered the ditch cleaned, sending the plaintiff a bill covering the work, amounting to \$112.72.

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In order to pay this, the plaintiff had to borrow the money or lose part of the land, and to cover the damages she has sustained, she asks for \$200.

Mrs. Bushawn, who is 72 years old, was on the stand the first of the afternoon, as was A. T. DURBIN, who assisted her in obtaining the money.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 19, 1913]

### DECLARES COSTS WERE ONCE PAID

That he had paid \$25 for cleaning out the ditch on the farm he sold to Mrs. Sarah A. BUSHAWN, that he had received a receipt for the same, and that the work had never been done was testified to by Otto McMAHAN on the stand this afternoon, in the damage suit filed by Mrs. BUSHAWN against him. The greater part of the day was taken up in hearing evidence.

McMahan stated that he had given the money for the cleaning of the ditch to George BUSHAWN, son of the plaintiff, and that he had never done the work, as he had agreed to. After two years, the defendant said, the trustee of the township ordered it cleaned at the expense of the owner, who was then Mrs. Bushawn. She was compelled to pay the costs with borrowed money and thinks she should be reimbursed by Mr. McMahan. The defense in the case seems strong and the outcome is problematical.

George Bushawn was on the stand late this afternoon.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 20, 1913]

### DEFENDANT WINS BIG DAMAGE SUIT

After deliberating for three hours, the jury in the case of Bushawn vs. McMahan on suit for damages, returned a verdict Saturday evening in favor of the defendant. The plaintiff will be compelled to pay all of the costs.

The case was the outcome of the sale of a piece of land in 1910, which Otto McMahan sold to Sarah Bushawn. In the contract for the sale, McMahan agreed to clean out a certain ditch on the farm. The deal was to be made Sept. 14, 1910, but the plaintiff did not have the money so another contract was made in which McMahan agreed to either clean the ditch or pay for having it cleaned. When the time expired and the deeds were made McMahan paid George Bushawn a certain sum of money and also gave his mother some fence to repay her for having the ditch cleaned. Mrs. Bushawn did not have the ditch cleaned that fall and the next year the trustees ordered the ditch cleaned and she was compelled to pay the costs which amount to over \$100.

Evidence was introduced which showed that the defendant had paid the plaintiff's son for having the ditch cleaned and that as he was her agent, Mrs. Bushawn was compelled to abide by his contract.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 23, 1913]

### OTTO McMAHAN IS OK'D BY SENATE

A telegram to Otto McMahan, recently recommended for postmaster by Congressman Barnhart, brought the intelligence from Senator B. F. Shively at Washington, late Tuesday, that the nomination, sent to the Senate March 17 by President Wilson, had been confirmed by the Senate.

The remaining necessary steps are the giving of a bond by Mr. McMahan and the issuance of his commission by the government. It is thought that he will be able to take office by April 1, at which time the fiscal quarter comes to an end, and which day will end a four year term for Postmaster William Wright, who will remove to the Ed Kreamer farm near the lake, to do light farming and heavy fishing.

Mr. McMahan was in the city Tuesday looking up a house for his family, which he will remove to the city at once, but was unsuccessful in finding one that suited. In fact, he found that houses of any kind were mighty scarce and stated Tuesday night that he would probably take furnished rooms until he could get what he wanted.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 25, 1924]

### OTTO McMAHAN ELECTED TO HEAD COUNTRY CLUB



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Otto McMahan was elected Tuesday to the presidency of the Rochester Country Club for the year 1929. He assumed office at once succeeding Ike M. Wile in that position. Mr. Wile was elected vice president while Charles Pyle was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The election took place at a meeting of the directors at the Coffee Shop. The three newly elected directors were in attendance for the first time, they being A. J. Herbster, Fred Ruh and John Allison.

Reports were given on membership by the committee in charge which showed that there will be some changes this year. The club is in fine condition financially and that the outlook is good for one of the best seasons on record, Mr. McMahan said.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 6, 1929]

### **McMAHAN, PAT** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

The McMahan boys have purchased the new Goss building in Fulton and will move in a stock of goods in a few days. Pat and Otto McMahan will run the store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 22, 1907]

#### PAT McMAHAN BUYS GROCERY AT CULVER

C. M. Studebaker, formerly of Rochester, has sold the Zechiel grocery at Culver to Pat McMahan, who now is in charge of it.

Mr. Studebaker has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Thomas J. Dye Lumber company of Kokomo and will move there this week.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 19, 1925]

### **McMAHAN, R. J. (Jack)** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### J. McMAHAN TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS IN WEST

Mr. And Mrs. R. J. (Jack) McMahan of this city will leave the latter part of this week for California, where they will make their future home. Mr. McMahan and his brother-in-law, Russell Pesanta, of Los Angeles, have purchased the leading furniture store at Van Nuys, a suburb of Los Angeles and will devote their entire time in this line of business.

During Mr. McMahan's residency in Rochester, he was engaged in the manufacture and sales promotion of an electric wire fence, with his father, Thomas McMahan, who resides southwest of Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 6, 1939]

### **McMAHAN, S. W.** [Rochester, Indiana]

S. W. McMahan, Ph.G.M.D., General practice. Sick poor treated free each Friday at the office in the Noftsgar Block.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 11, 1897]

### **McMAHAN, TOM** [Rochester, Indiana]

Tom McMahan has concluded to be an auctioneer and will conduct a series of basket supper sales at the different school houses in the county in order that he may develop himself in that direction. Tom will make a good auctioneer for he possesses the gift of wit necessary.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 30, 1906]

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

Fulton Leader.

Tom McMahan's sale was a hummer. They got right to work and everything brought a good price. Tom will leave shortly for Hamilton, Ohio, where he has a position with a range company.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 2, 1912]

### **McMAHAN, WILLIAM** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### BIOGRAPHY

William McMahan, farmer, P.O. Rochester. This worthy gentleman, born in Henry County, Ky., May 11, 1817, is the son of Michael and Mary (Williams) McMahan, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of Kentucky. He was married, July 3, 1839, to Louisa Love, who was born in Kentucky, May 17, 1823. She was the daughter of James and Sarah (McQueen) Love. This union was blessed with thirteen children, seven of whom are now living viz.: John, born October 4, 1845; Sarah J., born October 16, 1850; Louisa M., born February 22, 1852; Christina A., born July 8, 1854; William W., born March 28, 1857; Laura V., born October 6, 1859; and Clara V., born July 27, 1864. Mr. McMahan became a resident of Columbus, Ind. in 1835, and was there engaged in the merchant tailoring business until 1847, when he became a resident of Fulton County. He has filled various positions of honor and trust in the county, among which may be mentioned County Commissioner in 1857, and again in 1876. He has done much toward the improvement and development of the public interests of the county, and is highly respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 30]

### **McMAHAN, WILLIAM W.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### WILLIAM W. McMAHAN (Biography)

The Hon. Wm. W. McMAHAN, a native of this county, the junior member of the law firm of Conner, Rowley & McMahan graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1882 and has been engaged in active practice of law in Rochester ever since. Mr. McMahan represents the strongest type of Indiana forcefulness in anything he undertakes and has therefore been quite successful as an attorney and pension solicitor. He was married to Miss Fannie SAVAGE in June 1888, and occupies a beautiful home at No. 307 Monroe street. Mr. McMahan represented Fulton county in the State Legislature in 1893 and acquitted himself with honor among his fellow legislators and the respect and confidence of his constituency.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

According to newspaper reports Wm. W. McMahan, formerly of this city, was elected police Judge in the Hammond election yesterday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 5, 1904]

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

The Fulton county friends of W. W. McMahan will be pleased to hear that he was re-elected city Judge of Hammond by 734 majority, the largest majority of any democrat on the ticket, all of whom were elected.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 11, 1905]

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

City Judge W. W. McMahan, formerly of this city but now of Hammond, was nominated for Judge of the Superior court of Lake and Porter counties. He has made a fine record as City Judge and his prospects of being elected to the higher office are said to be good. Judge Virgil S. Reiter, also formerly of Rochester, will be the nominee of the republicans and he also stands high as a jurist.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 5, 1908]

### **McMAHAN BROS.** [Rochester, Indiana]

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See Four Brothers Grocery

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### NEWS OF THE DAY

The Mackey grocery, on East 13th St., was bought yesterday by Pat and Ott McMahan, of Fulton. John and James McMahan, brothers of the owners, will have charge of the store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 25, 1909]

[Adv] A few Bargains at McMAHAN BROS in the Mackey Grocery on East 13th Street - - - All goods sold at cash but delivered promptly. Telephone No. 199. This sale continues for one week.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 14, 1909]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Macy Monitor.

Will Norris, the well known Rochester traveling man, and his brother-in-law, Charles Slusser of Macy, have purchased the grocery store operated by McMahan Brothers of Rochester and took possession Monday morning. Both the young men are hustlers and will make good. Albert Slusser of this place went up Monday to help the goys get straightened up.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 9, 1909]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

McMahan Brothers, the enterprising merchants of Fulton, were the means of bringing a large crowd of people to that little city Saturday evening. They are handling Starr pianos and at this time two pianos were sold at auction to the highest bidders. The Fulton band was also engaged to play during the evening and later ice cream and cake was served to the large number of people in attendance.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 27, 1910]

## McMAHAN BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

[Rochester, Indiana]

### STATE ROAD PAVING JOBS

#### AWARDED AT VERY LOW FIGURES

The McMahan Brothers Construction Company of this city was on Saturday awarded the contract for the construction of 4.30 miles of cement paving on State Road No. 11, between Alexandria and Anderson by the state highway commission, which was in session at Indianapolis, on their bid of \$87,101.21. At the same time the commission awarded contracts for 70 miles of paved roads at a total cost of \$1,497,172.

The contract for each piece of paving was awarded on the lowest bid submitted at the hearing which the commission held several days ago and the prices ran many thousand dollars below the estimates the state engineers had made. As a result of the low bids which were received for the 70 miles of paving the commission may be able to carry out at least a part of its tentative paving program for this summer which includes the Plymouth-Peru stretch on state road 1 through Rochester, in addition to the definite paving program.

#### Most Favorable Contracts.

John D. Williamson, director of the state highway commission, said the contracts which were just let were the most favorable which the commission had received since it was created several years ago. Mr. Williams in a conversation which he had with a number of Rochester politicians at Indianapolis recently stated that the contract for the Peru-Plymouth stretch on state road No. 1, probably would be let this fall due to the increased revenue which the department will receive from the three-cent gasoline tax law passed by the last legislature and from the savings

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which the commission had been making in awarding contracts for paving such as was demonstrated on the 70 miles.

Under the provisions of the contract which was awarded to the McMahan Brothers Construction Company, the firm must complete the construction of the paving before next fall. The local concern, which has been building roads in Illinois for the past three years, will move a part of their equipment to Anderson immediately and will start work just as soon as the weather permits. The McMahans are noted for the thorough manner in which they build roads and last year established a worlds record for the construction of a mile of paving on one of their Illinois contracts.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 30, 1925]

## McMAHAN CONSTRUCTION CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

Also See McMahan, Otto

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### NEWS OF THE DAY

Otto McMahan resigned his position yesterday, as teacher in the Rochester city schools and today he has an offer of principalship of the township graded school at Twelve Mile and will probably accept. Miss Bertha Kline, Delong, is employed to take Mr. McMahan's place.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, September 9, 1903]

### McMAHANS SELL HARDWARE

William and Otto McMahan, who owned the North Manchester Implement and Hardware Co., Friday sold the business to Ulrey and Tylor Co. of that town. The new owners will take possession March 1st, when William McMahan who has been conducting the store will move back to his farm south of Rochester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 10, 1917]

### LOCAL MEN PURCHASE ROAD CONSTRUCTION CO.

Announcement has been made of the purchase Saturday by four local men, Postmaster Otto McMahan, A. L. Deniston, Guy R. Barr and Eugene Hunter, of the Becker-Enyart Construction Company, a road contracting and building corporation. The sale was made by order of court, following the death recently of the leading member of the firm, Charles Becker, of Fulton.

The purchase price of the company was about \$100,000, and according to statements made by the owners, there is almost that much value in the equipment on hands, besides road contracts totaling about half a million dollars, now under course of construction in Marshall county.

Postmaster McMahan has taken over the active management of the company, having taken a 30 day leave of absence so that he can spend all of his time on the work now under construction. The local concern is now building eight miles of paving on the state highway north of Plymouth on the Michigan road and is also building 15 miles of gravel road. Mr. McMahan stated that they had contracts on hand now that would keep them busy for another year.

He added further that this was the best equipped construction company in the state, the equipment being of the most modern and complete type. They can build a mile of concrete road in eight days and are working so fast now that three engineers are required to keep pace with the actual construction work.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 17, 1921]

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### ROAD PAVING FIRM IS MOVING TO ILLINOIS

Otto McMahan, manager of the Indiana Road Paving Company, which has just recently completed a large road building contract for the state in Marshall county, has finished loading the 14 carloads of equipment of the firm, which is being shipped to Monticello, Illinois, where the local company, has a contract to build 13-1/2 miles of hard surface roads for the state of Illinois.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 1, 1922]

### McMAHAN CONSTRUCTION CO. WILL START WORK

The McMahan Construction Company of this city which was recently awarded a six and one-half mile paving contract in Illinois is making preparations to start on the job just as soon as Governor Small signs the necessary papers. The firm consists of Hugh, Otto, Tom, Bill and Pat McMahan. On Tuesday Otto and Pat were in Chicago where they purchased \$50,000 worth of equipment for immediate delivery. Hugh McMahan will put in his resignation as rural route carrier at the postoffice soon and all of the brothers are planning to leave for Illinois at once. Otto McMahan will continue to supervise the work of the paving being done at Bellmont, Illinois.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 12, 1922]

### McMAHAN PAVING CO. GETS A BIG CONTRACT

The McMahan Brothers Paving Company of this city, who are now finishing up their first paving job in Illinois, were the low bidders on another contract in that state recently and will start work at once on a 13-mile stretch of road which they will lay with concrete. Their bid was approximately \$30,000 a mile. The road runs for the above distance directly out of Danville, Ill.

According to one member of the firm an entire new set of equipment will be purchased at once and put on the job which will give the firm two complete outfits. If the present job is finished within the near future both outfits will be put on the 13-mile road in order to complete it before fall.

The organization has recently been much hindered in their work by the lack of cement but they hope to get enough in the near future to complete their work without interruption.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 2, 1922]

### LOCAL FIRM MAKES A RECORD IN ILLINOIS

The Indiana Road Paving Company, a Rochester road contracting firm, headed by Otto McMahan, who returned to the scene of the company's operations in Illinois Monday morning after completing a week end visit in this city, is rapidly finishing up its first 14 mile road contract between Danville and Springfield, Illinois. This job, a concrete highway, establishes a record for laying hard surfaced roads in Illinois. This company has 10 miles more of paving to lay, while the McMahan Brothers, another local road contracting outfit, has recently secured contracts for building one 14 and one seven mile strip of road for the state of Illinois.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, September 11, 1922]

### NO UNEMPLOYMENT NOW SAY ROAD CONTRACTORS

Members of the McMahan Construction Company, which has contracts for the building of roads at Decatur, Bloomington and Gilman, Ill., declare there is nothing to the cry of unemployment at least so far as this particular community is concerned. Otto McMahan, one of the members of the firm, who is also connected with the Indiana Road Paving Company, took 10 or 12 men with him Monday morning to Illinois to start preparations for construction work as soon as the spring weather breaks. He declared that the firm is now in need of fully 100 men and while they have tried in every way possible to employ them, they have not succeeded so far. He declared that by the time construction work starts in the spring they will need fully 400 men for the work.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 26, 1923]

### OTTO McMAHAN LEAVES ROAD PAVING COMPANY

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Announcement has been made of a change in the personnel of the Indiana Road Paving Company, Rochester road contracting firm, Otto McMahan, formerly a partner, who acted as field manager of the company having sold out his interest to his partners, Omar B. Smith, A. L. Deniston and Guy R. Barr. McMahan, who is also a member of the McMahan Construction Company, partnership of the McMahan brothers, will devote all of his time in the future to this firm, engaged in similar business activities.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 29, 1923]

### OTTO McMAHAN IS OK'D BY SENATE

A telegram to Otto McMahan, recently recommended for postmaster by Congressman Barnhart, brought the intelligence from Senator B. F. Shively at Washington, late Tuesday, that the nomination, sent to the Senate March 17 by President Wilson, had been confirmed by the Senate.

The remaining necessary steps are the giving of a bond by Mr. McMahan and the issuance of his commission by the government. It is thought that he will be able to take office by April 1, at which time the fiscal quarter comes to an end, and which day will end a four year term for Postmaster William Wright, who will remove to the Ed Kreamer farm near the lake, to do light farming and heavy fishing.

Mr. McMahan was in the city Tuesday looking up a house for his family, which he will remove to the city at once, but was unsuccessful in finding one that suited. In fact, he found that houses of any kind were mighty scarce and stated Tuesday night that he would probably take furnished rooms until he could get what he wanted.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 25, 1924]

### McMAHAN COMPANY HAS FIVE SPEED RECORDS

The McMahan Construction Company, of this city, which is now building a concrete roadway in Illinois, holds five state records for speed according to the Daily Pantagraph, of Bloomington, Ill. A bulletin issued by the Illinois state highway department shows that the company had the biggest day's run; the biggest week's run of the year and the most mileage of the year.

The road being laid is the Corn Belt Trail and the newspaper says that rain prevented the local company from laying 7,500 feet last week. The men are now working in a single shift from 6 in the morning to 7 at night with relief crews coming on at the noon hour. Part of the highway already laid will be opened for traffic next Thursday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 23, 1924]

### NEW LOCAL BUILDING COMPANY GIVEN CHARTER

Indianapolis, May 8. (By I. N. S.)

Secretary of State Schortemeier today granted a charter of incorporation to Frank C. Fentz company of Rochester. The company capitalized at \$50,000 will engage in construction of roads, streets and structures of all kinds. Incorporators included Otto and Carrie McMahan of Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, May 8, 1925]

### LOCAL COMPANY GETS FLORIDA PAVING JOB

The McMahan Construction company of this city was the low bidder on twelve miles of paving, concrete, at Fernandina, Florida, Wednesday. Fernandina is near Jacksonville. The work will begin in the spring.

The McMahan company and the Rochester Road Paving company will submit bids for paving in Illinois at Springfield, Ill., Friday.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 18, 1926]

### LOCAL CONSTRUCTION CO. GRANTED CHARTER

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Indianapolis, Sept. 1. -- A certificate of incorporation was issued today to the Devine Construction Co., of Rochester, with an authorized stock of \$50,000. Incorporators were Otto and Carrie McMahan of Rochester, and Robert P. and Nellie G. Devine of Watseka, Ill. The firm proposes to construct roads, streets and other construction projects.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, September 1, 1926]

### LOCAL FIRM AWARDED MAMMOTH CONTRACT IN ILLINOIS, SATURDAY

The McMahan Construction Company, of this city, was on Saturday awarded the contracts for \$750,000 worth of work by the Illinois Highway Commission which was in session at Springfield, Illinois. The McMahans were the low bidders on the project at the time the bids were opened on January 17, but because of right of way troubles the contracts could not be awarded.

The contracts which were awarded were for the hard surfacing with concrete of 20 miles of road near Kankakee, eight and one-half miles near Pontiac and eight miles in Lake county, west of Chicago. In addition to this work the local company has the contracts for eight more miles of work in Cook county on their bid of \$250,000 which couples with the road for which they were given the contract Saturday.

### Has Four Outfits at Work

The McMahan Construction Company at the present time has four industrial road building outfits. Two of these outfits are in the north and two of them in the south. One of the southern outfits has just completed a \$250,000 project for the city of St. Cloud, Florida and the other is working on a \$400,000 job in Nassau county, Florida, near Fernandina.

The outfit which has been in operation at St. Cloud was moved to another project of 12 miles in length near Fernandina, which was bid in by the McMahans at \$350,000. This road which is a part of the Coastal Highway, the first Federal aid project in Florida, runs from Washington to Miami, Fla., and should be completed by April 15.

Great difficulties were encountered building the road near Fernandina. Seventy acres of land had to be cleared and grubbed and over 70,000 yards of dirt had to be pumped from the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean which was over three-quarters of a mile away. Part of this road had to be built out into the ocean.

On this project it was also necessary to place a revolving bridge which was 350 feet in length. This bridge was necessary so as to permit ocean going boats to come in and go out of the St. Charles river.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 14, 1927]

### NEW OFFICE BUILDING OPENS HERE

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The third of Rochester's new business buildings became occupied last week, when the McMahan Construction company moved into its new offices at 107 East Ninth Street, south of the courthouse from the location at 824 1/2 Main Street.

The remodeled structure, known as the Downs building, recently purchased by the company, embraces a suite of five office rooms. On the second floor is a newly decorated four-room apartment.

Need for more space and the greater accessibility of the ground-floor location prompted the company's move. The office will be the headquarters of the Otto McMahan farm business as well as of the construction company's.

Convenience and simplicity mark the arrangement and decoration of the interior. A long corridor leads by the several offices. Walls are finished in rough plaster, slightly tinted in cream color. The furniture and woodwork is finished in mahogany.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 21, 1936]

### McMAHAN CONSTRUCTION CO. BUYS CIRCUS GROUNDS

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It was announced today that the McMahan Construction Company has purchased the old circus grounds adjacent to the city limits on the northeast side of Rochester. The grounds and buildings will be used for the storage and repair of construction machinery for the McMahan company.

The McMahan farms will also use the grounds as a selling center for cattle. For a number of years they have been selling from six to 10,000 feeding cattle per year. The cattle are purchased on western ranges and shipped directly here for distribution to farmers throughout this territory. Last year the McMahan farms furnished 2,000 farmers with feeding cattle. They now have approximately 1,000 cattle on hand.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 31, 1942]

### PURCHASES DUCK FARM

The McMahan Construction company, recent purchasers of the old circus grounds on the northeast edge of the city, have purchased the duck farm which is adjacent to the newly acquired property. This new addition will be used in connection with the Otto McMahan Farm cattle business.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 5, 1942]

### ROAD BUILDER ED BOSWELL DEAD AT 88

Rochester lost one of its most influential figures at 4 p.m. Sunday when Edwin C. BOSWELL, 719 Jefferson St., died at home at the age of 88.

In addition to leading McMahan-O'Connor Construction Co. to prominence among Midwestern road builders, Boswell was a leader of the Methodist Church and the Republican Party, a longtime member of the DePauw University Board of Trustees and a local philanthropist who quietly contributed to the success of many community projects.

During his more than six decades with McMahan Construction Co., McMahan-O'Connor Construction Co. and Rock Industries, Boswell's crews were active in Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky and Illinois. They built U.S. 31 between Kokomo and U.S. 6, U.S. 465 around eastern Indianapolis and parts of Interstate 70. They also did extensive work on Indianapolis International Airport, Grissom Air Force Base, the Louisville, Ky., airport and the Fulton County Airport. They built Rochester High School's Barnhart Field and the nearby sledding hill. At one time or another, his machinery laid down pavement on virtually all Rochester streets.

He was a leader of the Asphalt Pavement Association of Indiana and of Indiana Constructors, Ind. and a member of the Indiana Society of Chicago.

During the 1950s he was financial chairman of Indiana's 2nd Congressional District.

He was active in Grace United Methodist Church as a trustee and finance committee chairman. He also served on the statewide Bishop's Committee.

Born in Indianapolis to Edwin C. and Nellie LOWE BOSWELL on Oct. 11, 1909, he married Rebelle McMAHAN on Sept. 17, 1932. She died Sept. 27, 1972. He lived in Rochester most of his adult life.

After graduating from Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis, he entered DePauw as a Rector Scholar. He earned six athletic letters as a basketball guard and a golfer. He was captain of the ROTC unit, and member of the student council before graduating with majors in history and political science in 1931.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1942-45, rising to the rank of Lt. Col. and supervising Buckley Field, Colo.

Boswell was named to the DePauw Board of Trustees in 1956 and soon became chairman of the Trustee Committee on Athletics. He remained closely allied with DePauw for the rest of his life. He is credited with changing the campus landscape, largely by marshaling the resources of his companies. His DePauw projects included developing tennis facilities, two intramural fields, a varsity practice field and the Boswell Soccer Field. He chaired the drive for the construction of Lilly Physical Education and Recreation Center. He was instrumental in establishing the Old Gold



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Scholarship for scholar-athletes. A recipient of DePauw's Old Gold Goblet award, he was inducted into the DePauw Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996.

He was a member of Rochester Lodge No. 79 F&AM; Mizpah Temple of Fort Wayne; Scottish Rite of Indianapolis; Rochester Elks Lodge 2120; American Legion Post 36; Tippecanot Lake Country Club, Leesburg Bellaire Country Club, Clearwater, Fla.; The Wabash Country Club; and Rock Hollow golf course, Peru.

Surviving are two daughters, Lalla and her husband James HEYDE, and Rebecca and her husband Terry SMITH, both of Rochester; one sister, Mrs. Carl GERDTS, Indianapolis; seven grandchildren, Edwin [HEYDE], David [HEYDE] and Robert HEYDE, Todd [SMITH], Terry [SMITH], Chris [SMITH] and Julie (Carroll) SMITH, and 15 great-grandchildren.

His parents and one brother, William A. BOSWELL, Indianapolis, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Foster and Good Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and for an hour before services.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Grace United Methodist Church.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 9, 1998]

In 1920 Otto McMahan formed a partnership with three other local men - Guy Barr, Omer Smith and Roy Deniston to take over a roadbuilding contract which was uncompleted because of the accidental death of the contractor, Charles Becker of Fulton. From this beginning Otto McMahan went on to form the McMahan Construction Company. After his initial experience he was associated with brothers William, Tom and Pat in road building for a time and then continued alone after his brothers went on to other pursuits. Otto Headed McMahan Construction Company for 41 years and guided it to be one of the leaders in its field in the Midwest.

[McMahan Family, Rebecca Boswell Smith, Fulton Co. Folks, Vol. 1, Willard]

Helen Louise Mow McGriff is an executive secretary with McMahan-O'Connor Construction Company in Rochester.

[Burkett Genealogy, Janet Rae Urbin Burkett, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

## McMAHAN DRUGS [Rochester, Indiana]

## McMAHAN FAMILY [Fulton County]

### SEVEN McMAHAN BROS. FEATURED BY NEWSPAPER

"One of the most interesting reunions in the history of San Diego, Cal.," was the way the San Diego Union headed a feature article about the seven McMahan brothers of Rochester, who met all together for the first time in 26 years in that city on January 15th. The article which appeared on the first page of the newspaper, and was topped by a large picture of the brothers standing in a row beside a large ocean liner, lined up according to their ages is as follows:

Twenty-six years ago seven brothers, Otto, Hugh, Thomas, William, Patrick, John and James McMahan, left their parents and set out to make their fortunes.

Yesterday afternoon, at the Broadway pier, following the arrival of the Panama-Pacific liner Maneruria from New York, the brothers, after more than a quarter of a century reunited in one of the most interesting reunions of its kind ever chronicled hereabouts.

Three of the brothers operate a chain of furniture stores in California and four are highway construction contractors in various parts of the country. Five of the seven are in their 40's. They are of stocky build. All of them have been successful.

Otto, the eldest, is a road contractor of Rochester, Ind. He is 46 years old. Hugh, one year younger, is a partner of Otto. He, too, lives at Rochester.

John L., aged 34; James I. aged 31, and Thomas, aged 43 are all California residents and all are engaged in the furniture business. James and John hail from Bakersfield, and Tom from San Bernardino.

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Patrick, 40 years old, comes from Tampa, Fla. It was his arrival on yesterday's steamer that brought the brothers to San Diego to start a reunion that will carry them on a tour of California.

William, 42 years old, lives in Decatur, Ill. He has constructed many a road in Illinois and he says he hopes to build many more before the airplane supplants the auto, if ever. All of the boys are married and all have fine families.

"You see, it is this way," explained Otto, the eldest, and therefore spokesman for the reunited family. "We told our wives that Patrick was coming to San Diego from Tampa and we thought it would be an excellent idea to meet him at the pier and to export him on an automobile tour of California. Inasmuch as our better halves knew it was going to be a happy family reunion and not a poker party, they gave their consent for us to come to San Diego. And here we are, glad to see each other after 26 years."

The reunion started with a dinner party last night, will be continued with another dinner party at Bakersfield tonight, followed by a couple more parties in San Bernardino and San Francisco.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, January 20, 1928]

## McMAHAN FURNITURE COMPANY

In 1919 after World War 1, John McMahan and James McMahan settled in California and started the McMahan Furniture Company which eventually became a chain of over 100 retail stores throughout California. Most of the brothers and sisters shared partnership in this business as well as in the many others. From the start, they used one another's money and bank accounts, always settling matters on friendly terms.

[McMahan Family, Rebecca Boswell Smith, *Fulton Co. Folks, Vol. 1*, Willard]

See Rochester Airport

## McMAHAN MILLINERY [Rochester, Indiana]

### NEW MILLINERY ESTABLISHMENT

Mrs. M. J. McMahan has just returned from the city with a complete stock of fine millinery goods - - - - Millinery rooms opposite the court house, four doors north of Wile's store. Call and See.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 17, 1880]

## McMAHAN & BECKER [Fulton, Indiana]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

McMahan & Becker, the Fulton hardware merchants, have purchased the hardware business of Ort Waltz at Twelve Mile and will continue the business.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 2, 1912]

### FULTON FIRM TO INCORPORATE

An important business change took place Saturday in Fulton when the McMahan, Becker Hardware firm decided to file articles of incorporation.

The new company will be known as the Fulton Hardware Company and will be incorporated with a capital stock of \$15,000. Two more members will be taken into the firm. They are Oscar Ocrnell, who has had 15 years experience in the business and Claude Studebaker, who formerly owned the business at Fulton.

The present firm has been doing a good business in Fulton and have constructed a store at Twelve Mile, where Mr. Studebaker has been in charge.

The officers of the new concern will be Oscar Cornell, president; Claude Studebaker, Vice President, Charles Becker, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. McMahan, while retaining in interest in the concern will retire actively, and move on the former Hagen farm, southwest of Rochester.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 20, 1913]

### McNEELY, SAMUEL [Tiosa, Indiana]

#### STORY OF A PREACHER

By Rev. Samuel McNeely

On the 20th of October, 1844, in a log cabin on the banks of Brown's Run, Butler County, Ohio, the writer first saw the light of day, being the youngest of nine children born to John and Elizabeth McNeely, father being of Irish and mother of Scotch descent. Mother died in September, 1846, and father in 1849, from the terrible scourge of cholera. The writer also suffered an attack of the same disease, but fortunately recovered to be, in later years, the victim of all the diseases incident to childhood, such as measles, whooping cough, mumps and other like ailments.

My early years were spent in many homes, having neither father or mother, I was subjected to the kindness of strangers, as a rule, who treated me fairly well as long as I was able to serve them without extra trouble upon their part; but when sickness came they would take me to an aunt, my mother's sister, who always took me in and cared for me tenderly until health was restored, when some other home would be found for me. All with whom I spent my earlier years have long since passed to their reward. Of the nine children of the family, seven grew to man and womanhood. There were five brothers, and all were soldiers during the civil war, but no two of us in the same regiment. There was one brother in the Eighteenth Indiana, one in the Twenty-sixth Indiana, one in the Twelfth Ohio, one in the Sixth Iowa, and myself in the Forty-sixth Indiana, also the One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana. All have been mustered out and gone to join the ranks on the other shore and I am left all alone, so far as blood relation goes.

There are some incidents in my early life that recall some pleasing recollections. When about eight years of age a couple of incidents occurred which I recall as rather amusing. Myself and brother Henry, who was two years older than I, were both staying at my aunt's, who lived just on the edge of a large clover field, in which brother and I spent a good deal of our time. One day, playing with a neighbor girl, she caught a bumble bee and got a drop of honey with which she taunted me for a while and then ate it. That fired me with a desire to have a feast of honey. I told my brother about it, so we repaired to the clover field bent on having all the honey we could eat. We would watch for a bumble bee to settle on a clover bloom, when we would put our hat over it and pound the life out of it. After securing some eight or ten, we concluded to begin the feast. Of course I wanted to do the dissecting, but my brother said he knew all about the business, so I had to yield. He took up a bee and began operations, but alas for human expectations. Soon the air was rent by screams sufficient to raise the dead. The bee resented and made use of his only weapon, stinging my brother on the end of the thumb, which put an end to our feast. A few days afterward we were again under the shade tree in the clover field, where the dust was nearly ankle deep, and we concluded that we would play fighting bumble bees. We would fill our hats with dust and throw it up in the air and then run through it, waving our arms in imaginary battle. We were having a good time, until suddenly a sound fell upon our ears, the angry voice of our cousin calling us to the house. When we arrived we discovered that she had a gad about five feet long, which was anything but a welcome sight to us. We crowded into a narrow space between the buildings, where she could not follow us, and of all the begging and "slinging snot" you ever witnessed, surely that was the limit, but all to no purpose. We had to come out and take our medicine, which was pretty severe, but proved to be a radical cure, as I don't think I have fought bumble bees since.

When twelve years of age, I was brought to Indiana, landing at Lagro, Wabash county, on new year's eve, 1856, and have lived in the state ever since. When in my fourteenth year, I went to live with an Irishman, named Casey, with whom I remained until I enlisted in the Forty-sixth Indiana. My life there was a complete change from former things. It simply set me free, allowing me to go where I pleased and do what I pleased, so long as I would be home Monday morning to go to work. While there I learned to dance, play cards, drink whisky, or whatever my fancy dictated. Living three years under such influences, it was no wonder that I graduated soon after

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going in the army. I was an expert in nearly all games played with cards, but one thing I absolutely refused to do, and that was to play for money. I tried "chuckaluck" once or twice and that satisfied me.

I enlisted in Company I, Forty-sixth Indiana, in October, 1861, being but seventeen years of age. Was with the regiment until December 1862, when I was sent with a number of others to St. Louis, Mo., to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where I kept going lower and lower in strength until I gave up hopes of ever seeing Indiana again. I became so weak that I fainted, several time, in making efforts to raise up in bed. One day I was lying on my cot when the door bell rang, and I sprang up in my bed and turned my ear toward the door. The boys in the ward became frightened, supposing that I was dying. They gathered around me and tried to get me to lie down, but I told them to let me alone, that was someone from Lagro. In a few moments my uncle was shown into the ward, after which I laid down, perfectly happy. My uncles was so overcome that he could not talk for several minutes. The first words he said were: "My God, Sam, is this you?" I replied, "Yes, what there is left of me," when he exclaimed, "Well, God knows there is not much left except your feet." In after years he used to joke me about it, saying that my feet looked like mud sills hung to a rye straw. I was completely "hide-bound" and could not hide me teeth to save me. My uncle often remarked afrwards, that if anyone had told him that men could become so poor and emaciated, and still live, he would not have believed it until he saw a case with his own eyes. He remained with me for over a week, trying to get me a furlough, but could not succeed, as all the hospitals were run by contract at so much per head, and every one furloughed would cut off that much revenue from the doctor. But I got a discharge on the 13th of February, 1863, and my uncle came down and took me home. I recruited up and on the 1st of July, 1863, enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana, and spent the winter of '63 and '64 in East Tennessee, coming home in March, 1864.

Feeling that I had soldiered enough, concluded I would get a wife and settle down, thinking that that was all I needed to make life complete. I soon found that I needed everything else worse than I did a wife, but having got her, I had to keep her. For some years after marriage I tried farming, but made a complete failure, so I worked by day's work to maintain myself and family. Many a time I have walked five miles, do a day's work and walked home again. I did whatever my hands found to do. One thing was in my favor-I always enjoyed good health. I have many times made the statement that I had not missed a half-dozen meals on account of sickness in forty years. In the year 1872 I began trying to preach and have been in the work for thirty-seven years, having done what good I could. Some of my experiences have not been the most pleasant. I remember one or two that will bear telling. While living in Huntington county, I had to go to Argos. Wishing to catch the early train at Huntington, I aimed to start at two o'clock in the morning from the house. Having company, I did not get to bed until eleven o'clock; when I awoke I made a mistake of one hour in looking at the clock and was taking things very coolly until my wife awoke and said: "You cant go now, as it is three o'clock." I said "no, it is only two o'clock," but when I looked again, saw my mistake. I was five and one-half miles from town and the train due at 4:04. Started on a race for the train. The night was dark and the roads rough, hence I partly ran and partly walked, but I made the train all right. Another time I started for the same train. It was just when they were working the road and everything was all the same color. Aimed to keep in the center of the road, but unfortunately for me I could not see where I was going, so about a mile from home I fell off a culvert into a hog wallow and was completely plastered. What to do I hardly knew, as I had not time to return home and then make the train, so I continued on my way. When I reached Huntington it was just coming daylight, so I went to the river and commenced to wash off all the mud in sight. It was a cold, damp morning and no fire. I nearly froze until I got to a fire to dry my clothes. If some of the preachers of today would meet with such experiences I don't know what they would do. In those days I thought nothing of walking fifteen and twenty miles to fill my appointments, and I will say, right here, that although I have been in the work thirty-seven years, I have never made a complete disappointment. Have been detained on account of funerals and sickness, but always managed to send word to my people.

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I located in Argos in the summer of 1875, and remained there until I moved to Tiosa, twenty-eight years ago, where I expect to remain as long as I stay on this mundane sphere. After locaing in Argos I soon found my salary was too small to maintain my family, so I took up plastering and stone masonry, which I followed for fifteen years, working five days in the week and preaching over Sunday, besides preaching a great many funerals. In fact I never knew anything but hard work until the last twelve years, but I don't regret it, as I feel that it is better to wear out than rust out.

I have been trying for three or four years to cut out some of my points, feeling that I am entitled to some rest, but the people won't have it that way and keep me in the work. While I have never had what would be called a living salary for my work, I am not complaining, as I have a home and enough to eat and wear, and what should we ask for more. I have often made the remark that I would rather die a pauper and be buried as a county charge and know that I had done something to help some poor soul than to die a millionaire and know that I had lived for nobody but myself.

[Marguerite L. Miller, *Home Folks*, Vol. II, 1910, pp. 60-63]

## McPHERSON & RALSTON [Kewanna, Indiana]

### RUH NAMED RECEIVER

Judge Robert Miller found yesterday in the circuit court in the suit in which a receiver is asked by the Keifer Stewart Drug Company of Indianapolis for the drug store of McPherson and Ralston, of Kewanna, that the firm was in failing circumstances. The court then appointed Fred Ruh as receiver for the concern. Ruh was required to furnish a bond of \$4,000.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 18, 1931]

### DRUG STORE IS SOLD

Judge Robert Miller today ordered Fred Ruh, as receiver of the McPherson drug store at Kewanna, to sell the same to Frank C. Cooper for \$600 cash. The receivership had been asked by the Keifer-Stewart Drug Company of Indianapolis. The court also ordered all creditors to file their claims with Receiver Ruh before Sept. 26.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 4, 1931]

## McQUERN, MARTHA A. [Rochester, Indiana]

### BIOGRAPHY

Martha A. McQuern, farmer, P.O. Rochester, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Wood, and widow of James H. McQuern. She was born in Allen County, Ohio, January 4, 1833. Came with her parents to this county in 1840. They first settled in Henry Township where her father died January 15, 1848, and her mother March 29, 1869. Her father was a native of Logan County, Ohio, and her mother of Virginia. Mr. McQuern was born in South Carolina, about 1816. Came out to Ohio with his parents, when about nine years old. His father soon after died. About one year later, accompanied by his mother, sister and half-brother, emigrated to the vicinity of Frankfort, Ind. Very soon after, James H. went out to Lafayette and learned the blacksmith trade, and when about twenty-one years of age formed a partnership with Henry Alexander, in Rochester, where they successfully carried on the blacksmithing business for about ten years, when Mr. McQuern removed his kit of tools out on a farm he had purchased east of Rochester, where he continued to ply his trade. He first married Nancy Brown, about 1843, who died about 1851, when, October 3, 1852, he married Martha A. Wood, and lived about fourteen years on the farm now owned by Bridegroom, et al, when they sold out and purchased the farm now occupied by the widow on Sections 14 and 23, where Mr. McQuern died, December 29, 1878, lamented by his family and friends. Mr. and Mrs. McQuern were the parents of nine children, viz.: James Newton, born May 21, 1854; Pauline, born October 6, 1855; Sarah Mabel, born October 7, 1857; Ginevra Dora, born January 7, 1860, died September 7, 1864; William J. H., born May 12, 1863, died September 12, 1864; Lula D., born July 24, 1865; Charles L., born March 20, 1868, died

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April 10, 1869; Elnora V., born January 9, 1870; Franklin K., born December 13, 1872. Mr. McQuern was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Presbyterian Church, and a republican. Mrs. McQuern is a member of Mount Zion Presbyterian Church. She manages her affairs with a shrewdness seldom surpassed by her sex.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 30]

## **McVAY, HARRY** [Kewanna, Indiana]

### **BUILDING NEW STATION**

Kewanna Herald.

Harry McVay is building a new filling station on his lot facing the Soup Bone pike and hopes to have it done within the next week or two and ready for business. He has a very nice location and will get his share of the business.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 18, 1926]

## **MEADER & WEBB** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **CELERY RAISING NEWEST INDUSTRY OF COUNTY**

Only a few people in Fulton County know that a new farm industry, that of celery raising, is being tried by John Meader and Archie Webb at the Meader farm four miles west of this city on the Winamac road. Six acres are now under cultivation and some of the celery is now ready to be harvested and will be offered for sale on the streets of Rochester Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mr. Webb, whose home is at Decatur, Michigan in the heart of the famous Michigan celery belt, is in charge of the farm. The celery is being grown on muck land of which Mr. Webb says there are over 2,000 acres in the county which would be adaptable to the growing of the product. Many persons have visited the Meader farm where they are always welcome.

Mr. Webb stated today that the muckland in Fulton county would be just as productive for celery as the land in the Michigan celery belt. The only difference so far found is in the water which is in the soil. In Indiana much iron is found in the water while in Michigan the opposite is true.

This is the first time in many years that the growing of celery has been tried in Fulton county. Attempts were made at one time by farmers living north of this city on the Michigan road to raise the product, but because of their inexperience they were never able to bleach it properly.

Mr. Webb, who has devoted his entire lifetime to the celery raising industry, has overcome this difficulty. The celery which will be offered for sale is of excellent quality and well bleached. The celery is of the Golden Heart variety, seed for which cost \$40 per pound.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 20, 1928]

## **MEADOW BROOK DAIRY** [Akron, Indiana]

Located E side of SR-19, on the original Strong farm north of Akron approximately one-half mile.

Operated by Arthur and Daisy (Strong) Slaybaugh in the early 1920's.

## **MEADOW LARK TRIO** [Akron, Indiana]

The Meadow Lark Trio of Akron, which recently won a prize in a contest conducted by a Chicago radio station will play Sunday at the Logansport Universalist Church.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, October 9, 1926]

## **MEDICAL SOCIETY** [Rochester, Indiana]

Also See Fulton County Medical Society.

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M.D. ORGANIZATION

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A new organization was added to the city's orders, Monday evening, when the local physicians held a meeting in Dr. M. O. King's office and arranged for a post-graduate school.

The object of this organization will be to keep posted at all times on current medicines, new operations and constantly review the work that had already been accomplished. This new departure of the physicians will be of great advantage to them for the reason that here-to-fore they had never had any time of their own wherein they might keep in touch with the work going on in the outside medical world. Also the benefits derived from a general discussion will be realized in these meetings, which will occur on Monday evening of each week. The meeting will be held from eight o'clock until nine-thirty o'clock and the members would like for the people to understand that they are not to be called.

Special features of each session will be lectures by two members of the organization which will be followed by a general discussion. Next Monday evening Dr. M. O. King will talk on the subject of "Histology and anatomy of the bone" and Dr. C. J. Loring's subject will be "Periostitis."

The officers elected for the coming year are Dr. L. L. Babcock, Pres. and Dr. M. O. King, Sec and Treas.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 7, 1908]

## MEEK, EMMETT [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Emmett Meek)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Emmett Meek)

## MEHRLING MILLINERY SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

Mrs. Perry Mehrling has just received . . . all the latest styles of Hat & Bonnet Blocks, and is prepared to do work in the Millinery line, at her residence, East of the Court House . . . Rochester, May 15th 1867.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 23, 1867]

## MEISCH GROCERIES, GUS [Rochester, Indiana]

Gus. Meisch has opened a stock of GROCERIES in the fame row opposite the Public Squart, Rochester - - - Highest prices paid in cash or goods for country produce, especially butter and Eggs. - - - A. MEISCH.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 23, 1878]

## MEISCHKE, HERMAN [Rochester, Indiana]

### CHANGES ARE MADE IN LOCAL BUSINESS FIRMS

Two changes were made this morning in local business institutions when the dry cleaning and pressing establishment owned by Clyde Hickman at 707 Main Street was sold to Herman Meischke of Peru, and the Blue Room Cafe at 513 North Main street was sold by Mr. and Mrs. Russell See to Mrs. O. S. Goss and Mrs. Jack Wilson.

Mr. Meischke, who purchased the Hickman dry cleaning and pressing establishment is an experienced man. He worked for Allen and Thomas in Indianapolis for six years, Fenton Dry Cleaners at Cincinnati for three years and the Bell Cleaning Company of Peru for the past year. He will move his family consisting of his wife and two children to this city this week. Mr. Hickman has no immediate plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 24, 1929]

## MEMORIAL DAY, ROLL OF HONOR [Rochester, Indiana]

### MEMORIAL DAY, ROLL OF HONOR

Stephen PYLE	War 1812, Va. Troops
Robert WYLIE	War 1812, Va. Troops

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A. J. HOLMES	War 1848
U. S. WEIRRICK	War 1848
Henry ANDERSON	Co. C, 150 Ind. Infy.
Jacob BARRETT	Co. A, 155 Ind. Infy.
Charles BRACKETT	9th Illinois Cavalry
Joseph W. BEEBER	Co. F, 87th Ind. Infy.
Palmer COLLINS	Co. F, “
Jonathan CLAY	Co. F, “
John CRIPE	Co. F, “
David MOW	Co. F, “
Benj. B. PATTON	Co. F, “
Geo. W. TRUSLOW	Co. F, “
Chas. COCHRAN	Co. C, “
James GRAHAM	Co. D, “
R. W. CHERRY	Co. D, “
H. F. CARTWRIGHT	Co. I, 5th Ind. Cavalry
J. H. HOOVER	4th
Christian NEWHOUSE	“
John MACKEY	Co. D, 29th Ind. Infy
John ROUCH	Co. A, 26th Ind. Infy
Adolphus PARKER	Co. C, 26th Ind. Infy
Comrades - WOLF and Robt. MARTIN, unknown	
[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 2, 1883]	

## MEMORIAL HALL [Rochester, Indiana]

### CITY MAY DISPOSE OF LOT PURCHASED FOR MEMORIAL HALL

While there was little actually accomplished at Tuesday evening's meeting of the city council, a number of matters of vital importance came up for discussion and are to be acted upon later. Chief among these is the proposition of to sell or not to sell the city's lot on the corner of Main and Seventh streets.

Mayor King announced at Tuesday evening's session that a buyer, whos identity or business he refused to divulge, has offered the city what it has invested in the lot, or possibly more money even than that, and promises to immediately put up a building that would be a credit to the city and would guarantee to do a thriving business. The prospective purchaser would not quibble over the price and has already offered the city \$6,000 for the Main street half of the lot. The entire lot cost \$8,300. Definite decision on this matter will probably be reached at the enxt meeting of the council.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 1, 1922]

## MENOMENEE, CHIEF

See Pottawatomie Indian Monument

See Trail of Death

## MENTONE, INDIANA [Kosciusko County]

### MENTONE

Mentone Gazette

The Mutual Telephone Co. has purchased from Joseph Bowman the building vacated by Mrs. Doddridge's picture gallery, and have moved the switch board into the same.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 6, 1905]

### FIRE AT MENTONE

Fire broke out in the business district of Mentone at 5 o'clock this morning and swept away five business buildings and six business establishments. The origin of the fire is a mystery



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but it started in the Fell meat market and spread so rapidly that the hand engine and bucket brigade could not check it until quite a district was laid waste. The business establishments burned were:

F. M. Jenkins dry goods and notion store -- most of goods saved but damage \$1,000.

Augenbaugh's harness shop -- stock and fixtures nearly all saved, loss \$100.

Ben Fell's Meat Market -- everything burned and loss \$500.

D. W. Lewis dry goods store -- everything burned and loss \$1,400.

Elsworth boot and shoe shop -- partial loss of \$600.

Sarbers tailor shop -- goods saved but loss \$50 to \$100.

Of the five buildings burned L. D. Manwaring owned two that are damaged \$2,500. Keim's estate, two damaged \$1,500, and the Fell meat market building, loss not given.

The business institutions burned out will all get new locations and some of them will be ready for business Saturday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 1, 1906]

## MENTONE

Mentone Gazette.

The rumor of the electric light plant having been sold has been floating in the air for two weeks past, but on investigation last week we found that no trade had been consummated. This week we report that W. N. Holland, of Mitchell, South Dakota, completed a deed on Monday by which he becomes proprietor of the plant and will take possession of the business on April 1.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 23, 1906]

## MENTONE

Mentone Gazette.

H. E. Graham, from Tippecanoe, has purchased the Getty & Jones livery stock at Silver Lake.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 14, 1907]

## MENTONE

Mentone Gazette.

J. E. Anderson and Arthur Hendrickson, of Rochester, have rented the Creamery building for the purpose of conducting a moving picture show. The first exhibition is announced for this Thursday evening.

Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 12, 1907]

## MENTONE

W. E. Hackedorn, of Indianapolis, one of the founders of Mentone, was here a few days the first of the week, closing up the business of the firm of Tucker, Myers & Hackedorn. The members of this firm are the men who selected the site and laid out the town of Mentone in 1882, and now after 25 years the firm has closed up their business and the partnership is dissolved.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 23, 1907]

## MENTONE

Mentone Gazette.

A. T. Mollenhour has the foundation laid and a part of the cement blocks on the ground for his new automobile factory. It will be located directly west of the Boat Oar factory.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 27, 1907]

## MENTONE

Mentone Gazette.

Curt Nellans informs us that he expects to start the Nickel plate Mills to grinding feed on Friday of this week.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 6, 1907]

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### MENTONE

Mentone Gazette.

Clark Mollenhour is building another automobile at the Mentone Auto shop. With new machinery and new ideas for the construction he expects to turn out a machine that will be practical in every particular.

Mrs. P. H. Bowman, of Chicago, who some time ago purchased the Central house, has decided to move to Mentone and take charge of the property. She expects to come about the 1st of March.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 14, 1908]

### MENTONE

Mentone Gazette.

J. M. Baker, from North Manchester, has leased the Creager hall and will open up a moving picture show in Mentone in a few days.

Mentone has another new industry -- a winter factory of cement tile. Ed Mollenhoure is fitting up the basement rooms back of the First National Bank and will continue the manufacture of sewer tile during the winter months.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 28, 1908]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The Mentone flouring mill, which has been made a football for traders for some time, has been sold at public auction to Kinsey Brothers of Claypool.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 25, 1912]

### FROM NEAR-BY TOWNS

Mentone is soon to have a water works system, according to the Gazette of that place. The work will begin on the new plant at once and will be completed by Christmas.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 13, 1912]

### FROM NEAR-BY TOWNS

Mentone Gazette.

W. P. Hollands has signed up a contract by which he will secure his light current for Mentone from the Winona Interurban line instead of manufacturing it at his own plant. This will necessitate some extra wiring and the putting in of a transformer or reducer by which the trolley current is adapted to the needs of our lighting system.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 13, 1922]

### MENTONE BUILDING NEW HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Citizens of Mentone have subscribed \$5,420 for the erection of a community gymnasium. The building will be located on two lots donated by Mrs. Susan Forst, who also contributed \$500 toward the building fund. A building which will accommodate 1,500 with a stage at one end and 40 by 80 basketball court is planned.

Work on the structure will be started immediately and it will be ready for basketball games by the latter part of the season. The Kosciusko county tournament on January 29 and 30 will be held there.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 4, 1925]

### MENTONE THEATRE IS TO BE REOPENED APRIL 14

Mentone will again have movie pictures within the near future. Miner Mollenhour purchased the Mentone theatre last Friday from Mr. Rarick, of Warsaw, the former operator.

Mr. Mollenhour is making several improvements. The interior will be redecorated and beautified and it is probable that the front will be improved. The theatre will be opened on

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Thursday night April 14th. The program is not known at this date. There will be two shows a week, on Thursday and Saturday nights. A complete change in program will be made each night.

The theatre has been closed since Mr. Rarick ceased to operate it late last fall.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 6, 1927]

### MENTONE PAPER QUILTS WITH LAST WEEK'S ISSUE

"The Community Farm News" - weekly newspaper published in Mentone for some time suspended publication with its issue last week and now is no more. Julius Perlman, a young man, was the editor and publisher.

Mr. Perlman stated that the merchants of Mentone and subscribers generally did not support the paper sufficiently with advertising and that the income was not enough to pay the expenses. Mr. Pearlman plans to leave Mentone and return to his home in Wisconsin.

The paper was printed in magazine size and was a newsy sheet giving the items of Mentone and community. The job plant in which the paper was printed will be continued in operation by its owner it is understood. The predecessor of this paper the old Mentone Gazette suspended several years ago and the Farm News was started as a newspaper by Perlman.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 31, 1932]

### WILL OPEN NEW STORE

Wayne Tombaugh, Akron, has announced that he will open a furniture store in the Snyder building in Mentone about April 1.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 19, 1937]

### MENTONE GETS FACTORY

Mentone, July 1. - A new manufacturing plant is being started in Mentone by H. E. Nottingham, who has been residing on a farm east of here. The plant, to be known as the Mentone Metal Works, will specialize in the manufacture of chicken-feeders and drinkers. Nottingham will be associated in the business with his son, Clay, and a cousin, Marcine, of Greenville, Pa.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 1, 1940]

## MENTONE GAZETTE [Mentone, Indiana]

See Community Farm News

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### TO MOVE MENTONE PAPER

In the Mentone Gazette of this week the manager, C. W. Krathwohl, announced that owing to the lack of advertising and non-support of the business men, the newspaper plant would be moved to Claypool where the manager has opened negotiations for the establishing of a paper and expects to print both papers at the Claypool plant.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 7, 1925]

### MENTONE GAZETTE TO SUSPEND PUBLICATION

In a lengthy statement on the front page, C. W. Krathwohl, publisher of the Mentone Gazette, announces that after August 11th his newspaper will suspend publication. He states that the few merchants who have advertised with him have not been enough to pay expenses and that last month the paper lost about \$100. He further says that high postage rates makes it too costly to issue special editions which paid a profit otherwise. He offers his plant for sale and states that in his final issue he will publish the names of all subscribers showing those paid up in advance and those in arrears. Mr. Krathwohl announced that he will remain in Mentone and conduct a job printing and mail order business.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 29, 1926]

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### FORM NEW CLUB

A Rod and Gun Club was organized at Mentone last Sunday afternoon with 50 charter members.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 1, 1928]

## MENTONE TABERNACLE [Mentone, Indiana]

### BEING TORN DOWN

The Mentone tabernacle is being taken down and will be shipped to Akron where it will be erected and put in readiness for the evangelistic meetings to be held there next month.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 17, 1914]

## MERCER, EDWIN C. [Rochester, Indiana]

### MERCER HEADS NEW FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Edwin C. Mercer has returned from Indianapolis where Tuesday he was honored by being made president of the first state mutual fire insurance company organized to write general risks -- the Indiana Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

When seen Thursday, Mr. Mercer said that the company was launched to answer to what the backers believed to be a need for such a project, and that writing of policies would probably commence in 90 days. W. A. Kelsey, Ft. Wayne, is vice president, H. P. Cooper, Crawfordsville, secretary and W. P. Noffsinger, Union City, treasurer. All officers and several others form the board of directors. General offices have been established at Crawfordsville but the annual meetings will be held in Indianapolis.

This is not the first insurance venture for Mr. Mercer as he for 15 years has been secretary and director of the Farmers Cooperative Insurance Co of Fulton, White and Pulaski counties and for 12 years treasurer and director of the Indiana Mutual Cyclone Insurance Co.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 13, 1919]

### E. C. MERCER LEAVES U. S. BANK

After nine years service with the institution, Edwin C. Mercer, secretary and assistant cashier of the United States Bank and Trust Co., has severed his active connections therewith, and will devote the coming six months or more in organizing Indiana counties and appointing agencies for the Indiana Union Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of which he is president.

For 17 years, Mr. Mercer has been connected with mutual insurance activities here, being secretary of the Farmers' Cooperative and treasurer of the Indiana Mutual Cyclone, at the present time. He was Tuesday in Chicago attending a board meeting of the National Mutual Insurance Company, in the farm department of which he is a director.

Frank Kumler will take Mr. Mercer's place as assistant cashier in the bank and his successor as secretary will probably be elected at the annual meeting Wednesday night.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 13, 1919]

### MERCER IS ELECTED AT STATE GATHERING

At the annual meeting of the Indiana Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company, held at the Claypool hotel Tuesday, E. C. Mercer, of Rochester, was elected president; H. L. Nowlin, of Indianapolis, vice president; Harry P. Cooper, of Crawfordsville, secretary; Cecil McMullen, of Crawfordsville, assistant secretary, and W. P. Noffsinger of Union City, treasurer. . . . .

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 7, 1924]

## MERCER, W. W. [Rochester, Indiana]

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[Adv] The "GARLAND" The Cheapest Good Plow Made. Also Gibb's Imperial walking plows, sold and warranted by W. W. MERCER.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 9, 1890]

## MERCER HARDWARE & STOVE STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

New Hardware & Stove Store . . . also manufacturers of Tin, Copper, and Sheet Iron Ware . . . L. Mercer & Co., Rochester, March 1, 1860.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

Look Here! Look Here! I am manufacturing to order, at my shop (seven miles S.E. of Rochester) Cast-Steel Pump Augers, of the best quality -- Warranted one year.

Also-- a splendid lot of Rat Traps now on hand. The best and cheapest in the market. Call at Mercer's Hardware Store in Rochester, or at my Shop and see for yourselves. Mattocks, Axes, Mill Picks, Gun Work, &c., &c. done as usual on short notice, and warranted . . . W. A. Horton, Milark, January 3, 1861.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, January 3, 1861]

Mr. L. Mercer is putting up a large building opposite the Court House on Main street; which he intends occupying with his immense stock of Hardware . . .

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, April 4, 1861]

On account of preparations for removal of our office and other reasons, we were unable to issue a paper last week. We shall not allow the same thing to occur again. Before the issue of our next number, we shall be established in a new and pleasant office, over the store formerly occupied by Mr. Mercer, opposite the Farmer's Store, where our subscribers will find us ready at all times to wait upon them.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, June 6, 1861]

Levi Mercer, Dealer in English and American Hardware, Stoves, Tin Ware &c. Store opposite the Court House, sign of the Big Padlock. Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, June 13, 1861]

We presume that there are many of our readers who do not know that our home Artist, Robert Gould, is taking some excellent pictures and at unreasonably low prices. Call at his rooms, over Mercer's Hardware Store, and see for yourselves.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, February 13, 1862]

Daniel S. Gould has this day opened . . . a new and complete assortment of Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Queensware, Glassware, &c &c . . . opposite the Court House, one door north of Mercer's Hardware Store . . . Rochester, Aug 7, 1862.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 7, 1862]

Hutchinson's Family Wine and Cider Mill . . . Levi Mercer, Agent for Fulton County. Rochester, August 20, 1863.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 20, 1863]

Levi Mercer, Dealer in Hardware and Agricultural Implements . . . Both the celebrated Pittsburg Plow and the South Bend Plow, formerly sold by J. J. Smith, of this place . . . Rochester, Dec. 31, 1863.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, December 31, 1863]

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[Adv] South Bend Chilled Plow, Monarch Combination Steel Plow, South Bend Wagons, Farmer's Friend Grain Drill, Improved Matta Corn Cultivator - - - The Hubbard Double Motion Reaper & Mowers, Agent for the Massillon Threshers and Engines, and repairs for same, Sulky & Revolving Hay Rakes, Jumping Single & Double Shovel Plows, Corn Drills, Land Plaster Constantly on hand, - - - Hardware, Stoves and Tinware, Building Material of all kinds. - - - L. MERCER.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 26, 1879]

[Adv] Go to L. Mercer's - - - Stoves, Hardware, Tinware, Agricultural Implements, - - - Building Material -

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 9, 1881]

[Adv] Do You Need A Plow? - - - We have a complete line of farm implements - - - Come in and get prices on anything you want in the hardware and implement line. DILLON & WILSON. (Successors to L. Mercer)

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 15, 1891]

[Adv] THE BEST! That expresses the line of goods we carry. - - - The best riding plow is the J. I. Case, which has always been the Standard. The Best corn planter-check-rower and drill combined is the Evans. The Best spring tooth and shovel cultivator is the Malta. - - - F. C. WILSON, Mercer's old stand.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 21, 1893]

WILSON & McCCLURE'S HARDWARE STORE. - - - make a specialty of vehicles manufactured by the Bourbon Carriage Works. - - - WILSON & McCCLURE, Mercer's old stand.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 4, 1897]

## MERCER & GRELLÉ [Rochester, Indiana]

Mercer & Grelle are the regularly appointed agents for Stock Raisers Insurance Company - - - MERCER & GRELLÉ, Agents.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 21, 1891]

## MERCER & SHEPHERD HARDWARE [Rochester, Indiana]

Copartnership. The undersigned have this day entered into a Copartnership-- the Firm to be known as Mercer & Shepherd. Levi Mercer, A. C. Shepherd. Rochester, June 1 1865.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 15, 1865]

H. C. Long would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he has gone into the Boot & Shoe business, at E. Long's old Stand, opposite the Court House, and two doors North of Mercer & Shepherd's Hardware Store. Rochester, Ind. Oct. 10th, 1865.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, October 12, 1865]

Mercer & Shepherd, Hardware Store . . . Rochester, Ind., Levi Mercer, A. C. Shepherd. Rochester July 18th 1867.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 18, 1867]

Another Grocery Store. J. Beck is now putting on the shelves in the room north of Mercer & Shepherd's Hardware Store, a large stock of family groceries. . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, November 5, 1868]

## MERCHANT'S DINING HALL [Rochester, Indiana]

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From the Rochester *Sentinel* of Vol. XX, No. 27, issued Saturday, July 7, 1877, a few items will interest local citizens who still remember and perhaps provide names in this community's early history to the younger set.

Joe Lauer advertised men's suits at \$6. Ernsperger and Jackson advertised ladies' hose at 5 cents a pair. L. Heilbrun and Sons advertised good bleached yard-wide muslin for 6-1/2 cents yard. The Merchant's Dining Hall charged \$3 a week for meals.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Friday, September 11, 1959]

## MERCHANTS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION [Rochester, Indiana]

### ANOTHER ONE DEAD

Another merchants' association, this time the Merchants' Protective association, has become a thing of the past, as at a meeting held at the Town Hall, Thursday evening, by the six members present, it was decided to disband.

The Association was organized, almost two years. At first there were from twenty to thirty members and everything looked prosperous for a permanent organization whereby any person having an old bill standing at any of the other stores could not get credit until this was satisfactorily settled. This worked very well and was a great help to the merchants. Other equally good ideas were put into operation, each with more or less success, until finally it was noised around -- by some merchants that were not members -- that the purpose of the organization was to fix prices and in other words form a trust to regulate prices. This had great effect upon the farmers who were very skeptical of the merchants who were members. Because of the falling off of trade to these merchants, they one by one failed to attend the regular meeting. Urgent letters, appealing the members to attend the meeting, were sent out by the officers, who were dutiful and faithful until the end but to no avail, the members could not be induced to attend the meetings. The organization was an excellent thing, both for the merchant and their patrons as well. Every other town has such an association and keeps it alive, but; oh well! this is Rochester style.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 6, 1905]

## MERCHANT'S RATING AND CREDIT ASSOCIATION

[Rochester, Indiana]

### CREDIT RATING BUREAU ESTABLISHED IN COUNTY

In the future it will behoove Fulton county people to pay their debts promptly and without complaint because many of the merchants of the county have affiliated with one of the most powerful organizations of the United States.

A. P. Gerling, a representative of the Merchant's Rating and Credit association of Chicago, has been in this city and had good success in organizing the merchants and professional men in this community.

Further than this a rating book is being compiled and it is only a short time until every possible customer in the county will be down in black and white. The association takes in everybody. It makes no difference how little a man or woman may have, the promptness and good will which they meet their debts is the thing that counts. In addition to this the association covers the entire county, making it impossible for them to pay their home town and try to beat the merchant in some other town in the county or vice versa. Their ratings must be universally good or it will be marked against them and they cannot establish themselves until their debts are all paid.

Every town in the county will be taken into the association.

The Merchant's Rating and Credit association is successfully organized in twelve states and in many others with membership constantly increasing, consequently people will not be able to escape their records by removing to another state.

The Merchant's Rating and Credit association's motto is pay our debts more promptly and be rated right.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 21, 1920]

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### **MEREDITH, HENRY L.** [Akron, Indiana]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Among the representative citizens of Fulton county, few are better known or more highly esteemed than Henry L. Meredith, a prominent retired resident of Akron, who is a member of the board of county commissioners of Fulton county. He was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, May 30, 1852, only son of William and Eliza (Engle) Meredith, who came to Kosciusko county, Indiana, in 1855. William Meredith was born in Pennsylvania, where his kindred had settled many years earlier when they came from Wales. He was ten years old when his parents moved to Ohio, making the long journey with ox-teams. He was married in Ohio to Eliza Engle, who was born there, of English ancestry, and they became the parents of four children, two of whom survive: Henry L. and Jane E, who is the wife of John M. Ball, a farmer in Kosciusko county, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Ball have two sons. When the parents of Mr. Meredith came to Kosciusko county, pioneer conditions prevailed. The first home was a primitive cabin in the woods, and probably one of the father's earliest undertakings was to blaze a path from the homestead to the little log schoolhouse one-quarter of a mile away, situated on his own uncleared land, to insure his children from getting lost on the way. His farm comprised eighty acres of land that proved productive after it was cleared, and he and his wife spent the rest of their lives there, most useful members of society and consistent supporters of the principles of the Society of Friends. In political sentiment he was a Republican and a strong anti-slavery man. William Meredith's death occurred January 28, 1893, and that of his wife just four years later. Henry L. Meredith went to school in boyhood and well remembers the blazed trees marking the safe way. At that time deer were often seen near the homestead, wild turkeys were plentiful and wolves were in the neighboring forest. As he grew older he gave his father assistance on the farm, the early harvesting being done by the primitive sickle, but later Mr. Meredith cut his father's wheat with a cradle. Subsequently, as farm machinery came into the market, he took advantage of the wonderful inventions that have so greatly helped the agriculturist, and continued his farming activities for a number of years. In 1876 he was appointed United States mail carrier between Beaver Dam and Warsaw, transporting the mail by stage and additionally frequently carried light merchandise to accommodate residents along his route. His marriage took place April 10, 1884, to Miss Viola Ball, who was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, February 27, 1861, where she grew to womanhood and was educated in the public schools. To this marriage have been born five sons and three daughters. Ralph, the eldest, who was educated in the local schools and the high school at Beaver Dam, resides at Carlin, Nevada, and is well known to travelers through the great Northwest. Charles, the second son, who was educated in the public schools and the Indiana Business College at Fort Wayne, is a farmer in Fulton county. He married Miss Fay King. Bessie, the eldest daughter, is the wife of Frank Barnes, a farmer in Kosciusko county. Phyllis Faye, second daughter, is the wife of Harry Showalter, an electrical engineer at Tampa, Florida, a Mason and a Knight of Pythias. They have two daughters, Maxine and Evelyn. Opal, third daughter, is the wife of Ellery Bowman, manager of a mail order tobacco house at Tampa, and the owner of real estate in Hillsborough county. They have two sons, Robert W. and Richard. The next son, Russell S., after completing his public school course, was prepared for the banking business. When the World war came on, he went into training at a military camp with a view of taking overseas service, but failing health prevented. He married Miss Ruby Hoffman and they reside in Fulton county. Donald, the fourth son of the family, who is now an active business man in Kansas City, Missouri, has an honorable military record behind him covering about four years. During the trouble with Mexico, He was a soldier and stationed at San Francisco. At Denver, Colorado, he enlisted for service in the World war, was sent to San Francisco, then transferred to New York and from that port sailed for Europe on the battleship Maine, as second regimental quartermaster, and when the war was over received an honorable discharge. Kenneth L., Mr. Meredith's youngest son, is creditably completing his high school course at Akron. The sons are all in accord with their father politically, all being active Republicans, but none are anxious for political preferment. Mr. Meredith, however, has frequently been called upon to serve in public



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capacities. For four years he was township trustee while living in Franklin township, Kosciusko county and held other offices, and in 1920 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners of Fulton county, for a term of four years. He cast his first presidential vote for Rutherford B. Hayes. Although Mr. and Mrs. Meredith have a beautiful, well ordered home that is noted for its hospitality, they sometimes leave it for a season, for both enjoy modern travel and both are lovers of nature. Mr. Meredith attended the Centennial exposition in 1876 and the Columbian exposition in 1893, and in 1915, with Mrs. Meredith set out for the San Francisco exposition, by way of Portland, Oregon. During this extensive and thoroughly enjoyable trip, they also visited Los Angeles, Pasadena and other points of interest in California and returned East by way of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Denver, Colorado. On other occasions they have visited Florida and have enjoyed the natural beauties and agreeable social activities found in such centers as Miami, Tampa, St. Petersburg and Daytona. They are members of the United Brethren church at Akron and activity in its many beneficent and worthy lines of effort, give evidence of their Christian sincerity.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 238-241, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

## MEREDITH, KENNETH [Akron, Indiana]

See: Meredith, Henry L.

See: Patents and Inventions

## MEREDITH, MILO R. [Fulton County / Wabash, Indiana]

### FORMER EDITOR OF WABASH PUBLISHES INTERESTING BOOK

A new book "Practical Politics and Democracy" by Milo R. Meredith, of Wabash, Ind. has recently come off the press of the Meador Publishing Company of Boston, Mass.

The book gives a most clear and concise insight into every phase of democracy. It tells of party organization, party rules, the listing of voters, various phases of the primary election law, state and national convention procedure, state and national conventions, explanation of the electoral votes, campaign and political warfare and planning, and a review of the origin of political parties.

### Born in Fulton County

The author was born a half mile east of the old Fairview park site, Lake Manitou. At the age of 12 the Meredith family moved to Eldorado, Kans., where Milo served his newspaper apprenticeship with the late William Allen White, on the Eldorado republican. Later he edited the Leon (Kans.) Indicator for a brief period.

After teaching school in Kansas four years and doing newspaper work on the side returned to Indiana where he worked on newspapers at Peru and Wabash. At Wabash he was editor of The Times and indulged in some politics, serving as precinct committeeman, county chairman and later as a delegate to numerous state and national conventions.

Mr. Meredith, a democrat, states he has never held an elective public office as he has also resided in a republican community. He is a member of the Wabash Methodist church, the Kiwanis club, Masonic, Knights of Pythias and Elk lodges and various civic bodies. He has several relatives in the newspaper business in Indiana and on his mother's side of the family is remotely related to the late George Barr McCutcheon and the eminent cartoonist, John T. McCutcheon. On the paternal side Mr. Meredith claims relationship to the Indiana author, Meredith Nicholson.

"Practical Politics and Democracy" is a most illuminating defense of our two-party system, in fact, it is pioneering in this field. The entire contents of the book is written in a strictly non-partisan manner and is sustained by a spirit of optimism and spontaneity of expression that is both educational and fascinating.

"Practical Politics and Democracy" is a work that every politician and voter should read.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 16, 1945]

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### **MEREDITH, ORANGE** [Newcastle Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Orange Meredith. - The Subject of this sketch was born June 19, 1836, in Coshocton County, Ohio. He came to this county with his parents in 1837. He received the rudiments of an education in the schools of this county, but extended his knowledge by his own efforts. He was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to Miss Cynthia A. Taylor, April 17, 1862. Mrs. M. is a native of this county, having been born within a half mile of where she now resides, on the 17th of April, 1843. Mr. Meredith and lady are members of the Christian Church, of which he has been a minister for a number of years. He is also a member of B loomingsburg Lodge, No. 516, I.O.O.F. A sketch of the life of Peter Meredith, his father, will be found elsewhere in this work. Selam P. Taylor, the father of Mrs. Meredith was born in Vermont April 19, 1803; immigrated to Ohio, and married Sarah Baldwin, of Ashtabula County, who was born in 1808. They removed from there and settled in this township in the year 1839, where he died on the 9th of February, 1855, his consort following him on the eighty-first anniversary of American independence, July 4, 1857. Mr. Meredith served for awhile in the Seventeenth United States Infantry. While connected with this regiment he was severely injured, for which he now draws a pension. To this family have been born three children--Augustus P., Elmina and Eulalie--all of whom are yet under the parental roof.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 49]

### **MEREDITH, PETER** [Newcastle Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Peter Meredith. - This gentleman is one of the pioneers of Newcastle Township, having located there in March, 1837, the first settlement in the township being in February of the same year. He entered 176 acres of choice land on Yellow Creek, upon which he erected a log cabin to shelter himself and family. He is a native of Coshocton County, Ohio, born March 24, 1810. August 24, 1832, he was united to Elizabeth Haze, who was born near Richmond, Va., August 18, 1814. To this couple were born eight children--Sarah, Eli, Orange, Thomas, Vincent M., Nathaniel, Jesse and George W., of whom Eli and Vincent are deceased. This union was broken by the death of Mrs. Meredith July 17, 1855. Mr. Meredith was married a second time in April, 1857, to Mrs. Mary Adams, of which union were born two children--Benjamin F. and Eurilla V., since deceased. Mr. Meredith was again called to mourn the loss of his wife in December, 1862. In October, 1865, he was married a third time, soon after which he was again left a widower. The old gentleman is a worthy member of the Yellow Creek Baptist Church, and has been since 1840. This was the first society of the kind organized in the township. He is now old and full of years, only waiting on the banks of the river for the Master's call, when he will pass peacefully over the turbid waters to be welcomed by those gone before. Of his sons, Orange served for a time in the Seventeenth United States Infantry; Nathaniel in the Ninetieth Indiana Infantry, which was mounted and known as the Fifth Cavalry; and Jesse eight months in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana Infantry, and one year in the Ninetieth with his brother.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 49]

### **MEREDITH, TURPIE** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] NEW HARNESS SHOP - TURPIE MEREDITH. Over the Telegraph office, north of the Arlington Hotel. - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 2, 1897]

[Adv] HARNESS SHOP. Harness of every kind made just as you want it, and repairing neatly and cheaply done. Call for prices at Turpie Meredith's Harness Shop, South of Zimmerman's.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 11, 1899]

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### **MEREDITH, W. T.** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - -Our collars and other stock we buy directly from the manufacturers and our goods are not second-handed as bankrupt goods are. We have the best harness ever built in Rochester, made by the oldest and most experienced workman. We defy competition. We have no big rents to pay and no great expenses, consequently I can sell lower than anyone else. When you come to town or get ready to buy come and see W. T. MEREDITH. North of Arlington Hotel, up stairs, above U. S. Express office.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 21, 1898]

### **MEREDITH GROCERY** [Rochester, Indiana]

Orange Meredith informs the public that he has just opened a new Grocery & Provision Store, two doors south of Holmes & Miller's new building.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday June 24, 1864]

\$3,500 worth of Groceries just received at Orange Meredith's . . . Liquors at Wholesale and Retail . . . Store opposite the Court House Square, Rochester, Feb. 2, 1865.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 2, 1865]

B. F. Brown. . . Large Stock of Groceries formerly owned by O. Meredith . . . Frank will always be found attentive and accommodating, at his store, opposite Court House Square, one door south of A. J. Holmes & Co's Store. Frank Brown. Rochester, Ind. July 13, '65.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 13, 1865]

### **MEREDITH MILLS POSTMASTERS** [ - - - - ]

Job Meredith, Dec 28, 1846. Richard Lee, Oct 16, 1853. in Kosciusko Co  
[F.C.H.S. Files]

### **MERLEY, ADOLPH** [Henry Township]

#### DIES IN FRANCE

Mrs. Sarah MERLEY this morning had a telegram from the War dept. notifying her of the death of her eldest son, Adolph [MERLEY], 23, a soldier in France.

Just two days ago she had a letter from the young man's nurse telling of his influenza illness, but saying he would probably recover. Merley enlisted in June 1917 and is thot to be the first Henry twp. boy to died in service. Besides the mother, he leaves two brothers and a sister.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, January 9, 1919]

### **MERRICK, ANSON H.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Anson H. Merrick, farmer, P.O. Rochester. This estimable gentleman was born near Rochester, N.Y., February 29, 1827, is the son of Hollis and Oella (Cushman) Merrick. In 1832, Mr. Merrick, with his parents, became a resident of Carroll County, Ind. In 1835, they removed to Marshall County. He became a resident of Fulton County in 1846. The event of his marriage took place December 11, 1851. The chosen companion through life was Mary J. Adams, born in the State of New York March 13, 1822. She is the daughter of Samuel and Jean (Laird) Adams, who were also natives of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Merrick have been blessed with four children, viz.: Lamonia A., born September 24, 1852, and deceased August 28, 1853; Ida M., born December 30, 1854; Ada F., March 10, 1857; and Medea H., September 14, 1862. Mr. M. resides in Section 7, owns 246 acres of land in this county, and is an enterprising, thorough gentleman. He is

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extensively engaged in buying, feeding and shipping stock. He believes in advancement, and is ever found willing and ready to aid in any enterprise that tends to elevate and improve.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 30]

## MERSHON, J. B., REV. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Churches - Methodist Church [Rochester, Indiana]

## METAL FOLDING LADDER CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

### PROSPECT BRIGHT

Judging from the uppermost side of things as they stand at present, Rochester has a mighty good chance of landing another factory -- and a good one, too.

A meeting of interested citizens was held Monday evening and were presented with a healthy looking business proposition by Ray Cunningham of this city, who represents a South Bend man. The South Bend party is the inventor of a collapsible steel step ladder, which has been patented, but never placed on the market. The ladder is of novel design, stoutly made, handy and very compact, when folded for storage. The price of manufacturing the ladder is comparatively inexpensive and as wood is getting scarcer each year the proposition is all the brighter. The ladder has been exhibited to several iron and steel manufacturers, but the man who invented it wants to be in on the proposition to some extent himself. That the ladder will be a winner in the commercial world is an assured fact, for already several large department store managers of Chicago have placed orders to be delivered as soon as the goods can be turned out.

The outcome of the meeting Monday evening was that the owners of the old bridge factory offered the use of the buildings as they stand, in return for stock. The offer was accepted and now the work of organizing a \$25,000 stock company to handle the manufacture of the ladder is going forward. Mr. Cunningham is a Rochester man and it is hoped he will be successful in locating a factory here.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 28, 1911]

### NEW STEP LADDER CONCERN STARTED

A corporation composed of Rochester men was launched Friday evening, when B. F. Webster, J. M. Gibbons, C. A. Davis, W. A. Howard, Ray Cunningham, O. B. Smith and Fred Miller met in Wolf and Howard's store and organized a company for the purpose of manufacturing and putting on the market a folding step ladder.

As was announced some time ago, the men have been working on the project for some time. The ladder, which is of steel and collapsible, folding into the shape of a steel pole about four inches square was invented by a Mr. Dennis, of Chicago, but the company now owns all patents and rights to it.

### Officially Named

The company was incorporated at \$10,000, 100 shares having been issued, amounting to \$5,000. The directors elected last night were B. F. Webster, J. M. Gibbons, C. A. Davis, Wm. Howard and Ray Cunningham. The officers are B. F. Webster, Pres., J. M. Gibbons, Vice Pres., C. A. Davis, Secy, and Wm. Howard, Treas. The name of the company is the "Metal Folding Ladder Co."

### May Move Here

The company at present has a factory at South Bend, where they have been making the ladders for two weeks. They have machinery, tools and enough stock to make 5,000 ladders. This factory will probably be moved to Rochester. The ladders, which range in size from three to seven feet, will sell for from two to five dollars, not a high price.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 22, 1913]

## SHORT NEWS

## **Me**

Fred Miller went to South Bend this morning to assist in making up the stock owned by the Metal Folding Ladder Co. into ladders. If these are marketed satisfactorily, the machinery will be brought here and a factory established.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 24, 1913]

### **WILL LOCATE HERE**

Fred Miller, accompanied by two helpers, went to South Bend, this morning, to superintend the packing of machinery and stock, two carloads in all, for the manufacture of collapsible steel ladders, which will be shipped here as the factory will be located here. For the present the material will be stored in a room back of the electric light plant. It is not known how soon or just where the factory will be located or operated.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 7, 1913]

### **ACTIVITY AT FACTORY**

Two car loads of material and parts ready for assembling into ladders have been unloaded into the folding ladder factory. Also an addition has been built to the building, and the enameling oven set up ready for business. The oven will bake three dozen ladders at one time. It may be that the oven will not be only used for baking the ladders, but for enameling beds, motorcycles, bicycles, etc., as the directors have received numerous inquiries about the matter.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 24, 1913]

## **METEA, INDIANA** [Cass County]

### **METEA GRADUATES TO HONOR DEAD MEMBER**

Metea, Ind., March 18. - A vacant chair, which would have been occupied by Raymond Buchanan who passed away a few weeks ago, will have a place on the platform at the commencement exercises of the Metea high school on Thursday night, April 17, while the roll of graduates will include the deceased class member's name, it is announced by Geo. B. Benham, principal of the school.

Prof. Robert Phillips of Purdue University has been selected as the commencement speaker.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 18, 1930]

## **METZ, MARVIN** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **BILLIARD PARLOR SOLD**

Marvin Metz today purchased the Dovichi Recreation Parlor at 711 Main Street and has taken possession. In the future the parlor will be operated under the name of the Manitou Club. Mr. Metz has closed his billiard room at 122 East Eighth street.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 28, 1936]

### **OPENS CIGAR STORE**

The cigar and billiard parlors located at 122 East 8th street this city, which formerly were operated by Marvin Metz will be opened for business Saturday, by Daniel M. Moore. Mr. Moore comes to this city from Peru, Ind., where he also owns and operates a billiard parlor in that city. He formerly resided in Henry township, this county.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 28, 1936]

## **METZ, OSCAR** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **UPHOLSTERING**

Oscar Metz has opened upholstering rooms in the new Mitchell & Long building, north of the Arlington and is prepared to upholster and repair any article in his line. Give him a call.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 13, 1892]

## **METZ CAFE** [Rochester, Indiana]

## **Me**

[Adv] Announcing Opening of the METZ CAFE on Saturday, May 20th at 816 Main Street. Soda fountain and billiard room in connection.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 19, 1933]

## **METZLER, JERRY** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **BUYS TEXACO STATION**

Jerry Metzler today announced the purchase of the Texaco station at 11th and Main streets formerly operated by Zimmerman Brothers. Phil Hartung will be associated with Mr. Metzler in the operation of the station.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 10, 1939]

## **METZLER, LOUISE** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **LOUISE METZLER TOURING U.S. ON THE KEITH-ALBEE VODVIL CIRCUIT**

When "Dixie Follies", a clever southern musical unit, opened in the Keith-Albee Thetre in Cincinnati yesterday, it presented as one of the chief attractions one of Rochester's best known girls, Miss Louise Metzger.

Miss Metzger has been playing in a girl's band called "The Blue Belles" one of three bands under the management of Mr. Charles GREEN, of Indianapolis, for the past year specializing as banjo soloist; and it is as a member of this band that she takes a part in the "Dixie Follies."

The story of this play is very interesting. Two Broadway comedians stopping overnight in Memphis, Tennessee, attended a home talent play put on by the best talent of the Dramatic and Dancing Class of that city and were so impressed by its possibilities that they wired Mr. Megley, manager of the Keith-Albee Productions in New York to come and see it. His approval of the act led to a contract with these young people who represent the leading families of Memphis and in the construction of the unit which followed, a comedy musical act was written about the little play. This necessitated the inclusion of a musical organization and the extreme popularity of the "All Girl Unit" of Tony Shaynes, of which Miss Metzler is a member indicated his band as being the most desirable for the purpose.

After a trial showing in Chicago which resulted in most flattering comment by the press, they were offered a long contract with coast-to-coast travel and after their acts had been unified with specialties by the "Blue Belles" orchestra and an explanatory prologue written by the comedians who "discovered" the Memphis act, they opened yesterday in the first of the Keith-Albee houses and will start from there on a nine month's contract playing all the Keith-Albee houses on the first circuit.

Miss Metzler has shown unusual musical ability since her childhood and plays the violin and cello as well as the banjo which is her specialty. Her banjo playing is unique and has attracted the attention of leading banjoists wherever she has been heard. Her method which is original may be the basis of a new course of instruction. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Metzler of South Jefferson Street and has always been one of the most popular girls in Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, August 5, 1929]

Miss Louise Metzler, talented daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Arthur Metzler, of this city, passed away at Woodlawn Hospital at 11:50 o'clock Thursday evening. Death resulted from a nervous collapse which was suffered last Tuesday morning. Although attending physicians despaired for her life from the time of the breakdown, Miss Metzler rallied Tuesday evening and was apparently making a slight gain until a relapse was suffered Thursday morning and she gradually grew weaker until the end.

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Louise, daughter of Arthur and Helen Metzler, was born in this city on January 6th, 1907. Upon her graduation from the Rochester High School Miss Metzler entered DePauw University where she specialized in English, for a three-year course. She then took up orchestra work and at the time of her death was a member of the Bon John Girls orchestra of New York City. Miss Metzler, during a tour of Europe which was completed last March, suffered an attack of typhoid fever and since her dismissal from the Hanover Hospital in Germany she had been unable to regain her health. The deceased was a member of the Methodist Church and the Tri Kappa Sorority, of this city. Survivors are her parents, and a sister, Mrs. Robert King, of San Diego, California.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. T. L. STOVALL, will be held at the Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Burial will be made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, July 1, 1932]

### THREE MORE OF OUR TALENTED BUT FORGOTTEN WOMEN

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

Today concludes your introduction to six Fulton County women who achieved prominence far afield but mostly have been forgotten in their homeland.

Louise Metzler

The daughter Of Rochester attorney Arthur Metzler, Louise showed unusual musical ability as a schoolgirl. She went on to master the saxophone, violin and cello and she excelled with the banjo, which she is said to have played with a style so unique that it could be a new basis for the instrument's instruction.

She graduated from Rochester High School in 1924 and by the age of 22 was banjo soloist with the Blue Belles, an all-girl band that for nine months toured the country appearing at Keith-Albee vaudeville houses. In 1931 she toured Europe with the band, afterwards joining the Bon Jon girls' orchestra in New York City.

Then, unexpectedly, she died in Woodlawn Hospital here in Rochester on June 30, 1932,

The News-Sentinel's obituary attributed her death to the lingering effects of the typhoid fever that she had contracted while in Europe. That explanation likely was fabricated by her family to conceal the real, even more tragic, cause.

According to unimpeachable contemporaty local sources, Louise fell in love with a musician while on her European tour. Returning to New York City, she wrote her parents for permission to marry. They considered the match improper, refused permission and ordered Louise to return home.

She came, but fell in to deep depression over this turn of events. On an evening when the Metzlers were absent at a party she took her own life,

Regardless of its cause, her death was a terrible waste. She was 25 years old.

Last week: Margaret Ernsperger, Bess, Emrick, Freeda Sullivan.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 19, 1999]

## **METZLER, ROSS, MRS.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Wile Department Store

## **METZLER BREWERY** [Rochester, Indiana]

Located N of Erie R.R., W of Main St.

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The record-breaking cold New Year's of 1886 has been a matter for conversation among older citizens as far back as I can remember, but one incident of that date never seems to have made the press.

As the story has been told to me, a number of Rochester's young bloods attended a shindig out at Bloomingsburg (Talma) and on the way home stopped at the Metzler Brewery, then located in a triangular plot between the Erie Railroad tracks and what is the Monticello road. There the boys took on a few extras and refused to venture from the warming effects of the beverage and the old wood burner in the big frame structure. When they failed to arrive home at a zero hour, it was feared they had frozen enroute to Rochester. In later years the dame dandies became very good substantial Rochester businessmen.

The big old brewery, Rochester's first and only converter of hops, was owned by Dr. Metzler who also was a master in that day of pharmaceutical formulas, a number of which were manufactured and sold by Perry Shore who conducted a drug and food store in the Academy of Music block [Commercial Block] adjoining the thirst parlor of Percy (Tomcat) Hawkins. As late as 1900 some of Metzler's formulas were still being sold. I am told that Metzler was not a qualified licensed physician such as are the requirements today, but had studied and perhaps graduated from Valparaiso University where several other Rochester doctors of half a century ago derived their medical title.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Wednesday, June 10, 1959]

## METZLER'S SALOON & BILLIARD HALL [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - the place to get the best brands of liquors, whiskies, brandies, wines and gin, tobacco, cigars, pigsfeet, tripe, iickles tongue and a general lunch.

Call at the first door south of Flinn's opposite the Court House.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 20, 1877]

## MEXICAN WAR [Fulton County]

### DISCOVERING SOME OF OUR LONG FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

My pursuit of a dim historical record, here chronicled, may be of interest to some readers.

Beginning with the Civil War of 1861-65 and continuing through Desert Storm of 1991, Fulton County men have answered their country's call and served with distinction. We know them and honor their service.

But there was an earlier war in which Fulton County men participated and they have been forgotten. That's partly because the war's records were not made easily accessible, partly because the war was fought in a foreign land so long ago and partly because the war's significance has been obscured by the tumult of succeeding times and conflicts.

I refer to the Mexican War of 1846-48, which President James K. Polk helped precipitate to fulfill the continental expansion of the United States. After the U.S. easily invaded and then defeated its southern neighbor in a series of vicious battles, the peace treaty that followed brought into the U.S. the present-day states of California, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and parts of Wyoming and Colorado. Also, it must be admitted, the war ever after poisoned our relationship with Mexico.

This discussion, however, is not about that but how men from a primitive, new frontier society like ours responded to a far away war that posed no threat to their families or to their lifestyles. Fulton County, it must be remembered, at that time had been organized just 10 years and was peopled by only a few thousand.

The call of war is a siren's song, however, and it can penetrate the remotest places when it is sounded.



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Hearing it in Rochester and volunteering was a transplanted New Yorker, not yet 18 years old, who had come here to study medicine under a doctor brother. His name was Albert Brackett and he was to learn from the war that his destiny lay not in healing but in soldiering.

After he was granted a second lieutenant's commission, Albert convinced some of his acquaintances around the tiny settlement of Rochester to join his Mexican adventure. They became part of the Fourth Indiana, one of five regiments Indiana contributed to the war. One historical source credits Albert with recruiting an entire company of 80-100 men here but that large number is unlikely from such a sparsely-settled county.

I first learned about Albert and his youthful lust for war while researching my 1997 Civil War book about the 87th Indiana Regiment, "A Stupendous Effort," but found no identity of his local recruits. Names of three others who served in the war from Fulton County did surface later, however. They were A. J. Holmes, U.S. Weirick and Theodore Montgomery.

Now, at last, I can report the identities of five local men who served with Brackett's brigade, four of whom quite likely were all of those who left here with him. That quartet was composed of brothers John Miller and Samuel Miller, John Barrett and Mark McGraw, all privates. The fifth soldier was J. B. Agnew, a corporal.

The source is Brackett in his book, "With Lane's Brigade in Central Mexico," that he published in 1854 while practicing medicine. Its composition had much to do with rekindling Brackett's military fervor, for the following year he returned to the Army where he remained until his death in 1896.

Brackett's book long has been out of print but I have been able to find and purchase a copy. Rare and valuable, it altogether presents a fascinating personal experience of war by a Rochester soldier that simultaneously reveals much about Fulton County's participation.

Brackett was promoted first lieutenant soon after the Fourth Indiana reached Mexico in September, 1847. The Fourth Indiana was assigned to Brig. Gen. Joseph Lane's brigade and with it sailed to Vera Cruz on the Gulf of Mexico. By then, all major battles of the war had been fought with U.S. forces in occupation of Mexico City.

Lane's brigade advanced toward the capital to keep open the army's supply line with Vera Cruz. At Huamantla on October , 1847, the brigade threw back a sizable attacking force of Mexicans in a sharp fight that effectively ended resistance to U.S. forces.

In his book Brackett writes that before the battle of Huamantla he visited the four private soldiers from Fulton County "whom I had myself recruited and spent an hour or two with them, talking of home and making such arrangements as were necessary in case any of us were killed." He then identifies the Millers, Barrett and McGraw, noting that the latter was wounded later in a skirmish at Puebla village. I know that the Miller brothers returned to Rochester and later served as officers in the Civil War. Quite likely their descendants are among the many Millers here today. Barretts also were prominent citizens here for two successive generations.

Brackett's narrative recounts that Agnew lost a leg from a wound taken while on a foraging expedition, having crawled toward help that took two days to arrive. Agnew was from Rochester but may not have enlisted with Brackett.

After the Mexican War, Brackett resumed his medical studies in Rochester and practiced awhile in Logansport. Returning to the army in 1855, he became a cavalry captain, a brevet cavalry colonel during the Civil War and remained in the service until retirement, gaining full colonel rank. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

And thus the veil hiding our county's Mexican War veterans has been lifted.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 11, 2000]

**MEXICO, INDIANA** [Miami County]

See Modern Cabinet Corp.

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C. H. Black and Al Crowl, of Peru, will start a woolen mill at Mexico, Ind. The company has been capitalized at \$10,000.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 10, 1913]

### NEIGHBORING TOWN OF MEXICO TAKES ON ASPECT OF MINING TOWN DURING THE DAYS OF OLD

Just what the paving of State Road No. 1 will mean to Rochester in a few months is well illustrated by what has occurred at Mexico during the last week. While action is near Peru now to the south of this city and near Argos on the north when the crews approach Rochester later on they will bring several months of unusual prosperity to the community. The Peru Tribune in yesterday's issue says:

Mexico, our little neighboring town 5 miles to the north, is taking on the aspect of Goofer's Gulch or Silver Nuggett on the western frontier during the gold and silver rush way back yonder when prospectors, miners and suckers were climbing all over each other in desperation to locate the secreted and highly prized ore.

However, Mexico has not in its keeping the coveted and elusive treasures commonly found in those days, but she's got a little mint for the housewives, storekeepers, garages, etc., due to the great influx of highway builders and workers that are now operating on State Road No. 1 in the paving of same.

The main street in Mexico is a colorful picture that you might expect to see out west or in the modern revelations of early frontier life on the silver screen. Workers, engineers, myriads of equipment, power shovels, steam rollers, big trucks, etc., are buzzing up and down the little village and the whole place has become a veritable beehive.

Every available house in Mexico has two or more roomers and some even beyond that figure and there is still a call for more rooming quarters, as the company has about 100 more men that begin work on the paving job between Peru and Mexico this week. Many are rooming in Peru and drive to and from their work each day. This is an era of prosperity for Mexico indeed.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 21, 1926]

## MEXICO MILL [Mexico, Indiana]

See Mohegan Spinning Co.

## MEXICO ORPHANS HOME [Mexico, Miami County]

### MEXICO ORPHANS HOME

The editor of the Macy Monitor recently visited the orphans' home at Mexico which is conducted by Rev. Frank Fisher. He was favorably impressed with the excellent management everywhere manifest. The Monitor says: "He has children there from almost everywhere, and is fortunate in finding them homes. The work that is being done there stands at the head of philanthropic enterprises and is justified from a business standpoint by the fact that it is self-supporting. The home was started by the munificence of Levi Miller, a well-to-do farmer who lives in that neighborhood, and contains sixteen acres. There has been added since, fifteen acres, which gives work to all the children during the summer. It is an ideal place for children who are left alone in the world. At present there are forty children. there."

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 30, 1900]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The Mexico Orphans Home reports the following Fulton County children in the Home: Daisy Kershner; Alfred, Fern, Burdell and Fred Gray; and Clara and Fred White.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 16, 1907]

### MEXICO ORPHANS' HOME NOW FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE

Peru, Ind., Nov. 12 - The Mexico Welfare Home, operated by the Church of the Brethren for more than 50 years, will no longer care for orphaned children and in the future will be used only as a home for elderly persons. This change was made effective today and more than 25 orphans who were in the institution were placed in private homes in Miami and adjoining counties.

The welfare law enacted by the state legislature several years ago makes provisions for the support of homeless children. Since the law went into effect more children are being placed in private homes and there has been a large decrease in the number of applicants at orphan homes thruout the state.

The Mexico institution was founded in 1888 by Levi P. Miller, and a few years later an Old Folks Home was established there. As many as 175 children have been enrolled at the orphan Home. Miss Mary South is the present superintendent.

Rev. Frank Fisher, 85, who was superintendent of the Welfare Home for 35 years, now is a resident there, having his own cottage.

The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 12, 1942]

## MEYER, CHARLES E. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

### CHARLES E. MEYER (Biography)

One of Rochester's boys who has grown to manhood and developed into a successful business man is Charles E. "Charley" MEYER, the popular cigar manufacturer. He obtained his business schooling under Lee EMERICK, deceased, and commenced the manufacture of cigars in his own factory in 1889. His celebrated brands "Beauty", "K. of P.", "Jerome Bonaparte" and "Bouquet" have given his factory such a wide popularity with smokers that he has a prosperous business and owns a pretty home on south Main street. He married Miss Syrilla BEEBER in 1887 and their family consists of two daughters, Mariam and Georgia.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

## MEYER, DEAN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Dean Meyer)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Dean Meyer)

## MEYER, HENRY [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Ora Morningstar

See: Rochester Bands

### RESTAURANT AND POOLROOM

Henry Meyer will close his saloon this evening as his license will expire at that time and he will then embark on a new business career.

The vocation chosen by Mr. Meyer is that of the poolroom and restaurant business combined which will be operated in the room now occupied by the saloon. The proprietor will convert his saloon fixtures into restaurant furniture and his pool and billiard tables will be continued in use. Mr. Meyer will go to Chicago Tuesday morning where he will purchase billiard and restaurant supplies.

Mr. Meyer was always known in the saloon business as the squarest and most law abiding liquor dealer in Rochester. He never permitted minors nor bums to frequent his place, never sold to drunks nor chronic inebriates and in fact conducted his place so carefully there was

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little profit for him. Besides he has always been a public spirited, popular man and his new business will be liberally patronized and conducted in a law abiding and orderly manner.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 6, 1908]

### ROCHESTER BILLIARDIST CLAIMS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

[\* \* \* \* PHOTO \* \* \* \*]

The above cut of Henry Meyer of this city, was used in a recent issue of the Indianapolis Star, along with an article which proclaimed his unchallenged amateur championship of Indiana at 18.2 balk line billiards. Meyer has been among the leading billiardists of the state for a number of years and at present is in fine form. On several occasions he has met and defeated Willis Nusbaum of Indianapolis. Meyer's average for 500 points is 14. While Ora Morningstar, now world's champion, who is a Rochester boy, was learning the game, was tutored by Mr. Meyer. Fred Leiter, another young man of this city, who is attracting considerable attention as an amateur over the state is being instructed by Meyer.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, January 20, 1910]

### MEYER DEFEATED "WIZARD"

Before a crowd that filled every seat and all available standing room at the Gilliland cigar store Friday evening, Henry Meyer of this city, won his 250 point 18.2 balk line game from Jack Schaefer, Jr., while the young "wizard" was accumulating 200 counts. The game started promptly at 5 o'clock and after winning the break shot, Schaefer missed. Meyer then opened his first inning with a run of 15 and by so doing put a big lot of confidence in his followers, as well as himself, that stuck with them all during the remainder of the game. On the other hand hard luck still pursued Schaefer, getting goose-eggs in the two inning following. However, he perked up a bit in the fourth and picked off 7, followed with 5 in the fifth and then in the sixth juggled the balls for a run of 33. He again struck a knot in the eleventh inning and for five straight times he was credited with goose-eggs. Then with several small runs thrown in with four more failures to count he reached the twenty-sixth inning, where he showed himself in the high run of the evening -- 68. From that time on he did but little good for himself and finished with an even 200. Missing several comparatively easy shots, when it looked as though he was in for a run, leaving them in position for his opponent, who, taking advantage of the situation, made nice runs, was a handicap which he could not overcome. Although Schaefer has the reputation of stealing up on his opponent near the finish and thus winning, he surely slipped Friday evening, for there was not a time when it looked bad for the local man, although it is admitted Schaefer showed signs of crowding him for a time near the close.

Meyer, that grand, old player, who never fails to attract whether he win or lose, was there with the goods and the way in which he proceeded to deliver was good to behold. He was there with the substantial runs all the time and barring a couple of times, when he fell down in inexcusable manner his playing was faultless. He was at home, had his followers behind him and with the third time as a charm to help him along he fought the battle of his billiard experience. Although he didn't pull down any big runs until the twentieth inning, when he garnered a total of 45, he was checking off the points with a regularity that was a winning gait. His was a most consistent game and he deserved to win. The winning of this game and the form displayed easily stamps Mr. Meyer the peer of Indiana billiardists, and, it is hoped that a match between Daly of Indianapolis, the holder of the state championship by default and "our Hank" can be arranged. The feeling here by those who witnessed last night's game is that Mr. Meyer will bring the emblem where it justly belongs - Rochester.

Following is the score by inning: - - - - -

Immediately following the match Schaefer gave an exhibition of trick and fancy shots made famous by his father, the late Jake Schaefer champion of the world, which were well exercised, many of them very difficult. Masse shots, three cushion and draws showing his mastery over the ivories.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 16, 1912]

### LOST TO SCHAEFER

Special to the Sentinel.

Huntington, March 20. -- The game of 200 points at 18.2 balk-line billiards played by Jake Schaefer, Jr., of Chicago, and Henry Meyer of Rochester, Ind., at the John Darr cigar store in this city Tuesday evening, was won by the former, 200 to 135. The game was slow throughout and neither man stayed up to his usual standard, Schaefer finishing with an average of not quite 7, and Meyer only 4 1/2. -----.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 20, 1912]

### NO STATE TITLE FOR HENRY MEYER

Indiana State Billiard Champion Americus Cal Daily of Indianapolis last night easily defended his title by defeating Henry Meyer of this city at the Board of Trade parlors by the score of 400 to 197. -----

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 20, 1912]

## MEYER, HENRY, SR. [Rochester, Indiana]

### HENRY MEYER, Sr. (Biography)

Among the older business men of Rochester Henry MEYER, Sr., is a modest representative of German thrift and enterprise. He was born in Germany in 1828 and learned the weaver's trade. He came to America in 1852 and turned his attention to earning some money at any vocation which paid good wages. He always found something to do too and accumulated some means. He located in Wabash about thirty-eight years ago and after a long service at stone quarrying turned his attention to tubular well drilling which he followed for several years. Then he engaged in the retail liquor trade and it has always been said of him that he is a square man in the business. He married Nancy HETTMANSPERGER, of Wabash, and they have four sons and five daughters nearly all of whom are fine musicians and constituting a family honored by all who know them.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

## MEYER, HENRY, JR. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

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### HENRY MEYER, Jr. (Biography)

A widely and popularly known young man of Rochester is Henry MEYER, Jr. He was born in Wabash 34 years ago and has clerked in his father's liquor establishment since he arrived at his majority. He is an enthusiastic admirer of wholesome sports and the billiard table and base ball diamond are the dream of his pleasures. As a billiardist he has a state reputation having vanquished several of the crack players in brilliantly played games. He is also an authority on base ball and is an umpire of much experience. He also loves music and has been a cornet player in the Citizens' Band for 14 years, the last six of which he has been the leader. He married Miss Ora BETZ and their family consists of two daughters, Marie and Byrle (MEYER).

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

### FACTORY SOLD

Karn & Tranbarger, who have been operating the ice cream factory on N. Main street for the last year, sold out today to Henry Meyer, who was a former partner of Tranbarger.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 11, 1913]

### **MEYER, I. C.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### I. C. MEYER WILL OPEN

Rochester is to have a new and modern garage, located within a stone's throw of the postoffice. I. C. Meyer of this city, is the moving spirit and started the ball rolling today, when he purchased the J. Dawson building on Main street, which was recently vacated by the New & Miller harness shop. The building, which is half a square long, will be modernized into a garage such as few cities the size of Rochester can justly boast. Adequate machinery and expert employes will be used to care for the business and with such a place Mr. Meyer can assuredly expect to do his share of the business.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 1, 1911]

#### BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

A deal was made Thursday by which Ritchey & Robbins became the owners of the I. C. Meyer garage, north of the Arlington hotel. The new firm will store their agency cars there and take care of the fine business built up by Mr. Meyer since his opening a few weeks ago.

Mr. Meyer retained his two autos and will continue in the livery business.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 9, 1911]

#### GOOD TOWN FOR PRINTERS

If Rochester has any business men who hold the idea that prices on Job printing in this city are exorbitant they will welcome the competition which will result from an over-supply of printing establishments. Carl Van Trump recently resigned his position with The Sentinel and will soon open an exclusive job shop over the Hub shoe store and I. C. Meyer is the latest to enter the printing field.

Mr. Meyer has a well established raffle card business and has decided to equip himself to do his own printing and take such other work as may come his way. Mr. Meyer will be located over the Wile dry goods store, and Mrs. Meyer, who at one time, was connected with The Sentinel, will have charge of the printing.

The Sentinel has reason to believe that the printing business is a very profitable line of work, and anticipates that four job printing establishments will find plenty of work at profitable prices.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, January 18, 1912]

#### ANOTHER PLUMBING SHOP HERE

I. C. Meyer of this city is soon to embark into the plumbing business if he carries out the plans which he now has in mind. Mr. Meyer has not yet fully decided as to when he will open a shop, but is figuring now for a location. At the present time he is engaged in furnishing the plumbing for his new bungalow on South Pontiac street and also at another bungalow near there, which belongs to his sister, Miss Rosa MEYER. In the event that Mr. Meyer opens a shop he proposes to carry a full line of plumbing accessories as well as employ the best of skilled labor and his friends are predicting that he will prove successful.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 29, 1912]

### **MEYER BARBER SHOP** [Fulton, Indiana]

Operated by Charles "Chance" Meyer

### **MEYERS SALOON** [Rochester, Indiana]

. . . Henry Meyers operated one of Rochester's 13 saloons and was said never to sell a drink to a customer showing the influence of too much indulgence.

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[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Monday, July 14, 1958]

[Adv] HENRY MEYER'S STAND- - - Whiskies, Brandies, Wines, Gins, Lager Beer - - -  
I have 5-year old Sour Mash Whiskey.- - - HENRY MEYER, Opposite the Court House.  
[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 11, 1883]

## MIAMI COUNTY COURT HOUSE [Peru, Indiana]

### DEEDSVILLE

There was a large crowd went to Peru Wednesday, it being the day the corner stone for the new court house to be laid.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 8, 1908]

## MIAMI COUNTY WORKINGMEN'S INSTITUTE [Peru, Indiana]

Macy Monitor.

Dr. J. B. Peters is the possessor of an old minute book and constitution of the "Miami County Workingmen's Institute,:" which was organized in Peru about the first of the year 1825.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 6, 1909]

## MIAMI PRODUCE COMPANY [Rochester, Indiana]

### OVERMYER CONSOLIDATES WITH MIAMI PRODUCE CO.

A deal was consumated some time ago whereby C. C. Overmyer consolidated his poultry and produce business here with the Miami Produce Company, which headquarters at Peru. This concern is one of the largest dealers in poultry and produce in this section of the country, and the merger has brot a large amount of additional business to Rochester. Mr. Overmyer acts as the local manager, and says that the firm plans an immense business during the coming season, with prospects already looking very bright.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday March 25, 1921]

### BUSINESS REVIEW OF ROCHESTER MERCHANTS

A business review of the county would not be complete without mention, prominent and meritorious, of this popular concern and their extensive operations in the way of conducting a wholesale house for purchase of poultry, butter and eggs. They have 8 trucks operating direct to farmers in opposite directions, from 15 to 30 miles from Rochester. No middle man's profit.

Thru the years they have been doing business they have always been most fair and honest in their negotiations and have afforded the public with a valueble market for the products they handle. It is very important that the producers in the various lines should have a market that is up to the standard and the county is fortunate in having such extensive dealers. There are many small dealers, but it takes men who handle a large volume of business to be able to get the right selling market and to be able to pay the best prices. These facts attract trade to the county and make it a better place in which to live and transact business. If we did not have an establishment of this kind much of the product would have to be shipped to other cities.

This is a business in which two of the most prominent features are reliability and magnanimous service. It is because they have won an enviable reputation for fair dealing and straightforward methods as well as the most painstaking service to their patrons that this firm has witnessed the yearly increase in the number of rural people shipping to them. The farmers of this community have come to know that this is a firm upon which they can depend and hence they turn over the marketing of their produce to them.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 17, 1922]

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### **MIAMI PRODUCE MANAGER**

L. E. Marsh, new local manager of the Miami Produce Company, has assumed his duties here. He succeeds Louis Jewell as the head of the Rochester plant. Ed Wilburn, former driver for the American Express Co., has taken a position as driver of one of the produce trucks.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 8, 1924]

### **MIAMI PRODUCE CO. TO HAVE NEW PLANT HERE**

The Miami Produce company, the Rochester branch of which has been housed in the former planing mill at the end of East Sixth street, also known as the EZ swing factory, has purchased five lots from the Northern Indiana Power company by the "Y" made by the Nickle Plate tracks just south of the present plant location, and will erect a new two-story office, store room at a cost of \$35,000.

The deal for the lots was consummated two months ago, but the deed was just received Monday.

The new building will be triangular-shaped, and on the south side of the "Y" is the N.P. tracks. Blueprints for the building will be made at once.

The present building will be abandoned.

Eighteen men are employed by the company here, ten of whom are hucksters. Bert McDonald of Logansport recently was made manager here.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, January 26, 1926]

[Adv] NOTICE. The Miami Produce Company has opened a branch at 415 North Main Street, to buy poultry and eggs for cash. Feel free at any time to call us for prices. MIAMI PRODUCE COMPANY. N. O. Nelson, Mgr. Phone 629.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 2, 1931]

### **NEW FIRM TAKES OVER**

Announcement was made today by Claude Johnson and N. O. Nelson that they have taken over the poultry and egg receiving station at 409 North Main street, which has been operated by Kingan and Company for several years and will continue to operate the same under the firm name of Rochester Poultry Company.

Both men are well known to farmers of Fulton county. Mr. Johnson has operated a meat market and poultry and egg buying station in East Ninth street for a number of years.

Mr. Nelson for a number of years was the owner of a grocery store in Rochester and later was the local manager for the Miami Produce Company and the Kingan and Company egg and poultry buying branch in this city.

The new owners took possession of the plant last Monday. An advertisement of the new concern appears in this issue of The News-Sentinel.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 24, 1938]

## **MICHAEL, H. M.** [Green Oak, Indiana]

### **H. M. MICHAEL BUYS STORE. WILL MOVE TO GREEN OAK**

H. M. Michael, owner of the Green Oak store, has purchased the building at Wagoner Station owned by Dr. C. Y. Andrews of Peru, which for 22 years housed a general store there. Mr. Michael will move the structure which is two stories high and measures 50 by 24, overland by means of tractors from Wagoners Station to Green Oak, a distance of 2 miles. Mr. Michael will erect the new store on ground which he purchased of Ed. Faurote six years ago, in what is known as the Green Oak schoolyard just north of the building which he will vacate.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 27, 1927]

## **MICHAEL, J. P.** [Rochester, Indiana]



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See: Hutton, J. T.

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Mr. J. P. Michael has determined upon changing his business. He is tired of the liquor trade and will give it up to engage in the cigar and tobacco business. He has rented the north room of the Masonic building and early next month he will put in it a large and fine stock of the best quality and finest grades of tobaccos and imported and domestic cigars, and do a jobbing and retail trade. Mr. M. is a thorough business man and will leave no effort undone to make his new venture a success.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 20, 1882]

[Adv] J. P. Michael, Wholesale tobacconist and manufacturer of cigars. - - - Remember my House is Headquarters for the celebrated "MICHAEL'S CHOICE" and "NIGHT CAP" Cigars. Masonic Building.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 3, 1885]

[Adv] FOUND AT LAST! A 10c Cigar for Five Cents. THE MASCOTTE CIGAR is the best and Purest Cigar ever sold for the money. For Sale by all Dealers. Try it. The trade supplied by J. P. MICHAEL, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 14, 1885]

### LOCAL and MISCELLANEOUS

John L. Miller has sold his grocery store to J. P. Michael and he will at once transfer it to Jacob Rosenberg, the popular citizen and salesman who was with Wiles store for many years. Mr. Miller made a paying success of the grocery business and is thinking some of dismissing business cares for a year or two and may make a trip to the Alaskan gold fields.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 19, 1897]

### LOCAL NEWS

J. P. Michael's stock of groceries is now being rapidly packed and shipped to Indianapolis.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 19, 1901]

### LOCAL NEWS

J. P. Michael and family left this morning for their new home in Indianapolis, where Mr. Michael becomes a member of a well-known firm of wholesale grocers. Their removal is a severe loss to Rochester both in a business and social way.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 24, 1901]

## MICHAELS, JULIUS [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

## MICHAEL'S CARD AND GAMING ESTABLISHMENT [Twelve Mile, Cass County]

### MONTE CARLO SOLD

As a result of a deal made yesterday the Michaels card and gaming establishment at Twelve Mile, Cass county, passed into the hands of Jim Dennison, who has for years conducted a general store at that place, and the former owner, C. E. Michael, will go to Saskatchewan, Canada, to locate on a farm. He has purchased 820 acres of choice land at Scott, Saskatchewan, Canada, and will go into general farming there.

Michael has conducted his restaurant, cigar store and card games combined for over a year and during that time was haled into court once and forced to pay a fine which did not come close to representing one night's earnings of the house on the green cloth. All that is needed at

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Twelve Mile is a mineral spring to make it a veritable French Lick, for when it comes to sports and gaming the residents in that district have the "pikers" in Cass and neighboring counties backed off the boards.

Games have been pulled off at Twelve Mile of late with bigger stakes than heard of outside of fiction and the western mining camps. The Michael's establishment has always been the rendezvous of all the sports within a radius of twenty miles on Saturday and Sunday nights and here they were entertained with every known game of chance.

A story is told by the hangers on about the game establishment that a 160 acre farm changed hands as a result of a throw of the dice in one of the games there last winter but no absolute authority for the story has ever been obtained. According to the story two wealthy farmers of that district goaded each other into the deal by calling names such as welcher and piker until they had their farms staked on the outcome of a single filing of the dice. It is said that when the play was over the loser gave a mortgage for the value of the property and is today paying this off. Michael knows no absolute authority for this but some claim it to be an absolute fact.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 12, 1909]

### **MICHAEL'S WHOLESALE GROCERY** [Rochester, Indiana]

Charles Kilmer who has been with Michael's Wholesale Grocery house for several years, has opened a new grocery in Citizens Block, and has the brightest and cleanest store in the city. And he proposes to keep it that way every day in the year. Go and see the new store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 3, 1896]

### **MICHIGAN HIGHWAY GARAGE** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **CROWNOVER GARAGE IS LEASED**

The Michigan Highway garage on North Main St., built one year ago by Crownover brothers and James Enoch, was leased Saturday by them to the B. and H. Auto Sales Co., county agents for the Ford. The new owners took possession at once.

Leroy and Thomas Crownover entered into negotiations Saturday to retire from business in Rochester. The garage is one of the largest in the city. Leroy will leave for the army soon and Thomas says that he will remain in Rochester for some time. James Enoch will remain here.

J. P. Distler, local manager of the B. and H. Co., said Monday morning that a complete Ford repair shop would now be installed, including all of the most up to date machinery. Because of the additional room, Ford owners can now get quick service. The office on Main St. will be retained for a short time.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 15, 1918]

### **MICKEY, DANIEL** [Fulton County]

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Daniel Mickey is the owner of one of the fine farms of Fulton county, on which he has made his home since 1866. It comprises 140 acres of rich and arable land, which has been brought to its present advanced state of cultivation by drainage and the many improvements which go to make up the model farm of the nineteenth century. When it came into his possession it was heavily timbered, but his earnest labors have transformed it into one of the best country homes of Fulton county. Mr. Mickey was born in Richland county, Ohio, Oct. 28, 1824. His father, Isaac Mickey, was probably a native of Maryland, and near the beginning of the present century became a resident of Ohio. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, under William Henry Harrison. For his second wife he married Susan Brinley and three of their children are living: Daniel, Hiram and Lucinda. The parents died in Kosciusko county, Ind., in 1849, and were buried the same day. Our subject received but limited opportunities for securing an education, his privileges being those afforded in the typical log school house of the frontier. During his youth he shared in the hardships and trials of pioneer life, and from an early age has been dependent entirely upon his own resources, so that the success he has achieved is the merited reward of his own labors. After eighteen years' experience as a pioneer of Kosciusko county, he came to Fulton county, and has since been identified with its interests. On Sept. 17, 1850, Mr. Mickey was joined in wedlock

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with Catherine Etzweiler, daughter of Jacob Etzweiler. She died eighteen years ago, leaving six children: William, now deceased; Ella, wife of A. Coplen, of Walnut, Ind.; Emma, wife of Washington Benton, of Newcastle township; Frank, of Fulton county; Harvey, of New Mexico, and Katie, wife of Charles Peterson, of Wayne township. On questions of state and national importance Mr. Mickey gives an unwavering support to the democracy. He has long been a member of the Christian church, and his life is in harmony with his profession.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 108-109]

## MICKEY, HIRAM [Newcastle Township]

### BIOGRAPHY

Hiram Mickey, son of Isaac and Susanna Mickey, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, September 29, 1826. In 1848, he came to Kosciusko County, Ind., and on the 12th of September, 1850, was united in marriage with Rachel Nichols, who was born January 14, 1833. In 1851, they located on the farm where they now reside, when it was all woods; but through the industry of Mr. Mickey the forests have disappeared and cultivated fields appear in their stead. Mr. and Mrs. M. are the parents of eight [sic] children--Louisa, Lucinda, Prosper, Susanna, Sarah E., Luther S., Oliver, Willia N. and Lucy. Of these Louisa, Lucinda and Susanna are married. Mr. Mickey served in the Eighty-seventh Regiment Indiana Infantry in the war of the rebellion, participating in all the engagements in which his regiment participated and marched from Atlanta to the sea. He was a good soldier, and those three years of his life he justly speaks of with pride. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania, came to this State in 1848 and both died the same day in October, 1849. Mrs. M.'s father, Prosper Nichols, was a native of Vermont, her mother of North Carolina. They were pioneers of this county, having located some four miles east of Rochester in 1839, and some three years later moved to Kosciusko County, where they died. Mr. Nichols in September, 1866, and Mrs. N. about three months later.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, pp. 49-50]

## MIDDLETON, MAHLON [Henry Township]

### BIOGRAPHY

Mahlon Middleton, a kindly and hospitable gentleman, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, October 18, 1821. His parents, Nathaniel and Dorothy (Sharp) Middleton, were natives of Virginia and New Jersey respectively, and of English origin. His opportunities were of a necessity limited, but as time has passed Mr. Middleton has improved his early education by a careful course of reading and observation, and with no capital but his health, spirit of industry, and the determination in an undertaking, success has crowned his efforts, and Mr. M. and family have long enjoyed a pleasant and delightful home, he having met and conquered the many difficulties that lie strewn along the path of the early pioneer of this country in clearing his farm, upon which he resided since 1854, and of which sixty-two acres of fine land are fully improved.

Mr. Middleton, on April 13, 1843, wedded Miss Elizabeth Bradway, who was born in Salem, N.J., in 1825, and died in October, 1881. The fruits of this union were eight children, of whom Lewis D., who served as a soldier in the Eighty-seventh Indiana Volunteers under Sherman, Jesse B., also a soldier in the service, Levi H., Charles W. and Sarah Alice are living. Mr. Middleton is a member of the Church of God.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 39]

## MID-WAY CLUB [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Announcing Opening of MID-WAY CLUB (billiards). Opens Tonight, Feb. 18. Located Over Chevrolet Garage, 619 1/2 Main Street. ALEXANDER BROTHERS, Formerly Located at 709 Main.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 18, 1932]

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### **MID-WAY GARAGE** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### BRYANT & TIPPY OPEN NEW MID-WAY GARAGE

A new garage will open in this city on next Wednesday morning in the building at the rear of the Black and Bailey hardware store. The proprietors Bert Bryant and Raymond Tippy are thoroly experienced mechanics, the former having been in charge of the repair department of the Louderback garage for a period of nine years, while Mr. Tippy has had years of experience in automobile repair work in this city. The new garage which will be known as the "Mid-Way" will be equipped with the most modern machinery and a complete assortment of parts and accessories for all makes of cars will be carried in stock.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 28, 1931]

### **MIDWAY BILLIARD PARLOR** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### BILLY DOVICHİ NAMES NEW BILLIARD PARLOR

William Dovichi has named his new billiard parlor recently opened in the Robbins room at 717 Main street the "Midway Billiard Parlor." The proprietor has installed card tables, two pool and one 5 by 10 billiard table. The pool and billiard tables were built by the Brunswick Balke company, a representative of the concern installing them. To stimulate interest in billiards Mr. Dovichi is giving away 100 cigars each month to the man making the most billiards during that period. An exhaust fan has been erected which insures fresh air in the parlor at all times. A full line of candies, fruits, soft drinks and cigars are carried. A lunch counter is also operated.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, January 21, 1926]

[adv] Midway Billiard Parlor, 717 Main Street, . . . Dovichi & Hudkins, Props.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, January 26, 1926]

#### WILLIAM DOVICHİ SELLS INTEREST IN BUSINESS

William Dovichi on Saturday disposed of his intrest in the Midway Billiard Parlor to Frank Alexander.

Daniel "Runt" Hudkins, who owned a half interest in the billiard parlor, will continue to operate the place with Mr. Alexander, who took possession of his share Monday morning.

Mr. Dovichi will go to Chicago, where he will be employed at the Fair store. While in Chicago, Mr. Dovichi will take voice culture under the best teachers in the city with the intention of going on the stage either in vaudeville or in musical comedy. Mr. Dovichi, while in the army, often took part in musical shows staged by his division, and won high praise for his endeavors.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 22, 1926]

### **MIDWAY CAFE AND ANNEX** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### MIDWAY CAFE IS AGAIN SOLD

It is Fenie's cafe again.

A deal was closed Monday night whereby Schuyler FENIMORE and his son, Lonnie, original proprietors of the Midway cafe, one door north of the Blue Drug Store, are again its owners. Archie Timbers, who purchased the place of Stanton Thompson, to whom Fenimores sold, stepped down and out.

When seen, Mr. Fenimore said that he had been anxious to regain control of the place, which had lost much of its populaity after he sold. He says that he will run the same high class restaurant that he did at first, and trust that his old patrons will see fit again "put their feet under the table."

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 2, 1914]

#### PURCHASES RESTAURANT

Tom McMahan has purchased the North End restaurant of Mrs. Della Mutchler and is redecorating and remodeling the place. The deal was consumated Saturday afternoon.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 21, 1917]

### **CAFE NAME CHANGED**

The North End restaurant, recently purchased by Tom McMahan, is now the Midway Cafe.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 7, 1917]

### **RESTAURANT SOLD**

John Paschall has purchased the North Main St. restaurant of Thomas McMahan. The former took possession at once.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, December 6, 1917]

### **CAFE AGAIN SOLD**

The Midway Cafe, Cor. Main and 6th Sts., has again changed hands, Archibald Krouse having bought the place of J. W. Paschall. Mr. Paschall will return to his former trade of carpentering and cabinet making.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 14, 1919]

### **FOGLESONGS BUY MIDWAY CAFE**

The Midway cafe, cor. Main and 6th Sts., has again changed hands, H. L. Foglesong and Co., purchasing it of Jesse Romig. The company is composed of Mrs. Foglesong and son, Harry, and the family has already taken possession. Mr. Foglesong has resigned his position as a traveling salesman and will devote his time to the cafe and insurance business. The Foglesongs have leased the building of Mrs. Minta Holeman for a year, and will have to let five furnished outside rooms upstairs.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 21, 1919]

### **FOGLESONG HAS LEASED ROOMS FOR NEW HOTEL**

Henry Foglesong, proprietor of the Midway Cafe and Annex, corner Main and Sixth streets, has leased the rooms over the Racket clothing store in the Karn building, formerly operated as a rooming establishment by Mrs. Millicent Karn. Mr. Foglesong will operate the place as a small European hotel and plans to take it over by April 1.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 17, 1921]

## **MIDWAY PLACE** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] ATTENTION, FARMERS. When you come to town and get hungry stop in to the MIDWAY PLACE, two doors north of the Blue Drug Store - - - JOHN WOODFIELD, Prop.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 29, 1893]

## **MILL CREEK** [Fulton County]

The large dredge used in Mill Creek is now running night and day. The ditch is eleven feet deep and twenty-eight feet wide. Four squads of hands are engaged in operating the dredge and the machinery is not stopped from Sunday to Sunday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 29, 1901]

## **MILL POND** [Henry Township]

Located approximately 1400E and 350S.

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### **MILL RACE** [Talma, Indiana]

The present ditch north of the El-Ro-Vert campgrounds is the old mill race but no evidence now of the dam which was in the river almost due north of the mill.

[Talma the Blooming Burg, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Shirley Willard]

### **MILL RACE** [Rochester, Indiana]

With so many industries depending on water power, more water was needed, so the mill race was dug about 1840, which carried water from Lake Manitou to the north edge of Rochester ending at the present site of Farm Bureau elevator.

[Rochester, The Unfounded Town, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard]

It started about 100 feet S of the dam and ran where where it is now along SR-25 and Lakeview Park and on up Race street, turning N one-half block E side of Nickel Plate railroad, crossed under the railroad between 7th and 8th streets and continued parallel to and on the west side of Mill Creek, and entered the creek at the elevator located SE corner Main & Erie Railroad. After electricity came to replace the water power, it was filled in little by little until today it exists only by Lakeview Park and Lakeshore Drive.

Until the new waterworks plant was constructed the city obtained its water from the race about one block E of the Nickel Plate railroad, and the standpipe stood at that place.

Clarence Hill reports: "the bed and east side of the race north of 4th Street was used as fill for the new double-track on the Erie. This must have been around 1907, as I was in grade school at Central (later Lincoln School)."

[Hill Family, Clarence F. Hill, *Fulton Co. Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard]

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### CITY DADS HOLD GREAT SESSION

The regular meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening was one that will long be remembered as one of the liveliest ever held. Besides the regular business that was before the board the committees of the Lake Manitou Improvement and Protective Association were entertained. A committee composed of Judge Bernetha, E. E. Murphy and Charles Bailey requested that the association be allowed the use of a triangular piece of ground laying near the lake dam to be used as a fish hatchery. The committee agreed that the association would improve the property and their request was granted. They will start work at once and it is expected that the hatchery will be in working order within the next few weeks. J. E. Troutman, J. F. Dysert, Hugh Holman, Lee Wile and O. A. Davis were before the board in the interest of the improvement of the race property -- that is to the widening and deepening of same. They did not make any request, yet they asked that the city have an engineer appointed who would go ahead and make a complete profile of the property, with the view of working to uniform improvements. The engineer was also asked to make an estimate of the probable cost of the undertaking. This part of the work will be ordered and Fred Hoffman, Jr., was appointed engineer, with Hugh Holman as assistant. The latter agreed to do his work without any compensation. After this work is done the matter of the council taking up the work of improvement will be looked into. However most of the councilmen expressed themselves as believing it impossible at the present for them to do anything more than getting the survey. - - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 24, 1912]

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### **WOULD IMPROVE RACE PROPERTY**

A proposition is soon to be made to the city council whereby the race property, which has lain idle in Rochester's hands for a number of years, will be given a chance for improvement and actual use.

H. E. Page, landlord of the Fairview Hotel at Lake Manitou, has been considering the matter with some engineer friends, and as a result is now ready to make an offer. He stated to a Sentinel representative that if the city would give him the right to deepen the race as he saw fit, and then to control it by charging a nominal toll until he was reimbursed for his outlay, in the meanwhile dividing the receipts with the city, he would, as soon as he had collected the money he should spend, turn the canal back to the city, deep enough and wide enough to accommodate any launch on the lake as far north as the Lake Erie depot.

Mr. Page said that within a week's time he could float his launch, the largest on the lake, to the bridge at the Wilson farm home thus giving an idea how fast he would do the work. He asserts he will do away with the dam and declared that the entire plan is most feasible. In the near future, he expects to take some of the city councilmen over the route and make them his proposition. He refuses to make public the details of his plan.

Page, who has made an ideal landlord for Fairview, came here from Champaign, Ill., last year. He has proven himself a booster, not a boaster, and his banquet at the lake last summer had much to do with the launching of the plan to improve the highway around the north shore, a scheme which has just been brought to successful conclusion.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 10, 1914]

### **CITY GRADER FILLING IN THE OLD MILL RACE BED**

Motorists who have driven along the north bank of the old mill race, north of East Ninth street during the past few days, have noticed a decided improvement, which is still in progress under the direction of Hugh Rogers of the city street department.

The construction work consists of leveling and grading of the unused portion of the old mill race, which is one of the old land marks of the city. The improvement was made possible by the recent purchase of a new city grader, officials of the City board stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 25, 1941]

## **MILLARK, INDIANA** [Henry Township]

Located approximately 350S and 600E.

Twenty enlisted men from Millark were in the 46th Regt during the Civil War.

The town had the Millark Mill, a blacksmith shop, school and several more houses than now. The Johnsons also had a maple sugar camp on the hill south of Charles Golden's house (formerly Denny Smith farm). L. Sidle had the blacksmith shop on the west side of the road just east of the bridge at the corner where the road turns north.

See Horton, W. A.

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### **START WORKING ON TRANSMISSION LINE**

Work will be started Tuesday morning on an electric transmission line to extend from the power line established around the lake last spring, according to announcement made Monday by officials of the United Public Service Company. The extensions will reach Athens and serve farm houses along the route, in one direction and in the other will branch off south thru Mt. Zion and to Macy. These two extensions have been planned for many months but it was only within the past few days that the hopes of the local utility of doing the work became a reality.

In speaking of the latest extension of the local utility it was stated Monday that some day, probably not in the near future, but on the other hand not very many years away, practically all small communities of Indiana will be served by central power houses, which in all probability will

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be located in the mining districts. The idea of this proposed change is to cut the cost of service by reducing the overhead of a number of small offices and the shipping of coal.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 9, 1922]

A two days meeting will commence, at Mill Ark, on the last Saturday of this month, (June 28th) at 11 o'clock a.m., continuing over Sunday . . . Jacob Shafer.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 12, 1862]

### MILLARK MILL [Henry Township]

Located at Millark, Indiana

The rebuilt mill operated until 1965.

See: Mount Zion Mill

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### ONLY WATER MILL IN COUNTY MODERNIZES

Fulton county's only remaining water-powered mill is soon to be abandoned for the modern electric power, it was learned today.

O. S. Williams, owner and operator of the feed and saw mill at Millark, is to install a large 40 horsepower electric motor for use in his productive efforts and later on plans to provide smaller, auxiliary motors.

This change-over to electric power is being made under the supervision of the Rural Electrification Administration. The Millark water mill is one of the few in active operation in Indiana today.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 27, 1941]

Henry Hoover raised the dams at Millark and Mt. Zion and built mills at both places, the Mt. Zion mill about 1844. His son, Henry David Hoover, bought the Millark mill in 1856, after the older Hoover moved to Nebraska. Henry David also bought the Mt. Zion mill in 1871 and was proprietor of a woolen mill and saw mill there as well. He manufactured felloes, which were the curved wooden rims of wagon wheels. This ended in a loss when another man invented a felloe made in two pieces which made a better wheel than the felloes made in four pieces by the Hoovers. He also owned a life insurance company at M. Zion that failed because claims outstripped incoming premiums.

Both Millark and Mt. Zion once were thriving little towns with schools, churches, stores, blacksmith shops, factories, doctors, and a number of homes. The only buildings left today are the one-room school and the mill at Millark.

[That Busy Hoover Family, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

The land on which Millark was built was purchased from the government on Sept. 6, 1836, and patented July 5, 1837, the purchase price being \$119.70 for 95.76 acres. Henry Hoover built this mill there in 1840. An article entitled "Millark Today" appeared in the July 17, 1942 edition of the *Fulton County REMC Line* which tells much about Millark in the 19th century, including the various owners of the mill and surrounding property. It states that, "Mr. Henry Hoover remained the owner of the 119 acres around Millark until 1851 when he sold 114 acres situated on the north side of the Mill Pond to Jacob S. Alspach . . . on Oct. 9, 1851. Henry Hoover retained 28 acres on the south side of the mill pond . . .

"In the spring of 1855 . . . Henry Hoover moved to the territory of Nebraska where he made his home. In 1855 Henry Hoover filed proceedings against Jacob Alspach for breach of contract and on Jan. 25, 1856, by order of the Fulton Circuit Court, Henry Hoover was again the owner of Millark . . . In April of 1856, Henry Hoover . . . sold the 114.5 acres on the north side of the pond to Henry D. Hoover and John Abraham Hoover (his sons) . . ."



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The mill was destroyed by fire in 1859 and rebuilt by John and Henry D. Hoover shortly thereafter. The structure presently standing at Millark is the structure built in 1860 by Henry Hoover's sons. *The 1883 Historical Atlas of Fulton County* mentions the great value and help to the early settlers Millark was. Before Millark was built, they had to wait in line for a week at the old government Potawatomi Mills at Rochester or else travel to Goshen which was 50 miles away. The sawmill at Millark was powered by an undershot waterwheel where the water hits the wheel underneath. The saw was of the vertical type (sash saw), cutting up and down rather than in a circular motion as modern saws do. The grist mill was powered by a turbine water wheel in the lower level. Water was fed to the wheel through a large pipe that went from the pond, under the road to the lower level of the mill.

In Feb. 1871 H. D. Hoover purchased the mill property at Mt. Zion from the True estate and moved his family there from Millark. He had already sold the mill property at Millark to Solomon Slusser in 1867 but he was still operating the general store there. Soon after moving he rented his store to John A. Fouts.

Israel "Doc" Johnson, Jr., owned the Millark Mill 1881-1935.

[Hoover Family, Ernest Hoover, Jr., *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

### MILLARK POST OFFICE [Millark, Indiana]

Located approximately 600E and 350S.

[F.C.H.S. Files]

### MILLARK POSTMASTERS [Millark, Indiana]

Henry Hoover, July 6, 1846. Henry D. Hoover, Aug 4, 1852.

Henry D. Hoover, Aug 4, 1852. Solomon Schlosser, July 23, 1864.

Discontinued Oct 12, 1868.

[F.C.H.S. Files]

### MILLARK SAWMILL [Henry Township]

Owned and operated by Henry Hoover.

### MILLER, ARTHUR E. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Don't Delay. Are you sure of those who must be overtaken with disease before you realize the importance of insurance? - - - ARTHUR E. MILLER, Agent.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 11, 1925]

### MILLER, ARTHUR F. [Rochester, Indiana]

#### ARTHUR MILLER WILL OPEN GROCERY STORE

Arthur F Miller who was manager of the A. & P. Store in this city for ten years, announced today that he would in the near future open a grocery store and meat market in the room at 812 Main street.

The store room selected by Mr. Miller is on the west side of the public square and for many years housed the Paramunt Theatre.

Extensive improvements are now being made in the room which includes a new front and other equipment. The store will be one of the most modern in Northern Indiana.

Mr. Miller stated that he will carry an announcement in the News-Sentinel prior to the opening of his new store.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 10, 1935]

#### ARTHUR MILLER WILL OPEN STORE SATURDAY

Arthur F. Miller announced today that he will open his new grocery store and meat market in the room that he has leased at 812 Main Street on Saturday, June 15, An ad announcing the opening of the new store will be carried in The News-Sentinel on Friday.

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The grocery store and meat market which Mr. Miller will open is one of the most complete stores of its kind in northern Indiana. Extensive improvements have been made to the room which includes a vegetable produce rack and sprayer and new refrigerating system.

Mr. Miller is an experienced grocer and was the manager of the A. & P. store here for ten years. Norman Burkett will be in charge of the meat department. The store will be an I. G. A. system unit. The room in which the store will be opened is on the west side of the public square and for many years housed the Paramount Theatre.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 13, 1935]

### BERKHEISERS PURCHASE MILLER FOOD MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Berkheiser, of Bremen formerly of this city, purchased the Miller Food Market, an I.G.A. Store, yesterday from Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Miller. Mr. Miller, who has been in ill health for several months, is retiring on account of his health, but will continue to make his home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkheiser have many friends here. Mr. Berkheiser has been manager of a Kroger Store in Bremen for the past five years. Previous to that he was employed in the Rochester Kroger and Rochester A. & P. Stores. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Berkheiser, near this city. Mrs. Berkheiser was formerly Miss Helen Chamberlain, daughter of Mrs. Mary Chamberlain of Rochester. She has many friends here, as she was employed for many years in the Mercer Insurance Office.

Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Berkheiser will be Conde Holloway and George Fleegle of Akron. Mr. Fleegle comes well recommended as an experienced meat cutter, formerly having been employed by C. E. Fleck and son at Akron.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 21, 1936]

## MILLER, ARTHUR L. [Rochester, Indiana]

### FORMER ROCHESTERITE PAID \$1,000 TO MOVE RADIUM

Rochester friends of Arthur L. Miller, of Pittsburgh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie B. Miller, 520 West Ninth street, will be interested in his recent achievement of moving one-sixth of an ounce of radium, valued at \$125,000, a distance of four and a half miles, for a fee of \$1,000.

Mr. Miller, who is well-remembered here, is president of the Dormont (Pittsburgh suburb) borough council and is the nation's outstanding expert in the handling of radium in large quantities. His early education was obtained in Rochester, where he graduated from high school in 1910, afterward entering Purdue university.

Mr. Miller's task was safely completed in about eight hours. The scene was New York city and the precious metal was moved from the site of the old Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases to the institution's new location. New York and Pittsburgh papers carried lengthy accounts of the feat. The New York Herald of July 1st said in part:

"The man in charge was A. L. Miller, forty-seven years old, the only man in the country, so far as authorities at the hospital know, capable of handling the job.

"It took Mr. Miller more than eight hours, working at times in a special gas mask, to remove the flasks from the safes in the old hospital, have them carried, in three trips by a light truck, to the new building and decant their contents into four new flasks comprising part of the apparatus in the East Sixty-eighth Street building.

"Part of that time, however, was consumed by an unscheduled incident. When Mr. Miller and his assistants, who included Dr. Giocchino Failla, head physicist at the hospital, prepared to remove the flask from the smaller of the two safes at the old hospital, it was learned that the key had been lost since the safe was last opened about five years ago. Charles Courtney, locksmith, of 530 West 125th street, was called and burned away the lock with an acetylene torch.

"Mr. Miller had handled radium for a livelihood in mines and laboratories for fifteen years until ten years ago, when after three of his associates had died as a result of their work he

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decided that selling life insurance was a healthier business. He reported for his job at 9:30 a.m. yesterday and put in two hours preparing to handle the precious but dangerous substance.

### Triple Containers for Flasks

“Working in his undershirt, a pair of white dungarees and a towel for an apron, he placed five galvanized iron pails about a foot tall and ten inches in diameter on a table. After lining these with cotton and paper, he placed a porcelain pail inside each. He lined these in similar fashion and then placed glass beakers beside them. These, when lined with paper and cotton, were ready to receive the flasks containing the radium chloride.

“The flasks in the safe were connected by glass tubing to a mercury pump which compressed the radon, or gas emanations from the radium chloride, so that it could be inserted into tiny ‘seeds,’ solid gold hollow containers about the thickness of small copper wire, which are introduced into the flesh of cancer patients. After removing a brass cylinder and porcelain covering around each of the flasks, Mr. Miller, wearing his mask to prevent his breathing radon, broke the connecting tubes and quickly stoppered each of the flasks.

“The flasks were taken to the new hospital in a station wagon owned and driven by George Barclay, a radium technician of the hospital. A box into which two compartments had been built was screwed to the floor of the truck’s body, and in these the flasks were placed, one on the first trip and two on each of the succeeding two trips.

“On the first trip Dr. Failla carried the pails containing the flasks to the truck. He showed the hazardous nature of the task in his answer to a photographer who asked him, as he left the old hospital and approached the truck, to pause an instant for a picture.

“ ‘Oh, no, not me,’ he said, deftly placing the pail in the truck.

### Police Escort

“The first flask left the old hospital at noon, and the last two, one of which contained three-fourths of a gram of radium owned by the Rockefeller Institute Hospital, arrived at 1:30 p.m. Two motorcycle policemen escorted the truck on each of its trips, and Mr. Miller and George Holmes, superintendent of the hospital, escorted the driver on the last trip.

“After the flasks were delivered to the new hospital, Mr. Miller, Dr. Failla and two other hospital technicians, Lowell Cardenas and Theodore Folsom, worked almost two hours to complete arrangements for pouring the radium chloride into the four new flasks, already connected to the pumping apparatus. During this period Mr. Miller changed his clothes, to avoid prolonged contact with any radium that might have adhered to them during the transfer, and told a bit about himself.

“He said that he was graduated from Purdue University in 1914 as a chemical engineer and immediately went into radium work with a Pittsburgh company that pioneered radium products in this country, but went out of business about ten years ago. He worked in the Colorado mines, in mills and laboratories, and was called on to find radium that others had lost.

### Suffered Burns

“He burned the finger tips on his right hand and showed a deep scar on his left thumb, the result of a radium injury. After fifteen years, during which three colleagues died, he listened to the advice of Dr. Failla, with whom he had long been associated, and quit the business ‘as a steady diet.’ Since then, he said he has sold life insurance, enough to become a ‘chartered life underwriter,’ and occasionally, returned ‘to my first love.’

“Before pouring the radium chloride from the old to the new flasks, Mr. Miller went out to lunch and then rested for a time. He said that his fingers ached slightly, from his exposure to the radon. At 4:30 p.m. He attached his mask, with its twenty-five feet of hose to assure him clean air, and entered the room containing the safe and radium apparatus, alone. He emerged at 6:05 p.m., took a bath, changed clothes and returned to Pittsburgh.”

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 11, 1939]

**MILLER, BELVA** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: First National Bank

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### **MILLER, BURK** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Burk Miller)

### **MILLER, CINCINNATUS HEINE "JOAQUIN"**

See: Perschbacher, George

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#### JOAQUIN MILLER'S EARS FROZEN OFF

Poet Joaquin Miller, who formerly lived in this county, is in the Klondike country as a newspaper and magazine correspondent and yesterday's papers tell of a terrible misfortune to him, as follows:

In endeavoring to force his way from Circle City, against a blizzard he lost his ears, several toes and a finger, being so badly frozen that months will be required to recover his strength.

When Mr. Miller heard that persons strung along the river were in danger of starving he determined to carry the news to Inspector Constantine. The miners in Circle City endeavored to dissuade him, but he eluded them and accomplished his task.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 14, 1898]

#### VISITED JOAQUIN MILLER

In a letter to the SENTINEL George Perschbacher, who, with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wood, are spending the winter on the Pacific coast, says, among other interesting things that they have visited Ellensburg, Seattle, Tacoma and the Navy yards and great Dry Dock at Bremerton, in Washington; Portland and San Francisco. At the latter place, they met Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Terry and Mr. and Mrs. George Dawson and had a glorious time with them. And another most interesting event was a trip by Mr. Perschbacher to Oakland Heights where he met his old schoolmate, Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierra Nevadas. From San Francisco they went to San Jose and spent a week with the Miller family formerly of Tiosa. Thence they went to Los Angeles where there are now 10,000 guests spending the winter.

The Rochester party is seeing all the sights and enjoying themselves very much.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 10, 1906]

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

Joaquin Miller, the poet who now resides in California and once lived on the classic banks of the Tippecanoe, in this county, has written the citizens of Liberty that he will visit his old home in August of this year. By a proper effort on the part of a few old citizens who still continue with us and were playmates of the poet when he lived in this county, his presence might be secured here to visit his old associates and the scenes of his childhood.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 11, 1907]

#### NOTED SON NEAR DEATH

Joaquin Miller, far famed as the "Poet of the Sierras," is at the point of death in an Oakland, Cal., hospital. Physicians diagnose his case as a general breakdown and his death is momentarily expected.

Joaquin Miller was born in northern Indiana and during his early youth was a resident of Richland township, being a schoolmate of George Perschbacher of this city, and other Richland residents of that period. He drifted West, and became famous by reason of his literary achievements, and his eccentricities, which were marked and various.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 16, 1911]

#### SON OF NEWCASTLE

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Editor Sentinel:

I wish to correct your statement concerning the place of residence of Joaquin Miller. The fact is he was a resident of Newcastle township and lived on the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Swonger. His father's name was Hulings Miller. Joaquin Miller left this county in 1852 with his father's family and many of the other neighbors. His schoolmates, besides myself, were J. M. Davis of this city, Isaac Irvin, Mrs. John W. Black and others, and we are proud to claim him as a boy of old Newcastle.

I visited him at his home, four miles from Fruit Val [Fruitvale? - WCT], a suburb of Oakland, which is ten miles from San Francisco, five years ago this month. His age is 74 years.  
GEORGE PERSCHBACHER.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 17, 1911]

### NEVER TO COME BACK

Joaquin Miller, the "Poet of the Sierras," the account of whose serious illness was announced a few weeks ago, continues to lie in a very serious condition and there is but little hope for the recovery of the aged poet. The greatest desire of the life of Joaquin Miller for many years has been to return to this locality and again wander up and down the Tippecanoe river, north of Rochester, which he knew so well, and the Mississinewa river, near Lafontaine, and visit the Indian village, but he will never come back now. A fear that he would find everything changed and that he would not know the place has kept the great poet away for many years.

Great tears have come into the man's eyes when told of the passing of this or that friend of his boyhood or the destruction of some landmark which he had retained in his mind's picture of the places he once knew so well. It is said that Miller once knew the forests and fields for miles around and that he knew every crook and bend in the river and all of the deep or shallow places in the stream.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 22, 1911]

### FULTON COUNTY'S POET HERO

At a recent meeting of the Broadway club in South Bend one of the members read a paper on the life of Joaquin Miller, who in the days preceding the gold rush for California resided in Richland township, this county. The paper read in part:

"Among our living poets of note, none has had such a widely varied career as Joaquin Miller, 'the poet of the Sierras,' who has put into verse better than any other poet the inspiration, beauty and charm of the far West, the sunset land of America. For the first thirty years of his life he was a poet only in the sense that he fully appreciated the beauty of romance of the adventurous life he was leading. He was a pioneer, gold seeker, Indian fighter, newspaper editor, lawyer and judge before he became one of America's foremost poets.

"He was born in the Wabash district of Indiana in 1841. When he was 9 years old his father moved his young family to Oregon, making the journey of over 1,000 miles of lonely plain and over the great Rockies in one of the old time prairie schooners. The family had been lured to Oregon by pioneers who had gone there before them and who sent back glowing accounts of the fertility of the country. After several years he learned the rough life in the West did not appreciate his work as a poet and with a bold resolve he set out for London, where after a struggle he was received with open arms and gained considerable fame as a poet.

"When Joaquin Miller returned to his sunset land he found his fame had preceded him. The people who had let him go half way round the world to find fame received him with open arms now that he had won it. Ever since that time he has been the chosen singer and prophet of the Pacific coast."

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 19, 1911]

### JOAQUIN MILLER DEAD

San Francisco, Feb. 18. - "Joaquin" MILLER, "the poet of the Sierras," died in his one-room cabin, which he built with his own hands in the Piedmont Hills many years ago. His

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daughter, Juanita MILLER, and his wife, were with him. The end came at three o'clock in the afternoon, with warm sunshine flooding the room where lay the author of "Songs of the Sunland."

Death came slowly upon the venerable poet. He became unconscious Thursday after a lingering illness which began when he succumbed to an attack of paralysis two years ago. His wife and daughter were summoned at that time from the east and have been with him since. The weakness of old age had crept upon him, and although he worked at times, he rarely ventured from "the Heights," as he called his mountain retreat.

Cincinnatus Heine MILLER, who was known to the world of literature as Joaquin Miller, was born in a covered wagon in the Wabash district of Indiana November 10, 1841, his parents being on their way from Ohio to Indiana. His mother was of Dutch and his father of Scotch descent. When Joaquin was nine years old the Millers - father, mother and four children - set out for Oregon.

Mr. Miller was the author of "Songs of the Sunland," "The Ship of the Desert," "Life Among the Modocs," "First Families of the Sierras," "The Danites of the Sierras," "Shadows of Shasta," "Memorie and Rime," "Baroness of New York," "Songs of Faraway Lands," "The Destruction of Gotham," "The Building of the City Beautiful," "A Poetic Romance," "Forty-Nine; or, the Gold Seekers of the Sierras," "Chants for the Boer," "True Bear Stories" and of several plays that were well received wherever presented.

[Rochester Sentinel Tuesday, February 18, 1913]

### SIERRA POET, FORMERLY OF HERE, LEAVES \$42,000

Jacob Perschbacher, a school mate of the dead poet when he lived on the farm now owned by Dave Swonger, east of Tiosa, some 50 years ago, calls attention to the following dispatch from Oakland, Cal.: "Joaquin Miller, poet of the Sierras, left real property valued at \$41,998, besides cash and other assets, according to an inventory filed here by Mrs. Abbie Leland Miller, his widow."

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 19, 1914]

### HOOSIER POET FORMER RESIDENT OF TIOSA

'Way back in the days when boys and girls had to walk at least five miles to school, Cincinnatus Heine Miller was seen slowly trudging down the dusty road to the Gordon School, near Tiosa.

Looking ahead, he espied three motionless figures waiting for him. He soon joined his three most cherished friends, Jane Wright, "Little Lucindy" and George Perschbacher. In his quiet fashion Cincinnatus deeply appreciated this friendship, for he was generally considered "queer" among school children and thus had few real friends. It was not long until the small group of friends reached the tiny school building and trooped reluctantly in.

Years afterward Cincinnatus went West with his father. For five years he lived with the Modoc Indians, then having changed from queer to eccentric, he led the life of a hermit. His only companion was a Jap servant. While in solitude he wrote numerous poems of nature and became famed under the pen name of Joaquin Miller.

More years passed -- while touring in California, George Perschbacher decided to visit his old chum. After much diplomacy with the stoic Jap, he finally arrived at a small cabin located high in the mountains. Upon his arrival Joaquin, who was engaged in cutting down a small cherry tree, and supposed him to be "just another curious outsider," turned and said, "Well, what can I do for you?"

George replied by asking if he remembered any of his old school mates in Indiana. Joaquin promptly said he remembered three - Jane Wright, George Perschbacher and "Little Lucindy." George then revealed his identity, whereupon Joaquin was so overwhelmed and pleased that he immediately asked George to stay for dinner, which consisted of goose-broth. Of course George heartily accepted this invitation.

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During their dinner they had a long, intimate conversation, from which Joaquin learned that George had married Jane Wright and that "Little Lucindy" married Dave Swanger (another school-mate) and was living on Joaquin's old homestead.

When George returned to Indiana he took with him a picture of Joaquin, which Joaquin sent to "Little Lucindy." After her death "Little Lucindy" gave the picture to the Rochester Public Library, and his slate to the English department of R.H.S.

[The News-Sentinel, "Station R.H.S.," Saturday, December 5, 1931]

### DESIRES INFORMATION ON LIFE OF JOAQUIN MILLER

D. A. Smalley, instructor in the English Department of Indiana University, spent several days in Rochester and the community recently gathering data and seeking information on the life of Joaquin Miller, noted poet. Mr. Miller lived northwest of Rochester for three years, 1849-1852, and Mr. Smalley learned interesting facts about his boyhood here from Roy Jones, Mrs. Cyrus Shobe, Henry A. Barnhart and several others. He intends to write a story about the poet's boyhood life and desired also to learn any facts about the boy's father, Hulings Miller, during their residence here. Mr. Smalley asked that anyone who can give him any information about Joaquin Miller as a boy or his family is asked to leave their name and address with The News-Sentinel and the instructor will get in touch with them on a return visit here.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 4, 1932]

### JOAQUIN MILLER'S SLATE NOW BELONGS TO R.H.S.

How many of you know that, in our high school library, we have a slate which was used by Joaquin Miller, "Poet of the Sierras," when he attended school in our own Newcastle township, northeast of Rochester?

This slate is two-sided and has a wooden border around it. The slate is 9 7/8 inches wide by 13 5/8 inches long. There is a small hole in one end, through which is strung a piece of thong. Probably, when the slate was used by Mr. Miller, he fastened a belt or other strap through this thong so that he could carry the slate over his shoulder. The slate was donated to the high school by Mrs. Lucinda Swonger, a schoolmate of Mr. Miller's who lived on the old Miller farm near Talma.

Joaquin Miller--his real name was Cincinnatus Heine Miller--is quoted as saying that he was born on the boundary line between Ohio and Indiana as his parents were trekking westward in a covered wagon in 1841. He acquired the name of "Joaquin" after he gave a written defense of the California bandit, Joaquin Murietta.

During his life he was married three times. The days of his life were quite varied. He was a cook in mining camps, a horse thief with the Indian tribe to which his first wife belonged, a student at Columbia College in Oregon, a judge in Oregon, and many other things.

He died at his home in Oakland, California, in 1913. According to his wishes, his ashes were cast to the winds of the High Sierras.

He became the poet of the great western movement. Many verses that he wrote are hardly worth noting, but "Columbus" - "Behind Him Lay the Gray Azores" and "Westward Ho!" are two poems which are well known. "Westward Ho!" describes the Millers and the other pioneers who were moving west during this period.

[Station R.H.S., The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 8, 1945]

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Came to Fulton County with parents, Mr. & Mrs. Hulings Miller, and resided here from 1848-1852.

Hulings Miller taught at the Wright School in Newcastle Township.

Accompanied by a party of about 50 people from Fulton County, organized and led by Hulings Miller, they went to California for gold. Others in the party included John Trimble, William Trimble, Peter King, John Irvin, five Kennedy boys, Aley Putterbaugh, Horace Wilson, George Sarguy and his father, James Edwards and Theodore Montgomery.

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It cost each family about \$150 to go. They had to buy a yoke of oxen for \$30 and a wagon which cost about \$35. They were five months on the road. Most of the party returned to Indiana later, with the exception of Horace Wilson, who was killed by Indians.

Only one or two men from this county returned home with any large amount of money. A few came back with \$300 or \$400 but many came back with nothing. Theodore Montgomery is reported to have returned with \$5,000, the largest amount. Many formed bad habits, returning worse than penniless.

Cincinnati (called Nat), who became known as Jauquin Miller, "Poet of the Sierras," missed his schoolmates: Jane Wright, George Perschbacher, and little Lucindy Culver. Many years later, after Nat had become a famous poet and his queerness was considered eccentricity, George Perschbacher went to visit his old school chum in 1901. He was readily recognized and dined on goose broth in the hermit-like house on a mountain where Miller lived near Oakland, California.

He sent with George a picture of himself for his old friend, Lucindy Culver, then Mrs. David Swonger. When she died, she left this picture and Miller's old double slate to Rochester High School, but both were destroyed by a fire in the school library in 1945.

Mr. Miller moved to San Joaquin Valley in California, and became known as Joaquin Miller, the "Poet of the Sierras." He spent his latter years there.

[Fulton Co's Famous Poet, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

## MILLER, CLEM R. [Rochester, Indiana]

### BIOGRAPHY

Clem R. Miller, the surveyor of Fulton county, was born in the county which he now serves on August 14, 1887, the son of George M. and Mary (Buhler) Miller, the former of whom was born in Ohio in 1847. The parents of our subject came to Indiana and farmed in Richland township, Fulton county, where they remained for the rest of their lives. George Miller died in 1919, having been preceded in death by his wife who died in 1892. Clem R. Miller was educated in the public schools of his home community and the Culver High School. Upon completing his studies at Culver, he took a course in the Rochester Normal College, and at the age of eighteen years he engaged in farming, continuing in this work for some time. He was then put forward by the Republican party as its candidate for the office of county surveyor, and at the ensuing election, he was easily elected to fill that position. Since then he has ably discharged the duties of his office, and has won the respect of all who come into contact with him. On February 12, 1906, he married Rose Bowen, the daughter of John and Rebecca (Hartman) Bowen, of Ohio, and Mrs. Miller was one of fifteen children born to them, of whom thirteen are now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born four children: Russell, Virgil, Donald and Annabelle. Mr. Miller holds membership in the Rochester Lodge No. 47 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his wife are devout members of the United Brethren Church.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 241-242, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

## MILLER, DICK [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Dick Miller)

## MILLER, EARLE A. [Rochester, Indiana]

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### THE MOTOR DIGEST

The first issue (May) of the Motor Digest, published by the Earle A. Miller Co., is just off the press. The new magazine, according to the publishers, has very bright prospects.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 8, 1919]



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### **MILLER, FRED** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### STAR MOTOR COMPANY LEASES GAS STATION

The Star Motor Company has leased the Standard Oil Service station located at 929 Main street which had formerly been operated by Fred Miller, of this city.

Bernard Norzinskay of Logansport will be manager and is moving his family to Rochester at once.

Advertisements concerning the new station and bus schedule appear on page 4 of this edition of The News-Sentinel.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 5, 1943]

### **MILLER, G. I.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: First National Bank

[Adv] New Drug Store, South of Public Square, in the Citizens' Block - - - G. I. MILLER.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 9, 1881]

### **MILLER, GEORGE** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From George Miller)

### **MILLER, H. GORDON** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - The Kohler Automatic Power and Light Plant - - - H. GORDON MILLER, Plumbing & Heating, Phone 35. 217 East Eighth St.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 16, 1926]

#### ROCHESTER CAN BOAST OF MODERN PLUMBING SHOP

Few communities in this section of the state are better equipped with a modern, right up to the very latest minute plumbing shop than that of H. Gordon Miller's, located at 217 E. Eighth street, Rochester. Mr. Miller, who has had 18 years of practical experience in his chosen trade, came to Rochester from Bellefontaine, Ohio four years ago.

This shop has enjoyed a most prosperous growth during these yerars, until now it carries in stock not only the customary steam and water equipment fixtures and appliances but also heating plants and the highly efficient Kohler Electric Lighting and Power systems. Four of these Kohler systems have been installed in this country by Mr. Miller since the regrettable fatality which occurred but a few weeks ago by the explosion of an acetylene plant.

While modern equipment is an important factor in this line of business, equally so is Service. The management of this shop personally supervises every job, whether it is the stopping of a trifling leak or the installation of mammoth heating plant. This precautionary measure which is so often slighted by slipshod so-called plumbers, assures the customer of a most satisfactory job. The service department of this local establishment is on the job every hour of the day and night, 352 days in a year. A phone call to 35 will bring an end to all of your plumbing troubles in a jiffy, and best of all the hundreds of customers who have patronized this shop in the past four years are more than pleased with the reasonable rates charged for this class of work.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 15, 1927]

#### MILLER PLUMBING SHOP NOW IN NEW LOCATION

The H. Gordon Miller Plumbing and Heating shop, which for several years has been in operation in the building directly east of the jail, on Saturday completed moving into its new location at the corner of Madison and 8th street, west of the post office.

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The new location offers far more spacious quarters for the housing and display of the plumbing equipment. Sharing the office rooms with Mr. Miller will be the public service firm of Heath and Waymire. This building was formerly occupied by the Rochester Monument Works.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 17, 1928]

[Adv] Xmas Presents for the Whole Family - Up-to-date fixtures. - - - H. GORDON MILLER, 130 E. 8th St., Rochester, Phones: Shop 35, Res 420.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 9, 1935]

### **MILLER, HAROLD L.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Harold L. Miller)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Harold Miller)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Third Letter From Harold Miller)

### **MILLER, HIRAM G.** [Rochester, Indiana]

ATTY. H. G. MILLER IS CHOSEN AS JUDGE

Gov. Harry Leslie Selects Successor of late Judge Carr

Indianapolis, Aug. 20 (U.P.) - Hiram Miller, Rochester, Indiana attorney was appointed today by Governor Harry G. Leslie as Circuit Court Judge of the 41st district to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge Reuben R. Carr.

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The above dispatch by the United Press confirmed the appointment of Attorney Hiram Miller as Judge of the Fulton County Circuit Court. It had been expected that Mr. Miller would be appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge R. R. Carr and action was delayed due to the fact that Governor Harry Leslie was out of the state on his vacation.

Mr. Miller is a leading citizen of the community, having lived here twenty years and is widely known due to his many local activities. He has been very active in the practice of law in recent years and has always been an ardent student of the profession. Recognition of his ability came last May when he was appointed judge pro tem to serve during the illness of Judge Carr. During his service on the bench he made a reputation as a capable judge and his appointment to fill out the vacancy was not unexpected.

Attorney Miller received the endorsement of all of the members of the Fulton County Bar Association for the place which undoubtedly bore much weight with the governor in selecting him for the office. As far as known there was no one making an active race for the appointment. His selection has met with popular favor over the community and today Mr. Miller was the recipient of congratulations from far and near.

While Miller had not received his official appointment from the Governor's office this afternoon it was assumed that the appointment will be from the present until the next general election which will be in November, 1930.

The new judge is a native of Valparaiso being born in that city in 1889, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Miller. His parents now live here in Rochester. He moved to this city in 1910 when he became connected with The Rochester Bridge Company. He remained with this firm in various capacities for ten years and meanwhile began the study of law during his leisure hours with the idea of entering practice.

This dream was realized in 1920 when he left the Bridge Company and was made a partner of the law firm of Holman, Bernetha and Miller. While he has continued connections with the Bridge Company in recent months he has continued his law practice as well. He was admitted to the Fulton County Bar the same year he joined the local law firm.

Mr. Miller has always been a public spirited citizen and active locally in various civic enterprises. He was always a worker in the republican party and was elected and served as mayor of the city of Rochester from 1918 to 1922. He was appointed and served as a member of the city

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school board for one year. He has always been active in fraternal organizations here being a Mason, a K. of P. and an Odd Fellows. He has held several high offices in the local lodges.

He is married and lives at his residence at 1029 Jefferson street, with his wife and three children. Mr. Miller's grandfather, Hiram A. Gillett was a judge of a judicial district which was made up of circuit courts in six counties in Northwestern Indiana. An uncle, John H. Gillett, was an Indiana circuit court judge and later was a judge of the state supreme court.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, August 20, 1929]

### **MILLER, HUGH** [Perry Township, Miami County]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Hugh Miller, farmer and pioneer, of Perry Township, yet living, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1812, the son of Daniel and Esther (Harper) Miller, who were natives of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Ireland respectively. Our subject was reared in his native state, remaining with his parents until he attained the age of twenty-two years. He obtained a good education considering the facilities afforded in those days. In 1827 he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter trade, his apprenticeship continuing four years. He was engaged in plying his adopted vocation in his native and Stark County, Ohio, until 1841, when he came to Indiana and purchased land in Miami County. He then returned to Ohio, and two years subsequent, again came to Miami County, of which he has since been a resident. November, 1835, Judith Grogg became his wife, and by her he is the father of ten children, eight now living, viz: Joseph, who married Sarah Rhodes, since deceased; Cynthia, widow of R. P. Johnson; Sarah, wife of Daniel King; Miranda, consort of Jonas Rhodes; Noah, (see sketch), Benjamin F., Annetta and Richard, who married Melissa Miller. Since 1841 Mr. Miller has made farming his occupation and has been uniformly successful. He now owns 250 acres of well improved land under a high state of cultivation. Politically he is a Democrat, and under the old State constitution he was honored with an appointment to the position of Township Trustee.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. p. 733]

### **MILLER, HUGH W.** [Henry Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Hugh W. Miller was born in Henry township, Fulton county, March 22, 1876, within a mile of where he now resides. He was the son of Simon and Lenora (Masteller) Miller, she born in Pennsylvania and he in Ohio. Simon Miller died forty-one years ago. Their parents came from Ohio when the father of the subject of this sketch was nine years old, in 1851. They drove in by team as all the first settlers did, cleared land and built a home in Henry township on a farm of a hundred and sixty acres. The grandfather fought in the War of 1812 and the father in the Civil war. On the maternal side we find William and Katherine (Bitters) Masteller who came all the way by wagon from Pennsylvanie, bought land and located east of Akron. Later they made two moves, first to Wabash county and second, to Mt. Zion where he cleared land and farmed it until his death. The father of our subject took what education there was to be had in the pioneer schools and became a teacher himself. He also practiced farming but did not live long. He left a widow and seven children. These children were: Clara, May, Amanda, Charles, Elsie, Hugh and Sam. Hugh was educated at the local schools and became a farmer at the age of fifteen. He did so well that in 1904 he was able to purchase the farm which is now his home. He has forty-three acres with excellent buildings. He does general farming and raises Holstein cattle; has a dairy. He was married in 1895 to Miss Alwilda Pontious who was a native of Henry township and the daughter of Samuel Pontious an old resident of Fulton county. Mrs. Miller died in 1915 leaving six children. They are as follows: Ethel, Ralph, Blanche, Gladys, Helen, Mabel. Of these the first two are married, the rest live at home.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 242-243, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

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### **MILLER, JACOB** [Tiosa, Indiana]

See: Shetterly, John

### **MILLER, JACOB A., JR.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Jacob A. Miller, Jr.)

### **MILLER, JAMES**

See: Patents and Inventions

### **MILLER, JOAQUIN**

See Miller, Cincinnatus Heiner

### **MILLER, JOHN** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Notice to Builders. I desire to announce to the citizens of Rochester and throughout the county that I am prepared to contract for BRICK WORK and do all kinds of work in that line. I manufacture my own brick at Tiosa, and when desired will furnish brick and PUT THEM IN THE WALL upon the most reasonable terms. I have been engaged at brick making and brick laying for twenty-five years and I will guarantee to give satisfaction in quality of material and work. All orders for brick or for my service may be addressed to me through the postoffice or left at my residence just south of the City Hotel. JOHN MILLER, Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 25, 1882]

### **MILLER, JOHN L.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **LOCAL and MISCELLANEOUS**

John L. Miller has sold his grocery store to J. P. Michael and he will at once transfer it to Jacob Rosenberg, the popular citizen and salesman who was with Wiles store for many years. Mr. Miller made a paying success of the grocery business and is thinking some of dismissing business cares for a year or two and may make a trip to the Alaskan gold fields.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 19, 1897]

#### **NEWS OF THE DAY**

John L. Miller is prepared to serve everybody with good meat at the Wall Street Market.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 30, 1903]

### **MILLER, KENNETH L. "TONY"** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Kenneth L. "Tony" Miller)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Kenneth L. "Tony" Miller)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Third Letter From Kenneth L. "Tony" Miller)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Fourth Letter From Kenneth L. "Tony" Miller)

### **MILLER, KENT D.**

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Kent D. Miller)

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**MILLER, MARGUERITE** [Rochester, Indiana]

A LITTLE HISTORY OF "HOME FOLKS"

By Marguerite Miller

Editor of News-Sentinel:

I understand a want ad has appeared in that section of your paper asking for a copy of *Home Folks* written and published by Marguerite Miller, the advertisement signed by the National Librarian at Washington, D. C.

I have had letters from the National Librarian, State Librarian and Secretary of the Indiana State Historical Society asking for extra copies of the book and thus far I have been unable to locate a copy of either volume besides those in my own library.

The National Librarian said: "You have given Indiana valuable history because it is first hand from those living in the early days of Indiana and in your county." These statements have been written by the other two librarians mentioned.

It was through the kindness of the late Hon. H. A. Barnhart that "Home Folks" found a resting in the National Library, and our own librarian, Mrs. Grace Stingley-Mason placed a copy in the State Library at Indianapolis. A request from the State Historical Society was answered by forwarding one book of each volume.

A little first hand history of the book might be interesting to your readers. It came about by visiting with some of the men I interviewed every day when reporting for the *Daily Republican*, which covered a period of nearly twenty years.

Reporting for a country newspaper when Rochester was a town did not mean what it does today, now that Rochester is a city. Then it meant friendly visits every day with every merchant, clerk, doctor, lawyer, minister, officers in the court house and city hall, visits to the railway stations, justice of the peace--in fact, a continuous round of visiting and picking up items of interest to the general public.

One day when stopping at the Henry Ward furniture store in the commercial block, I stopped to visit with Uncle Dell Ward, as he was reminiscing on days in Rochester when Main Street was little more than a cow path through the town, of the Indians who were sent West, etc. The story was of such dynamic interest and told with such dramatic power that I asked for an interview, which he readily granted. The book grew from Uncle Dell Ward's story week by week until completed. I set the type of evenings and Sunday afternoons and after each story appeared in the *Daily Republican*, my son, Earle A. Miller, printed four pages at a time on the old Mehle job press. He and I folded the pages, sewed them together and put on the binding. As I recall it, only one hundred copies were made. Each of the pioneers whose story appeared were given a copy of the book. An effort, not a very strenuous effort, was made to sell the remainder, but every one had read the stories in the paper so the remainder of the books were packed away in a box and later sold for waste paper as far as I know.

The second volume contained history of the Methodist Church, the late Charles Jackson furnishing the data, history of the Citizens' Band, with pictures of those early musicians, history of the K. of P. lodge, the late Isaac W. Brown providing the record and many other histories of men and events of the days in which they played a part in Rochester.

I was not in Rochester when the second volume appeared. It was edited by the late Albert W. Bitters, although I made notes and had set the type for the most of the book. The second volume does not have the same value to the general public because it dealt with purely local affairs and people, while the first book has to do with Indiana in the raw, of very primitive times. But the point is that after so many years that which seemed valueless and meant very little to the readers of *Home Folks* now is very valuable and the only record of the people and events of Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana, written from the personal experiences of men who lived when our town was little more than a pasture for cows, pigs and chickens and farms few and far apart.

I doubt very much whether there will ever be a monument at the head of my grave--after all a monument is but a bit of stone with a name and dates of birth and death inscribed thereon, but

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I believe in years to come *Home Folks* will grow in greater and still greater value as history, and that will be a monument that will endure long after this house of clay is but a bit of dust.

I shall also leave a history of Main Street as I knew it, of the men and women I knew, respected and loved, of the intimate stories told me of their trials, tribulations and better still their joy and happiness that made each day and each visit long to be remembered.

The Hon. George W. Holman and C. C. Campbell are the only attorneys living in the time to which I refer, Mr. Campbell then a young chap trying his wings in the flight of legal oratory. Every doctor of that day has passed on, every merchant but Charles K. Plank and George V. Dawson, Val Zimmerman, then a young man in the employ of his father, the late Hon. Valentine Zimmerman, and W. H. Howard, then learning the jewelry trade with C. C. Wolf. Now strange faces everywhere--in stores, offices, shops. All who belonged to the yesterday of which I am writing have passed onward. Rare food for thought, rich thought for reflection, sacred thought for coming generations.

How fast the sands of time run on. What history made, what sorrows endured, what courage needed, what faith declared. Your life--my life but passing figures on the screen of time.

- Marguerite Miller, Sept. 16, 1940

[Marguerite L. Miller, *Home Folks*, Vol. II, 1910, pp. 106-107]

### ABOUT MARGUERITE MILLER, THE AUTHOR

By Shirley Willard

President of

Fulton County Historical Society

Marguerite Lillian Bitters Miller was born in Peru, Indiana, October 29, 1863, to Thomas Major Bitters (born August 7, 1835, in Northampton County Pennsylvania) and Maria Victoria Elizabeth Rose. (born near Basil, Ohio)

Thomas Major Bitters was always known as Major, having been so named in honor of his mother's maiden name. He came with his parents and brothers and sisters to Akron, Indiana, around 1850. He taught school in Akron one year. Then he was apprenticed to a printer and learned the trade. In 1856 he went to Peru and took the foremanship of the *Peru Republican*, which position he held for 17 years. He married Maria Rose in Peru in 1857 and had two children, Albert and Marguerite. He served in the Civil War.

Major's brother, Tully Bitters, was partner to William T. Cutshall in publishing the *Akron Globe* 1866-67. Then he moved to Rochester and bought the *Rochester Sentinel* in 1872 from A. T. Metcalf. He published the *Sentinel* until 1886, when he sold it to Henry A. Barnhart. Tully served as Rochester postmaster 1886-90. Tully was also a brickmason and built the first brick building in Rochester, the Jesse Shields store, on the northeast corner of Main and 8th streets. (This building was razed in 1974 to be replaced by the new Farmers & Merchants Bank.)

Major bought the *Rochester Union Spy* weekly newspaper from William H. Mattingly on October 8, 1873. His son Albert quit school in the sixth grade at the age of 12 to become a "printers devil" and to press and type in the newspaper office. The office was on the second floor of the I.O.O.F. building (now called the Knapp building) on the northwest corner of Main and 9th streets. Marguerite's newspaper career began at age 15 when she went to work as a typesetter.

Six years later on August 29, 1879, Major sold the *Spy* back to Mattingly, who had founded the *Rochester Republican* July 6, 1878. Bitters went to Rensselaer and purchased the *Republican* there, which he published for two years. Then the death of a six-year-old son (two sons, Franklin and Frederick, died in childhood) made all of the family dissatisfied with Rensselaer and they returned to Rochester. Here Major tried both the grocery and real estate business, but as he was a newspaper man by training and inclination, he founded the *Rochester Tribune* in January of 1883. He sold the *Tribune* to W. I. Howard & Son in 1884, and purchased the *Rochester Republican* in January 1885 from L. N. Noyer. (These dates are verified from the old newspapers themselves, stored in the Recorder's office in the Fulton County courthouse.)

When his father did not have a newspaper, Albert worked for his uncle Tully on the *Sentinel*. In February 1886 Major started publishing Rochester's first daily newspaper, the *Daily*

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*Republican*. He continued to publish the *Weekly Republican*, using the important news stories already set in lead type for the *Daily*. Albert was assistant editor and job printer for the *Daily Republican*. In September 1891 Major bought out the *Tribune* and merged its business with the *Republican*.

Marguerite married John Logan Miller, son of Judge Hugh Miller, on May 6, 1882. After the wedding they lived in a new brick house on Railroad Street (now called Franklin Street). Among the wedding gifts were a majolica dish, silver card receiver, plush-frame mirror, nickel-plated smoothing iron, and \$5 in gold. Their only child, Earle, was born February 8, 1885. Following her marriage she taught art for a time but returned to the newspaper staff in 1900.

After a fire destroyed the I.O.O.F. building, Major bought a lot and put up a one-story building on the alley, 114 East 8th Street. The *Rochester Republican* was published there until it ceased to exist in 1923, after 45 years of publication.

Major made a success of the business to such an extent that he owned the *Republican*, the building it occupied, a business room just north of the Masonic building, and three residence properties.

Major was active in church work and in early life was a leading member of the Methodist church. But for the last 20 years of his life, he was a free thinker, an advocate of advanced or independent thought and for the last 10 years an enthusiastic Spiritualist, being head of the organization in Rochester. Having no church, this group met in the upstairs room above the Book Store (826 Main).

When Major died April 5, 1902, the funeral was held in the courtroom of the courthouse in order to accommodate the crowd of people. Business was suspended in the county offices, and the stairways and court room were decorated with flags and floral emblems. Rev. J. Harry Moore of the Spiritualist Society conducted the service. The Rochester Citizens Band led the funeral cortege to the Odd Fellows cemetery for the last rites.

The *Rochester Sentinel* supplied *Republican* subscribers with news service for a couple of days while funeral arrangements were going on. The *Republican* resumed publications on Monday with Albert W. Bitters as editor-in-chief. The *Weekly Republican* was published on Thursdays.

Albert's sister, Marguerite Bitters Miller, was associate editor. During 1909-10 Marguerite wrote the two volumes of *Home Folks*. Volume II of *Home Folks* was advertised in the *Republican* December 29, 1910, for 50 cents a copy.

Marguerite's son, Earle Miller, helped set type in the newspaper office. He operated one of Rochester's earliest movie theatres, the Earle, located in the south half of the present Knapp building at the [NW] corner of Main and 9th streets. It featured silent films of 20 minutes in length. Admission was five cents. He was also manager of independent basketball teams during the first years of that sport here and promoted appearances of semi-pro teams for games in Rochester.

Marguerite served as editor of the *Republican* 1921-23 while Albert Bitter was Rochester postmaster 1922 on. Earle Miller was managing editor. As editor of the *Daily* and *Weekly Republican*, Marguerite published the only Sunday edition of newspaper ever produced in Fulton County.

Bitters sold the *Republican* to the *Daily News* in September 1923. In 1924 the *Daily News*, owned by Harold and Floyd Van Trump, consolidated with the *Sentinel*, owned by Hugh A. Barnhart, into the *News-Sentinel*.

Not much is now known about John Miller, Marguerite's husband. His father, Hugh Miller, was county surveyor 1844-51 and the first judge of Fulton County Court of Common Pleas 1853-57. John had a grocery store on the north half of the 800 block of Main street across from the courthouse. He may also have been a lawyer for a time. He died September 27, 1924, at age 70, of camp disease. According to I.O.O.F. cemetery records, he died and was buried the same day. His death was not recorded in the courthouse nor could an obituary be found in the newspaper.

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After the death of her husband, Marguerite entered the lecture field and spoke in many cities across the nation on the Chautauqua circuit. She lectured on Psychology, temperament and getting along with others. She always spoke without notes; words seemed to gush from her spontaneously and she held her audiences spellbound. When asked how she had nerve enough to get up before thousands of people to speak, she said she never even saw them; she just spoke from the heart and was unafraid. While lecturing in California, she was given a sapphire ring and a long necklace of pearls by an admiring audience that took up a collection to get her this gift. From then on she always wore them whenever she gave a speech. She is wearing the pearls in the photograph reproduced in this book.

Marguerite was nicknamed Maggie, but she always called herself Marguerite (pronounced Mar-gur-reet). She was a radio broadcaster over a Florida station in 1927.

Marguerite Miller was the author of several books, according to her obituary, but the titles are unknown except for the two volumes of *Home Folks*, an historic account of the lives of prominent and pioneer Fulton County citizens. She also wrote poetry. She was a student of religious philosophy and had an extensive library on the subject, including such titles as *The Encyclopaedia of Death* and *War Letters from a Living Dead Man*, which are now in the possession of Ann Kindig Sheetz, editor of *Akron-Mentone News*. Ann purchased them at the sale following Mrs. Miller's death.

Earle Miller left Rochester to pursue a newspaper career, having begun in the *Rochester Republican*, and served as reporter and copy editor in Louisville, New Orleans, and San Francisco. He became associated with Blue Products Company, which manufactured special cleaning powders, in 1931 at Cleveland. Taking over ownership in 1940, he moved the business to Rochester, 130 East 8th Street. Miller sold his interest in the firm to Dee Fultz in 1954.

At the age of 67 in 1952 Earle Miller became director of Fulton County welfare. For 14 years he put more energy into this job than most younger men are capable of mustering. He wrote a weekly column, "Thoughts at Random," (sometimes called "It's Your Welfare" but the other title proved more popular) for the *Rochester Sentinel*, in which he discussed welfare programs, philosophy of life, and early local history. Scrapbooks of his articles are now in the Fulton County Library and the Fulton County Historical Society museum.

In her later years Marguerite lived with her son Earle and his wife Cecyle (Brady) in the big Bitters house that had belonged to her father and used to stand on the corner of 9th and Monroe streets, where the Biggs building is now. Her quarters faced Monroe Street and Earle had the rest of the house and upstairs.

Well-known speakers and authors of books on new thought visited Marguerite Miller. One book which we believe was given to Mrs. Miller by the author is now in the FCHS museum: *Friendship* by Hugo Black, 1898. Mrs. Miller had given this book, along with the prized pearl necklace to her dear friend, Gladys Kindig Hall. Mrs. Hall gave the book and photograph of Marguerite Miller to the museum. She gave the pearls to her niece, Marie Wideman.

Mrs. Miller visited many sick people and prayed for them. That is how she met Gladys Hall in 1937. Gladys had tuberculosis and lived a block east of Marguerite, at 916 Franklin Street. Mrs. Hall said, "Because the house had a large windowed porch, I was allowed to stay there to recuperate instead of going to a sanitarium. My hospital bed was on that porch and the windows were kept open so in the winter snow covered my bed and when I got out of bed, I stepped in snow. I was allowed to go in the house for only one hour a day.

"Mrs. Miller came down the alley to visit me and help me get well. We sat facing each other with hands extended palm upward 'to receive from God' and Mrs. Miller spoke the prayer. She was so sincere and prayed so intently that it really helped. It lifted my spirit and made me feel confident that I would get well. It took two years but I was finally cured.

"When Mrs. Miller prayed, in her intensity of love she tried to contact a higher Spirit to bring healing and answer her prayer. Of course, she was misunderstood and called a 'spooky kook' by some. When people criticized her, my husband would say, 'Mrs. Miller forgot more than he (the critic) ever knew.' We both loved her dearly.



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"Her father, Thomas Major Bitters, had been the leader of a National Spiritualist group in Rochester, and Marguerite probably was a member of that group too when she was young. But the group died out after his death in 1902, and Marguerite was not connected with a Spiritualist group during the 20 years that I knew her. She was a Christian and taught my Sunday School class in the First Christian Church for several years, though she was not a member o

"In the 1940's and 1950's Mrs. Miller taught a class of metaphysics in her home. I attended and learned much about life and reality and how to live, which is what metaphysics means.

"Even in her 80's and 90's she was spry and active and enjoyed good health. She had a young mind and her eyes glowed with a lively spirit. We were very close, and she used to say to me, 'Gladys, if I had a dozen daughters, I would want every one of them to be like you.' During my bout with TB we became very close and continued until her death at the age of 97. She was sick toward the end and had to be taken to Miller's Nursing Home (by the post office on Madison Street) to be cared for. I went to visit her every day and so did her son. She cried to come home and I wished I were able to care for her in my home but couldn't.

"Marguerite Miller believed in being kind to everyone and trying to understand why they believe the way they do. She believed the best in everyone and questioned criticisms, urging the critic to investigate further and find out both sides before passing judgment. She loved people and her God and her son. It was an honor to know her and to hear her talk. I shall never forget her. She was the most wonderful person, the most spiritual person I ever met."

Marguerite Miller died November 14, 1960, at the age of 97 and was buried beside her husband in the I.O.O.F. cemetery. Her son Earle died January 19, 1966, at the age of 80, and was buried beside her.

As Earle had no children, and Albert Bitters' son Harry had no children and his daughter Margart Rose Dillon lived in North Carolina, the Bitters family is gone from Rochester. But the contributions of this great publishing family of talented writers will never be forgotten in Fulton County.

[Marguerite L. Miller, *Home Folks*, Vol. II, 1910, pp. 108-112]

### TO PUBLISH BOOK

Mrs. Marguerite Miller has closed a contract with a New York house for the publication of a book, "The Way of Life."

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 19, 1916]

### MRS. MARGUERITE MILLER TO BEGIN LECTURE WORK

Mrs. Marguerite Miller, former editor of the Republican, here, will start her lecture work again Sunday evening when she will speak at the Baptist Temple at Logansport having as her subject, "Making Your Dreams Come True." Following this talk, at various times during the week she will address ten woman's clubs in the same city on subjects allied with the major one. This program will be duplicated in numerous other cities between now and Christmas. In January Mrs. Miller will go to Dayton, O., to take charge of the New Thought School where she will remain until April. Shortly after she will rejoin the Midland Bureau and resume her work on the Chautauque platform, during the summer.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 8, 1924]

### POEM IS ACCEPTED

Mrs. Marguerite Miller received considerable praise along with Indiana writers from Geoffery O'Hara, president of the Lyceum and Chatauqua Association, when she submitted a poem to him and had it accepted. The poem, which is "Isle of Beautiful Dreams," will be set to music and used by Mr. O'Hara. Mrs. Miller became acquainted with the writer at Winona. In his letter accepting the poem, Mr. O'Hara said, "Why is it that Indiana is blessed with so large a number of able writers who can express such beautiful thoughts in words?"

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, October 15, 1925]

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### LOCAL WOMAN WRITES LYRICS FOR A COMPOSER

Mrs. Marguerite Miller, of this city, has been chosen as one of the lyric writers for Geoffrey O'Hara, composer, who came into prominence when the late Caruso began to sing his songs.

The American Business Magazine says O'Hara's rise to fame has been sure and rapid. He was born in Canada, came to America in 1904 and was naturalized in 1919.

Among his songs that will live forever are, "Thy God Liveth," "There is No Death," "France Will Not Forget," "I Know a Little Cottage." "K-K-K-Katy," was a decided hit among his many war songs.

The first composition by Mr. O'Hara and Mrs. Miller is "Isle of Beautiful Dreams," just off the press by the publishers of Etude, Theodore Pesaser Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

The words of this song was selected from Mrs. Miller's book of verse "Songs of Life," published several years ago. Her poems are appearing in the Indianapolis Sunday Star.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, November 26, 1927]

### SONG IN ETUDE

A song written by Mrs. Marguerite Miller of this city, "Isle of Beautiful Dreams" appears in the May number of the Etude magazine. The Etude has the largest circulation of any musical magazine in this country.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 29, 1929]

### TO WRITE SCRIPT

Mrs. Marguerite Miller, of this city, who just completed an engagement with a radio station at St. Petersburg, Florida, has gone to Grand Rapids, Michigan to write script for Heeley, "The Master Mind," now on the air. Mrs. Miller will be in Grand Rapids for eight weeks.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 22, 1932]

## MILLER, MINNIE (PEEPLS) [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

## MILLER, NOAH [Perry Township, Miami County]

### BIOGRAPHY

Noah Miller, one of the progressive farmers of Perry Township, and native of that township, was born April 16, 1848, the son of Hugh and Judith (Grogg) Miller (see sketch). The subject of this sketch remained at home and assisted his parents on the farm until he was twenty-five years of age, receiving a good education in the schools at Gilead; under W. W. Lockwood, as instructor, he became sufficiently proficient to enable him to secure a license to teach, which he, however, only followed for one term of four months. He then adopted the vocation of farming, in which he has met with good success. He is the proprietor of 117 acres of well-improved land. October 23, 1873, Harriet, daughter of Daniel Shoemaker, became his wife. She was born April 14, 1850. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Miller two children have been born--Nettie, born September 1, 1875, and Nellie, born February 2, 1877. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, but is now on demit. Politically he is a staunch Democrat, always manifesting a good live interest in the political affairs of the county and community in which he lives, where he has been honored with an election to the position of County Commissioner.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. pp. 733-734]

## MILLER, O. A. "DOBBS" [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

## MILLER, PAUL L. [Rochester, Indiana]

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See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Paul L. Miller)

### **MILLER, R. L.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See Miller Hardware

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[Adv] Kokomo Pioneer Fence for farm and poultry - - - R. L. MILLER, Rochester, Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 17, 1926]

### **MILLER, ROBERT** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Robert Miller)

### **MILLER, ROBERT R.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **FORMER JUDGE MILLER BUYS MONTEREY ELEVATOR**

Former circuit court judge of Fulton county, Robert R. Miller, has purchased the Farmers' Cooperative Elevator at Monterey and took possession of the business yesterday. The deal was transacted on March 10, Mr. Miller stated, at a price of \$20,000. Approximately 20 members of the farmers' cooperative owned the property and business which serves that community.

It was revealed that the elevator did a business in excess of \$123,000 during 1944. The firm features seeds, feeds, grain, coal and sundry articles for the farm trade and is an old established concern.

Mr. Miller is retaining Lowe Everett as manager of the elevator as well as other personnel. The present owner is not new in this field of commercial activity, as prior to serving as judge he was manager of the Farmers' Cooperative Elevator in Rochester for several years.

The new owner will reside at his farm home four miles south of Rochester and make occasional trips to Montrey in the supervision of this new business, it was stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 13, 1945]

#### **ROBERT MILLER BUYS MONTEREY ELEVATOR**

Robert Miller, former judge of Fulton county, today announced the sale of the Monterey elevator to Franklin O. Robinson of Spencerville, Ind. The new owner, who takes possession of the property as of Sept. 15, plans to make some improvements to the property.

Mr. Robinson is an experienced elevator man and has operated a similar business at Spencerville for the past few years. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and their two children will move to Monterey within a few days.

Mr. Miller purchased the elevator about six months ago.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 5, 1945]

### **MILLER, SAMUEL** [Rochster, Indiana]

#### **IN ANDERSONVILLE PRISON**

By Samuel Miller

Who was born on a farm six miles southwest of Gettysburg, in Mount Joy township, Adams county, Pennsylvania, on Nov. 30, 1834, where his parents, Andrew B. and Catharine Culps-Miller settled on a one-hundred-acre tract of land, all in the green, where by industry and economy, they erected comfortable buildings and cleared for themselves a comfortable home. To them were born seven children, names as follows: Sarah Ann, Mary Jane, John Hinch, William Jeremiah, Michael M., Samuel and Andrew Silas.

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Father, in addition to clearing up the farm, with some hired help, built a blacksmith shop, having learned the trade while a single man. He also applied himself as an auctioneer and was considered a good one, as he could say it to the people in German or English. Our clothing consisted of home-spun wool for winter, home-spun flax, some unbleached muslin and some calico for summer--good for comfort and wear. I well remember my first outfit for Sabbath school. It consisted of tow pants, muslin suspenders and a shirt, a straw hat and bare feet. I thought I looked real nice, being a handsome boy, compared favorably with the other children. To attend school we had to walk nearly two miles through mud and snow, and sit on long benches without backs, so that the teacher, when he wanted to correct us, took the gad, and he always kept a supply of them on hand, and "skutched" a whole row at a time, and I didn't tell Father when I went home, either. Oh no, I was too smart for that. But while the rulings in the home were firm they were tempered with kindness.

For shoes, when fall came, we all went to the shoemaker and had our measures taken, and with one pair of stogies made they were supposed to last a whole season. On one side of the kitchen there was a large fire-place, with crane and pot-hooks so they could be adjusted for height. The cooking was all done in pots hung over the fire. There was a wide hearth, Dutch oven, with cover over the top, and with coals of fire under and coals of fire on the top, my mother used to bake the best potpies that I ever ate. Father used to make his own char-coal. This was done by setting cordwood on end, rounded over the top, and fifteen or twenty feet in diameter, covered first with leaves and then earth packed over it, so that the fire could be controlled, leaving an air hole at the top and several round the bottom, to give it air where the fire was started, and when it got red hot, the places below were closed to shut off all the draft, to prevent it from burning entirely, and it had to be watched day and night until it was completely smothered out, when it was raked out and the coal put in the dry.

Those boyhood days were happiest of my life. Coasting on the hillside on the crusted snow and sliding on the ice, as I had no skates, and various games were played in summer time. We feasted on good fruits of various kinds, and it was a happy home indeed. The scenes of my childhood are yet fresh in memory, and if Heaven would be no better, that would be good enough for me. Clouds came and death entered the home, Mother died Aug. 1, 1842, aged 44 years. I was then seven years of age. After a lapse of two years or more, Father remarried, uniting with Miss Nancy Mackley. To that union two children were born, Noah B., who now lives at Richmond, Indiana, Clementine Elizabeth, who now lives near Gettysburg, Pa. Father died Sept. 14, 1846, aged 47 years. I was then twelve years of age. Then the family was scattered, except stepmother and her two children, who remained on the old homestead. It was a pleasant place for us older children to visit, always being treated kindly and given the best she had in the house.

Sarah Ann married Henry Saltzgaver, a coach painter in Gettysburg, and after his death married John Herbst, a farmer. Mary Jane married Peter Sheads, a coach-lace weaver in Gettysburg, John and William went to Cashtown, in the vicinity of the Blue Ridge mountains, to Adam Beasecker's, to learn the carpenter's trade. Michael went to Gettysburg to learn coach painting with H. Saltzgaver. I went to Cousin Michael Miller, who lived on a farm, and ran a huxter wagon, and every two weeks hauled produce to Baltimore, Md., and I made several trips with him, which was quite a treat to me. Andrew S. went to Uncle John Miller's. He and I were only a short distance apart.

Step-mother died in 1868, after which the homestead was sold to Geo. W. Hoffman and wife, who hold a life dower and at their death it will become public property of the state, and then an Orphanage will be instituted in order to perpetuate its name.

My grandfather Miller's farm extended to Round Top, on the southwest side, the place near Gettysburg, where the great battle was fought, the one which broke the back of the rebellion. Round Top was used for a signal station. I had living there, at the time of the battle, two sisters and a sister-in-law, whose husband, Michael M., was with the Union army and there at the time and in the fight. Their homes were sacked by the rebels. They got a taste of the horrors of war. I was personally acquainted with John Burns, the hero of Gettysburg, who shouldered his musket

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and asked permission to go on the fighting line. That showed metal of the right kind, and over whose grave there has been a monument erected to perpetuate his memory for ages to come.

I was only twelve years of age when the family were separated and up to that time there never had been a physician called to treat one of the family. We must have been pretty tough, for we ate everything in sight. My first sickness, after leaving home, was home-sickness, and that, when taken to heart, is bad enough. I lost my appetite and cried whenever I thought no one would see me, but young as I was, realized the situation, and that I must be resigned to my fate. I never have had the disease since, although I have been where it looked pretty gloomy.

Brother Andrew died Feb. 1, 1851, aged 12 years.

During the time I lived with my cousin, I went to school some in the winters, but the terms were short and my time broken, and never attended school but a few days after that. So what little education I have, was gained by observation and by experience in looking after and managing my own affairs. At the age of sixteen I left the home of my cousin and went to Gettysburg to the home of my sister, Mary J. Sheads, and bargained with her husband, P. Sheads, who operated a couch-lace weaving establishment, to serve three years apprenticeship and to get twenty-five dollars per year and board, clothe myself, and get six months' schooling. But after serving my time, instead of going to school, I remained in the shop and worked for wages. That was once I made a great mistake, but being a poor boy the money looked tempting.

In the fall of 1855 I took a trip down into Old Virginia, with some coach peddlers, the principal business in Gettysburg was coach making, carriages and buggies, and in order to find sale for them, took a great many of them to Virginia to sell. I was down there about three months. At that time slavery was in full force. It was quite a sight to me to see the slaves come in from the plantations, where they had been picking worms from tobacco, and various other kinds of labor, to get their sow-belly and corn bread. The overseers would curse and drive them around like Northern men would drive cattle. When one was to be whipped right good, the landlord did that himself. To sleep, they lay down on the floor in stables or any old place. While at Buckingham court house I saw two sold on the block, and while there were tears shed they availed nothing. One girl sold for \$700.00, a young man brought \$1,000.00. That looked like a tough proposition, to me. At Bedford court house I saw one darky hung. He had waylaid a darkey and cut his victim to pieces. The hanging took place in an open field and all the darkies in that whole country were present. It answered a good purpose in terrifying the negroes. That was the first hanging I ever witnessed and I have no desire to see any more.

After coming back to Gettysburg that same fall, Brother Will came back, on his second trip home from Fulton, Ind. On his first trip home he married Miss Agnes McCreary and in about one year she died. He then came back to Gettysburg, and about Jan. 1, 1856, he and I started for Fulton, Ind. There was plenty of snow on the ground and we made the trip to Harrisburg in a sleigh, and crossing the Susquehanna river on the ice, thence by rail to Pittsburgh, crossed over to Allegheny City, where we stopped at a hotel, and were put on the fourth floor where we nearly froze. Next morning the mercury went 22 below zero. After warming up inside and out, we started for Indianapolis, Ind., but had not gone very far when a car wheel burst, which caused quite a delay. Next thing met was a freight train off the track, which caused another delay, but finally reached Indianapolis. By this time it commenced to moderate. We then started for Logansport, over what was then termed the "Jerk-Water R.R.," and I thought it was properly named. Could sit in the car and see the water squirt in all directions. The ties had stringers on top and strap iron spiked on top of that. At Logansport I met Brother John, who had located there several years previous, and was married to Elizabeth Hillis. To them were born four children, Mary, Harriett, John and Emma, and with the two latter at Minneapolis, Minnesota, he is now making his home, being past eighty years old. After visiting with John for some two weeks, I came to Fulton by stage, where Brother Will was located. The Michigan road was planked from Logansport to Rochester township line. It was a toll road and owned by John W. Wright, of Logansport, and was then in fair condition. In a few years, when the plank began to wear out, it was the worst road I ever saw. Fulton, at that time, did quite a good business. John W. Wright, of Logansport, who had a general stock of goods, a flouring mill, bought wheat, made flour to ship, and did custom

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work. He ran a saw mill, one of the old kind, the up-and-down saws. Just west of Fulton there was a body of fine timber and he employed quite a number of men. D. C. Buchanan kept a general store, as also did John Green, father of W. H. Green, of Rochester. One wagon shop, operated by J. S. Louderback; two cooper shops, one blacksmith shop, a tan yard, hotel and two doctors.

I was not favorably impressed with the surrounding country. There was too much water. Stock would mire down. I had not been here long when, one morning, I was called on to help pull a horse out of the ditch at the side of the road and this calls to my mind a circumstance I heard related not very long ago. A man living not far from Fulton, came to town on horseback, and on his return, near his own home, there was one of his horses in the ditch, stuck in the mud. He hurried home, put harness on the one he was riding, got a rope, went back, hitched to the one that was in the mud and the first pull he made the rope broke and the one that was doing the pulling went in head first on the opposite side. He then had to get the neighbors to help get them out.

Robert Aitken managed the store for J. W. Wright, kept all the accounts. G. W. Davis looked after outside affairs. I first hired to Wright as night watch, to prevent fires. In about six months I tired of that job. He then put me in the store with Aitken and soon after in the flouring mill. I weighed in wheat, the mill then made flour to ship and also custom work. Fred Petersen, now of Rochester, was the boss miller. I exchanged flour for wheat, if requested by the customer. Looked after the wood yard. We bought wood for \$1.00 per cord, 4-foot wood. In time business began to get slack. Wright then informed me that he must reduce the force, would retain me, but I would have to make myself generally useful. I didn't exactly comprehend what that meant, but soon found out. There was some hay to be hauled, and I was ordered to help, which I did like a man. All went smooth for quite a while. The plank road was then a toll road and had to be kept in repair, so one morning, I was ordered to take a load of plank down about half way to Logansport, and with two yoke of oxen I started with a load of two-inch green oak plank. As the day was warm, and before I got quite to the place, the oxen commenced to loll. I halted to rest them, and sat down in the shade at the side of the road. There was a slough not far ahead and the oxen started to get a drink. I called to them "whoa," but I might just as well have saved my wind. They pulled the load into the slough and stuck. If there was anybody within two miles of there, they surely heard some very uncomplimentary remarks, such as would not look very well in print. I had to unload and float the plank to shore, pull the wagon out and load up again. By this time I was wet and mud all over. I then resolved that if that was what "generally useful" meant, I had plenty of it. When I got back, that evening, I unyoked the oxen, turned them to grass, went up to Aitken's store, and called for my time. He wanted to know what the trouble was. I told him if that was what "generally useful" meant, I had a plenty. I then hired to John Burnet, who kept the hotel, to haul flour to Logansport. There was nothing else in sight just then.

At that time game was yet plenty, deer and all other kinds of the smaller varieties, some prairie wolves, foxes, prairie chickens and ducks. I went out deer hunting a few times.. Once I remember going out, and when coming home, near Fulton, saw a deer brousing in a tree top. I had a good gun and well loaded, but just then I took a spell of what the Hoosiers called the "buck ague." It is a very peculiar sensation, and a man becomes very nervous. I shot the gun off, frightened the deer and he went off through the brush. I suppose he thought he had better get away from there or he might get hurt. Those times there were lots of fever and ague. Folks in the morning would get out in the sun see if their finger nails were turning blue. That was a good sign that they were fixed for that day.

In those days the people seemed to enjoy themselves much better than now. They all belonged to the same class in society and were more sociable than now. We had a dance about once a week in winter time. They did not cost much, but we had lots of fun. We had one on the night of the 3d of July, when there were fifty couples present. Quite a number came down from Rochester, and if I remember correctly, the music was furnished by Joe Willard, Dell Ward, Al Ward, Brad Brouillette, aided by others. The dance commenced before sunset in the evening and continued until after sunrise next morning. Everything went off pleasantly and we had a jolly

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good time. In the spring of 1859, I commenced to work with my Brother Will, at the carpenters' trade and made my home at his house, continuing with him until I enlisted.

At the time I enlisted I was helping E. J. Delp build a house in Cass county. We had the building up and partly enclosed for Henry Krider, so on Saturday eveing, on the way home, we talked about the war and concluded we would enlist. I had been excusing myself, thinking the war would not last long, but the more I thought about it the more I thought it my duty to go. Delp was of the same opinion, so we made an arrangement with my brother and Jacob Smith to finish the house.

In company with J. S. Louderback, Mason Jaqua and several others, came to Rochester and enlisted under Ephriam N. Banks, in Co. I, 5th Regt. Indiana Cavalry Vols., ninetieth regiment in numbers in the state, on August 11, 1862. The war then began to look serious and we being able-bodied men thought it our duty to help. We left Rochester in a two-horse wagon and went to Plymouth, from there by rail to South Bend. Here we passed the 87th Regt. Went on to Indianapolis and in a few days they came also, and were sent right on to Kentucky. My regiment remained at Indianapolis until late in the fall. I helped to build the barracks at Camp Carrington, for which I was paid 26 cents per day. During this time we were mustered into the U. S. service and were mounted.

When our regiment was stationed down along the Ohio river, Co. I, my company, at Rising Sun, early in the spring of 1863, we were sent to Louisville, Ky., and from thence to Glasgow, Ky., where we joined he balance of the regiment. Were kept busy scouting in the direction of the Cumberland river, and in our first skirmish at Marrowbone, Ky., lost our first man killed, Henry Heckathorn, of Co. I, shot through the head and died instantly. In April we crossed over the Cumberland river and drove the rebels back, then returned and burned the town of Celina. Returned to Glasgow. From then until the 22d of June, 1863, we had heavy scouting and skirmishing, capturing many prisoners and drove the rebels beyond the river. Leaving on the 4th of July, we started in pursuit of the revbl general, John Morgan, who was then reported to have crossed the Cumberland mountains. Our regiment was then in command of Lieut. Col. Thomas H. Butler. On reaching Louisville our command was placed on steamers and transported up the Ohio river at Buffington Island. Their guards were stationed in a corn field and captured our advance and two pieces of artillery and some prisoners but we pressed in on them and rcaptured the artillery. Drove them from the river and adjacent hills, killing many and capturing many prisoners, also five pieces of artillery. Morgan, with part of his force, escaped them, but was captured later. We then returned to Louisville, reaching there on the 27th day of July, 1863. We then marched to Bardstown and to Lebanon and reached Glasgow, Ky., on the 9th day of August, '63, and on the 18th our regiment started for East Tennessee, crossed the Cumberlnd mountains and entered Knoxville, with Gen. Burnsid's army, on the first of Sept., 1863, being the first Federal troops to enter that city. Soon after this, our regiment joined the brigade. Our duties were from Knoxville up to the Virginia line, back and forth, skirmishing and scouting almost continually.

I will now give dates and places where the principal fighting was done. The regiment joined the brigade on the 19th of Sept. Had skirmish at Bristol on the 20th, at Jonesborough on the 22d, at Blountville, where we were engaged for two hours, when Col. T. H. Butler, at the head of the 5th Cav., charged the town, captured some prisoners and one piece of artillery. Next at Henderson's Mills, Oct. 11th, where we met quite a body of Rebels retreating from Gen. Burnsid's, where the 5th Ind. Caf. alone engaged them without help. It was compelled to fall back, many being killed and captured. Finally the regiment cut its way back to the brigade, then moved toward Blountville and on Oct. 14th, skirmished all day.

During the time Longstreet had Gen. Burnside surrounded at Knoxville, our brigade was outside of the ring and cut loose from everything, so that when Longstreet let go at Knoxville, he endeavored to take us in and came very near doing it. Near Maynardville, on the 30th of Oct. and first of Nov., and on the 2d day of Nov., '63, came very near taking us in. Had it not been that we were reinforced by some six months' troops from Tazewell they would have driven us into Clinch rivcer. In this fight we lost a number of horses and several men captured, and several wounded.

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Lieut. John O'Neill, and Lewis Graeber, of Fulton county. I was next man to Graeber when he was hit by a spent ball.

Our next fight was at Beans Station, on the 14th of Dec., '63. Here is where E. J. Delp was shot in the shoulder, and was ever after disabled for duty. The ball could not be located, and many years after being discharged, and at home, the ball worked its way out. I think Mr. John Delp, his eldest son, can show you the ball.

We had a skirmish at Rutledge, and on the 23d of Dec., '63, marched to Mossy creek, where we were on the 1st of Jan., 1864, the cold New Year's. On that day I went out five miles for forage and something to eat for the mess. Got back to camp about two o'clock p.m. There was no time lost in getting the chickens ready for the camp kettle and at the proper time dumplings were added, and don't you forget it, that was just fine. We were lying in the woods in little fly tents, sleeping on the frozen ground. Soon after, we began retreating toward Knoxville, the weather was bad, rain and snow, and in the last two days' and nights' march, my horse only got two feeds. The last night he gnawed the bark off the tree to which he was tied, from the ground as high as he could reach. I sympathized with him, but that did not reach the case. Reached Knoxville on Jan. 19th, '64, and on the 24th the horses of our regiment were turned over to the 14th Illinois Cavalry. We made one scout up the river on foot. Were then ordered to Cumberland Ga, and there I frosted the flesh of my thighs, sleeping on the frozen ground, but that was nothing, I was a soldier. We then marched back to Mt. Sterling, Ky., arriving there Feb. 26. From that place I got a furlough home.

After returning, went to Paris, Ky., and from there to Nicholasville, Ky., and about the first of May remounted, and started to Georgia. On the trail across Cumberland mountains, in one day, I counted seventy-five dead mules and horses. I thought the U.S. was having a heavy expense. We arrived at Tunnel Hill, Ga., on the 12th, and on the 13th joined the command of Gen. Stoneman and started for Atlanta. I was in all the fighting and skirmishing along the line. I was at Kennesaw, on the right flank, during the battle, and that was the heaviest cannonading that I heard during my service. Was with Stoneman on a raid to the rear of Resaca. There was one time that I came pretty near being shot. We had dismounted, gone forward into the woods and had taken trees for shelter. I had just stuck my head out when the Jonny shot. The ball hit the tree hard enough to stop it, but threw the bark into my face. Many other times might have been as close but I did not know it. In a few minutes they commenced to shell the woods. We then broke for our horses, and as I was quite a springer, soon outran Louderback. When we got to the horses, John McKittrick was holding Louderback's horse and mine. I mounted my horse and took the strap of Louderback's horse and told McKittrick to pull out, they were coming. I waited for Louderback until the Jonnies came in sight, when I thought he had been captured and I lit out for tall timber. Our command fell back two or three miles and halted. Louderback had hidden in the bushes and about ten o'clock that night he reported to the regiment. On the 27th of July we started on the Stoneman raid to Macon. Thirty-four from my company, of the best mounted men, went on the raid and this very day a commission came to the regiment for me as 2d Lieut. On the raid I was captured and during my absence the officers were changed. E. J. Delp resigned and J. S. Louderback promoted to captain. I was promoted to 1st Lieut. and M. Jaqua, 2d Lieut. He mustered in, covering my term as 2d Lieut.

Hon. Benj. Harrison fathered the bill in Congress, that covered all such cases, and my record was amended and I was paid in full several years after coming home.

Macon is ninety miles south of Atlanta. We went out on the left and as I understood, McCook was coming on the right and they to form a junction at Macon. We went to Macon, tore up the R.R., but finding that the river could not be crossed, and McCook had not shown up, Stoneman piled all of the traps we had with us and set fire to them, then started back. When near Hillborough, we met a large body of Wheelers cavalry, under the command of Gen. Iverson. When we first saw them the arrangement was to cut through, but that was changed and the 5th Ind. Cav. was to hold the front and Stoneman permitted all the balance of the command to make their escape. Gen. Stoneman remained with us however. We held them until about two o'clock in the afternoon. That was one time that my feet rattled in the stirrups. We were in a pine forest and



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they shelled us. The shells would cut off small pine trees and drop them in all directions. Gen. Stoneman's horse was killed. We fell back a short distance to an open field, where the white flag was raised. That looked sad to us, but there was no other way out of it. We were then prisoners of war.

They marched us one day on foot, camped one night and the next morning they took part of our clothes and other valuables. That was a graft. When we got to the prison at Andersonville, Henri Wirz ordered a search. On account of having been on a raid we were expected to have gobbled up everything in sight. In this he was mistaken. We were formed into a hollow square and stripped off our clothes, and allowed them to be searched. I had 55 cents script, which I concealed in the waistband of my pants, which they failed to find. Captain Henri Werz was in charge of the interior of the prison and General Winder was in command of the post. After the war, Werz was tried for murder, convicted and hung, and why all of his superiors went Scott free, I fail to understand.

The stockade was made of hewed timber set in the ground about five feet, and fifteen or sixteen feet above the ground with sentinel boxes on the outside and high enough to give the guard a chance to do his shooting over the top and far enough apart to insure good service. On the inside, sixteen or eighteen feet from there, was the deadline, made of forks in ground three feet high, with poles stretched on and every man that got on that space was shot and there were a number of them, especially at the branch, where the boys would crawl too far under in order to get water.

There were two gates on the west side of the prison. One on each side of the branch. Through the north gate everything was brought in, and at the south gate the dead or sick that were taken to the hospital were passed out. The death rate, during the month of August, ran as high as 127 in one day. About ten o'clock every day they had the "sick call," at which time the sick were helped to south gate to be treated and the dead taken out and hauled away by wagon loads, a trench having been prepared the day before, in which they were laid side by side, covered with sand. On the dead a tag was fastened, on which was written, by their comrades, the name, state, regiment and company to which they belonged, so that there was a record kept, that they might be identified. How strictly this was carried out I do not know.

There was a battery at each corner, elevated so they could shell the prison in case of a move to break out. Just before we went in, the prisoners, among themselves, had become very unruly. They would steal, and in a few cases had committed murder, so that there was a raid on the guilty parties. They were captured, tried, convicted and by consent of the prison, six of them hung on the scaffold. After this there was a police force organized and operated by the prisoners. At that time there were about 32,000 in prison. To confine that many in a place like that, without any restriction, and they will become very unruly.

Up to this time and after August 2d, the time I went in, some of the water had been taken from wells, but the anxiety to get out of there was so great, that digging wells made a good blind, for the prisoners began to tunnel out and the wells had to be abandoned. The water for all purposes had to come from the branch, and to make it worse, a short distance above the prison, the rebels had their cook houses and quarters, so by the time the water reached us, it was very filthy. This branch was only five or six inches deep. The first few rods inside the deadline, we had to get water to drink, wash and bathe, and no soap to do it with.

The balance of the way down through the prison there was a sluice-way of plank about six feet wide, through which all the filth from above and also of the entire prison, 32,000 men was conducted through a boggy slough which could not be occupied. Just think of it. In the month of August--that was something awful. The inclosure at first contained thirteen acres, but just before I got there it has been enlarged so that it now contained about twenty acres, including the slough.

When we were marched in, I supposed they would show us where to camp, but nothing of the kind. No place was shown us. We walked around that afternoon, looking for some place to squat but found none, so the first night we slept on the ground in one of the narrow streets, no supper and no breakfast. We finally found a place where a stump had been taken out. We scratched around and leveled off a place where six of us could lie, and to shield us from the hot

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sun in day time and heavy dew at night, stuck sticks in the ground, and with what few pieces of blankets and oil cloths, made a shelter.

That forenoon I spent the 55 cents I had smuggled in for some corn bread which we could buy with green backs. I divided with my five mates. That afternoon we drew our first rations, a piece of corn bread, baked beans full of black bugs and a small piece of bacon, which soon after was discontinued. The rations were not sufficient to sustain life any length of time, and with no vegetables to counteract disease which gradually wore our lives away.

There was no time, day or night, but what groans of the sick and dying could be heard. While in there I once met John F. Calvert, brother of Mrs. J. N. Orr. The poor boy was wonderfully discouraged and I have learned died there.

Some time during the month of August, there was a very heavy rain, at which time there was what has been termed a "Providential spring" broke out near a sump inside the dead line. The water was brought inside and conducted down the hill a short distance into a barrel. That water, to us poor fellows, was a Godsend, and to preserve order was controlled by the police of our own men, so that we fell in line and took our turns to water. Day and night there was a continual length of men in line. I have learned from those visiting the place since, that the spring is still running.

One night, when the guards passed the word around that all was well, one added in a low voice, "Atlanta has gone to Hell."

Then there was a buzz in camp, for we expected Sherman would soon liberate us. Soon after that they divided us and sent elsewhere the majority of the prisoners. I got out with the squad that finally reached Florence, South Carolina, a prison similar to the one I had just left, but were halted at Charleston, S.C. I got out of Andersonville some time in September, '64. On the way I was permitted to slip down out of the box car, where a station had been burned, and picked up a railroad spike and a sheet of tin, with which I made a pan, which came handy after I got to Florence prison, for there we got uncoked rations.

While at Charleston we were guarded on the race track. To supply us with water, they undertook to haul it in hogsheads, but they could not keep up the supply, so I helped to dig a well with a half of a canteen and a case-knife. We were near the Atlantic coast and at the depth of five feet got plenty of water. While at Charleston our treatment was a little better, and by the Sisters of Charity were given light articles of clothing, a small portion of tobacco and some food, but that was soon stopped by the rebel officers. I helped carry out to the hospital one of my mess, James C. Reed, a brother of J. V. Reed, of Fulton. He died there. During the time I was there, our forces on Morris Island, with Swamp Angel Battery, was bombarding Charleston and at night we could hear the huge shells coming, drop into the town and explode. We remained here about a month, then taken to Florence where they had a stockade for us.

There were about 10,000 taken there. We arrived the first of October. The weather was cold so we had to dig in the ground for shelter and with brush, etc., we could get from the slough we covered the cave over with earth, left a hole in one end to crawl in and out. Under guard, a few at a time were allowed to go outside and get pine boughs to put in the bottom for a bed. John S. Louderback, John McKittrick and myself, bunked together. When out one day, I smuggled in past the guards, under my clothes, an old brush scythe which I broke in two in the middle, keeping the butt end myself, with which to split our rations of wood into fine bits and dried it in the sun to use under the pan I had made to cook our mush in.

Our rations were one and one-half pint of corn meal, a piece of wood the size of a man's arm, for a day in winter time. Think of it, part the time a little salt, a small piece of meat. The meat was soon cut out entirely and for about four months we had neither meat or grease of any kind. I got on the police force of our own men to help regulate the boys inside, for which we got a small extra ration. This we divided, ate one-half in the forenoon, the other half in the afternoon. I could eat everything in sight and fill up on water. Up to this time, the men who were captured when I was, had stood it pretty well, but then commenced to fail.

Lieut. Barrett was in command and was equally tyrannical as Henri Wirz had been at Andersonville.

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The most prevalent disease was scurvy and gangrene. Men's gums would swell up, teeth loosen and fall out, and their toes would rot off. In this prison is where John W. January amputated his own feet, lived through it and got home. John S. Louderback took sick and became deranged, so that I took him to the hospital, fixed up in one corner of the stockade. John McKittrick took sick and was flat on his back when we were ordered to vacate the camp. I did not like to go out and leave him and Louderback, but they said: "If you are able to go, pull out and we will follow when we can," which they did and got home before I did.

From there I went to Wilmington, N.C., where the rebels halted us for the night. It was cold and we had to lie down in the sand. Here we changed railroads and to shield myself from the cold wind, I scraped a hole in the sand, and with old rags I had fixed myself a nest. I had not been there long when a poor, sickly, fellow came along and asked to crawl in with me; through sympathy I consented. All went well until I awoke next morning to find my bed-fellow gone and with him all the provision I had. Well I thought, "Go it, you little ungrateful cuss, you won't live long anyway."

The Rebels took us to Goldsboro where they held us a few days. By that time I was about down sick and began to think if it lasted much longer I would surely go down. During that time Wilmington was taken by our forces and the rebels prepared to parole us, which they did in a few days. I touched the pen while a clerk made a "saw (X) buck." I had to be helped to the train. When we got to our lines I was about played out, and when I passed through the line the physician put the back of his hand to my cheek and told me to go and sit down, which I did, and shed tears for joy to think that I was once more in God's country, and under the protection of the Old Flag. I was taken to a school house, where they gave us soup, coffee and a little whiskey. Next day were taken to Wilmington.

They were not in shape to handle a batch of fellows, in the condition we were. They used a large dwelling as a hospital, the first and only one I was in during my term of service, and, in a room about sixteen feet square, twenty-five of us had to lie on the hard floor with nothing for our bed but the old lousy rags that we had on. I have heard it said that there was no need of a man being lousy, if he had any ambition. Now just think a moment. Confine a man in an open field without shelter, in company with 32,000 others, without any change of clothing, no soap nor hot water, and lice crawling around in the sand, away from friends or home, discouraged and sick, and not enough to eat, and that of an inferior quality, without a ray of hope, looking forward to death which was then staring him in the face, will not ambition fade away? Just as long as I was able, I examined my clothes every day, and with my thumb-nails killed everything in sight and in a measure kept the vermin subdued, but when I got sick, they got the better of me. Thank God, when I got into our own lines. I fought them to a finish and came out victorious.

We remained some ten days, got medicine and soup. One night the second man from me died, but no one knew it until morning. I looked out on the porch and saw five others stretched out. One morning the physician came in our room and told us that a vessel was going to Annapolis and for all those that were able to travel, there would be an opportunity. I gave him my name, and in order to get to the boat it took all the nerve I could muster. When I got in the vessel, I laid down, and in this condition made the trip. At Annapolis they were prepared to care for us. The first thing, they took us to the bath house to clean up, and gave us new clothing. God knows we needed them. Next, we got a cake of soap, a piece of tobacco and a fine-tooth comb, vegetable soup, coffee, medicine and everything else they thought we needed. We were in a guarded camp, in which there was a sutler. Here I drew \$52.00 ration money. I drank pop and ate a little of everything that tasted good. I have wondered many times since, that I did not kill myself eating, for many that were paroled never got home.

After staying there a short time, I was sent to Columbus, Ohio, and from there furloughed home. I used beer whenever I could get it, so that I got a bay window on me like a "Squire. In April, 1865, President Lincoln was assassinated, and on my way back to the regiment saw his body in the State House, at Columbus, Ohio. I got to my regiment on the 11th day of May, '65, and was mustered as First Lieutenant, but could not muster as Second Lieutenant, Jaqua having

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mustered and covered the time I was in prison. My record was corrected later and I was paid in full.

I was mustered out June 27, 1865, at Pulaski, Tennessee, having served nearly three years and was in prison pens nearly seven months. After coming home, I again went to my brother William's and made that my home. He then lived five miles south and one mile west of Rochester, on Mud Creek. During the time of the war, there was very little improving done in the country. Mud Creek, in many places, was nothing but a boggy slough, in the spring of the year, near our place. We could float around in boats and spear fish as they were going from the lake to Tippecanoe river. Soon after this, the creek was ditched, brush cleared out and has become a fine farming country, being very productive and the land quite valuable. I then joined in with my brother and worked at carpentering. We took jobs and worked in summer time, and in winter feasted on sauer-kraut and sausage, sat by the fire and smoked our pipes. I then kept a horse of my own and went when I pleased and came home any time. Not long after coming home from the service, I was afflicted with malarial fever and ague, a malarial poisoning, as I believed then and do now, that it was contracted while in prison, and later, rheumatism and a severe spell of sore eyes, in which I came very near losing the sight of my left eye, and it has been of no practical use to me since, produced, as I believe, by the same cause.

In order to have something to look after in winter time, I dealt some in young cattle. In summer they ran at large. Pasture was good outside, which made it reasonably profitable. Many of the buildings I helped to erect are still in use, some of them were not very fancy, but have worn well. I made up my mind to change my manner of living and have a home of my own, and on the 31st of December 1868, was united in marriage with Mary J. Wakefield, and to this union were born three children, Archie B., Millie E. and Dot H., who are all living and in reasonably good health. After supplying myself with implements to farm with, I thought of some things necessary in the house, so in order to get a supply of feathers, thought I would get some geese. All went well until after corn planting, when we went visiting for a few days, during which time it rained nearly all the time. Corn was just coming through the ground. The geese had got into the field and pulled up half the corn and I had it to replant. Just then I concluded the other fellow might produce the feathers and I would buy what I needed. That was the wet season, 1869. Crops were light, but I helped build a barn for one of my neighbors. That helped me get through the first winter, but I was bound not to give it up, and for nineteen years I continued to till the soil and by industry and economy made a good living. During this time we met all the trials incident to human life, and today remain a happy family, as death has not darkened our door, for which we are very thankful.

In 1880 I took an active part in the building of the Antioch U. B. church and in organizing a society at that place. During all of this time we had lived in a log cabin, and in it we spent many happy moments. A short distance west of us, on the prairie where McKinney now lives, Geo. R. Bearss lived, and at that time was quite a sportsman. He kept a pack of hounds to hunt foxes. They were better than a brass band to that community. They would frequently bring one up into the timber and circle around him for a half day. That was music in the full sense of the term. There were fox dens near my place, where they raised their young and fed them on my chickens. I helped dig up several dens, where we killed several of their young. One day my dog caught a big old fellow, got him down and held him until I appeared on the scene and shot him with my boot-heel.

In the spring, I came to the conclusion that I must either put up new buildings or move out, so I disposed of my personal property, came to Rochester, bought a home next door to where I now live, moved in, then there had to be something done to get a living. I then worked as a grocery clerk in various groceries, until I had served about thirteen years. I then joined in with my son Archie B., and operated a bill-posting business for about three years, when I conceived the idea of making the race for County Treasurer. Fulton county being very close, politically, and after a vigorous campaign, was elected as County Treasurer on the Republican ticket, for a term of two years. After giving a bond of \$200,000, personal security, my term of office commencing January first, 1904, with almost a depleted treasury, (\$338.18) with which to meet the needs of the county,

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such expenses as ditches, sewers, bridges, paving, and the county's general expenses, which fund was soon exhausted and I was forced to refuse to pay warrants on account of lack of funds, as there had been a vast amount of drains, and large ones a that, constructed. There would have to be a vast sum of money to pay for their construction, and then there came the cost of bridges across the drains, which had to e constructed and paid for, therefore the county was forced to borrow money, and after loans were negotiated to the extent of \$73,000, I was placed in a position to pay all warrants and get matters in such a shape as to make each fund care for its own class. It required a great deal of skill and took work that necessitated efficient help, which I had in the persons of Archie B., my son, and Miss Jetta Alexander. Right here I desire to say that for the manner in which the office was conducted, the manner in which the accounts were kept, are ascribed to the efficiency of my son Archie. He proved to be efficient, truthful and honest. To him I shall ever feel grateful, and it gives me pleasure that I can say this. In fact there had to be so many separate accounts kept that there were added to the already numerous books, several new sets of books. The work had so increased in the office, such as all the ditches, sewers, pavings, in addition to collection of the various taxes, made the work burdensome, so it became necessary to add to the office equipments. I purchased a Burroughs adding machine, on my own account, which cost \$375.00, afterward purchased by he county, as it was such a savig of time and worry. One can imagine the volume of work there is connected with the office when there were over 30,000 individual accounts to be looked after. I will now give the sum total of the various accounts.

Tax, 1904	306,243.20
Tax, 1905	288,189.47
Sewers, 1904	5,378.61
Sewers, 1905	3,765.71
Ditches, 1904	85,547.60
Ditches, 1905	69,851.71
Bridges, 1904	50,079.00
Bridges, 1904	2,726.28

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Total collections for my term of office	811,781.58
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This is the largest amount that has ever been collected by any Treasurer of Fulton county in two years, this vast sum of money collected and accounted for to a penny. The responsibility of this volume of work cost a great deal of care and anxiety, and upon my retirement from the office, Jan. 1st, 1906, there was a cash balance of \$92,410.08, against \$18,912.67 Jan. 1. 1904, when I went in the office.

My efficiency as a public official stands of record, therefore the public can judge my official career after I am dead and forgotten.

[Marguerite L. Miller, *Home Folks*, Vol. I, 1910, pp. 39-56]

## MILLER, VINCENT [Rochester, Indiana]

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to certify that Vincent Miller, who succeeds me in the horse shoeing business, has thoroughly learned his trade under my instructions and is a competent and trustworthy workman capable of doing all kinds horse shoeing and treating diseased and crippled feet. Respectfully, John Schreyer.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 23, 1903]

## MILLER, WILLIAM C. [Akron, Indiana]

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William C. Miller. One of the substantial citizens and progressive business men of Akron, is William C. Miller, proprietor of the leading hardware establishment here, a bank director and chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. He was born in Liberty township, Fulton county, Indiana, February 26, 1867, son of William J. and Joanna (Allen) Miller. His father was born September 14, 1830, on the grandfather's farm near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on a part of which was fought the historic battle of Gettysburg, in the Civil war, and Jennie Wade of that town, who met an accidental death on that battlefield, was a relative of the Miller family. William J. Miller was a carpenter by trade. When twenty-one years old, he came to Fulton county, Indiana, in company with his two brothers, John and Samuel Miller. This section was practically a wilderness at this time. He subsequently acquired 120 acres of land, which he developed and improved and became one of the stable men of his community, a leading member of the United Brethren church, and a factor in local democratic politics. His death occurred December 10, 1893. He was married after coming to Fulton county to Joanna Allen, who was born in Liberty township, November 9, 1840, and died December 28, 1916. Of the six children born to them two survive, William C. and Robert L., the latter of whom is a hardware merchant at Rochester, Indiana, is married and has one daughter. William C. Miller grew up on the home farm in Liberty township and attended the country schools. Until somewhat past his majority, he assisted his father in the farm industries, and during boyhood successfully carried on an enterprise of his own, raising ducks for market. Later on, after locating at Akron, Mr. Miller was engaged in the hardware business for thirteen years, with a Mr. Zartman, with invested capital of \$3,500. Since June 1, 1908, he has had entire charge of the business, conducting it alone with the exception of two years, when he had the late Merrill B. Kroft as a partner, an estimable young man of business capacity and ambition, who died in 1922. Mr. Miller carries a full line of staple hardware, ranges, stoves and all kinds of agricultural implements, and additionally handles the Oakland automobiles. He has prospered through industry, good judgment and business integrity. He has other interests and is a director of the Akron Exchange Bank. Few of Akron's business men have worked harder for the benefit of the town in securing modern improvements, and as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, he has given invaluable public service. On several occasions he has served acceptably in public office, for a number of years being a trustee of Liberty township, and in 1910 was elected auditor of Fulton county. He was married April 14, 1892, to Miss Orra A. Kroft, who was born in Miami county, Indiana, August 19, 1869, daughter of Jacob and Carrista (Howe) Kroft, who came to Fulton county when Mrs. Miller was sixteen years old. She was educated in the public schools and Valparaiso University, afterward teaching school for two years in Jennings county and five years in Fulton county. She has many wide and intelligent interests in church and society, is a member of the Eastern Star, in which order she was an official for five years, and is president of the Ladies' Aid Society for seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have three children: Esther Joanna, who was graduated in the class of 1919, from the Akron high school, entered the Indiana University at Bloomington as a member of the class of 1923, majored in political science and took an active part in literary circles, being president of the leading sorority; Wilma Cozette, who is attending the high school at Akron; and William Kroft who is also in school. The family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Miller is one of the church trustees. He is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge, chapter and cammandery at Warsaw, and a Shriner, at Fort Wayne. At different times Mr. and Mrs. Miller have treated themselves to enjoyable trips to interesting points in the United States, one of these trips being undertaken in 1905 when, accompanied by their little daughter Joanna, they went to the Pacific coast and attended the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland, Oregon. Another enjoyable trip was made in 1909, which included visits to Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Washington, Mount Vernon and other historic spots.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 243-245, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

## MILLER BROTHERS [Rochester, Indiana]

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Auto parts and garage business, located at 315 East Ninth street. Later located at 625 Main street.

See: Patents and Inventions\_\_\_\_\_

[Adv] MILLER BROTHERS, 315 East Ninth St. Announce to the public that they are now the authorized agents for The Paige and Jewett Automobiles. Call at our Show Room on East Ninth and see these luxurious models. Demonstration Given Any Time. MILLER BROTHERS GARAGE, 315 East Ninth Street.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 21, 1925]

### PAIGE, JEWETT AGENCY

Otto and Hugh Miller, owners of the Miller Brothers Garage on East Ninth street, have taken the agency for the Paige Automobile company of Detroit products in Fulton county, which consists of Paige and Jewett cars. Hugh Miller on Thursday drove a Jewett coach through from the factory which will be on display at the garage on Friday.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, July 16, 1925]

### MILLER BROTHERS TO OPEN WESTERN FILLING STATION

Miller Brothers, proprietors of a garage on East Ninth Street bearing their name have leased the modern filling station just erected at 520 Main street by the Western Oil and Refining Company of Indianapolis. A battery and tire service station will be operated in connection with the station. The gasoline and oils featured by the Western Company will be handled exclusively at the new filling station. The Western Company features Silver Flash gasoline.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 20, 1927]

### MILLER BROTHERS OPEN NEW STATION SATURDAY

Hugh J. and Otto Miller, of this city, will formally open their new super service station in this city Saturday, September 24th.

The Miller boys have been in the garage business for the past eight years in Rochester, first working for the other fellow, then branching out for themselves.

Some two and one-half years ago the Miller Brothers bought property and built their own modern garage building and have had unusual success in the operation of this business, which is probably due to their wide acquaintances and excellent service. They seem to enjoy the confidence of not only people in Rochester, but throughout all of Fulton County.

In talking to Hugh Miller about his new complete super service station he said he and his brother Otto would continue to operate their present garage business in addition to this new station, and that at the garage they would continue to do general repair work, give a tow-in service on wrecked cars, and maintain a battery service department.

Mr. Miller further advised that it was his brother's and his idea in operating this new super service station that there was a large demand for specialized service on gasoline, oil, tires, tubes and batteries, and that they felt that in their natural expansion of their business they were making a very wise move.

This station will handle only merchandise of exceptional quality such as Silver Flash and Target gasoline, Silver Flash Motor Oils and Greases, Firestone tires and tubes, and Vesta batteries.

After a very close inspection of this station we feel that the Miller boys are making no mistake in their new project and frankly this newspaper wishes them every success.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 23, 1927]

[Adv] Announcing the PLYMOUTH America's Lowest Priced Full-size 4-Cylinder Car. Now on Sale at MILLER'S GARAGE - - - - 311 East 9th St., Phone 100.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 25, 1929]

[photo] Miller Brothers.

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[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, Dec. 6, 1934, p. 14]

### MILLER BROS. LEASE EAST 9TH ST. BLDG.

Miller Bros. today announced a lease on their present location at 311 East Ninth street to Voris Hoffman & Sons of Elkhart, who will establish a county agency there for Ford Ferguson Implements and parts which they recently purchased from Harry Cooper of the Rochester Equipment Co.

Hoffman & Sons, who are now located in the rear of the Klein Bros. building, Main and Fourth streets, expect to occupy the new quarters Jan. 1, when Miller Bros. will move to their new location at 625 Main street.

In addition to the line of Ford Ferguson implements, Hoffman & Sons will handle Liberty and other makes of house trailers, and will maintain a complete parts department and service for items sold by them.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 6, 1945]

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### YOU KNOW OTT AND HUGH

Among the more than four thousand motorists of Fulton County, probably no name is better known than that of Miller Brothers, East Ninth street, Rochester's auto parts and garage headquarters.

Otto and Hugh Miller, owners of the business are Fulton County boys, having been reared on a farm north of Kewanna. In 1920 they came to Rochester and opened a garage on East Seventh street, just west of City Hall. They were quartered there until 1923, when they erected a building at 315 East Ninth street, where they are at present located.

While they carry what is conceded to be the most representative line of auto parts in the county, together with complete lines of Firestone tires and batteries, that is only one phase of their business.

Their garage service is complete to every detail from tow-in service to machine-lathe work, acetylene welding, vulcanizing and general overhauling and repairs.

Their motto has always been "Quality work at a reasonable price," and this code has proved its worth by the continued growth of their business which is the true barometer of service, dependability and price.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, December 6, 1934, p. 14]

### STUDEBAKER AGENCY IS OPENED BY MILLER BROS.

In a large advertisement, appearing elsewhere in this issue of The News-Sentinel, the Miller Brothers, located at 315 East 9th Street, announces the opening of a Studebaker auto agency in this city.

The Miller Brothers have a new line of the 1937 Studebakers in various models now on display in their new sales room, which was completed just a few months ago. This agency, which has operated as a garage and automobile supply house for the past number of years in Rochester and community, has also branched out in the electrical appliance field, for both city and rural trade.

In an interview with Otto Miller today, he stated he had already sold a few of the 1937 Studebaker models in this vicinity and that the outlook for a brisk business on this well known auto was exceptionally bright.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 15, 1936]

## MILLER GUN SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]



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New Gun Shop! (one square north of Wallace's Block) Rochester, Ind. . . Double & Single Shot Guns, Rifles, Gun Material Ammunition, Pistol Cartridges, &c. He would also announce that he is prepared to make Rifles to order, and do all kinds of Repairing . . . G. I. Miller.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, January 25, 1866]

Removal. Mr. Miller, our worthy townsman and gunsmith, has moved his shop from the Chamberlain building to the first room South of the Post Office, on Main Street . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, January 24, 1867]

## MILLER HARDWARE [Akron, Indiana]

Billie [William C.] Miller was an early joint owner of the Miller and Zartman Hardware located where the Day Hardware store is now. Later Miller bought out Zartman and from then on it was known as Miller's Hardware. Lee Moore was for many years a clerk in this store. The Miller store also sold wagons, buggies, and all kinds of farm machinery.

[Thomas Carpenter Family, Walter F. Carpenter, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

### NEW BUSINESS FIRM

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[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 14, 1921]

### BILLY MILLER OF AKRON SELLS HIS LAST BUGGY

A very uncommon sale was transacted in Akron Thursday when W. C. Miller, who has been in the hardware and buggy business in that city for over 40 years, sold a buggy to Everett Smith, who lives south of Akron. This is the last buggy Mr. Miller had in stock and he stated that he never expects to sell another. The regular selling price of the buggy was \$135, but it is understood Mr. Miller took a much lower price for it. Mr. Miller refused to make public what he sold the buggy for stating "it would show rather poor salesmanship."

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, June 7, 1929]

## MILLER HARDWARE [Rochester, Indiana]

### NEW AND MILLER DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP; NEW RETIRES

After a partnership lasting 11 years, Isom New and Robert Lee Miller, of the firm of New and Miller, dissolved business relations Friday afternoon, Mr. Miller buying his partner's interest. The store on Main street, which deals in buggies, harness and a large line of farm implements will now be conducted under the name of R. L. Miller.

New and Miller first started business in Rochester 11 years ago, when they bought out Edward Collins. Mr. Miller at that time moved from Macy where he had been in business. Mr. New has no definite plans for the future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 10, 1917]

### VERE CALVIN, PAUL MYERS BUY MILLER HARDWARE

A business transaction of considerable import was consummated late Thursday afternoon whereby the R.L. Miller Hardware and Implement Store becomes the property of Vere S. Calvin and Paul Myers, both of Rochester. The new proprietors took immediate possession of the store.

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The store, which will become Calvin & Myers Hardware, will carry a complete stock of general hardware, Oliver farming implements and household and farm appliances. The harness-making and repair department will be continued, the new owners stated in an interview today.

Mr. Calvin, senior member of the new firm, has resigned from his position with the McMahan Construction Co., and Paul Myers, who has been manager of the Farm Bureau in this city will tender his resignation within the next few days. Both men are well and most favorably known in the business field of this community and their new venture should prove a most successful one.

R. L. Miller, who has been engaged in the hardware business in this city for a long number of years, plans to retire from active duties. Mr. Miller has been in ill health for the past several months. An announcement advertisement of the hardware firm appears elsewhere in this issue.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 2, 1937]

## MILLER INSURANCE, ARTHUR E. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Miller & Mitchell

### BUSINESS REVIEW OF ROCHESTER MERCHANTS

One of the most important factors in the upbuilding of a community is the proper protection of property. Mr. Miller who handles insurance is one of the most important assets that a community can have. It is through the efforts of insurance experts that the property is kept properly insured and the community is protected against home and industrial losses.

How many times have you read an account of a disastrous fire with the notation, "no insurance" which means that some man has suffered a great financial loss that could have been avoided had he consulted some reliable insurance expert such as this community can boast of.

He furnishes a complete service, and you can depend upon the advice and information given you whether you are interested in real estate or insurance.

A thorough knowledge of the state insurance laws and the rules and regulations of the insurance companies has equipped this office for the particular field of endeavor. He is able to tell you what kind of insurance you should carry, how the policies should be written, what precautions can be taken that will aid in the reduction of the premiums and how you can get the maximum of insurance at the minimum of expense.

When you receive a policy from this well known office of insurance you can rest assured that your property is amply protected in some of the largest insurance companies of the world. A careful selection of companies and a clean and straightforward manner of doing business has won this office a large clientage in this part of the state.

When this office writes a policy for you their service does not end there. He keeps a record of the policy and notifies you of any changes in the insurance laws or any other matter that would be of vital interest to you and your property. He will not allow your insurance to lapse without notifying you in ample time to reinsure and will keep you informed on all matters pertaining to your policy and it is this kind of service that has won for the office the confidence of the public and has been responsible for their increasing number of clients. Always progressive and looking to the best interests of the community at all times this office has become one of the leading offices of the community and a big asset to the industrial and home life of this section of the state.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 17, 1922]

## MILLER-JONES SHOE STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

Miller-Jones Company will open a new Shoe and Hosiery Store at 726 Main Street this city, Saturday, Nov. 12th. This store-room has been completely remodeled with a splendid new front, and a bright and shiny interior, complete with counters, shelving, fitting stools, and floor covering.

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Miller-Jones Company is now operating 180 shoe and hosiery stores located chiefly in the central and north-central states. They will carry a complete line of shoes and hosiery, all moderate prices, in size runs and styles to suit the needs and requirements of every member of the family. This includes both staple and style items for street, sports, and evening occasions, and in addition, includes tennis, leather and rubber boots, house slippers, work shoes, and a splendid line of storm rubber footwear. Miller-Jones hosiery represents a combination of unusual style and value, and has been generally accepted by discriminating buyers.

### Connected With Factory

Miller-Jones occupies an unusual position in that it is closely connected with one of this country's largest shoe manufacturers, who has been operating factories and producing a well-known line of accepted footwear for more than fifty years. This shoe manufacturer is now operating eight factories in one of the central states, employing daily over 3,000 workers. This fortunate affiliation enables Miller-Jones Company to be constantly supplied with a steady flow of uniform and stylish footwear, well-made and serviceable, offering comfort and style, as well as economical prices that fit the average pocketbook.

A candidate for the responsible position of store manager for Miller-Jones Company after careful selection, if approved, undergoes a thorough examination, followed by an intensive period of training. Foremost in this training course, is a study and analysis of foot requirements, so that when completion of this part of the course, the manager is thoroughly competent with reference to the adaptability of certain lasts and styles of shoes to particular feet. In addition, he is groomed in a thorough knowledge of correct style and color trends, both in footwear and hosiery.

Leon Myers is the manager of the new Miller-Jones store here in Rochester, and with his wife will, of course, become a resident of this city, as all managers are required to live in the city where their store is operated. Mr. Myers comes highly recommended having served successfully as manager of the Greenfield, Ind. store.

Like all Miller-Jones managers, he will take an active part in civic and community affairs in Rochester, and will participate in those community projects that are approved by the majority of his fellow-citizens.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 11, 1938]

### CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT AT MILLER-JONES STORE

Howard Cross is the new manager of the Miller-Jones shoe store in Rochester, coming here from the Kokomo store. Mr. Cross's wife and daughter will follow in a few days.

Leon Myers, who has been managing the store here for some time, is taking over the managership of the Miller-Jones store in Michigan City. He and his wife and daughter, Barbara, are leaving immediately for their new home in Michigan City.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 16, 1940]

## MILLER MILLINERY [Rochester, Indiana]

Millinery. Miss Helen A. Miller . . . at her rooms north of the Central House . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 30, 1868]

[Adv] Mrs. Miller's stock of Millinery and Fancy Goods is complete in everything the ladies want. - - - New Store, opposite court house. - - - MRS. G. I. MILLER.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 8, 1879]

[Adv] Bazaar Ribbon Sale. Being overstocked with ribbons of all numbers, shades and qualities, we have inaugurated a cut price sale to continue 30 days. Half Price for all goods on this counter. TRUE & WHITTENBERGER, Successors to Mrs. Miller.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 3, 1893]

## MILLER STANDARD STATION [Rochester, Indiana]

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### MILLER STANDARD STATION NOW OPEN

Fred E. Miller's Standard Service Station is going great guns at the [NE] corner of Main and Tenth streets. Formal opening of the station will be held soon, but in the meantime, Fred is doing a nice gasoline, oil and lubricating business.

Latest type automatic equipment has been installed in the station. As a get-acquainted feature the station is offering valuable premium certificates.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 20, 1941]

### MILLER & CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

H. Miller & Co., in the north part of Holmes & Miller Bldg. Hugh Miller, H. G. Miller and Chas. Caffyn, have opened a new store stock purchased at Cincinnati. ". . . you will find Gavin and Charley very pleasant, and you will occasionally find the Old Judge there to help give you bargains."

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 27, 1864]

Dry Goods. We are happy to see Mr. I. W. Holeman formerly of this place, but late of LaPorte, with a huge stock of Dry Goods Groceries, &c., which he is arranging in the room recently occupied by H. Miller & Co. Mr. H. is an old citizen of this place and a veteran in the trade, which advantage his old customers have learned we bespeak for him a large "run," as he is "at home" it isn't necessary for us to say more. Remember the place, Holmes & Miller's Block West Side Public Square.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, December 14, 1865]

### MILLER & KEITH [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Drugs and Medicines - - - MILLER & KEITH, Citizens Block, South of Public Square.

[Rochester, *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 23, 1884]

## MILLER & KEITH Drug Store

The trade in drugs, from the nature of the articles dealt in, is a business the successful prosecution of which requires special training and of long and most vivid experience. As the whole world furnishes the materials, so must the knowledge of the conditions of the supply and demand be equally extensive.

As to the extent of the business we can gain some idea by reflecting upon the countless variety of drugs and patent medicines found in the ordinary drug store. There is no ill to "which flesh is heir" for which there is not some specific remedy, and every year adds to the number of the various cures. There are several houses engaged in the drug trade in this city, and prominent among them is the establishment of MILLER & KEITH.

This popular house was established in the year 1881 by Mr. G. I. MILLER who conducted the business alone for one year, then selling one-half interest to Mr. G. P. KEITH, changing the firm name to Miller & Keith. Their house is located in Citizens Block, south side of public square. Messrs. Miller & Keith carry a large and most complete stock of drugs, chemicals, patent compounds, paints, painters supplies, oils, varnishes &c. They also carry the largest line of mixed paints to be found in the city, their specialty in this line being the "Old Reliable" pioneer brand, manufactured at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, also the Red Seal lead, manufactured at St. Louis, Missouri. These goods have a reputation that places them as "Peers" with all competitors.

At this house a fine line of perfumes, toilet articles, artists materials, school books and supplies, hanging lamps, fine pocket cutlery, scissors, razors, in fact everything to be found in a first class drug and notion house can be had at Messrs. Miller & Keith's. The patronage of this

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house has enjoyed a steady and healthy increase every year since it was founded, and has continued to grow in public favor. They use the utmost caution in compounding drugs and enjoy the fullest confidence of the people generally.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 29, 1888]

[Adv] Highest Bicycle Honors at the World's Fair were awarded to RAMBLER Bicycles  
--- MILLER & KEITH, Agents.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 3, 1896]

### SHORT NEWS

Rochester has a new drug store -- at an old stand. You will find Zellars at Miller & Keith's former location, south of the court house, with a most complete line.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 22, 1913]

## MILLER & KROFT HARDWARE [Akron, Indiana]

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[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 14, 1921]

## MILLER & McCLUNG MILLINERY SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

Millinery. Misses Miller & McClung would announce to the ladies of Rochester and vicinity, that they have opened a Millinery shop in Ed Chamberlain's building, north of Wallace's Block. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 12, 1866]

## MILLER & MITCHELL [Rochester, Indiana]

See Miller Ins., Arthur E.

Located at 630-1/2 Main; later moved to 616 Main.

Owned by Arthur E. Miller and his son-in-law, Fred Mitchell.

Sold business to Smith, Sawyer & Smith.

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[Adv] Auto Collision Insurance REDUCED - - - - FRED MITCHELL, ARTHUR E. MILLER, Agents.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 28, 1928]

[Adv] MILLER & MITCHELL, General Insurance - - - - A. E. Miller, res. 446-J, Fred Mitchell, Res. 327-W. 630-1/2 Main St., Phone 27, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 25, 1934]

### LOCAL AGENCY OFFERS TRAVEL INFORMATION

Fred Mitchell of the insurance firm of Miller & Mitchell today announced the opening of a travel department in connection with the insurance agency business.

The war years have restricted travel, Mitchell said, and it seems reasonable to believe that many persons will soon be planning on places to go. With this in mind he has made contacts with representative agencies and carriers, specializing on world tours, or lesser trips, such as Bermuda,

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Jamaica, Central and South America and Mexico, and is in position to discuss travel possibilities or make reservations for these trips.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 11, 1945]

### **MILLER & NEFF** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **MILLER & NEFF'S CARRIAGE MANUFACTORY**

On east Washington street, is one of the places of which Rochester may well be proud.

Mr. Miller, who seems to be principal business manager, showed us around, and if his business qualifications equal his social qualities, he is certainly a success. The first place visited was the trimming department which is a small room, fitted up especially for that purpose, and containing a mammoth Weed sewing machine, which we were informed is capable of sewing half-inch boards with apparent ease. The trimming, so far as we are capable of judging, is done in a style equal to that found in large towns and manufactories.

The paint shop is also in the second story. The fine painting is done by Mr. Miller's son, who from long practice and much experience does his work in the highest style of the art, and undoubtedly understands that branch of the business thoroughly. He occupies two rooms and we had an opportunity of examining the work in all its various stages.

The wood work is done on the first floor, where we found Mr. A. F. McFarland, whom we have known for fourteen years as a fine carriage maker, and understanding all its various branches and departments he is able to put up as fine work as can be made anywhere. He has been employed by these gentlemen for the winter, and is now engaged in getting up some new styles of buggies and carriages which will compete with any other manufactory in the State. The wheels used are the new improved Warner, which have the dove tailed spokes.

From the wood department we entered the show room where spring wagons, carriages, buggies, Phaetons, sleighs, &c., are kept on exhibition for sale. This work has every appearance of being first-class in every particular, and will undoubtedly compare favorably with that done in any of our surrounding counties.

The wood work, iron work, painting and trimming is all done, so far as we are able to judge, in a superb style, and all the various vehicles manufactured are elegant, stylish and durable.

The Hunter spring wagon is something new, and is just the thing for farmers. Here is also the heavy spring wagon, round back Phaeton, double and single seated Barouche, trotting buggy, and the Jenny Lind, painted in cherry, orange, black, and all the beautiful high colors usually seen in first-class manufactories.

This firm is now turning out work at prices to suit all customers, ranging from \$125 to \$300, and considering the fact that these men are gentlemen, fair dealers and worthy of patronage, it would be but reasonable and right that they should receive their full share of attention from the purchasers of this county. We say again that no person should think of sending abroad for any article that can be manufactured as well and as cheap here.

[Rochester Union-Spy, Thursday, December 11, 1873]

### **MILLER & SONS, GEO. J.** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Handles like a Single Row -- cultivates twice as fast. - - - CASE, Full Line of Case Quality Farm Machines. GEO. J. MILLER & SONS, Phone 134, Corner Main & 5th St.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 16, 1931]

#### **GEO. MILLER & SONS WILL MOVE INTO GARAGE BLDG.**

Geo. J. Miller & Sons today announced to the public that on and after March 1 they will occupy the garage building located at 623-625 Main street where they will carry a full line of farm machinery and parts. This firm which located in the Brackett building at the [SE] corner of Main and 5th about two years ago, has enjoyed such an ever increasing patronage among the farmers of Fulton county that more space is now needed and the change of location was deemed necessary.

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Mr. Miller announced today that they will operate 24 hour daily service for gas and oils for the motoring public and will also have expert mechanics to render day or night service in all sorts of farm machinery and automobiles as well. The task of moving the large stock of machinery will begin tomorrow and will be completed some time next Monday, the proprietors stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 24, 1932]

### YOUNG MEN LEASE ROOM, WILL OPEN A GARAGE

Harley Haggerty and Dale Kessler have leased the building at 621-623 North Main Street and will operate a garage and filling station. George J. Miller and Sons who have operated an implement business in the building for the past year have moved to Logansport. The move was made early this week. Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Kessler are well known in this city. Mr. Haggerty has been the manager of the Linco Oil Company filling station of North Main street, resigning the position to lease the garage. Carl Biddinger has assumed the management of the filling station. At the Haggerty and Kessler garage the Phillips Oil Company products will be sold.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 1, 1932]

## MILLER & THOMPSON [Rochester, Indiana]

Drs. Miller & Thompson . . . have commenced the practice of the medical profession . . . Office is one door South of Holmes & Millers new building.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 19, 1863]

## MILLER & ZARTMAN HARDWARE [Akron, Indiana]

Located S side of street at 110 W. Rochester.

See Miller Hardware.

[Adv] Buggies and Surreys. About March 1st I will open a room in the Arlington Block with the finest line of Buggies, Surreys and Light Harness ever shown in Rochester MILLER & ZARTMAN will also make my place headquarters for the sale of the McCormick Harvesting Machinery, Corn Shredders, Threshers, Clover Hullers, etc. Give us a call before buying. ISOM R. NEW.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 21, 1900]

### LOCAL NEWS

Miller & Zartman, the carriage and implement dealers, have removed their stock from the room in the Arlington block to their store at Akron. They have not decided whether they will run their branch here next year or not.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, September 18, 1891]

### NEW BUSINESS FIRM

The hardware store at Akron, formerly owned by W. C. Miller will now be known as Miller and Kroft, the latter buying an interest last week. The store was closed for four days to invoice. Thirteen years ago Mr. Miller made a change when he bought out his partner, C. E. Zartman, and 13 years previous to that time, Miller and Zartman began business in Akron.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 14, 1921]

### HIS BUSINESS CAREER WAS A VARIED ONE

Eli ZARTMAN, age 50, one of the leading business men of Kewanna and well known over Fulton county, died at the Baldwin hospital Tuesday evening in Peru as the result of a stroke of apoplexy.

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Mr. Zartman has been ill for over a year and about two weeks ago he was taken to a hospital in Peru. During the last few days it was thought he would recover and his death Tuesday evening was totally unexpected.

Eli Zartman had a varied business experience in this county and during his 30 years of active life made a comfortable fortune. He was born near Macy, the son of Jackson ZARTMAN, who died about 22 years ago, also a victim of apoplexy. When about 22 years of age, Mr. Zartman entered the threshing business, in which he stayed for several years. He then started a store at Leiters Ford and sold harness and implements for two years, then moved to Macy and entered the meat business with Lee MILLER, now of this city.

Selling out a year later, Mr. Zartman again entered the implement business at Macy with Harry RUNKLE with whom he remained for over a year, then moved to Akron and with Wm. C. MILLER started another implement and hardware store. Mr. Miller and Mr. Zartman remained together for 13 years, after which the latter sold his interest to his partner.

Mr. Zartman then started a hardware store at Kewanna where he has been for the last eight years.

Through all of his business transactions Mr. Zartman made many friends and always had the reputation of being on the square. He was a diligent man and because of his ceaseless activity, became afflicted about a year ago with nervous trouble, which later caused his death.

Mr. Zartman leaves a wife and adopted daughter, Imogene ZARTMAN, and three brothers, Charles [ZARTMAN], Irvin [ZARTMAN] and Samuel ZARTMAN who live east of Fulton. Mr. Zartman was a member of the Methodist church.

The funeral will be held at Macy Friday morning at 10:30, the body being taken direct to that town.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 30, 1914]

### **MILLERS GARAGE** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] We Repair Auto Electrical Equipment, Batteries, Starters, Generators and Ignition. MILLERS GARAGE. Phone 100.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 5, 1925]

[Adv] The Spartons Are Here - - - - SPARTON RADIO, The Pathfinder of the Air. MILLER'S GARAGE, 315 E. 9th Street, Phone 100.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 31, 1926]

### **MILLICE, J. W.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### A NEW GROCERY

On or about April 10th a brand new stock of staple and fancy groceries will be opened by J. W. Millice in the room formerly occupied by Shannon Mackey. This will be a spic and span store and a fine addition to Rochester business interests. Everything in the line of fresh and up-to-date groceries will be carried and special inducements will be given to both city and country trade.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 5, 1906]

[Adv] J. A. KARN & SON, Successors to J. W. Millice. Dealers in Staple and Fancy Groceries. - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 1, 1911]

### **MILLICE, WILLIAM** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington

### **MILLINERY AND ARTCRAFT SHOP** [Rochester, Indiana]



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[Adv] NOTE Our Window Display, Childrens hats 25 cents, Sports, Crushers and others 50 cents. Panamas and a variety of Hats, \$2.00. Millinery and Artcraft Shop, Arminta Richardson, Proprietor, Cor. Main and 5th Streets.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 17, 1918]

### **MILLINERY EMPORIUM** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] REMOVAL. Mrs. Mattie Steman and Miss Etta Rannells have removed their MILLINERY EMPORIUM to the room formerly occupied by Mrs. Barkdoll. It has been newly fitted up and a bright new stock of Spring goods just opened. - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 9, 1892]

### **MILLISER, DALE** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Dale Milliser)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Dale Milliser)

### **MILLISER, ISAAC** [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Isaac Milliser. - He was born in Marion County, Ohio, January 19, 1835, and came with his parents to this county when he was twelve years old. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth Milliser; the former was born in Pennsylvania not many miles from Harper's Ferry, Va., and moved to Marion County, Ohio, when quite young, and afterward came to this county and settled on a farm in the northwestern part of Rochester Township. In September, 1861, Isaac married Mary J. Bailey, but she deceased Novemer 23, 1865; she was the daughter of William Bailey, who is spoken of in this work. In October, 1870, he again married; this time to Mary E. Sales, daughter of John and Nancy Sales. Her father died March 23, 1880. By his first wife Mr. Milliser has one child, Eza Cora, born December 9, 1864; and by the present Mrs. Milliser he has John H., Malinda and Milo. They are all good, respectable citizens, industrious and well thought of by their neighbors.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 34]

### **MILLISER, JACOB** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Jacob Milliser has removed his barber shop to the brick building opposite the Baptist church and now has one of the finest tonsorial establishments in the city where only first-class work is done. - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 17, 1883]

### **MILLISER'S BATH ROOMS** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### BATH ROOMS

Cleanliness is next to Godliness, therefore to keep clean you should pay frequent visits to Milliser's bath rooms, opposite the Central House, which are open day and night. On Friday of each week they will be open for ladies, with a lady attendant. Everything is new, neat and clean.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 17, 1883]

### **MILLS, JAMES M.** [Liberty Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

James M. Mills, for twenty years a farmer in Liberty township, was born in Grant county, Indiana, April 27, 1864, the son of Jonathan and Margaret (Druckemiller) Mills, the former a native of Ohio and the latter being born in Wayne county, Indiana. The subject's paternal grandfather, Curtis Mills, was one the of first settlers of Grant county, where after taking up a homestead, he remained for the rest of his life. Jacob and Polly (Gottshall) Druckemiller, the

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maternal grandparents, were of German extraction and came from Pennsylvania at an early date to settle in Grant county, Indiana, where they remained until their deaths. Jonathan Mills was educated in the public schools of Wayne county and later removed to Grant county, remaining there until his death. His widow is still living at the advanced age of eighty-nine in Marion, Indiana. James M. Mills received his education in the public schools of Grant County, and some time afterward went to Alabama, staying there for five years. Twenty years ago he came to Fulton county and purchased the farm which he now owns in Liberty township. He has made his home on this farm ever since his advent into the county with the exception of four years spent in the town of Fulton. In addition to the eighty acre farm he is the possessor of eight acres elsewhere in the county and has built the fine home which now stands on his land. Although this is the age of specialized production, he has never confined his activities to one branch of agriculture, preferring rather to pursue a course in general farming, in which he has been eminently successful. In 1888, he married Christine Snyder who was reared by a Mr. Miller, and to this union two children have been born: Fred, a farmer in this county; and Earl, a tinner of Fulton. He is a devout member of the United Brethren church and was a trustee at the time when the new church and parsonage were built. He was elected and served one term as township trustee, but this one term proved to be one of the most beneficial to the township, for during this time he built the new High school building which is a credit not only to Fulton but also to the entire township. He has always been public spirited and keenly interested in behalf of every worthy movement for the civic betterment of his home community.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 245-246, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

### MILLS TANNERY [Rochester, Indiana]

Isaac C. Mills would inform the citizens of Fulton and adjoining counties that he has opened an establishment for Tanning, dressing and coloring to order, all kinds of peltries, such as Deer skins, mink, rat, sheep pelts, with or without the wool. He is also prepared to manufacture for gloves and buckskin mittins, Ladies and Gents tippits, caps, and any other article pertaining to the trade. . . Shop on Washington street second house east of Storm's Shoe shop. March 20, 1860.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 24, 1860]

Fancy Tanning. Sheep Pelts, deer skins, and all kinds of Furs tanned and colored. Also manufactured into Ladies Tippetts, &c. Gloves and Mittens made, of every style. Sheep Pelts tanned and made into Robes.

Residence East of the Mansion House, Rochester, Indiana. I. C. Mills, March 22, 1860.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday March 29, 1860]

### MINER, C. T. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

### MINER, M. L. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

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The name of M. L. Miner, of this place, has been suggested as a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney for the Common Pleas District for Fulton and Pulaski Counties. Mr. Miner has signified his willingness to accept if elected.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 25, 1858]

### MINERAL FUME BATH PARLORS [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv. - One Complete Treatment Absolutely Free! We are always busy, but if you are suffering with rheumatism, stomach trouble, high blood pressure, catarrh, indigestion, piles,

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nervousness, dropsy, bright's disease, diabetes or other forms of skin or kidney trouble, we will give you one free treatment any day during week of March 12th to 17th. - J. F. Class, Mineral Fume Bath Parlors, Corner Fifth and Fulton, Rochester, Indiana]

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 12, 1923]

### **MINERAL WELLS FARM** [Rochester Township]

Located E side of 575E and 1/4 mile N of 200S.

[Thomas Carpenter Family, Walter F. Carpenter, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

See: Hotels, Mineral Wells Hotel

### **MINGLIN, ROBERT J.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Robert J. Minglin)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Robert J. Minglin)

### **MINIATURE DRESS SHOPPE** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### ESTHER WHARTON BUYS MINIATURE DRESS SHOP

Miss Esther Wharton of South Bend is the new owner and manager of The Miniature Dress Shoppe, formerly owned and operated by Mrs. G. L. Kyger for the past five years, and being a very successful business woman has built up an established trade, retiring because of ill health.

Miss Wharton, who has had five years experience in South Bend, will stock the shoppe with a complete line of dresses for ladies who are hard to fit, Misses and Junior dresses, Gotham Gold Stripe hosiery, Goldette lingerie and millinery.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 19, 1940]

#### MRS. RIGGS PURCHASES THE MINIATURE SHOP

Mrs. Mary E. Riggs has purchased the Miniature Shop from Miss Esther Wharton and will continue to operate the shop with a complete line of hats, dresses, lingerie, hosiery and costume jewelry. Mrs. Riggs, a former Kewanna resident, has been living in Chicago for some time. She has taken an apartment in Rochester at 481 East Ninth street, while her husband will continue his work as insurance adjuster in Chicago.

The Miniature Shop is undergoing extensive remodeling and the grand opening will be held Saturday, March 29th. Mrs. Riggs was employed for five years in the dress market in Chicago where she designed and fitted dresses for the Lovely Frock Company. She plans to make a buying trip to Chicago every two or three weeks.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 27, 1941]

### **MINIATURE GOLF**

See Petite Golf Course

See Tom Thumb Course

See Akron Tom Thumb Golf Course

See Edico Miniature Golf, White City

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#### PEE WEE GOLF COURSE

Harry Rannells, manager of the Bass Lake Park at Bass Lake, who is a former resident of this city, has erected a miniature golf course at his amusement resort. The park has frontage on a state highway.

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[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 25, 1930]

### **YOUNGSTERS BUILD OWN MINIATURE GOLF COURSE**

The west side of town now boasts of its own miniature golf course and the owners, architects and laborers, all of whom are one and same, say they would not trade it for another in the middle west. It is located on a lot on West Ninth street.

The nine hole outlay was built by Tribbit Biddinger, Frank Raymer and Dick Brackett, the three youths being the owners and promoters. It is a very clever piece of work and every hole shows ingenuity and originality on the part of the boys. Stove pipes, tile, children slides, bricks, and fencing and what not has been used to construct the fairways and obstacles while the greens are sand.

Already the course has attracted all the youthful population of that section of town and it is apparent that the boys are going to do a big business whether they can collect any money or not.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 7, 1930]

### **MINIATURE HAT SHOP** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] You are cordially invited to attend the opening of THE MINIATURE HAT SHOP, showing a complete line of spring millinery. Formal Opening March 1st from 3 until 10. Main St. Entrance, Barrett Hotel, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 26, 1935]

### **NEW MILLINARY OPENS IN CITY FRIDAY P.M.**

An attractive, ultra-modern millinery shop will hold its formal opening in the Barrett Hotel building, Friday afternoon, March 1st. This new business addition to the city of Rochester is owned and managed by Mrs. Wayne DuHadway, of this city.

Mrs. DuHadway, who is an experienced milliner, will have on display the latest dictates of fashion for milady's spring and summer millinery wear. The new millinery will be known as "The Miniature Hat Shop."

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 27, 1935]

### **PLYMOUTH LADY BUYS MINIATURE HAT SHOPPE**

The Miniature Hat and Dress Shoppe has been sold to Mrs. G. L. Kyger of Plymouth, Indiana, who will be assisted by her daughter Miss Roberta Kyger.

They are both well qualified to manage the business, having had many years experience in the South and in this part of the country.

The new firm will soon remodel and redecorate to meet every requirement of the business.

The new stock and style merchandise will be selected by Mrs. Kyger and the opening will be announced in the near future. The store will continue to be open while being redecorated.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 6, 1936]

### **MINTER, OTIS I.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **OTIS I. MINTER WILL BE RETIRED FROM U.S. ARMY**

In May, 1899, Otis I. Minter of this county, then living at Lake Nyona, enlisted in the United States Army for service in the Philippine Islands, in China, on the Mexican Border and in the World War, and has served in grades from Private to Lieutenant Colonel.

Mr. Minter is at present a Warrant Officer of the Army and stationed at the Erie Ordnance Depot, Lacarne, Ohio. Under an act of Congress he will retire with his war time rank of captain but will retain his status of Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserve Corps.

Mrs. Minter is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Shesler of Akron and a sister of Mrs. Ae. Adams of Rochester. She had accompanied Mr. Minter to many distant parts of the world.

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They will leave Ohio in a few weeks and make an extended trip to the Pacific Coast after which they will return to Indiana and reside either in Rochester or Indianapolis. He will be "ordered home to await retirement" in a few weeks and will be actually retired in October of this year.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 24, 1936]

### MAYOR O. I. MINTER RESIGNS ON ACCOUNT OF FAILING HEALTH

The Rochester city council on Tuesday evening accepted the resignation of Mayor O. I. Minter, who gave ill health as his reason, and appointed Councilman Charles Ambler as mayor pro-tempore to serve until a new selection can be made.

Captain Minter's decision to relinquish the office came as a complete surprise, a council spokesman revealed today. Although it was known that his physical condition was not the best, it was generally assumed that he would be able to finish out his present tenure, which began Jan. 1, 1939, and was extended by re-election in 1942. He has been the only chief municipal executive to serve the city as a full time mayor.

#### Served Army 30 Years

Captain Minter, a retired army officer of 30 years service, spent much time during his military career in the Philippines. During World War I, he attained the temporary rank of lieutenant colonel, but was retired with the grade of captain. Since his retirement and his return to Rochester as a private citizen, he has been active in Republican politics and in the affairs of the Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion. He plans soon to enter a government hospital for treatment.

Mayor Pro-tempore Charles Ambler has served six and one-half years as a city councilman, and as chairman of the city park committee and is well versed in the problems of city administration. He too, is a Republican. He plans no change in present appointees, it was stated this morning.

Under the law the council will have until July 20 to select a permanent mayor to serve the remainder of the present term of office.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 10, 1945]

### MINTER PLEADS GUILTY OF POSTAL VIOLATIONS

South Bend, Oct. 24. (UPS) - Otis I. Minter, 64, former mayor of Rochester, Ind., was arraigned in federal district court in South Bend this afternoon, and pleaded guilty to two of three charges of postal violations.

Mr. Minter, who resigned as Mayor of Rochester in July, is charged with mailing questionable matter through the mail. The third count, that of mailing photographs was dropped.

Wearing a dark blue suit, the ex-mayor saluted the judge, Luther M. Swigert, when he took his place before the judge with his counsel, George N. Beamer. Minter is a retired army officer, having reached a temporary rank of lieutenant colonel.

The Rochester man is alleged to have carried on correspondence with persons in Duncansville, Pa., and Columbus, Ohio. The indictment charging him with the offense was returned by the federal grand jury Sept. 21.

Since retiring as mayor he has been under treatment in the veterans' hospital in Indianapolis.

The case was referred to the probation officer before sentencing.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 24, 1945]

## **MINTER'S SHOE REPAIR, SALOME** [Rochester, Indiana]

## **MINTER & MORGAN** [Rochester, Indiana]

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[Adv] A word to the Public! We have put in a stock of Harness, Robes, Whips, Etc., in the room south of Allspach's Meat Market. - - - Repairing of Boots, Shoes and Harness - - - MINTER & MORGAN.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 4, 1896]

### **MIRACLE PRESSED STONE CO.** [Rochester, Indiana]

Located 617 Main.

Mfgrs. of the Miracle hollow block.

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[Adv] MIRACLE Hollow Blocks for building. - - - We make blocks to order and carry some in stock at our factory. - - - THE MIRACLE PRESSED STONE CO., Factory 150 N. Main St., Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 10, 1904]

#### **MIRACLE BUILDING STONE**

The manufacture of cement building block by the Miracle Pressed Stone Co., composed of A. F. Bowers and John S. Dickey, is introducing a new article for foundations and even for walls of buildings. The stone are made in a press, and are composed of gravel and cement and have the appearance of a high quality sand stone. They are made in four different styles, hammered, smoothly beveled and rock face and in several different sizes. A wall has been built of the stone on the Bowers lot on Main street, and is indeed a beauty, and shows that a building of the same would make an exceedingly handsome residence or business block.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 14, 1904]

### **MITCHELL, A. C.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **A. C. MITCHELL SELLS HIS INTEREST IN NOBBY'S CAFE**

A. C. Mitchell Monday afternoon sold his half-interest in the Nobby's Restaurant at 804 Main street to his son-in-law and partner John Hoover. The two men have owned the cafe for the past three years. Mr. Hoover will continue to operate the establishment. Mr. Mitchell who is 93 years of age decided to retire from the business because of his wife's illness which has confined her to her bed for the past nine months and because of his advanced age. Nobby's Restaurant is the oldest eating house in the city. It has been in operation for the past 40 years.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 2, 1928]

### **MITCHELL, CAROL** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **CAROL MITCHELL WINNER IN U. S. POSTER CONTEST**

Pupils of Rochester public schools were among the winners in the 16th Annual International Poster contest of the Latham Foundation for the Promotion of Humane Education, it was recently announced from headquarters of the organization, in Oakland, Calif.

Carol Mitchell, of Columbia school, won a first prize in Group H and a certificate of Merit was awarded to Sue Belle Taylor.

A certificate of Merit also was awarded to Milton Thacker, of Rochester high school.

"The work from junior and senior high schools was especially fine this year, with a wider variation of ideas and slogans," writes John T. de Lemos, art director of the Foundation.

Over 6,000 posters were entered in this year's contest from all over the United States, Canada, Hawaii, Jamaica, Venezuela and North West Indies.

Many winning posters will be on exhibition in the San Francisco Museum of Art and the Y.M.C.A., San Francisco, during the month of May.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 28, 1941]

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### CAROL MITCHELL GIVEN NATIONAL DEFENSE BOND

Carol Mitchell, 11-year-old winner of the local National Defense Poster contest sponsored by Frank G. Hubbard, was this morning presented the first place prize of an \$18.75 National Defense Bond by Mayor O. I. Minter in the City Hall. - - - [presentation speech by Mayor Minter - - - - .

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 14, 1941]

### ROCHESTER'S NEARLY-MISS AMERICA: CAROL MITCHELL

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

Let me tell you of the extraordinary, Carol Mitchell, or remind you if you already know about her. Born and bred in Rochester, she was 21 years old in 1951 and had developed into a remarkable young woman: charming, poised and intelligent; possessing an arresting beauty and unusual, captivating artistic talents.

All of which brought her in that summer of 1951 the title of Miss Indiana, in the first beauty contest she ever entered, and with it the right to compete for Miss America at that nonpareil of beauty pageants.

And then, at Atlantic City on September 8 she was singled out to be Miss America's First Runner-Up, won a \$3,000 college scholarship and a whirlwind, three-week visit to New York City where she was regaled with stage, screen and television opportunities. Altogether, it was an astonishing performance for this rural small-town Midwesterner.

Many persons, however, were just as astonished that she was not the Miss America of 1952, rather than Coleen Kay Hutchins of Salt Lake City. Walter Winchell, famous Broadway columnist, thought Carol should have won and wrote that it would have been so, if one judge had not changed his vote at the last minute.

Surprisingly, she was the only one of five finalists not to win any preliminary competition even though her dancing marionettes and quickly-drawn, amusing caricatures unusual talent for Miss America competition - had brought enthusiastic audience reaction. Her ingratiating personality also had won her support from many newspeople covering the event and encouragement from pageant officials.

A United Press newsman, a veteran of Miss America pageants, wrote at the time: 'I hate to jinx a swell gal like Carol Mitchell ... but I think the pretty, brown-haired Miss Indiana could well become Miss America. Carol has what a lot of others don't have.

Poise, a flock of know how and a couple of other things that count these days in the run for Miss A. \$50,000: talent and personality. She has a bunch of both."

For her talent presentation at the finals Carol presented two marionette dances and two sketches in her three-minute allotment. Miss Hutchins, the oldest winner at the time (25 years) and tallest (6 feet), was more traditional, performing a scene from 'Elizabeth the Queen,' a classic 17th century work.

Carol, who today is Mrs. Carl Bennett of Fort Wayne, expresses no bitterness in these recollections: such reaction would be foreign to her nature, one senses. As to the accuracy of Winchell's report of the changed vote, she remembers only that all five finalists waited a long time for the decision after each had answered the same three questions from Emcee Bob Evans. Miss Hutchins was a talented dramatist and believes Coleen's reading may have impressed some judges more than did her unfamiliar puppetry and caricatures.

Her memories of the pageant week are rosy, particularly friendships made despite the intense competitiveness among the contestants; she still corresponds with one or two of them. She was accompanied by her mother, Mildred, and an official chaperone, Mrs. Imogene Bendler of Gary. Father E.L. Mitchell stayed home with his dying mother, Mrs. Grant Mitchell, whose death during the week was kept from Carol until pageant's end.

Hugh A. Barnhart, then the publisher of this newspaper, and wife Martha went along for support and to report to the people back home. The fact that her hometown newspaper published a

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special edition filled with stories and photos of her and with well wishes from the community still astounds her. Copies of it made a big impression on the other girls and on pageant officials: nothing like it ever had been done for a contestant.

Becoming Number Two wasn't all that bad. During her trip to New York City, she was introduced on the Ed Sullivan television show, sketched the host on the Ken Murray television show, was given a screen test by 20th Century Fox, was offered an ingenue part in the road company of "Guys and Dolls," did some fashion modeling and listened to numerous opportunities for a television career. (She had rejected performing on the Sullivan show because they wanted her to appear in a swim suit.)

Big-city show biz could not seduce her, though; she was determined to complete her senior year in art education at Indiana University and already had a regular television show in Bloomington. So she returned to Indiana, first to Rochester where 1,000 home folks filled the seats, side aisles and lobby of the Times Theatre to congratulate her and see her model her three pageant gowns.

It was her second such local reception. At the Colonial Hotel on Lake Manitou before leaving for Atlantic City, she was showered with 41 gifts from the city's business and professional leaders, 48 of whom also contributed \$548 to help with her pageant expenses.

Next Tuesday we shall report how this unusual young woman earned such affection, how she spent her life after Atlantic City and how she is living it today, thus concluding a reminiscence of one of our city's most prominent products.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 19, 1997]

### CAROL'S PATH TO ATLANTIC CITY WAS PREDESTINED

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

The Carol Mitchell who performed with marionettes and a sketch pad before 15,000 people, at Atlantic City - and came within one vote of being Miss America of 1952 -- was a painfully shy child with eyeglasses and corrective shoes.

When she was 11, mother Mildred and Ruth Lichtenwalter, her third grade teacher at Columbia elementary school in Rochester, devised a scheme to bring her out of timidity: introduce her to the fantasy world of puppets. Father E.L. crafted a small stage, her mother made the puppet costumes and, sure enough, she became enraptured. It was wonderful, Carol remembers, to be able to express herself through the puppets while unseen. Thereafter, she developed her sketching talent and added dancing marionettes, or stringed puppets, to her repertoire. She still has the special stage which father E.L. built for the marionettes. By the time she was in Rochester High School, she and her parents were touring the state with their Mitchell Marionettes act. Puppets and sketching have remained her lifelong passions.

Carol lived here at 1328 Main Street with her parents, half-sister Marguerite, brother Bob and sister Elaine. Her versatile father was a former school teacher and superintendent, raised champion muck crop produce, developed hybrid seed corns and helped organize the Fulton County REMC. Her artist mother also had been a teacher and later was a beauty contestant in her own right as Fulton County's Indiana Senior Queen. Both parents resumed teaching at Greenwood after their children were raised.

It's a curious, neglected fact that Carol's path to Atlantic City was a predestined one. When she entered Indiana University after her RHS graduation in 1948, her beauty and talent made an immediate impact at campus events and she soon was performing for I.U. alumni at their club meetings around the state. Claude Rich, the I.U. alumni secretary, made her known to the popular, national American Magazine, which in March of 1951 published her photograph as "Coed of the Month."

And that fixed her future, for one who saw the photo was Ruth McCandless, assistant director of the Miss America pageant. She became an instant, enthusiastic admirer and determined that Carol should be a Miss America candidate. She urged the sponsoring Lafayette Jaycees to include Carol in their upcoming Miss Indiana contest.



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The Jaycees, in turn, asked the Rochester Chamber of Commerce to be her sponsor. The local folks readily agreed and sought Carol's willingness. Although beauty contests never had appealed to her, the possibility of winning a college scholarship through this one was attractive and her father urged her to accept. "What have you got to lose?" she recalls him saying. So she entered as Miss Rochester and became Miss Indiana by unanimous vote of judges. The rest, as they say, is history.

After Atlantic City, Carol returned to I.U. to complete her art education studies and spent a busy year as reigning Miss Indiana and Miss America's First Runner-Up. She performed throughout Indiana and Midwestern states during weekends, continued her regular children's program on Bloomington television and even substituted twice for Sid Collins on his popular Indianapolis sports television show.

Frequently she made appearances in place of Miss America: at events disapproved by Miss Hutchins Mormon Church or at modeling assignments when her 55 figure was more appropriate for the fashions than was the taller Coleen's.

Returning to Atlantic City in 1952 as a television commentator for the pageant, she got the chance to sketch Marilyn Monroe during that screen legend's appearance there.

After her marriage to H. Leslie Popp Jr., who had been an end on Michigan's winning 1951 Rose Bowl football team, the couple settled in his native Fort Wayne. There for five years she was a popular television personality with her "Carol and Corkie" show over NBC Channel 33. Corkie the puppet performed on her left hand while her right hand did amusing sketches. She taught puppeteering to women of her Junior League chapter for 20 years, composed needlepoint designs for her Trinity English Lutheran Church and appeared regularly at children's concerts of the Fort Wayne Symphony, projecting sketches that enhanced the orchestra's musical stories.

Her life has not been without its misfortunes. Son H. Leslie Popp III was killed at age 23 in a 1979 auto accident and her husband died in 1986. Her other child, daughter Catherine Popp (Mrs. Frank Hoffman), is an attorney with her own Indianapolis firm.

With her 1991 marriage, to Carl Bennett, former coach and manager of the Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons professional basketball team, Carol retired from performing, taking up watercolor painting and golf. Earlier this month, however, she joined sister Elaine to present a shadow puppetry show at a Florida conference for teachers of the first six grades.

Elaine, who holds a doctorate in education, is the early intervention resource teacher for Seminole County public schools at Orlando. Husband Bill Van Lue, a Rochester native, is manager of the computer lab for Nova University. Brother Bob also lives in Florida and half-sister Marguerite Frost resides in Mundelein, Ill.

If you ask Carol now to describe those heady, long-gone days surrounding the Miss America pageant, she returns again and again to the enthusiastic, warm and endless support given her by the people of Rochester. It was an outpouring of affection, she says, that remains unforgettable in her heart.

As she remains here, too, for all those who knew her.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 26, 1997]

## MITCHELL, CHARLES [Rochester, Indiana]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Chas Mitchell will open a cigar store in the room formerly occupied by Ditmire's book store, in the near future. It will be called the Palace Cigar Store and Reading Room.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 13, 1904]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The Western Union Telegraph Co. will run a line into Chas Mitchell's cigar store election night and bulletins will be received there.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 4, 1904]

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### MOVES STAND

Charles Mitchell has moved his cigar and newspaper stand from the Main Barber Shop at 720 Main street to the Arlington barber shop at 705 Main street.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 14, 1931]

### NEWS AGENCY SOLD

Announcement was made today of the sale of the Sunday newspaper agency in this city by Charles Mitchell to Frank Justice owner of the Arlington barber shop. Mr. Mitchell has operated the agency for 35 years. The agency has been located in the Arlington Barber Shop for several years and will continue to be operated from this tonsorial parlor.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 17, 1939]

## MITCHELL, CHARLES A., Sr. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

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### SUNSHINE AND SHADOW

By Charles A. Mitchell

Time, in Rochester and Fulton county, begins, with me, in the year 1837, when I was three years of age. In that year, my mother, stepfather, Wm. Metz, and an older brother, James O. Mitchell, a baby half-sister, and myself, came to Rochester from Carroll county, Ind.

The new county seat, at that time, contained between three and four hundred inhabitants. It had the distinction, then as now, of being one of the many beautiful town sites of Northern Indiana. In addition, it had flattering prospects of becoming a manufacturing center of some importance. After the removal of the last of the Indians from this locality in 1838, the government abandoned the grist mill at the outlet of the lake. This left the field clear for profitable investment in the building of another grist mill, which was taken advantage of by Alexander Chamberlain and his son-in-law, Anthony F. Smith, brother of Hon. Milo R. Smith of this city. A survey and estimate of the average flow of water from the lake, by the way of the outlet, showed that there could be ample water power developed to meet the requirements of the grist mill and other machinery, if a dam were placed across the outlet, on what is now Fourth street. The same fill, or levee, is now used as a public highway between East Rochester and Rochester. The grist mill was built at the east end of Third street, one and one-half squares east of Main street. This improvement was followed with a furniture factory, owned and managed by Jacob Kitt, husband of Mrs. Anna Kitt, so long and favorably known by the middle-aged and older residents of this city, who now lives at Goodland, near her son Alvin Kitt and daughter, Mrs. Matilda Downing, the elder daughter, Mrs. Lyda Pugh and husband reside here. This factory was located below the hill west of the Michigan road, between the creek and where Mrs. Anna Metzler now lives, north of the Erie R.R. tracks. This location was selected as the one most available for using the water supply for the machinery, after it had done service at the mill above, the same passing from mill to factory down a race constructed for that purpose, on the south side of the creek. Here were manufactured chairs, bedsteads, cupboards, bureaus, coffins and any and all articles that might be needed by the new comer, the newly wed, or to bury the dead.

It had been discovered, by this time, that the marsh or bog lands in this vicinity, contained deposits of iron ore. Iron, at that time, was very expensive, compared to present prices, the supply reaching the various points where needed in Northern Indiana, by the lakes and Wabash and Erie canal, then by wagon to places where necessity demanded.

Messrs. James Moore and Butler, after giving the subject due consideration, built a forge, or factory, for the purpose of making wrought iron from bog ore. The factory was located just west of where B. O. Johnson lives. This site was selected in order to get the necessary fall from the dam as the surplus water from the pond, or reservoir above, was to furnish the power,

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conveyed to the forge by a race constructed on the north side of the creek. Men were put to work to locate ore deposits and build roads over the soft marsh lands to them, others to digging the ore and some to hauling it to the factory, usually with oxen and wagons. Contracts were let for cutting cord wood and burning charcoal, while others were engaged in hauling coal to the forge. Those, with the number required at the factory to keep the wheels moving, presented a busy scene that would put life into the quiet conditions that prevail here at present, if they could be duplicated. The large mass of molten ore was drawn from the ovens and placed on an iron table or anvil, where they were given proper shape and finish for the markets, by the skillful handling of experts, aided by the steady strokes of a hammer, weighing five hundred pounds, attached to a handle or beam twelve inches square and twelve feet long, which descended at the rate of about four strokes per minute, with sufficient force to be heard from six to eight miles, on clear, still mornings. This iron produced here was wrought billets, weighing 200 lbs. each. The mill, not being equipped with machinery for the manufacture of bar iron, was compelled to ship and sell its product in unfinished condition. These industries gave Rochester promise of a bright future, from a business view, that attracted the attention of persons seeking locations for investment in lands, town lots and business enterprises. This was before steam was counted as a factor in its application to the varied industries for which it is now used, hence the location of a sight with sufficient water in volume, with a fall that made its use practical, was considered valuable, and was supposed to govern the location of all manufacturing industries that required power to move its machinery. By reference to the location of water power, as developed, it can be readily understood why all business, including stores and shops, crowded to what is now North Main street.

In 1844 Messrs. Clark and Blair brought quite a large stock of general merchandise from Michigan City, Ind., and occupied a room where Mrs. Anna Metzler now lives, north of the Erie rail road. Later they built on the corner of Main and Third streets, west side. About this same time Messrs. Rannells and Maxwell built on the corner of Main street and Fourth where Hazlett Bros. are located, and put in a heavy stock of merchandise. This was as far south as business was pushed for several years. Finally Frederick Ault, father of Jud, ventured one square farther, to the corner of Main and Fifth streets. This was regarded as a wild venture and many of the wise fellows predicted failure.

It came to pass in the course of time, that death cast a shadow over the home of James Moore, business manager at the head of the iron industry, and left his young and beautiful wife, Lucretia Butler Moore, a widow. Deprived of his counsel, energy and ability to direct the enterprise that promised success to his earlier dream, the business perished.

Fire, sickness and general depression in business, brought disappointment and discouragement to the head of the furniture factory, and it went as it came, in company with the iron industry.

In the late fall of 1843, my parents, having disposed of their property, (house and lot) in town, moved into a log cabin, situated on the land where Reuben Darr now lives, two and one-half miles east, then in heavy timbered lands, and arranged to board some of the men who were cutting cord wood and some who were burning charcoal for the iron mill. I remember that Mr. Town and son were two of the colliers. This, the winter of 1843-1844, is remembered as the longest and most severe in Indiana, snow falling early, to a great depth and remaining until late in April. Feed of all kinds was exhausted. Many of the stock perished, those surviving were kept alive by the owners cutting green timber, such as lin, beech and other soft varieties, so that horses, cattle and sheep might eat the young twigs and buds. Later, we moved farther east, into a large story and one-half hewed log house. The logs were all of nice yellow poplar, of uniform size, and dimensions sufficient to bring a handsome sum, if they were in merchantable shape at present prices. We remained in what is now known as the McKinley neighborhood for five years. Our nearest neighbors were Stephen Davidson, one mile southwest, and Abner Barrett, Sr., one and one-half miles northeast, with heavy timbered lands intervening and all around.

It was here that two sprightly boys spent five years of happy life, five years of sunshine. The woods and all they contained were ours, with its wealth of nuts, wild fruits and rich foliage. After the tasks were done, old Chippewa, with its swimming holes were not forsaken. Squirrels,

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quail, pheasants and an occasional turkey, lent excitement to vary the monotony, I having killed every kind of game that ran wild in the woods, from a weasel to a deer, before I was fourteen, but claim no honor for killing the deer, (only one) as it was pursued so closely by the dogs that it had neither time or chance to evade me, when the fatal shot was fired that ended the chase.

Of the two boys, all that the youngest lacked of the nobler qualities, worthy of emulation, the older possessed in a marked degree--industrious, truthful in all things, unselfish, having an abhorrence for profanity, kind to a fault, manly and handsome. Was my companion, my guide, my brother James, from my earliest recollection, until the month of March, 1852. As the long train of wagons filed in line and moved out for the long journey to the land of gold, in the distant west, we walked side by side, beyond the home of our boyhood, until the time for the final goodbye was spoken. Days passed, the anxiously looked for letters reached us, bearing the news of a pleasant and successful trip, as far west as the frontier settlements, after which a long silence intervened. One bright summer day, a message, with sable border, was received and opened with trembling hands. Its burden of news pierced our hearts. The shadow that followed the sad news this letter contained, has remained and deepened as experience to added years teaches us the magnitude of our loss.

The first work I ever performed for wages was for James McQuern, father of Mrs. Abel Bowers and Mrs. Wm. Zellar, of this city. The pay was to be five dollars for one month's work. I drove two yoke of oxen to turn the first furrow where John Kibler lives, east of the lake. I was exercised quite a bit, during the month to know of what disposition I should make of my money, when received. This was my first experience in grappling with finances, but like many other problems of life, I found it easy when the time came to act. The next opportunity offered, whereby I saw a chance to add to my knowledge of experience, and further gratify the desire to swell the treasury, was when I was offered one dollar and fifty cents per week to herd one hundred head of big three-year-old cattle, the property of Leander Chamberlain and Gilbert Bozarth. Chamberlain lived, at that time, on what is known as the Haimbaugh farm, five miles northeast. At this time, I was quite small, not as large as Jud Ault is now. I was furnished with a good pony. My instructions were to keep the cattle south of the river, east of the Michigan road, west of the Rochester and Talma road and north of the road running east from town. While this scope of country is now mostly in a state of cultivation, containing many neat and comfortable homes, at that time there were only three houses, one on farm where Isaac Good now lives, (vacant) one on farm where Mrs. Cora Vandergift now lives (vacant) and one where Ed. Fults lives.

This left a large open space containing several hundred acres, interspersed with marsh and open timbered lands with but few under brush, ideal conditions for stock grazing, and as a place where a boy could have full and untrammelled sway to gratify his love for active, exciting exercise and the love of the beautiful in nature, for as I remember, every square rod of the upland was a flower garden, while the sloughs and ponds had their charms of various kinds, including the wood duck, mallard and crane--last, but by no means least, was the south bank of the river, with its bluff banks, possessing changes in scenery equaled by but few of the beautiful spots of Northern Indiana, and surpassed by none, as is evidenced by the numbers who seek its delights each recurring season. These cattle were composed of various lots bought at different places during the winter, and had not formed attachment for their new associates, a habit that is only formed by the mingling of each new arrival with the common herd. On this account, when they were driven to the feeding ground, each squad was disposed to go its own way, and wander from rather than with the others. This, at first, required constant watching and much riding, an exercise that was always to my taste. I soon got so I could ride like an Indian, and yell like a girl of the present, while "rooting" for a basket or base ball game. I know this is putting it a little strong, but the echoes of those yells prompted one of the owners of the herd to write me, more than half century after, from Kansas, referring to the incident, and asking that I answer, giving all the news that might be of interest from the old town, and have done so to the best of my ability.

The winter of 1848 was spent with my uncle, Asa Bozarth, father of Jap Bozarth, of this city, going with him in the spring of '49, to live on a farm he had purchased, just south of where Fulton is now situated, known now as the Mathews farm. This is the place referred to by W. A.

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Ward, as being the rendezvous of a desperate gang of outlaws, (of course previous to our going) but of late it had been, and was yet the place where the stage company kept relays of horses, to take the place of the ones as they came in from the north or south as the case might be. From Logansport to Uncle's was one division. From Uncle's to Rochester another, the entire run from Indianapois to South Bend was divided into divisions of from ten to fifteen miles, one driver and four horses for each station. As one came in at the end of his run, he found the next man ready, with horses harnessed, standing in waiting. With the loosening of eight traces and as many buckles, and the fastening of as many more, with fresh horses and driver seated, whip and reins in hand, a blast from the bugle, started the trained horses on the run, for the end of the division.

Uncle's family consisted, at the time, of himself, wife, four children, Miss Mary Harold and the boy from Chippewa. Many pleasant memories are associated with the days spent there, the kindness shown bordered close to indulgence. Miss Harold was a natural tease and usually selected me for her victim. Her cheerful disposition and red cheeks, the envy of the less favored of her sex, were an irresistible temptation to Joseph Williams, now of Kewanna, Ind., where they live, husband and wife, in ease and comfort, honored citizens by all who know them best. Uncle and Aunt have long since passed from the busy cares of this live. - - - - -.

The farm was sold to Judge John Wright, in the fall of '49, and the family returned to Rochester. I went to school during the winter, worked on the farm the following summer, just west of town, known as the Montgomery farm, Uncle having bought the land, with no improvements on it. In 1851 I was employed by James Rannells, he having sold his interest in the stock of goods, formerly owned by Rannells Bros., successors to Rannells & Sons, and started business at the old stand, corner of Main and Fourth streets. In a few months he contracted typhoid fever, while in Cincinnati buying goods, came home sick, death following soon. During my stay with him I had been as one of the family and had the kindest feelings for him and his young wife, a woman of refinement and pleasant disposition, who contracted the deadly disease while waiting on her husband and watching by his side day and night, from the first until the messenger called. In thirty days she was laid by his side and the young babe that I quieted while the mother wept, was cared for by its grandparents.

Newton Rannells bought his brother's goods and transferred them to his room, corner of Main and Third streets, I going with the stock, in his employment. Remained until the summer of '52, when I was offered a better salary by George Clark, who had brought a stock of dry goods from South Bend. My acquaintance with people over the county was an advantage to me, as that aided me in getting and holding a place. In February, '53, Clark began to dream of fortunes awaiting him beyond the Rockies, closed out his stock of merchandise in March, arranged and went via New York and steamer to California, taking his wife and two little children with him. Before leaving, I was presented with a nice present, as Mrs. Clark said, "As a token of our kindly feelings and respect." With the assurance on my part that I appreciated their regard, not only in this act, but by the treatment that I had received from them while in their service, wishing them happiness and prosperity in their new home, the hand shake was given and goodbyes spoken.

During the summer, while in Gilead, Miami county, I received word from Mr. Clark and wife that if I wished to go to California and was not prepared, that they would see that a way was provided. I kept my own counsel, inasmuch as some things had transpired of (to me) an unpleasant nature during my stay there, I had about concluded to take advantage of their generous offer, when word was received that Mr. Clark had died.

### From Counter to Work Bench

Returning to the time of the leaving of the Clarks, March, 1853, which occurred after I had passed my eighteenth year, past experience and observation convinced me that it would be advisable to learn some useful trade. With this object in view, I contracted with Mr. John Hale, saddler and harness maker, agreeing to stay two years, beginning in April. The following July, Hale moved to Gilead, Ind., I going with him as a part of the outfit, supposed to be a part more useful than ornamental. It was with some regret that I parted with friends and associates of boyhood days. This loss was compensated for in new acquaintances, formed with a class of

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people of more than average attainments and habits, such as were best calculated to exert good influence over those whom were brought in contact with them.

One of the sources of entertainment that I recall, was afforded by the old singing school, conducted by Prof. F. C. Brown. Among the members of the class were some whose natural musical talent was far above the average in volume, sweetness and distinctness, that reverberates and charms us yet, as memory runs back for more than a half-century. "Old Hundred," "Auld Lang Sine," "Shall Old Friends be Forgotten?" all come back, while echo says "Shall they?" - - -. This brings the sad thought also, that of that group of young people, as I knew them, happy, full of hope, with bright promise before them, across whose paths no cloud of sorrow had yet cast its shadow, have all passed out and beyond to the unknown, except five, the names of these were Miss Anna Essick, Miss Cynthia Miller, Miss Sarah Miller, Miss Jennie Grimes, including myself. Of the heads of families, Essicks, Lowes, Bakers, Millers, Rhodes, Grimes and others, whose acquaintance was an honor and pleasure. Of these, Mr. Isaac Lowe is the only one left.

In the fall of 1854, Mr. Hale moved to Akron, Ind. Shortly afterward I arranged with him for the unexpired time, spent the winter at Rochester, part of the time in the school room, returning to Akron during the summer of '55. While there I formed the acquaintance of Basil Clevinger and his family of three children, Miss Sarah, a young lady of pleasing manners, Caroline and Willim. It was soon learned that Sarah was "out on parole" having been captured by John Louderback, of Fulton, Ind., until such time as her father could secure a house-keeper to fill the place of the wife and mother, deceased, a duty performed by said elder daughter. After the war they settled at Valparaiso, Ind., became identified with the interests of that place and are numbered with the honored and respected citizenship.

In the month of May, '56, I was employed by Anthony F. and Milo R. Smith to assist in straightening up and putting a general stock of merchandise in shape, a recent purchase from the late N. R. Rannells. This led to the contract covering the entire time they remained in business, and with their successor, during his business career in Rochester.

Referring to the question of hardship, on the part of the early settlers, my observation and early experience, as far back as I have any knowledge, is that there are more people in Rochester today, pinched by hunger, cold and want, suffering for the necessities of life, with no hope of bettering their condition, than could be found in Fulton county during any year of which I have any knowledge prior to the year 1850.

As for bears, of which we have heard mention, I never knew of but one being killed in this section of country. That was in the late '40s. This one was passing from north to south, barefooted and alone, headed toward Peru, apparently not aware of the fact that if he ever reached that place he would get his eye-teeth cut, get skinned, and then some.

Of Indians, I can only remember of standing on Main street, near where the Erie R.R. tracks cross, at the west side of the road, with Brother James, as the Indians passed, single file, stretching out on the road south as far as we could see. This was in 1838, and was when they were starting for the reservation in the southwest, beyond the Mississippi river. This is the time referred to by Mr. Ward, so touchingly, when he told us how reluctantly he yielded to his mother's entreaties to return with her to the maternal roof, the home of his childhood. We know by experience, friend Ward, that it is with heart burning and sorrow that we have been compelled to stand and witness the departure, the receding, as it were, from our vision, with no power to check or restrain the removal of the beautiful Wanetas, Bright Eyes and Fluttering Poplars associated with sacred memories of youth. Time may heal the wound, but the scar remains. The joys and pleasures of youth, its sunshine and shadows, furnish life and hope to the young, and when guided by sincere and honest purpose, happiness to those of mature age.

During the winter of '55 and '56, and summer following, there was something like an epidemic swept over this entire community. A strange feature of the disease was in the fact that it selected its victims, sparing, in all cases, the heads of families. One after another of the younger generation was forced to yield to its influence. The brain was first affected, followed with heart troubles later. This continued until one after another was compelled to succumb. There were just two remained--two supposed to be immune, as it were. Wesley Shryock, Charles Shryock, Ed

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Chinn, Vint O'Donald, Capt. H. C. Long and all the old associates, had passed through the early stages of the disease and were on the way to recovery, when it was noticed that the last two began to show symptoms of an attack. About this time Jonathan Dawson began to struggle like a fly stuck in molasses, or something else (to him) as sweet. The result was that he surrendered unconditionally. The last victim flowed in four days, when the writer sent a note to Rev. Basil Clevinger, who was a practitioner, an M.D. as well as Rev., informing him that his professional services were wanted on the following Sunday, at Mr. Salmon Collins', in Liberty township. At the appointed time he arrived, diagnosed our case, administered the remedy--we took the medicine--I got a wife and Miss Isabelle E. Collins got a lemon. Since the 21st day of September, 1856, she has answered to the name of Mrs. Isabelle E. Mitchell.

Of persons who were here after we came, in 1837, my mother, who has passed her 96th annual mile-stone, Mr. W. A. Ward and myself remain. Messrs. George Hoover, Joseph A. Myers and Dee Robbins came later.

My children, Orton S. Mitchell, Charles A. Mitchell and Estella Mitchell-True, my wife and I are citizens of Rochester.

In a brief sketch, as here given, we are compelled to pass unnoticed many incidents relating to earlier days. We have only broken a twig and occasionally blazed a tree, along the line of events, just sufficient to enable the reader to follow the trail leading to present conditions.

To the old and new friends,--it is your words of friendship, given expression and force by acts of kindness and good will, that has taught me to know the goodness of your hearts. Let us renew our friendship, so that when our work, each of his kind, in old age is finished, that we may leave more of sunshine than shadow. -- Goodbye.

[Marguerite L. Miller, *Home Folks*, Vol. I, 1910, pp. 67-76]

### C. A. MITCHELL GETS BIG WRITE-UP IN CITY NEWSPAPER

The feature section of Sunday's Indianapolis Star, in which issue points of interest of Rochester and Lake Manitou were portrayed in the rotogravure section, also devoted the following interesting story concerning the early life in this city as related by Rochester's "youngest-old" man, C. A. Mitchell.

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(By Staff Reporter Indianapolis Star)

Rochester, Ind., July 18. - One of Indiana's most interesting men is Charles A. Mitchell, 90 years old, of this city. He's often referred to as "the fine old man," notwithstanding his saying that he is as young as he used to be.

Mr. Mitchell was born five miles northeast of Delphi, near the Wabash river, Nov. 25, 1834 and, in the spring two years later, moved to Fulton county, where he has resided since. Mr. Mitchell is believed to be the oldest living white man in the county. Endowed with a keen memory and an interesting style for narration, he is often sought by friends and strangers when events of days gone by are to be verified accurately.

When 3 1/2 years old, Mr. Mitchell saw the Pottawatomie Indians marching through town, going south, to join others from Logansport and Lafayette. He believes that almost four thousand red men were moved from northern Indiana.

When 10 years old Mr. Mitchell started to work for others and by the time he had reached his twentieth birthday his business acquaintanceship proved a valuable asset to those who employed him. He remembers very distinctly his connection with Anthony F. Smith, who owned the Pottawatomie water mill at Rochester. The mill had an overshot wheel and it required a twenty-two foot waterfall. At the time the wheel was installed there was a shortage of six feet, but this was overcome by raising the banks to avoid an overflow. He now lives within a few rods of the old mill pond.

### Builds Mill

This young old man says the government built a mill at Lake Manitou for the Indians in the thirties. A man by the name of Elam took charge of the mill, which ground corn mainly. After

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the Indians left, the building fell into decay and Mr. Smith said there ought to be a mill nearer the village. He wasn't long in getting the raceway constructed.

Fishing must have been very good in Lake Manitou when Mr. Mitchell was a boy, for he recalls spearing a great many buffalo cats in an area of less the size than a town lot within a half hour's time. In 1853 a Mr. Newell caught a fish weighing 260 pounds and in 1875 a Mr. Edwards photographed a 125-pound spoonbill for a stranger. At one time fish were so numerous that they blocked the mill wheel and when the news was spread abroad people came and took all they could carry home.

Many of the fish made their way farther down the stream and when Isaiah Hoover happened along and saw a dense mass of the finny tribe near an old log obstruction he hurried home for his wagon and hauled to town a twenty-one inch bed well filled and offered them free to the people in the Courthouse square. Mr. Mitchell remembers the incident as though it were but yesterday. He said the fish were mostly buffalos and that the presentation took place near the old wooden pump.

In the spring of 1864 Mr. Mitchell was out of employment and he walked to Logansport, leaving behind a wife and two small children. He soon obtained work in a store but found that vacant houses and satisfactory living quarters were so scarce that he wrote his wife he would return home very soon if something didn't show up. After a few weeks' work he gave his employer his reason for resigning. The man wouldn't believe that conditions were such as Mr. Mitchell had reported and so took a good look for himself, but he was unsuccessful too.

In doting on his youthful spryness Mr. Mitchell said that the day he decided to walk home, a man driving a team to Rochester entered the store, wanted to know if anyone was going his way and if so, the ride would be free. He accepted the invitation but progress was so slow and the March zephyres were getting the best of him so rapidly that he decided to walk a while. He was an hour ahead of the outfit when he reached home.

Mr. Mitchell takes an active part in life but says politics is too swift for him. He prefers walking to airplane riding, enjoys three meals a day and is a great nature lover. His regular program is to be temperate in all things and to retire at 9. Five o'clock each morning finds him awake.

He has been married twice. His first wife, a native of New York, died some years ago after rounding out fifty-six years of wedded life. The present Mrs. Mitchell, "a wonderful companion," her husband declared, is 72 years of age.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 19, 1926]

### **MITCHELL, CHARLES A., Jr.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

### **MITCHELL, E. L.** [Rochester, Indiana]

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#### E. L. MITCHELL HEADS NEW MUCK CROP GROUP

Mr. E. L. Mitchell, prominent Fulton County muck farmer was elected president of the newly organized Northerin Indiana Muck Growers' Association at the Northern Indiana Muck Crops Show at Churubusco this week.

The purpose of the new organization is to sponsor educational activities in the growing and marketing of muck crops and the improvement of muck soils.

Other officers of the Association are Joe Luckey, Churubusco, 1st Vice President, William Gehrig, North Judson, Second Vice President, and Roscoe Fraser, Purdue University, Secretary-Treasurer.



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Each of the 12 counties with local Muck Crop organizations will have a representative on the Board of Directors. Mr. W. K. Gast of Akron will be Fulton county director. Other counties in the organization are Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Whitley, Marshall, Elkhart, St. Joseph, Starke, Pulaski, LaPorte and Noble.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 3, 1934]

### TWO FULTON COUNTY FARMERS PRODUCE RECORD BREAKING MUCK CROPS

Whit Gast of Akron and E. L. Mitchell of Rochester given feature publicity in "The Prairie Farmer" following inspection tour of muck lands. Cass County firm also praised for its high quality produce.

Editor's Note - The following story along with the pictures shown appeared in the November 10th issue of The Prairie Farmer. It tells the story of what two prominent Fulton County farmers and another from Cass County have done in making muck soil yield big crops.

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[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 20, 1934]

### E. L. MITCHELL AGAIN TO HEAD MUCH CROP GROUP

Kendallville, Ind., Nov. 13. - The Northern Indiana Muck crops association re-elected E. L. Mitchell of Rochester president as it ended its annual show here last night. - - - - -

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 13, 1937]

### E. L. MITCHELL RE-ELECTED TO CREDIT ASS'N BOARD

E. L. Mitchell, of this city, and Everett S. Priddy of Warren, Ind., were re-elected to the board of directors of the Peru Production Credit association in a meeting held at Peru, Wednesday. Over 800 members of the association were present and the featured address of the meeting was given by Prof. J. Raymond Schutz, of Manchester college, and Indianapolis.

Officials of the group will be elected by the directors from among their number at a meeting to be held at an unannounced date in the near future. Present officers are C. Edwin Moseley, of Miami county, chairman, H. L. Matlock, Kokomo, vice-chairman, and Scott J. Hurst, Peru, secretary-treasurer.

### Serve Three-Year Terms

Directors elected today will serve for a three-year period. The present directorate is composed of Messrs. Moseley, Mitchell, Priddy, Matlock and Robert O. Justice, of Logansport.

Those in attendance at the meeting were served luncheon in four local churches.

Counties served by the association, which has headquarters in the Rhodes-Ditzler building here, are Miami, Howard, Cass, Pulaski, Fulton, Wabash and Huntington. All were represented at today's meeting. Sessions were held in the Roxy theater. - - - - -

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 18, 1940]

### E. L. MITCHELL NAMED INDIANA'S ONION KING

Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 15 (INS) - E. L. Mitchell of Rochester today was named Indiana's 1940 onion king.

With a production of 1,325.01 bushels of Southport Globe onions on one acre of Marshall county muck soil, Mitchell was chosen in a contest sponsored by Purdue university, the Northern Indiana Muck Crop Growers association and the Indiana State Vegetable Growers association. Although Mitchell, who is president of the Indiana Muck Crop Growers association grew less bushels of onions per acre than Whitney K. Gast of Akron, whose official production was 1,625.54 bushels of sweet Spanish onions per acre, Mitchell was thvictor since the contest rules rate 4 bushels of Southport Globe onions equal 5 bushels of the sweet Spanish variety. Both men will receive gold medals. - - - - -

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 15, 1940]

### E. L. MITCHELL IS CROWNED INDIANA'S 'MUCK CROP KING'

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Garrett, Ind., Nov. 25. - Indiana has an "aggressor" king. He's the 1940 state onion king, E. L. Mitchell of Rochester, president of the Indiana Muck Crop Growers' Association.

It was reported here Saturday on the opening of the 11th annual Indiana MuckCrops Show, which will continue through Nov. 28, that Mitchell had gained the distinction of being titled "Indiana's Most Distinguished Muck Crop Farmer."

Announcement of the honor was made by F. C. Gaylord, assistant head of the Purdue University horticulture department, and O. K. Quivey, head of the agricultural development division of the B. and O. Railroad, co-sponsors of the muck crops achievement contest, which has for its objectives the improvement in yields and quality of crops grown on muck soils and a diversification in crops grown.

### High Corn, Onion Yields

To win this recognition, Mitchell grew the state's championship yield of 1325 bushels of South Port Globe onions per acre, 355.73 bushels of potatoes per acre, and 135.5 bushels of corn per acre.

Mitchell was first determined the Fulton county champion, eliminating Whitney K. Gast, Indiana's 1940 potato champion, living on a farm near Akron. He then competed with muck champions from nine other Indiana counties for the state honor.

Following are the other county muck champion farmers, and the per acre yields: - - -.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 25, 1940]

## MITCHELL, ESTELLA [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Downs Sawmill

## MITCHELL, GEO. [Rochester, Indiana]

### A BUSINESS CHANGE

R. B. Marsh has sold his American restaurant to Geo. Mitchell. The deal was consummated Saturday evening, and the new proprietor took charge this morning. Mr. Marsh is an experienced restaurant man and has had charge of the American restaurant since last January. He will now spend some time looking after the interests of his farm. Mr. Mitchell came here from Peru last winter. He had four years of experience in the restaurant business at Peru and understands catering to the wants of the public. Mr. Marsh has enjoyed a liberal patronage and desires that his successor be likewise patronized.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 10, 1901]

## MITCHELL, JERRY [Rochester, Indiana]

See Hamburger Inn

## MITCHELL & ELLIS [Rochester, Indiana]

LIVERY. New Firm. New Rigs. New Landeau. New Prices. We propose to do a Livery Business in Rochester that People can afford to Patronize, and have fitted up the Brick Livery Barn with the best of Horses, Carriages and Buggies, which will be let at reasonable prices. Good Feed Yard for the accommodation of Farmers. MITCHELL & ELLIS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, November 2, 1887]

## MITCHELL & EMMONS [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - Fresh bread every morning, made by Broadlick's Steam Bakery, Kokomo. Sold by MITCHELL & EMMONS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 4, 1902]

## MITCHELL & LONG [Rochester, Indiana]

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**MITCHELL & LONG**  
**Buggies, Carriages & Wagons**

Of all the houses engaged in the carriage business in our city, we say with confidence that none occupy a position more entitled to notice at our hands than that owned and operated by Messrs. MITCHELL & LONG.

These gentlemen have been engaged in their present business for the past two years, and for the season of 1888 they display at their salesroom one of the largest and most complete stocks of buggies, carriages and spring wagons, to be found in the city. Messrs. Mitchell & Long were raised in Fulton county and for years have made the demand of the people a careful study. They evince a studied avoidance of all goods not desirable for their trade and will carry none that they cannot recommend under all circumstances, and today the vehicles handled by these gentlemen stand as the best proportioned, best ironed, best painted, lightest running and most durable rigs made.

In machine made work Messrs. Mitchell & Long make a "Leader" of the Schofield Buggy Co's. work manufactured at Ovid, Michigan. The buggies manufactured by this firm are among the very best to be found in the markets today, in fact they have no superiors and few equals, none but the best material is used in their construction, and they possess all of the latest improvements in design and finish. Purchasers will find it to their interest to bear in mind when wanting a buggy that Messrs. Mitchell & Long will sell them the Schofield buggy for the same price they will have to pay for inferior makes at other houses.

00 This firm makes a specialty of hand made work, manufactured at Noblesville, Indiana by Hare & Son. They have had a large sale on these goods and have never had a single complaint. This can be easily accounted for when we say Messrs. Hare & Son uses nothing but the best second growing hickory, the best trimming, upholstering, paints, oils and varnishes, and employs none but skilled workmen in the manufacture of their vehicles.

Besides the celebrated makes mentioned Messrs. Mitchell & Long handle a large line of buggies, carriages, phaetons, road carts and spring wagons, from various manufacturers. They also carry a large line of harness, robes and whips, collars, brushes &c, and will not be undersold.

One can gain an idea of the popularity of the goods handled by Messrs. Mitchell & Long when we state that they sold five car loads of buggies last season, and judging from present indications will sell nearly twice that amount the coming season. It is a well known fact that these gentlemen always make their word good, never advertising to do anything that they are not prepared to back up. They are regarded as among our best and most respectable business men, and we take great pleasure in recommending them to the people. Their place of business is one door north of Gould's store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 29, 1888]

**MITCHELL & MITCHELL** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Consultation Free. Drs. MITCHELL & MITCHELL, Ophthalmologists. Until we find suitable location we will be permanently located at the Arlington Hotel. Office hours, 8 to 12, 1 to 6. Evenings 7 to 9. Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 14, 1901]

**MITCHELL & NOFTSGER** [Rochester, Indiana]

Benjamin F. Noftsger operated a store at Grant, which burned in 1882. Mr. Noftsger then moved to Rochester where he was engaged in the farming implement business with A. C. Mitchell as a partner. A short time later he purchased Mr. Mitchell's interest in the store and branched out in the grain business in the year of 1885. Mr. Noftsger's activities in the grain and elevator

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business expanded to such an extent that he soon relinquished his holdings in the implement business to Milo Brush.

[Noftsgar Family, William A. Sausaman, *Fulton Co. Folks, Vol. 1*, Willard]

### MITCHELL CARD ROOM, CHARLEY [Rochester, Indiana]

Located 812 Main, next door to Levi Dry Goods store.

In the north half of the 800 block on Main street beginning from the intersecting alley, B. Levi operated a dry goods store. Next door Charley Mitchell conducted a card room with, I believe, a billiard table or so. The room later became "My Show," a popular movie house and now occupied by Adler's Dress Shop. Then Joe Levi Clothing Store and Charles Plank operated a shoestore. Ditmire's was next in line to Nobby True's Restaurant. A. C. Copeland's bank and on the corner occupied by People's Drugs (now Lord's) was Jonathan Dawson, one of Rochester's earliest dispenser of quinine, Brickle's linament, Dr. King's New Discovery and prescription and patent medicines long ago forgotten in this day of sulfa drugs, etc.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Monday, July 14, 1958]

### MITCHELL HARNESS SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

Those wanting Draft Harness or any other article in the Harness or Saddlery line . . . On hand, and make to order . . . Repairing . . . Shop up stairs in Building Opposite the Methodist Church. C. A. Mitchell & Co., Successor to Holmes & Mitchell.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 14, 1862]

Notice. The firm of Taylor & Mitchell in the Saddle and Harness business, is this day dissolved by mutual agreement. C. A. Mitchell continuing the business at the old stand. . . those indebted will please call and settle with either party at A E. Taylor's Store. A. E. Taylor, C. A. Mitchell. Roch., Aug 19th, 1861.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 24, 1861]

### MITCHELL THEATRE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located W side of street at 626 Main.

Operated by Wilbur Mitchell.

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[Adv] MITCHELL'S THEATRIUM. Comical Situation of an Escaped Convict, Honesty's Strange Reward. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday afternoons and evenings. A thrilling production ending with a big laugh. Admission only 5 cents.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 13, 1907]

### MITE SOCIETY [Rochester, Indiana]

See Churches, Mite Society; Union Mite Society

### MIX, TOM

#### TOM MIX CHOOSES PERU FOR HIS WINTER HOME

Peru, Ind., Oct 17. - When Sells Floto circus returned to winter quarters here today, Tom Mix, renowned screen star, announced that he would spend a greater part of his time in this city during the winter. He is leaving for New York tomorrow to confer with motion picture officials concerning his future in that industry. Mix said that he and Tony, his famed pony, probably will be with Sells Floto again next summer.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 17, 1929]

TOM MIX IN PERU

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Tom Mix, well known moving picture star passed through this city from Chicago Saturday enroute to Peru, in a Packard taxicab. Mr. Mix and his horse Tony are to be the star attractions this summer with the Sells Floto circus. People in Peru are trying to compute Mix's taxi bill for his trip from Chicago but all seem to be at a loss to figure the exact amount.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 17, 1930]

### TOM MIX HERE

Tom Mix, noted movie star who has been featured this summer with the Sells-Floto circus of Peru, was in this city for a short time at noon today. Mix was enroute to Chicago with two friends in the movie actor's Rolls Royce. Mix attracted much attention during his short visit to this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 3, 1930]

## MOCKLE, PROF. [Leiters Ford, Indiana]

See: Leiters Ford Band

See: Rochester Bands

## MODEL AUTOMOBILE [Peru, Indiana]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The Model Automobile works of Peru have sold a machine to a customer in Florida, and it is being taken overland over some of the roughest roads in the South. It is now in Kentucky and they are averaging one hundred and fifty miles a day.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 23, 1907]

## MODEL, THE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] THIS IS STRAIGHT. The Public will please take notice that I have GONE UNDER All competition in prices of Merchant Tailoring and Ready Made Clothing. - - - - THE MODEL, Opposite the Arlington, Jos. LAUER, Proprietor.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, September 16, 1891]

## MODEL CIGAR CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

Cigar manufacturer

Located 818 Main

## MODEL RESTAURANT [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] MODEL RESTAURANT, J. C. Barrett, Prop. Warm Meals, Night Lodging, Lunch, Choice Fruits, Confections and Supplies for Fancy Suppers. South Side Public Square.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 13, 1893]

## MODERN CABINET CO. [Mexico, Miami County]

### NEW FACTORY AT MEXICO TO START WORK SOON

Peru, Ind., Nov. 3. - Articles of Incorporation for a new industry being established in Mexico and which will employ between 50 and 75 men and women when it starts operation, were filed in the office of County Recorder Frank Dunn today. The new company has been incorporated under the name, Modern Cabinet Corp.

The new factory will occupy the old Mohican Spinning Company plant in Mexico and will manufacture table model radio cabinets.

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Operations will get under way between December 1 and 15, and there are prospects that a maximum force of 175 persons will be employed when the plant is fully established and operating smoothly.

Incorporators are Claude Dewalt, manager and owner of the Quality Cabinet Corp., on Grant street, who will also manage the Mexico plant; Ross T. Ewart, of Indianapolis, and Russell Rhodes, local attorney.

### Building Being Remodeled.

Considerable remodeling is being done at the factory, and after those alterations have been completed and a new heating plant installed, a large quantity of new equipment will be placed in the building, which has 25,000 square feet of floor space.

Mr. Dewalt, a veteran furniture executive, stated this morning that the new concern has an abundance of orders for the manufacture of 1937 model radio cabinets and it appears certain that the plant will operate steadily after it opens in December. Mr. Dewalt said that while his Peru factory and the one at Mexico are two entirely separate concerns, they will undoubtedly co-operate in meeting output demands during rush seasons.

The new industry is expected to prove a boon to Mexico and there will probably be employment for all available help in that town, officers of the new company said today.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 3, 1936]

### REORGANIZE FACTORIES IN PERU AND IN MEXICO

Peru, Oct. 11. - Steps are reported being taken here to reorganize the Quality Cabinet corporation, of Peru, and the Modern Cabinet corporation, of Mexico, following granting Saturday by Federal Judge Thomas Slick of South Bend, of a motion filed by their attorneys to be permitted to continue operations for the benefit of creditors.

Claude DeWalt, who organized the companies, revealed that the concerns already had been taken over by other parties and that he has no plans for the immediate future. Leonard Cook, an Indianapolis attorney, was reported to have acquired control of the plants for a group of Indianapolis men, while Earl Adams, former superintendent of the Peru plant, is officiating as general manager here for the Indianapolis group.

The plant makes radio cabinets and similar wood products. The local plant had been employing about a hundred men.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 11, 1937]

## MODERNISTIC BEAUTY SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

### MRS. ILO DENTON OPENS MODERN BEAUTY SHOP

Mrs. Ilo Denton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bastow, of this city has opened up a beauty shop at 110 East Eighth Street, in the parlors formerly occupied by the Manitou Beauty Shoppe. Mrs. Denton's business will be operated under the name of the Modernistic Beauty Shop. The shop is furnished with all of the latest devices to add to milady's physical attractiveness and charms.

Mrs. Denton is a graduate operator of the Marinello Beauty School of Chicago and has had several years of practical experience in all phases of her chosen profession. She has been a resident of this community for practically all of her life and has a wide acquaintance of friends who will be pleased to learn of her entry into the local business field.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 18, 1932]

[NOTE: Jean C. & Wendell C. Tombaugh, *Fulton County Indiana Cemeteries*, Rochester I.O.O.F.: Con AHLSTROM, 1896-1967; Ilo F. AHLSTROM, 1895-1965]

[Adv} Everyone is talking about the Sensation of New Permanent. VELVA WAVE IN OIL. No Machine. No Chemicals. A beautiful \$8.00 wave being introduced to you for \$6.00, complete. Exclusive at THE MODERNISTIC BEAUTY SHOPPE. 111 E.9th St., Phone 187.

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[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 14, 1936.]

### MOGLE, JAMES [Rochester, Indiana]

#### FORMER ROCHESTER CITIZEN

James Mogle, formerly of Rochester but for the past number of years residing in Mishawaka, is making good with an invention in the form of a new style of shoe jack. Concerning his success the Mishawaka correspondent of the South Bend News says:

"J. A. Mogle of this city has just been granted a patent on a new shoe jack. Mr. Mogle is a prominent business man of this [city] and formerly operated a large shoe repair shop here. Some time ago he secured patents on a different kind of a shoe repairer's jack. The present papers covers a new style of jack.

"The old jacks were formerly made in a shop on the north side, but the business has grown to such an extent that Mr. Mogle has entered into a contract with the Sibley Machine Tool Co., of South Bend to make the machines. The new jack will also be made by this company."

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 19, 1912]

### MOGLE, WM. [Rochester, Indiana]

Wm. Mogle, four doors north of the Arlington block, wants good fresh butter and eggs for which he will pay the highest market price in cash. No white scalded butter or that which is a week or two old, or that is artificially colored is wanted. It must be strictly fresh.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 3, 1892]

### MOHEGAN SPINNING CO.

#### MEXICO TO KEEP WOOLEN MILL; ADDITION PLANNED

Instead of losing the plant of the Mohegan Spinning company, manufacturers of woolen yarns, which it was reported some time ago would be closed and the machinery taken to another point, Mexico is to have a bigger and better factory than ever.

The plant which is located along Eel river and supplied with power from a dam, always has been a sizeable one, but it has been decided by the officers of this corporation in Chicago that it will be bigger than ever. Another floor is to be added and new machinery is due to arrive in a short time that will make the place not only much larger, but also much more modern.

#### More Employees

When these changes are completed it is estimated that fifty or sixty more employees will be added, making the payroll a mighty respectable one for a city the size of Mexico.

One of the troubles with the plant has been the intermittent nature of the power supply. To remedy this, connections are being made with the high-tension lines of the Northern Indiana Power company and electric motors are being installed which will provide a reserve of power for use when the river is low.

The plant is a one-story stone building.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 6, 1925]

### MOHLER, W. E. [Rochester, Indiana]

#### BUSINESS CHANGE

A deal was closed recently by which W. E. Mohler became the owner of O. A. Davis' interest in the abstract business of Davis & Fretz. The new firm will take charge of the business about January first and will retain the offices now occupied by Mr. Davis in the SENTINEL Block.

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Mr. Fretz has resigned his position as deputy auditor and will devote his entire time to the business. He has been connected with the auditors office for six years and is one of the most efficient and accommodating officials ever holding office in Fulton county. Mr. Fretz' large probate matters, conveyances and other county matters will serve him well in his new work. Mr. Mohler is a hustler and has built up a large insurance and real estate business since locating in Rochester. He will continue to devote his energies to this class of work.

Martin W. Ivey, the Kewanna Attorney, will succeed Mr. Fretz as deputy Auditor, and O. A. Davis will continue to practice law, but will remove his office to the Deniston building, over Wiles Clothing Store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 4, 1909]

## **MOLLENCUPP, FLOYD E.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Floyd E. Mollencupp)

## **MONTEREY, INDIANA** [Pulaski County]

### MONTEREY

Jesse Ball's butcher shop was burned down Sunday morning at 5 o'clock.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 1, 1905]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

John Engel sold the livery barn to Wm. Poisel, of Madaryville, who took possession Monday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 23, 1907]

### MONTEREY

Monterey Sun.

The soft drink house in this place has changed hands just a few times recently. One night last week W. E. Woodward transferred his interest in the business to Samuel Stailey and Louis Schall. This latter firm only remained in existence something over 36 hours, when it was dissolved and the junior member, Schall, took on the entire business which he is conducting up to the time of going to press.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 28, 1908]

### MONTEREY

Monterey Sun.

The I. Overmyer store has been closed out to Showalter Bros. of Hartford City, John Engel, real estate dealer of this place making the deal, which we are informed was a good one so far as Overmyer is concerned, he getting four residence properties at the above place which are said to be worth at least \$3,500.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 4, 1908]

### NEWS OF THE DAY



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Monterey is booming some as Marbaugh Bros. have purchased the implement stock and are putting up a two-story building adjoining their hardware store. Peter Follmer is remodeling his store building and others are building additions to their houses.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 8, 1909]

### MONTEREY

Monterey Sun.

The First National bank at this place will open for business Monday, Aug. 1, in the handsome new cement block structure on Main street. The furniture and fixtures have been installed and with a first-class safe and vault. The bank is one of the best equipped institutions of its kind to be found, and our community should feel complimented on having a National bank at this place as such banks are rarely established in the smaller towns.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 28, 1910]

### MONTEREY

The new gothic arch will be completed by Saturday in St. Ann's Catholic church. When completed it will be as fine a church as can be found in northern Indiana for its size. The sixteen new windows will cost \$332, four of them having been donated and the balance, no doubt, will be. The donor's names will appear on the windows. The entire improvement will cost about \$3,000. Total value of property and buildings about \$23,000.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 1, 1910]

### MONTEREY

The old livery barn owned by P. A. Follmer has been torn down by H. Fansler & Sons, to be moved to Mr. Follmer's farm, east of town.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 16, 1911]

### MONTEREY

Monterey Sun.

Another of the old landmarks of Monterey has been razed to the ground, to make room for a new modern up-to-date brick veneer residence. It is the old squatty building on Main street directly west of the Young home, which years ago was used to dispense "wet goods" in but of late years had passed all usefulness, only waiting from someone to tear it down. The new residence is to be erected by Frank Hartman.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 6, 1911]

### MONTEREY TOWN BOARD BUYS NEW FIRE TRUCK

A new fire truck mounted on a Ford chassis was delivered to the town board of Monterey by a Prospect, Ohio firm, last Saturday. The fire truck was purchased several months ago. The equipment of the truck consists of two large chemical tanks and a rotary pump which can be connected to driven wells of the city which wells will be sunk this spring. The Monterey town board is composed of Clif Chapman, Ed Easter and William Stevens. The new fire equipment will greatly lower the fire insurance rate in Monterey, which savings was asked by the business men and property owners of that city.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 5, 1928]

### STATION SOLD

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The filling station in Monterey owned by William Peters and operated by Kenneth Highland for the past year has been sold to the Standard Oil Company. Joseph Bower is to be the manager and will take possession Wednesday.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 31, 1931]

### LEAVES FOR ARIZONA

Dr. A. J. Kelsey, Monterey physician, who has served that community since about 1896, closed his office Wednesday night and Thursday morning left for Phoenix, Arizona, where he will remain indefinitely. Dr. Kelsey's wife has been in Arizona for some time. She is suffering with a heart ailment.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 21, 1945]

### MONTEREY BANK TAKES PLACE IN MILLION CLASS

The First National Bank of Monterey is this week observing the thirty-fifth anniversary of its founding, with announcement that its assets are now well past the million dollar mark.

When the books were footed Tuesday evening the anniversary date, they showed assets of \$1,171,248.37, an increase of more than \$200,000 in the past year. Deposits exceed \$1,113,000.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 3, 1945]

## **MONTEREY HERALD** [Monterey, Pulaski County]

### MONTEREY HERALD SUSPENDS

The Monterey Herald, a weekly newspaper that has been published in the town west of here for so many years has discontinued publication. A. L. Treasize, the editor has sold all of the equipment and it will be taken to Medaryville print shop. The Herald was always a creditable paper but like the case of the Macy Monitor and the Star City News, the publisher says that he could not keep up with increasing costs and decreasing advertising and subscribers.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 25, 1922]

## **MONTGOMERY, H. L.** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Kimball Pianos - Organs. - - - H. L. MONTGOMERY, Dealer in "Kimball" Pianos and Organs. Office over Bank of Indiana, Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 15, 1901]

## **MONTGOMERY, HARLEY** [Akron, Indiana]

Akron News.

Harley Montgomery, the restaurant man, is preparing to do his own baking.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 4, 1905]

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Akron News.

Harley Montgomery informs us that he expects to erect a new and up-to-date Obaeoven on the Wicks property that he bought this week. He does not expect to do any retailing of bread, pies or any other goods that he may put out. His business will be with the wholesale trade only. Thus a new industry will be opened up in Akron and if it gets in the ascendancy, which we believe it will, like our grain trade, our livestock trade, Akron will soon be shipping bread to neighboring towns.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 3, 1906]

## **MONTGOMERY, O. C.** [Talma, Indiana]

[Adv] The White Star Filling Station has been replaced with the Indian at O. C. MONTGOMERY'S place at Talma, due to the fact that the Indian Gas and Oils are in greater

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demand in this locality. Also a nice canopy front has been built out from in front of the store giving the store a nice appearance and making it handy and nice to take care of the gas and oil business.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 1, 1928]

## MONTGOMERY, O. F. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Montgomery & Emmons

## MONTGOMERY, THEODORE [Rochester, Indiana]

### BIOGRAPHY

This gentleman is one of the early settlers of the county. He is a native of Richland County, Ohio, where he was born September 12, 1826. He is the son of Caleb and Elizabeth Montgomery, the former a native of Virginia, the latter of Pennsylvania.

Caleb Montgomery, a pioneer from birth and a sturdy son of toil, was born June 23, 1799, in Virginia, of Scotch-Irish descent, the name Montgomery, being of Scotch origin--"Oh ye hills and castles of Montgomerie." His father, Benjamin Montgomery, was a native of Virginia, and a miller by trade. His mother, Nancy, was a native of the State of Delaware. They left Virginia when Caleb was a small boy, and settled in Richland County, Ohio, where they died, and where Caleb grew from a mere boy to a man of family. He was the fifth of eleven children, and his education as a mere rudimentary one, on account of having settled in a new and thinly populated district. The thing most important to young men and boys in those days was to have some trade or profession. In his case, being of a migratory disposition, and having settled in a new and heavily wooded country, the carpenter's trade was the most important. He chose this and followed it in connection with his agricultural pursuits. In 1820, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Callen, a native of Pennsylvania, as before stated, born August 7, 1798 and a native of the same county as her husband. To these parents were born five children--Mary, now deceased; Sarah, now the wife of Henry Davidson, living in Halsey, Oregon; Theodore, of whom this sketch is concerned; Porter, deceased at Vicksburg, Miss.; and Callen, now interested in the mining business in Coloma, Cal. In 1834, Mrs. Montgomery deceased, leaving a mourning husband and family, and in 1836 he married Sarah L. Mercer, a native of Ohio, born in 1812. To these parents were born ten children, four sons and six daughters, all of whom are now dead but three.

As the borders of settlement were extended westward, the spirit of enterprise with a love of frontier life, induced him to follow in the line of march. He left the scenes of boyhood's years and early struggles and came to Indiana, settling in Fulton County in 1837, when there were but few white men in a distance of many miles around. He chose a location in a heavy wooded district six miles east of Rochester, where there was not a tree or bush missing, and where there were no roads, only winding paths of the Indian to travel, and where he carved from the forest a home for his family; though tedious and long were his struggles, his dauntless spirit never weakened or wanted. The forest trees fell, and ere many years had come and gone a beautiful farm appeared, and a mark left which shows what must have been the trials of the sturdy pioneers. He lived to see the town grow from a mere Indian trading post into a flourishing town of over two thousand people, and he saw the camp fires of the Indians die out, and the fireside of home and comfort take its place, and died February 23, 1872, at the age of seventy-three years, honored by all who knew him and an humble servant of Him whom he served all through life.

Theodore Montgomery, of whom this sketch is principally concerned, came to Fulton County with his parents in 1837 as stated in the beginning. Though a mere boy he took an active part in the labors necessary to the cleaning of fields, and cultivation of grain. His education being a very limited one, as the school facilities were very meager, and his time was necessarily spent in hard manual labor. However at the age of twenty he enlisted as a volunteer to go to Mexico in the war of 1847, and served one year in the first regiment Indiana ever produced.

While engaged in the celebration of Washington's birthday, at the city of Matamoras, Mexico, he sustained an injury, by the accidental explosion of a cannon, which has continued with

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him all through life. After returning from Mexico, he engaged in cabinet-making for several years. He was united in marriage, in 1849, to Margaret Wilson, a native of Henry County, Ind., and a daughter of Mathew and Margaret Wilson, who were natives of Kentucky. She was born November 14, 1831. A few years after marriage, Mr. Montgomery, with his wife and one son, made an overland or wagon trip to California, in search of a fortune; this journey lasted six months, and was full of adventure and danger, yet they landed at their destination without harm. While in California, he engaged in gold mining, and at the expiration of two years, with a nice little fortune, he turned his face toward the orient, and after twenty-one days of sailing from San Francisco by way of the Isthmus of Panama he landed at New York City, thence overland to Indianapolis, then by stage to Rochester where he purchased a farm immediately adjoining the corporate limits of the town. Here he began life with an earnest determination to succeed, and where he now resides on his Mount Pleasant farm, enjoying the comforts of life.

His family consists of wife and four sons, his only daughter having deceased some years ago--Francis C., born October 14, 1850; Commodore W., December 11, 1854; Osbra F., born October 3, 1858; Cara E., born October 11, 1860, deceased November 15, 1872; Owen L., born March 30, 1868; also a nephew, Loren C. Montgomery, a son of his brother, is now a permanent member of the family.

Mr. Montgomery's life has been one of diligent, arduous labor; his form though yielding to the weight of years, yet reflects what was once a strong man. His deafness has almost ostracized him from society, yet he enjoys the respect and confidence of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Feeling the need of rest and wishing to enjoy a vacation, he, in company with his wife, made a tour through all the Western States and Territories, spending all of the summer of 1882 on the Pacific Coast, visiting all the points of interest, and renewing old memories of early struggles in the Golden State, coming home, where he may now live to be honored by his family and enjoy the rest of his advanced years.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 30]

### **MONTGOMERY, WILLIAM** [Rochester, Indiana]

Wm. Montgomery, Teacher of Vocal and Instrumental Music. For Terms, &c., apply at his residence, opposite A. K. Plank's. Pianos, Melodeons, and all kinds of Musical Instruments Toned and Repaired. Rochester, March 15, 1860.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 7, 1860]

### **MONTGOMERY, WILLIAM J.** [Newcastle Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

William J. Montgomery. - This gentleman of whom we now write is a descendant of the family to which Gen. Richard Montgomery, who fell at Quebec, belonged. His father, Caleb Montgomery, mentioned elsewhere in this work, was born in Richland County, Ohio, in 1799, and was a nephew of Gen. Richard Montgomery. He emigrated to this county and landed on the Montgomery homestead March 1, 1837, when this was an unbroken wilderness. Here the subject of this sketch was born on the 4th of October, 1849, and here he lived till it pleased his Creator to call him away. He was the ninth of his mother's ten children, his father having previously been married, to which marriage had been born five children. The writer knew Mr. Montgomery from his infancy, and knew him always to be affable, genial and kind. In his schoolboy days, he was a favorite with the other pupils. On the play-ground, he was always ready and willing to advance the interests of his fellows; ready, if necessary to yield his place for the comfort and pleasure of others. Though it could not be said that he was an adept in his studies, yet when absent from the classes he was always missed. The same might be said of him as a man and citizen, and as a husband and father he was social, affectionate and kind. Upon arriving at manhood, he inherited the greater portion of the homestead with certain stipulations which we believe were faithfully performed. On the 25th of May, 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Clara E. King, who

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walked by his side, faithfully performing the duties of wife and companion for nearly ten years, until February 10, 1882, when she was called to mourn his loss by the relentless hand of death. The union of these was blessed with four children--Harley L., Omer C., Mary L. and Nora E., all of whom are living. Some twelve years prior to his death, Mr. Montgomery united with the Baptist Church at Yellow Creek, of which society he ever remained a faithful member. Mrs. Montgomery is also connected with the same society. Mrs. Montgomery was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, July 7, 1855, and came to this county with her parents in 1863. She obtained her education in the common schools of her native and adopted counties, and has always been regarded as an industrious woman and an ornament to the society in which she lived. Her father, Charles King, is a native of Pennsylvania, was born September 5, 1814. February 28, 1842, he married May Haimbaugh, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, born February 3, 1824.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 49]

## MONTGOMERY & EMMONS [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] MONTGOMERY & EMMONS, O. F. Montgomery, C. E. Emmons. Lawyers and Notary Public. Successors to Essick & Montgomery.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 2, 1908]

### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the partnership business of the firm of Montgomery & Emmons, attorneys at law, heretofore existing, has been this day, by mutual consent of both parties, dissolved, O. F. Montgomery retaining the old office, C. E. Emmons starting an office for himself.

Dated December 3rd, 1912.

O. F. MONTGOMERY

C. E. EMMONS

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 3, 1912]

## MONTGOMERY SWEET SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

### BUY SWEET SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Montgomery, of Akron, have purchased Hathaway's Sweet Shop, and will take up their residence in Rochester. Earl Hathaway will take a position for the winter with a Hammond firm, but his family will probably remain here this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery will reside in the John Barr home on west Ninth st., as Mr. and Mrs. Barr leave Monday to spend the winter in California.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 27, 1915]

### WILL HANDLE READY-TO-WEAR

E. Gross, of the firm of Gross and Gross, South Bend, Thursday evening completed the purchase of the Harley Montgomery Sweet Shop, in the Arlington block, and announced that he would open a first class ladies ready-to-wear store in the same location by Feb. 1st. A five year lease has been closed for the room.

Mr. Gross, who is a brother of Joe Gross, Studebaker representative, well known here, has been in the business for some time in South Bend, but expects to make Rochester his home. He is a married man, with three children.

He is advertising for sale the stock and fixtures of the Sweet Shop, which he is said to have bought for \$600. Mr. Montgomery has made no announcement of his plans.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 4, 1918]

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### **MONTGOMERY'S ICE CREAM PARLOR** [Talma, Indiana]

Operated early 1900's.

Nicknamed "Hell's Half Acre."

### **MONTGOMERY'S RESTAURANT** [Talma, Indiana]

Restaurant, bakery and butcher shop, operated by Omar Montgomery, early 1900's.

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#### **BAKERY AND MEAT MARKET**

Omar C. Montgomery has taken possession of the bakery and meat market at Talma, where he will carry a fresh line of groceries, fresh meats and baked goods. Your patronage solicited.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 10, 1906]

### **MONTY'S** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **CANDY STORE SCHEDULED TO GO OUT OF BUSINESS**

Another change in the scenery of Rochester places of business is scheduled to take place in the very near future, more than likely before the close of the month when "Monty's" the candy store owned by Ralph Montgomery either changes hands or is closed out by the proprietor. While admitting that a change of some description is imminent, Montgomery declared Monday afternoon that he could not state whether or not he would sell out or close out.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 14, 1922]

### **MOON, GEORGE W.** [Union Township]

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

George W. Moon, deceased, was born in Ohio, August 5, 1839, the son of William and Melinda (Lee) Moon, both of whom were natives of Ohio and came to Union township, Fulton county, Indiana, in 1845. George W. Moon was reared on the home farm and was educated in the district school near his home. An interesting touch of romanticism in this prosaic age is the story of how he met and married his wife. While he was still attending the district school, Sara Jane Mellisor came from Miami county, Ohio to take charge of that same school. Her advent into the community was the beginning of the romance, for when she returned to her home in Ohio at the end of the term, George Moon followed her, and they were married on March 15, 1865. A few weeks later they returned to Fulton county to make their home. They lived in the utmost harmony for fifty-one years. He died March 18, 1916. When George Moon returned to Fulton county with his bride, he took up his residence in Aubbeenaubbee township, where they lived for twelve years in a log cabin. At the end of that time he moved to the farm on which his widow now resides. At his death, he owned two hundred acres of land including eighty acres of the old home farm which he had purchased shortly before his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Moon were born eight children, all of whom are living: Charles Munroe, who lives at Mishawaka, Indiana, and has five children; Ida, the wife of Schuyler Rouch, of Liberty township; Clara, the wife of Elge Yelton, of Ora, Indiana; Perry, of Logansport, Indiana; William, who lives in Union township; Jacob, of Liberty township; Samuel, of South Bend, Indiana; and Frank B., who lives in Aubbeenaubbee township. Mrs. Moon is happy in having twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren. George Moon was a successful farmer and improved the land by the addition of excellent farm buildings and a beautiful home. Although he supported the principles of the Democratic party, he neither sought nor cared for office. He and his wife were devout members of the United Brethren church. Mrs. Moon is now in her eighty-fourth year, and as the result of falling down the cellar stairs over a year ago, she will probably be a cripple for the rest of her life, although she manages to get about with the aid of a crutch.

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[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 246-247, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

### **MOON, SIDNEY R.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Downs Sawmill

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#### SIDNEY R. MOON (Biography)

The face and fame and handshake of Hon. Sidney R. MOON are doubtless familiar to as many or more people in Fulton county than any man who ever graced the locality with his residence. Mr. Moon is a Buckeye by birth having been born in Ohio 52 years ago, but he came with his parents to Indiana when 5 years old and located in this county where he has ever since resided, except his present temporary residence at the State capitol. He was brought up on a farm but, owing to an accident at the age of twenty which permanently disabled his right hand, he prepared himself for teaching and followed the vocation for many years, his last work being in the Rochester city schools. In 1872 he accepted the democratic nomination for Sheriff and was triumphantly elected. Two years later he was re-elected by an increased majority and in 1888 and again in 1890 represented Fulton county in the State Legislature -- always running ahead of his ticket. His prominence in the legislature which gave us our excellent election law, school book law, tax law etc., etc., made him an available candidate for a State office in '92 and he was given the nomination for Reporter of the Supreme court without opposition and again elected by a proud majority. The duties of this trust called Mr. Moon to Indianapolis but Rochester is still his home and when his services for the state, which he is discharging so faithfully, are finished, he will again be one of us. He married Miss Minnie WALTERS, daughter of the venerable John H. WALTERS, and they have a family of four children, viz: Lee, Albert, Harry and Belle [MOON].

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

#### SIDNEY R. MOON IN TOWN

Hon. Sidney R. Moon, widely known all over Indiana, spent Sunday at his old home here with his many friends. "Sid," as everybody knows him, is living at Portland, this state, but his business interests are in Missouri where he owns an interest in an ice manufacturing plant and is extensively engaged in the lumber business. He owns several acres of timber land, has a big 100 horse power saw mill and operates the lumber cutting business on a large scale. He has his son Albert associated with him and his hosts of friends, in Fulton county and throughout the State will be pleased to hear that he is making money.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 14, 1902]

#### OBITUARY

Sidney MOON, former well known resident of Rochester, died at four o'clock Tuesday morning at his home in Portland, according to word received here by his brother-in-law, L. B. WALTERS. Mr. Moon died following a stroke of paralysis. He was about 79 years of age.

Mr. Moon was at one time a school teacher in this city where he had many friends. He was sheriff of Fulton county and was later named State supreme court reporter. He had not lived here for a number of years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Minnie MOON, two sons, Albert MOON, of New York, and Lee MOON, of Portland, and a daughter, Mrs. Bell SWARTZ, also of Portland.

Following funeral services at Portland the body will be brought to Rochester where graveside services will be conducted at the I.O.O.F. cemetery Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 18, 1923]

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### **MOORE, BENJAMIN G.** [Henry Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

This well-known farmer and stock-raiser of Henry Township, is a native of Logan County, Ohio, where he was born September 10, 1833, and is the oldest son of Dennis and Anna Moore, who are also natives of Ohio. After receiving a fair education at the school in the vicinity of his father's home, Benjamin acquired in his earlier years a thorough knowledge of the duties pertaining to farm life. He remained with his parents until he reached his majority.

On July 22, 1855, Mr. Moore was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Miller, born in Logan County, Ohio, October 17, 1836. In August, 1858, he came to the State of Indiana, settling upon the premises where he has since resided. The farm consists of 160 acres, which was entered by his father and given him by the latter in lieu of his interest in the family estate in Ohio. When Mr. Moore located on his quarter-section, no improvements had been made, but he at once put up a hewed-log house and industriously labored to clear up the wild forest. His labor has been amply rewarded, for finely cultivated fields, modern, commodious farm buildings and handsome family residence, with pleasant surroundings, denoting prosperity and peace, are visible on all sides.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore's married life has been blessed with nine children, of whom seven-- J. M. Moore, Albert A., Flora and Laura, Mary Belle and Ella M. and Wilson M. are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are worthy members of the United Brethren. The erection of the church edifice at Mt. Hope is largely due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Moore, who was President of the Board of Trustees that had charge of construction of the building.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 39]

### **MOORE, CHARLES B.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

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### **C. B. MOORE**

#### Photographer

There is no stronger evidence of the advancement of a people in refinement and culture, or more convincing proof of hospitality than the encouragement and cultivation of the fine arts. In the rapid progress of modern research, few professions have received greater accessions of improvements than photography. In the great accumulations of styles, careful sifting and judgment have been required in order to discard the worthless and trivial and select the meritorious.

Mr. [C. B.] MOORE is an example of a painstaking, thorough artist, and a visit to his parlors will amply repay the lover of the beautiful and artistic. This gentleman has had an experience of over eight years, his location being opposite court house. Since locating in our city Mr. Moore has had to contend with a great deal of competition. Photographers have located here time and again, but when patrons compared their work to that of Mr. Moore, they have invariably stuck to the latter, and today he holds the field alone and undisputed.

The rooms he occupies are nicely fitted up, are kept in excellent order, and everything about the place denotes a thorough knowledge of the business in which he is engaged, and a high degree of intellectual culture and refinement. The operating rooms deserve special mention. It is supplied with all the improved instruments known to the profession, and the light is excellent.

Mr. Moore makes a point of always keeping up with the times. His experience is extensive, and he has profited by the knowledge gained. He examines carefully into everything new that is introduced into photography, and if it is considered practical and any improvement on what he has hitherto used, he never fails to adopt it.

Mr. Moore makes all kinds of photographs, but makes a specialty of cabinets, panel pictures and large work. He also pays special attention to retouching, and his work in all things equals that of large cities. His positions are all characterized by an ease and grace which few photographers can obtain, and we consider his greatest success lies in this.



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He uses the instantaneous process, by which pictures are taken in one-hundredth the ordinary time. A photograph by this is more satisfactory than by any other, and it is the only method by which you can obtain a life-like picture of a child. He also has special equipment for outside work and has achieved a great success in that line.

We heartily commend Mr. Moore to the people, and are safe in saying that all persons entrusting their work to him will be sure to have good work done, receive full value for their money and be treated in a very pleasant and agreeable manner.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 29, 1888]

### CHARLES B. MOORE (Biography)

Photographer Charles B. MOORE is a native of Fulton county, son of George MOORE, the widely known old farmer east of Manitau. He entered an apprenticeship at a Peru gallery sixteen years ago and after serving three years, came to Rochester and opened a gallery. Since then he has increased his facilities for high class photography until he now has the finest of equipment and room built expressly for his business. Mr. Moore is 44 years old and always happiest when making a good photo or trolling for bass, the fine string of fish shown elsewhere being one of his catches. He married Miss Belle HECTOR and they have two children, Cornelia and Lewis [MOORE].

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

### GALLERY SOLD

Having disposed of my Photograph Gallery, I am to give possession November 1st, 1903.  
--- C. B MOORE.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 17, 1903]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

A deal was closed Monday evening, by which C. B. Moore and Ray Showley sold their photographic studios to Messrs J. M. Steele, of Sidell, Ill., and V. L. Manning, of this place. The new owners took possession at once. They will conduct the Showley studio, in the rooms where it is now located and open another in the rooms over where Ditmire's store formerly was.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, November 1, 1904]

## MOORE, DANIEL M. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Moore's Cigar Store

## MOORE, ENOCH M. [Wayne Township]

### BIOGRAPHY

Enoch M. Moore, the son of Lindley and Lydia (Vanmeter) Moore, was born in Fulton county, Ind., Sept. 10, 1851. The father, Lindley Moore, was born in Ross county, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1806. The mother, Lydia Moore, was born in Ross county, Ohio, in July, 1813. The father remained with his parents until the age of twenty-four, having in the meantime labored on the farm and also operated a saw mill. In 1830, at the age of twenty-four, he was married to Lydia Vanmeter. He began life as a farmer, which he followed through life. In 1846 he came to Wayne township, Fulton county, Ind., and entered some 200 acres of land. Some two years later (1848) he, together with his wife and family, migrated to Indiana in a wagon, and settled on the land which he had entered. Here he remained until his death, being at that time the possessor of 480 acres of improved land. He died in 1877. The mother died just five days later. To this union were born the following children: Eliza Ann, Samuel, deceased; William, deceased; Joseph and Taylor, deceased were twins; Elias, deceased; Martha, deceased; Lindley, deceased; James, John and Enoch M., were twins, and George. Enoch M., the subject of this sketch, remained at home with his parents until the age of twenty-five, having in the meantime received but a common school education. Jan. 18, 1881, he was married to Ollie Brown, the daughter of Salathiel and

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Elizabeth Brown. Enoch having received his share of his father's estate, eighty acres of land, settled down on the same as a farmer. He now resides on this tract of land. At present he owns 100 acres of valuable land. To his marriage have been born the following seven children: Merrill, deceased; Leola, Elsie, Leila, Lottie, Earl, Monnie. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church. He has always been a staunch republican.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, p. 109]

### **MOORE, F. F.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### CHESTER WHITE SALE

The Fourth Annual Sale of Brood sows at Elm Dale Stock Farm on Tuesday, October 10, 1899, will offer 30 Chester White hogs, 25 of which are February, March and April sows, not bred. These hogs have been selected from over one hundred head and will go to the highest bidder.

Sale at 11 o'clock at my new residence 4 miles east of Rochester on the Akron and Rochester road. F. F. MOORE. S. W. NEWELL, Auctioneer.

Terms 9 months time, 6 per cent off for cash.

Rain or shine plenty of shelter.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 5, 1899]

### **MOORE, FRED H.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### HONOR FOR A LOCAL CITIZEN

Fred Moore of Moore Bros., this city, was distinctively recognized in Chicago Wednesday when he was placed on the executive board of nine members of the new National Swine Growers Association, an organization which is national in scope and had its birth in the new Ft. Dearborn hotel at a banquet attended by 200 men.

The new organization is composed of breeders of all kinds of swine and will have as its chief purpose the furtherance and protection of hog raising. In this work, the executive board will be very active. A national show, similar to the International Stock show, of two weeks duration, will probably be given next year, with exhibits of all kinds of appliances used by swine men, as well as the stock itself. Because of the national character of the organization and the work it has ahead, Mr. Moore was highly honored in being chosen on the board.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 4, 1914]

#### MURDOCK HOTEL SOLD BY FRED MOORE, OWNER

The Murdock Hotel in Logansport, owned by Fred Moore, formerly of Rochester, has been sold it was learned here today. Mr. Moore early in the week disposed of his interest to Roy Johnson, known as "Uncle Roy" in that city and former owner of a cafeteria there. Mr. Johnson will resign his position as clerk of the municipal light department and has already assumed management of the hostelry.

Mr. Moore who has lived in the hotel with his family since they moved there about a year ago will continue his residence in Logansport until the middle of this month. He has not announced his future plans. He purchased the hotel of a stock company and has operated it since that time.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 4, 1930]

#### SELLS MANY FARMS HERE

Fred H. Moore, the subject of this sketch is well known in Fulton County as the oldest of the Moore Brothers, for many years publishers of the Chester White Journal and nationally known breeders of Chester White Swine and foremost authority on live stock and agriculture activities and as such has been elected as director of the National live stock and meat board he has traveled in every corn belt state and many of the out lying states in live stock and agricultural

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transactions. In the latter part of 1933 he was emergency land officer for the Federal Land Bank of Louisville, Ky. As head of the Fred H. Moore Realty Co. with offices at 116 East 8th, News-Sentinel building, he is making an enviable record for quick, satisfactory sales of properties and farms, some of these deals have been made possible through the co-operation of large Chicago and Indianapolis real estate agencies who furnish prospective buyers, also Mr. Moore has special arrangements whereby farms can be purchased by the use of first mortgages on other properties or securities as full payment or partial payment with terms as low as 10% down and 1% or 2% per year on principle or 20 year payment plan! In addition to the above connections for selling real estate Mr. Moore is affiliated with the selling of farms owned by the Federal Land Bank Insurance Company, Finance Corporation and Loan Associations a set-up that provides numerous outlets for good sales and exchange.

"The back to the land movement," said Mr. Moore, "is rapidly crystalizing into action among city residents, and right now is the opportune time to list property and land. Many of these people have good, unencumbered city income property in exchange for land, and we are striving to effect the medium through which our people and the city resident can meet and discuss the mutual advantages offered to both be it either cash or trade."

A visit to the Fred H. Moore Realty Company's office, News-Sentinel Bldg., Phone 234 might put you in touch with the very sale or trade you have been wanting. You will find some of these properties mentioned in the classified department of this issue.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, December 6, 1934, p. 24]

## MOORE, GEORGE [Rochester Township]

### BIOGRAPHY

George Moore. - Ocr. 1, 1840, is the time when the gentleman whose name introduces this review and who, for many years, has been familiarly known as "Uncle George Moore," came to Fulton county. He is a native of Logan county, Ohio, born May 22, 1819, and is a son of George and Mary (Moore) Moore. His father was born in Pennsylvania in 1789. He was a soldier of the war of 1812 and died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1855. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Moore was George Moore, a native of Massachusetts. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and participated in many of the important battles of that conflict, among which may be mentioned Bunker Hill, Stony Point and Brandywine. By occupation he was a weaver, which vocation he followed almost until the time of his demise at more than ninety-nine years of age, when death came to him in Jasper county, Ind., July 18, 1848. The mother of the subject of this biography was born in Ohio and died in Logan county, of that state, in 1823. He was raised in Logan county, Ohio, and attended school there. In early life he learned the wheelwright and chairmaker trades and these vocations he followed until about 1865. Upon coming to this county he first settled in the woods about six miles east of Rochester, where he lived for some eighteen months, when he removed to Rochester, and here lived until the spring of 1848, when he removed to his present place of residence, about three miles east of Rochester. Since 1865 Mr. Moore has been engaged in farming and now owns in this county about 455 acres of good land. As a farmer Mr. Moore has been successful. He was united in marriage in 1842 to Miss Eleanor Quigg, who died in Rochester soon after the marriage. In November, 1844, Mr. Moore married Miss Rebecca Clark, who was born in Lewis county, Va. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore are these three living children, viz.: Milton H., Charles and Frank. The right of political suffrage has been cast with the fortunes of the republican party since its birth, and Mr. Moore is a pronounced advocate of a protective tariff. He cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay. In 1876 he was the nominee of his party in Fulton county for commissioner, and while he was not successful at the election he reduced the democratic majority of the county very perceptibly. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and one of the honorable old settlers and citizens of his adopted county.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 109-

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### **MOORE, GEORGE M.** [Wayne Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

George M. Moore, the son of Lindley Moore and Lydia (Vameter) Moore, was born on the farm where he now lives March 12, 1855. His father entered the farm spoken of in 1836, but did not commence to improve it until 1850, having settled first in Lafayette, and thence removed to Ohio, where he resided until coming here. Mr. Moore, Sr., was the parent of seven children, viz., Eliza A., Samuel W., William B., James A., John A., Enoch M. and George M., who are all settled in this township and follow farming. Mr. Moore, Sr., though about fifty-seven years of age when he enlisted, and two of his sons, were in the war of the rebellion. Both of the sons died in the service. Mr. Moore, Sr., had 480 acres of land at the time of his death. He and his sons were and are Republicans and thrifty farmers.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 62]

### **MOORE, HAROLD** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Harold Moore)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Harold Moore)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Third Letter From Harold Moore)

### **MOORE, IDA F.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### MILLINERY, ART GOODS STORE WILL OPEN SOON

Mrs. Ida F. Moore of Peru has rented the W. F. Newman room at the corner of Madison and Eighth streets and will open a millinery and art goods store. One room is being re-arranged and re-decorated by Mr. Newman and should be ready for occupancy in two weeks.

Mrs. Moore, who has been engaged in the millinery business in Peru for a number of years, has purchased modern fixtures for her establishment which arrived today.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 10, 1925]

### **MOORE, IKE** [Athens, Indiana]

#### MASKED MEN WHIP IKE MOORE

Twelve men, armed with guns, revolvers, rope and hickory switches and the features of their faces completely hidden behind pillow slip masks, broke open the bed room door of Isaac Moore's home, one mile east of Athens, at midnight, Monday night, pulled the old man out of bed and after tying his hands securely dragged him to his buggy shed a hundred feet away and lashed him until his back, breast, arms and legs were one mass of bleeding wounds.

Five men entered the house by forcing the door and dragged him out of bed. Two of the men held him by his arms and another tied them together with hemp rope. While this was being done, others choked, pinched, kicked and otherwise tormented him until he was very furious with rage. When he was securely bound he was carried and dragged to the barnlot, where a rope attached to his arms was thrown over a crosspiece and he was pulled up until his toes just reached the ground.

The whipping was then started and the men took turn about in beating the old man. One would do the laying on of the whips until tired out and then another would begin. This kind of treatment was kept up for about ten minutes. Almost the entire back and sleeves of the old man's shirt was torn out or into shreds. After the whipping, being too weak to stand, he was carried back into his room and set on a chair. The white-caps adjourned to the yard and there, after shooting several times, and sounding a yell equal to a band of Indians, they dispersed.

Moore was unable to sleep on account of the pain and when called upon by a SENTINEL man, this morning, said they had almost killed him. He wears a heavy beard of a gray redish color and it was a perfect mass of clotted blood, while in many places were scratches and bruises. He complained of severe pains in his left side and said "one of the men jumped on me when they were tying my hands and it made me deathly sick. I began to vomit blood and the carpet all over the bed

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room is badly stained. My head aches and I can only be on my feet a few minutes at a time, and then I become dizzy. My back and arms cause me much agony and wherever my clothes touch it is just like sitting on fire."

Mr. Moore then hobbled out to the barn lot and explained how and where they had committed the assault, and pointed out a large number of hickory switches, broken to pieces and strewn about on the ground.

When asked if he recognized any of his assailants he said he did, but refused to give their names as he intends to prosecute them. "I told them," he said, "as they whipped me, that I would get every devil of them and they will pay dearly for their treatment."

In reply to the question, "Why did they commit the assault" he explained that he and his wife had been having a little trouble, but his story and that of his wife do not tally in detail.

Mrs. Moore was questioned and said, "My husband has been treating me most shamefully for the past two weeks, and not only that, but has broken up a large part of the dishes and whipped me and the children. He has also acted shamefully immoral with me in presence of the children."

A number of the neighbors were called on and each told a story of brutality. Moore is said to be a good neighbor and bright and honest in his business relations with them. His faults, however, are of a domestic nature and it is said he has treated his family like beasts, at different times for the past fifteen or twenty years. For several months he will be as good a father and husband as could be desired, then he will get angry at some trivial offense and for the next several days or weeks he will be most cruel and brutal toward his family. Several years ago he whipped and beat his wife and she started prosecution, which would have dealt with him quite severely, had the children not persuaded her to withdraw the suit, which she did. His last cruel spell began about a week ago, the neighbors say, and has been worse than any previous one. His wife has told the neighbors shocking things of him and the little children dreaded to see night come. There are many ugly rumors afloat in the neighborhood concerning Moore. Among them is one that he has made attempts to debauch a fourteen years old daughter, but he denies this.

Moore accuses his wife and twenty-one years old son of knowing that the whipping was planned and being in league with the white cappers in concocting the assault. He bases his accusation on the fact that they remained in bed and made no attempt to assist him to repel the mob. Mrs. Moore, however, says she knew nothing of it, but had suspected as much and said that the neighbors had told her if he (Moore) did not behave himself, they would take the Olaw into their own hands.

Last Saturday, it is said, he drove his wife from their home because she would not tell him where she had hid the family supply of lard, which he wished to sell. He would not allow her to re-enter for several hours, and she was forced to stay out in the rain, with no clothing, except a light calico dress to protect her from the bad weather.

Moore has lived on his little seven acre place, east of Athens, for the last forty years. He was a member of Company B, 9th Ind. regiment and served one year during the civil war, for which service he now receives a pension of ten dollars per month.

The present Mrs. Moore, is his second wife and they were married about thirty years ago. It was impossible to learn how many children they had, except that there were four at home and several married.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 20, 1903]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Ike Moore, the victim of the Athens white cappers, is still in jail. An attempt has been made to take him to the Soldiers' home at Marion, but in the event that he should go there it would be necessary for him to give a portion of the pension he now draws to his wife. This he would not agree to do and prefers remaining in jail in preference to helping his family.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 9, 1904]

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**MOORE, JAMES** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Mitchell, Charles A.

See: Perschbacher, George

**MOORE, JAMES H.** [Fulton, Indiana]

**BIOGRAPHY**

James H. Moore was born in Pipe Creek township Miami county, July 2, 1858 and moved with his parents at the age of two years to Peru where his boyhood and early manhood were passed. Like many boys of his day he tired of books and study after the first year of high school and despite the protests of parents, brothers and sisters who urged him to graduate and then take a collegiate course he left and went to learn the Alpha and Omega of the newspaper game in the Republican office under the guidance of G. I. Reed. Years later, he and Charles W. Winters started the Peru Chronicle whose interests were ever close to his heart. Selling his half interest to Mr. Winters he left for Chicago and Hammond and took up presswork, perfecting himself in it. In 1902 he married Miss Nelle M. King and in 1909 they came to Fulton where Mr. Moore purchased the Fulton Leader and made a real paper out of it for the town and township, one that stood for all progress and uprightness. James H. Moore was a Republican and like all newspapermen dabbled in politics more or less, but he was broad-minded, well trained with a world of needed experience. His father organized a company in the Civil War and was made captain, the oldest son was a lieutenant in the same company. An uncle, E. H. Moore, a banker of Athens, Ohio, was also congressman of his district and a cousin, David Moore, a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church doing missionary work in European countries when the Russo-Japanese war broke out. Bishop Moore witnessed several of the naval battles fought at that time. Mr. Moore belonged to the Masonic order at Peru. He helped organize the union for printers at Peru and was a charter member. The Fulton Leader advanced under his able guidance and at his death March 2, 1922 when God called him home it was in splendid financial condition, a credit to him and a blessing and pleasure to his patrons. Mr. Moore was an advocate for all things that would be a benefit to schools and churches.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 247-248, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

**MOORE, JAMES R.** [Rochester, Indiana]

**JAS. R. MOORE TO EDIT FARM BUREAU PUBLICATION**

James R. Moore, member of Moore Brothers Company of this city, received a call from the executive Committee of the Indiana Farm Bureau, Indianapolis on Tuesday to appear before that body on Wednesday. The import of the summons was the tendering of the office of Editor of the Hoosier Farmer, official organ for the Indiana Farm Bureau, to the local publisher.

Mr. Moore accdpted the position and will begin his new duties the first of January following the closing of the present school semester.

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Well Qualified

The local publisher is exceptionally well qualified for his new position having been Editor of the Chester White Journal since it was founded by Moore Brothers Company in 1910 and has kept in constant touch with the agriculture and livestock conditions throughout the corn-belt states. He has had a very active part in many National and State organizations that have been promoting better farming and livestock. The management of The Chester White Journal and The Berkshire Journal, also published by Moore Brothers Company, will now be conducted by Fred H. and Levi P. Moore.

The Hoosier Farmer, which is published at Indianapolis, has a circulation of more than 50,000 and is published twice a month. Mr. Moore's appointment came through the resignation of William Stahl of Indianapolis, who has been the editor for several years. W. H. Settle, nationally known advocate for relief measures in agricultural interests, is President of the Indiana Farm Bureau.

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[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 15, 1927]

### JAS. R. MOORE TO HEAD NATIONAL SWINE ASS'N.

Chicago, Dec. 1 - James R. Moore, editor of the Hoosier Farmer, Indianapolis, was Onamed president of the National Swine Growers' Association at its annual dinner meeting held in connection with the International live stock show here Tuesday evening.

Moore has been identified actively for twenty years with his father and brothers in the swine business and has served as a director of the national association since its organization and as vice-president the last three years.

Professor R. B. Conley, of Purdue University, was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Stallion Enrollment Boards at the annual meeting last night.

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Mr. Moore was formerly a resident of this city where he was associated with his brothers, Levi and Fred in the publishing of the Chester White Swine Journal.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 1, 1932]

### JAMES R. MOORE TO EDIT OHIO FARM BUREAU PAPER

Levi and Robert Moore this morning received word that their brother James Moore, of Indianapolis, former resident of this city, has accepted a position as director of information and editor of the monthly magazine of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. Following is an account taken from an Indianapolis paper about Mr. Moore in his new position.

James R. Moore, director of information for the Indiana Farm Bureau and editor of the Hoosier Farmer, will take a similar position with the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Feb. 1.

He will become editor of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation News, published at Columbus.

Mr. Moore has been with the Indiana Farm Brueau six years, having come here from Rochester, where he was associated with three brothers in the publication of the Chester White Journal, a national live stock magazine.

#### Brothers Publish Journal

His father, Frank F. Moore, was for 25 years secretary of the Chester White Record Association. The other sons, Levi P. Moore, a member of the State Board of Agriculture, Fred H. Moore and Robert P. Moore still publish the Chester White Journal.

Mr. Moore has participated in the management of the National Swine show for the last 15 years. He now is president of the National Swing Growers Association.

The family, Mrs. Moore, Ralph Moore, a son and two daughters, Miss Frances Moore, a student in Depauw University, and Miss Joanne Moore, a recent graduate of Shortridge high school, will move to Columbus. Mr. Moore's successor has not been named.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 19, 1934]

## MOORE, LEVI P. [Rochester, Indiana]

### LEVI MOORE RE-ELECTED SWINE BREEDERS OFFICIAL

Levi P. Moore was re-elected secretary and treasurer of the Indiana Swine Breeders Association Tuesday afternoon at the annual meeting which was held in the Claypool hotel in Indianapolis. The meeting was attended by all the members of the Moore Brothers firm of this city, publishers of the Chester White Journal. Ward Moore of Thorntown was elected president of the association.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 7, 1925]

### LEVI MOORE TO DIRECT STATE FAIR PUBLICITY

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Levi P. Moore, a director of the state board of agriculture has been appointed chairman of the program and publicity department of the state fair by Lin Wilson, president of Othe board. Last year he was chairman of the police and parking department.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 10, 1925]

### LOCAL MAN TO JUDGE HOGS AT SESQUI-CENTENNIAL

Few residents of this city are aware of the National prominence in swinedom that Levi P. Moore, member of the Moore Bros. publishing company, now holds. This citizen, an expert hogman, has just been assigned the task of judging at the International Swine Show, which will be held in connection with the Sesqui-centennial at Philadelphia, during the first week of September.

This stock show will have entries from all parts of the world and will far surpass any event of like nature which has been held in the cornbelt states. Every male member of the Moore family hold licenses from state and government granting them the right to make awards in judging all breeds of swine.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 16, 1926]

### LEE MOORE ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF STATE FAIR BOARD

Indianapolis, Jan. 5. (INS) - The State Board of Agriculture this afternoon elected Guy Cantwell of LaPorte, Ind., President, Levi P. Moore, of Rochester, vice president, and re-elected E. J. Barker secretary-treasurer. . . . .

Lee Moore of Rochester is slated to be elected vice-president of the board and this is practically assured since he has no opposition.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, January 5, 1927]

### LEVI P. MOORE IS AGAIN STATE BOARD CANDIDATE

Levi P. Moore, whose term on the Indiana board of agriculture expires January 8, will be a candidate for re-election, it was made known today, at a meeting for election January 4th at Indianapolis. The seven other members of the board also will seek re-election, it is said. It is rumored that there is little likeliness of a change in the personnel of the board. Mr. Moore is a candidate from the Thirteenth district.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 15, 1927]

### LEVI P. MOORE IS SELECTED TO HEAD STATE FAIR BOARD

Indianapolis, Jan. 4. (I.N.S.) - Eight members of the state board of agriculture were re-elected today by the county fair association, livestock breeders association and the Indiana Farm Bureau federation.

Those re-elected were: Levi P. Moore, of Rochester, Indiana; R. C. Crouse, of Kendallville, Indiana; W. W. Wilson, of Muncie; Thomas Grant of Lowell; F. D. Logsdon of Indianapolis; R. C. Jenkins of Orleans, Indiana; Guy Cantwell of Gosport, Indiana, and F. W. Taylor of Boonville, Indiana.

The new board will meet late this afternoon to organize by electing its officers.

#### List of Officers

Levi P. Moore, of Rochester, Indiana, was elected president of the State Board of Agriculture this afternoon.

Edward Logsdon of Indianapolis, was elected vice-president.

Guy Cantwell of Gosport, was elected head of agriculture and horticulture department. W. W. Wilson of Muncie, head of sheep department. Lin Wilson of Jonesboro, head of speed department. U. C. Brouse of Kendallville, head of mechanical department. Auston Sheets of Indianapolis, head of amusements department. J. E. Green of Muncie, head of grandstands and Ohorseshoe pitching department. Dean Skinner of Lafayette, head of horse pulling contest department.

All other departments are unchanged.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 4, 1928]



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### LEE MOORE CHOSEN BY SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS

Lee Moore, of this city, who was in Indianapolis this week attending meetings of several organizations of which he is a member was honored by an election or appointment to every one of them.

His term as president of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture expired with the meeting on Wednesday, it being the custom to serve one year only and he was succeeded by E. D. Logsdon of Indianapolis. However, Mr. Moore was appointed to be in charge of the amusements and the publicity for the 1929 state fair which involves the handling of considerable money and a large number of employees leading up to and during the fair.

On Monday Mr. Moore was elected secretary-treasurer of the Indiana Swine Breeders Association, on Tuesday he was chosen for a like position by the Indiana Chester White Association and on Wednesday for a like position of the Indiana Berkshire Association.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 11, 1929]

### LEVI P. MOORE RE-ELECTED SWINE BREEDERS OFFICER

Levi P. Moore, of Rochester, was re-elected secretary and treasurer of the Indiana Swine Breeders' Association at the fifty-fourth annual meeting of that organization at Indianapolis Monday evening. F. B. Moore, of Sheridan, was elected president for 1931. A legislative committee was formed to look after the interests of the swine breeders at the coming session of the legislature.

The legislative committee will consist of the presidents of the eight breeders' groups, with the secretaries as alternates. They will work especially to defeat attempts to pass a law fixing qualifications for persons who vaccinate swine. C. Y. Foster of Carmel, representative in the General Assembly, called attention to efforts to pass such a bill in 1927.

Priase was given to the state board of agriculture for originating a barrow show in connection with the National Swine show held here during the 1927 state fair. James R. Moore of the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation, who is vice president of the national show, said that this feature will be stressed at the next national exhibition, with \$5,000 offered for prizes. James Moore formerly was from Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 6, 1931]

### LEE MOORE IS RE-ELECTED TO THE STATE FAIR BOARD

Indianapolis, Jan. 8 - C. Y. Foster of Carmel, today was elected president of the state board of agriculture for the coming year succeeding U. G. Brouse of Kendallville. Foster had been vice-president.

O. L. Reddish of Waveland was elected vice president and E. J. Barker of Thorntown, was re-elected superintendent of the fair grounds. Thomas Grant of Lowell was re-elected a member of the Indiana stallion enrollment board for two years and Levi P. Moore of Rochester was elected a member of the Indiana Live Stock Breeders' association for three years. The board decided to open the 1931 fair on Sept. 5.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 8, 1931]

### LEVI MOORE RE-ELECTED SECRETARY FOR 1933

00 Indianapolis, Jan. 3. - Members of the Indiana Swine Breeders' Association took some instructions along their own line last night at the Claypool hotel from Max Cullen of Chicago, representative of the national live stock and meat board.

Mr. Cullen obligingly brought half a hog along with him and showed the swine growers how a real hog should be cut up in order to lure housewives into buying more meat.

With an old-fashioned meat saw, a sharp knife and several deft twists of the wrist, he carved pork chops, ham hocks, shoulder rolls and crown roasts, spareribs and whatnots. And

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while he carved chops on the stage the boys in the front row smacked theirs with true epicurean gusto.

### Schenck Becomes President

K. H. Schenck of Wayntown, vice president, was advanced to the presidency and Seth Hadley of Hadley was named vice president. Levi P. Moore of Rochester was re-elected secretary.

Speakers at the meeting were John Schwab of Purdue university, E. J. Barker, of Thorntown and W. E. Harton of Rushville.

All officers of the Indiana duroc Swine Breeders' Association were elected at a meeting yesterday afternoon in the Hotel Severin. They are Elmer Hutchinson of Arlington, president; Clarence Beard of Frankfort, vice president, and Harry T. Gooding of Anderson. Speakers included Mr. Hutchinson, Charles M. Trowbridge of Rushville, Dr. H. F. Brown, state veterinarian, and Emery Schooley of Mooresville.

New officers of the Chester White Breeders' Association are Arthur Thompson of Wabash, president, Mr. Moore, vice president, and Mr. Harton, secretary.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 3, 1933]

### L. MOORE REAPPOINTED TO INDIANA FAIR POST

Indianapolis, Jan. 5 - (U.P.) - Assignment of members of the state board of agriculture to executive positions for various activities in connection with the 1933 state fair was made today.

Members assigned to various departments include Levi P. Moore of Rochester, publicity and amusements; R. C. Jenkins, Orleans, cattle; O. R. Jenkins of Osgood, parking and police; O. L. Reddish, Waveland, swine; Thomas Grant, Lowell, womans building; Orin Felton, Fairmount, poultry.

The board voted reduction in pay of fair employees from 27 to 33 per cent.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 5, 1933]

### LEE MOORE RE-ELECTED TO NATIONAL SWINE BOARD

Indianapolis, Jan. 5. (UP) - Members of the Indiana Swine Breeders Association attending the 10th annual meeting here today voted to invite the National Swine show to Indianapolis for the next two years. Officers elected included Levi P. Moore, Rochester, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 5, 1937]

### RE-ELECT PUBLICITY HEAD

\* \* \* \* Photo, Levi P. Moore \* \* \* \*

Levi P. Moore, of this city, was re-elected to the important post of Publicity Director of the Indiana State Fair at the annual meeting of the Indiana Board of Agriculture, which was held at Indianapolis today. The local man has held this position for several years and performed his duties in a most satisfactory manner.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 7, 1937]

### MOORE RE-ELECTED HEAD STATE FAIR PUBLICITY

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Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 6. (INS) - Levi Moore, Rochester, who was elected a member of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture yesterday was today named head of the publicity department of the Indiana State Fair for 1938. He has held the same position for several years and during his regime the attendance at the State Fair has practically doubled. Mr. Moore was also honored by being named a director of the Indiana Livestock Breeders Association.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 6, 1938]

### LEVI P. MOORE CHOSEN TO HEAD LIVESTOCK ASSN.

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Two Rochester citizens received signal honors at the Indiana Livestock Breeders Association banquet which was held Wednesday evening in the Memorial Building, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. These men are Levi P. Moore and County Agent Noah Hadley.

Mr. Moore was elected president of the Indiana Livestock Breeders Association, which is the largest organization of its kind in the United States. His term of office will be for two years. He succeeds Everett S. Priddy, of Warren, Ind. The Rochester man, who is one of the best known livestock authorities in the Mid-West, is also secretary of the Chester White Record Association and Publicity Director of the Indiana State Fair.

County Agent Noah Hadley was named as one of six of Indiana's most outstanding and efficient county agents. As there are nearly a hundred county agents throughout the state, this achievement and honor was considered most complimentary.

### Over 500 in Attendance

Over 500 livestockmen and county agents attended the annual banquet. Following the festive hour special entertainment features were presented, and trophy winners of the 1937 Livestock shows and exhibitions were introduced to the assembly. Following the speaking program a directors meeting was conducted and the officers elected for the ensuing year.

Pictures and stories concerning the honoring of the Rochester man, together with an array of the 1937 trophy winners and their various prize-winning animals and products were carried in The "Hoos-yers" Roundup, the official publication of the Indiana Livestock Breeders Association in its annual issue, which was published as of Jan. 12th, 1938.

Both Mr. Moore and Mr. Hadley attended the banquet.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 12, 1938]

### LEVI P. MOORE ELECTED TO STATE SWINE ASS'N OFFICE

Indianapolis, Jan. 4. - Lieut. Gov. Henry F. Schricker told the Indiana Association of County and District Fairs here today the state would have the finest fairground in the world as soon as several new buildings, including a coliseum, are erected.

He said Indiana's system of fairs "is of great value" in the movement to prepare youth for the future.

"It is our responsibility and the responsibility of our fairs," he emphasized, "to furnish the foundation for the future lives of our rural youth. We are trying to do that job."

Others who addressed the association's annual meeting included Harry G. Templeton, state fair manager; T. A. Coleman, acting director of the Purdue university experimental station, and O. C. Redebacker, Vigo county agricultural agent.

The Indiana Swine Breeders' association, one of several groups meeting in connection with the fair officials' conference elected Larue Wallace of Sheridan, president; C. E. Parker of Noblesville, vice-president, and Levi P. Moore of Rochester, secretary-treasurer.

Albert Tomson of Wabash was named president of the Chester White Breeders' association; Earl Horton of Rushville, vice-president, and Moore, secretary-treasurer.

The Duroc Breeders' association chose Lester Nance of Arcadia, president; Emory Carter of Fairmount, vice-president, and Harry T. Gooding of Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

Seph Hadley of Hadley was named president of the Hampshire Breeders' association and Ralph Bishop of Atlanta, secretary-treasurer.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 4, 1939]

### LEVI P. MOORE RENAMED DIRECTOR FAIR PUBLICITY

At a recent meeting of the members of the board of directors of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture held in Indianapolis, the following officers for the Indiana State Fair were appointed for the year 1939: President, Harry F. Caldwell, of Connersville, and Vice-President, P. L. White, of Oxford.

Levi P. Moore, of Rochester, was reappointed Director of Publicity and Amusements, a post which he has held for the past 15 years. - - - - -

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 23, 1939]

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### LEVI MOORE IS RENAMED SWINE BREEDERS' OFFICER

Indianapolis, Jan. 2. - Lard may be boomed and extolled in a concerted national advertising program as a means of increasing sales and profits, members of the Indiana Swine Breeders' Association were told at their annual meeting in the Claypool Hotel last night.

The possibilities of advantages that could be derived from such a program were discussed by Forrest Ketner of Columbus, O., president of the National Swine Breeders' Association.

All officers of the organization were re-elected. They are LaRue Wallace of Sheridan, president; E. C. Parker of Noblesville, vice president, and Levi P. Moore of Rochester, secretary treasurer. -----

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 2, 1940]

### LEVI P. MOORE RENAMED TO STATE FAIR BOARD

Levi P. Moore, of Rochester, was chosen yesterday to serve his ninth two-year term as a member of the Indiana Board of Agriculture, at the annual reorganization meeting of the Indiana State Fair governing committee in Indianapolis. Mr. Moore has been in charge of publicity and amusements for several years, during which time the fair has enjoyed substantial growth. -----

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 4, 1940]

### BULLETIN MOORE RE-ELECTED

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 5.. (INS) - Levi P. Moore, of Rochester, Indiana, was re-elected as a member of the State Board of Agriculture at the annual meeting of that organization which was held here today.

For the past several years, Mr. Moore has been the director of publicity for the Indiana State Fair.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 5, 1944]

## MOORE, LON [Rochester, Indiana]

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### VAN METER AND MOORE DISSOLVE PARTERSHIP

The firm of Van Meter & Moore, farm implement dealers at Rochester and Kewanna, has been dissolved. Charles Van Meter will continue handling the International Harvester line in Kewanna and Lon Moore announced today he had contracted the agency for John Deere Otractors, implements and repairs. Mr. Moore will keep his store in its present location at 828 Main street.

The Van Meter & Moore firm was recognized as one of the biggest implement dealers in the state in volume of sales.

Mr. Moore announced today that Carl Harvey would be associated with the new firm as a salesman and D. S. (Ribbie) Rans will be in the repair department.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 3, 1939]

### LON MOORE TO RETIRE FROM IMPLEMENT FIELD

Lon Moore today announced he would discontinue in the implement business, but that the implement company would continue after a sixty-day liquidation period. All employees of the firm will be retained and business will go along as usual under supervision of the John Deere Plow Company.

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To continue uninterrupted repair service, to round out guarantees on new machinery and to liquidate a \$7,000 stock of used tractors and trucks, Mr. Moore will remain associated with the business.

"The John Deere Plow Company will continue operation of the firm with either a local man or company representative as manager," Earl Gilliland, company representative said today. "Our association with Mr. Moore the past two and a half years has been pleasant and profitable. We intend to continue this well-established business . . . to continue serving scores of Fulton county people who look to this firm for their implement needs."

During his five and one-half years in Rochester Mr. Moore has made many friends who wish him well. He will continue to live in Rochester even though his new work takes him elsewhere.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 11, 1941]

### **MOORE, ROBERT P.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Community Sales

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#### ROBERT MOORE RESIGNS AS G.O.P. CITY CHAIRMAN

Robert Moore, Republican city chairman for Rochester, announced his resignation Monday morning. He departed later in the day for LaPorte where he has accepted a position in the advertising department of the new newspaper, The LaPorte Times, of which Harold Van Trump is the editor. Mr. Moore had served for sometime as city chairman here and his resignation was unexpected. It is not known who his successor will be. Glenn Rouch, also of this city, has accepted the position of city editor on the new LaPorte paper.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 28, 1925]

#### LEASES FARM

Robert P. Moore has announced that he has leased "Forest Farms" in Richland township, eight miles north of Rochester from Miss Florence Shad. The farm with its modern farm house and lodge is one of Fulton county's show places. Zinks Lake is on the land. Mr. Moore, owner of Fulton County Community Sales, plans to raise registered Chester White hogs on the farm.

The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 28, 1942]

#### "BOB" MOORE OPERATING GARBAGE-TRASH SERVICE

Robert "Bob" Moore, who recently purchased the garbage and trash service equipment and route from Harold Abbott, today stated he had secured Dan "Runt" Hudkins to take over personal management of this service.

The route will make at least two regular trips weekly throughout the city and like calls to the lake hotels and cottages throughout the summer season. Hudkins took over the operation of the route today, and should business warrant it, Mr. Moore states he will place another truck into service.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 1, 1942]

#### RE-ELECT MOORE HEAD OF BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

Robert P. Moore, local livestock dealer, Saturday night was re-elected president of the Fulton county Purebred Livestock Breeders' Association at a meeting held in the basement of the First National Bank building. About 40 purebred breeders in the county were present at the session in which plans were laid for the year's activities.

Other officers elected at the meeting were:

Vice President, E. Turner Biddle; Secretary-Treasurer, Phil Swanson; Chairman Beef Cattle, Wilby C. Evans; Chairman Dairy Cattle, Omer E. Reichard; Chairman Horses, Betty Baker; Chairman Sheep, Charles Wagoner; Chairman Swine, Delbert Hunter. - - - - -

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 22, 1944]

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### ROBERT P. MOORE BUYS FARM EQUIPMENT BLDG.

Bob Moore today announced the purchase of the building formerly occupied by the Rochester Equipment Co., East Ninth street, where he will open on Feb. 21, a warehouse and sales office for the distribution of O.M.S. Corp. Buttermilk Products, for which he is the state sales representative.

These products will be marketed by Mr. Moore under the trade name of Forst Farms Buttermilk Feeds. They are home made feeds for hogs and poultry, products of the Ohio Malt Sugar Corp., with their plant adjacent to Armour & Co. creameries. Mr. Moore reveals that he expects to remodel and enlarge the building into a modern sales office and warehouse.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 20, 1945]

### MOORE, WILLIAM D. [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

William D. Moore, a farmer and reputable citizen of Aubbeenaubbee township, was born in Burlington county, N.J., on Jan. 8, 1830. His parents were Mark and Sarah Ann (Carty) Moore, and natives of New Jersey, from which state they removed in the year 1839, settling in Union township, Fulton county, where they lived until death called them away from the scenes of mortal toil. They had the following children: Rebecca Ann, deceased; William D.; Julia L., deceased; Lewis, deceased; Charles W.; Eliza, deceased; Justina, deceased. William D. was a lad of nine years when his parents settled in this county. With his parents he remained on the farm until twenty-one years of age, and then marrying Dec. 5, 1850, he began life for himself. The marriage was with Sarah Allen, a daughter of Obadiah and Sarah Allen, of Rochester township, this county. The issue of this marriage was as follows: Evaline, Josephine, Mark Bird, Mary Jane, deceased; Obadiah C., Sarah Rebecca, deceased; William Andrew, deceased; Milo, deceased, and Laura, deceased. The mother of these children died in 1876, and later the father married Mary A. Meredith, a daughter of Ambrose Meredith, Esq. To this marriage one child, Letty, was born, and then the mother died in 1878. The following year Mr. Moore married Mrs. Salome Sturgeon, nee Atkinson, a daughter of William and Sarah Atkinson. Unto the third marriage of Mr. Moore three children were born. Of the three children only Lee is living. At the time of Mr. Moore's first marriage his father gave him forty acres of land, on which his present residence is located. He has prospered as a farmer and now owns a good farm of 140 acres. Mr. Moore has served as trustee of his township three terms, being first elected in 1861. He has always been identified with the democratic party. Both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and enjoy the esteem of a wide acquaintance.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 110-111]

### MOORE AUTO SALES CO., L. L. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] SAXON SIX - A big touring car for five people. - - - "SIXES" Touring Car \$785; Roadster \$785. "FOURS" Roadster \$395; Delivery Car \$395. L. L. MOORE, Auto Sales Co., E. 7th St., Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 3, 1916]

### MOORE BROTHERS COMPANY [Rochester, Indiana]

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#### WHITE BREEDERS COMPANION

Moore Brothers, publishers of the White Breeders Companion, are moving their office to the Odd Fellows building, where they have convenient quarters over the Fristoe & Merrias store. Heretofore they have maintained offices at their homes, but the growth of their publication makes larger quarters necessary, and James H. Moore will be in charge of the business in this city and

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devote his entire time to the business. The White Breeders' Companion was founded two years ago and has grown from a sixteen page publication with practically no paid circulation to a thirty-six page paper of 3,000 circulation. It is the recognized organ of the different white hog breeders' associations and is liberally patronized by advertisers who desire to reach the breeders.

At the annual election of the American Chester White Record association, Fred H. Moore, of the Moore Bros. Co., was elected secretary. The office carries with it a nice salary and will require practically all of Mr. Moore's time. The business of the association has been transacted at Cleveland, Ohio, heretofore, but Mr. Moore will move the office to this city and occupy the offices of the White Breeders' Companion. Frank H. Moore has been secretary of the Standard Chester White Record association for many years and the Moore family are prominent among breeders all over the country.

The growth of the Companion and the activity of the Moore Brothers in advancing the interests of breeders makes Rochester the center of interest in white swine breeding.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 27, 1912]

### MOORE BROTHERS NATIONAL FACTORS IN HOG RAISING

Sometimes there develops in a company an industry or business of some kind to which little attention is given by the people at home that should be behind and boosting it. The growth of the business, like that of a child with whom we are associated every day is hardly noticeable, but it is there never-the-less.

In Rochester is such an organization - The Moore Brothers publishers of the Chester White Journal. Every day almost sees the members of this organization spring into more prominent state and national fame as swine experts in every phase of the business.

Starting in a small way the Chester White Journal now has a mammoth national circulation and is considered one of the best publications of its nature in the United States. And as an advertising medium for swine and other adjuncts of the hog raising and breeding business it is absolutely without peer.

Just recently, in fact last Tuesday, Levi P. Moore was elected secretary of the Indiana Chester White Breeders' Association at the annual meeting of that organization held in Indianapolis.

On the following day James Moore was named secretary of the Indiana Swine Breeders' Association, which held its annual meeting at the Claypool hotel in Indianapolis. This organization takes in all breeds of hogs and the annual meeting was addressed by Governor-elect Warren McCray, one of the state's most prominent stockmen. In connection with this it might be added that a photograph was taken of Governor-elect McCray with Levi and James Moore standing one on each side of him. Both Levi and James Moore were re-elected to the offices they now hold.

F. F. Moore, father of the four brothers, who was back of the entire undertaking when it was first launched, but who has more recently given over the reins to his offspring, holds the responsible position of secretary of the Chester White Record Association, while Fred Moore is the president of the National Swine Growers' Association, having been elected at the recent Chicago meeting of that organization.

Robert Moore, more recently introduced into the business is secretary of the Indiana Association of Expert Judge of Swine and is rapidly raising to the prominence his brothers have already attained.

In an interview with a Sentinel representative James Moore said that he would soon leave for Mitchell, South Dakota where he would make a "Chester White" address to the state convention of the South Dakota Swine Breeders' Association. Fred Moore is even now in South Dakota attending the first sales of the winter and spring and in a recent communication to his brothers states that breeders in that section of the country are rapidly getting back on their feet again and he predicts an excellent season, despite the recent slump in prices.

The brothers altogether will attend more than 200 sales this year, an unusually large number when it is remembered that they are the best in the country and are scattered all over the hog raising sections of the United States.

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Levi Moore is now in Lima, Ohio, where he is organizing an Ohio Chester White Breeders' Association, such as there is in Indiana.

This month's issue of the Chester White magazine is larger than ever and is full of highly remunerative advertising. The journal is the only one of its kind that uses a two color front pages, which are patterned after the Saturday Evening Post covers and are designed by Russell Parker, local artist.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 7, 1921]

### MOORE BROTHERS' CO. IS AWARDED CONTRACT

The Moore Brothers company of this city, James R., Fred H. and Levi P. Moore, were called to Indianapolis Tuesday by the State Board of Agriculture to consider the proposition of handling the publicity for the Indiana State Fair at Indianapolis next fall.

The local company contracted for the work and will immediately begin giving publicity to the Fair through all the available advertising mediums in the state including newspapers, movie screens, radio, bill-boards, etc.

A number of special features such as a lady aviator changing planes in mid-air, a \$5,000 harness race for three nationally known entries and other spectacular events have been added this year. The premium money offered for exhibits will total \$100,000 with an extra \$35,000 racing purse money.

Moore Brothers will have several thousands dollars at their disposal for the sole purpose of exploiting the Fair. Speeches will be made over the entire state in an endeavor to increase the attendance of 185,000 of last year to 300,000 this year.

Two offices are to be maintained by the local men, one at the Statehouse in Indianapolis and one at home. Their time will be divided between the two places in making the Fair a success. This work is to be carried on in connection with their regular line of publishing.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 14, 1924]

### MOORE BROTHERS AFTER STATE FAIR PUBLICITY

Lee Moore, member of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture, accompanied by his brothers, Fred and James, went to Indianapolis Monday morning to be present Tuesday at the annual meeting of the Board, when the election is held and organization completed for the year. The Moore Brothers firm is also interested in securing the contract for handling the publicity for the state fair but it is thought that they will have little trouble as their efforts last fall brought the largest crowds to the fair grounds ever on record.

Only two persons now members of the board, were mentioned as being in line for election as president to succeed E. J. Barker, of Thorntown, present president, who is seeking the position as secretary-treasurer. They are Lin Wilson, of Jonesboro, board member from the Eleventh district, and U. C. Brouse, mayor of Kendallville, and board member from the Twelfth district. Both are Republicans.

### No V.P. Aspirants

No one has been publicly mentioned as an aspirant for the position as vice-president to succeed S. W. Taylor, of Boonville, a Democrat.

Mr. Barker is opposed for the position as secretary-treasurer by Harry M. Moberly, of Shelbyville, who represents the Sixth district, and by Theo Hewes, an Indianapolis poultry show operator.

[News-Sentinel, Monday, January 5, 1925]

### MOORE BROS. TO PUBLISH OFFICIAL BERKSHIRE PAPER

Moore Bros. Publishing Company, founders of The Chester White Journal, have assumed the responsibility of launching another breed paper into nation-wide prominence. The directors of the American Berkshire Record Association have completed final negotiations with the local publishers to assume the managerial and publishing of a breed journal for their favorite breed.



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The initial edition of this paper will be printed at the Barnhart-Van Trump Company and ready for the mail by October 15th.

### Assumes Active Control

Levi P. Moore, publicity director for the Indiana State Fair for the past three years, will assume active control of the new breed paper and will begin immediately to build up a substantial circulation among the 20,000 Berkshire breeders throughout the United States.

The six official members of the Berkshire family are located in California, South Carolina, Michigan, Indiana and Iowa. Ralph M. Jenkins of Orleans, Ind., is president of the American Berkshire Association and E. M. Christen of Springfield, Ill., occupies the office of secretary, whose duties correspond with those of F. F. Moore, secretary of the Chester White Swine Record Association, with offices in Rochester.

This new project will eventually necessitate the enlargement of the Moore Bros. clerical forces. James R. and Fred H. Moore will continue to devote their attentions exclusively to the Chester White publication, which paper is now experiencing a business revival which bids fair to rival the peak periods immediately following the world war.

Jas. R. Moore, who is director of the National Swine Show held at Peoria, Ill., this week returned to this city Friday night, while Levi P. returned Friday from the Sesqui-Centennial swine show at Philadelphia where he served in the capacity of swine judging for the Chester White breed. In speaking of the prestige of the Berkshire Breed of swine the Moores cited the fact that entries from this breed captured champion carload of barrows and grand champion barrow over all competition in the last International Livestock Show which was held at Chicago last December.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 18, 1926]

## MOORE'S CIGAR STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

### OPENS CIGAR STORE

The cigar and billiard parlors located at 122 East 8th street this city, which formerly were operated by Marvin Metz will be opened for business Saturday, by Daniel M. Moore. Mr. Moore comes to this city from Peru, Ind., where he also owns and operates a billiard parlor in that city. He formerly resided in Henry township, this county.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 28, 1936]

[Adv] Announcement. We are opening an up-to-date POOL ROOM at 122 East 8th Street, on Saturday, Feb. 29th. This pool room was formerly known as the Manitou Club. MOORE'S CIGAR STORE and Billiard Parlor. D. M. MOORE, Proprietor.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 28, 1936]

## MOORE IRON WORKS [Fulton County, Indiana]

In 1846, the Barron woolen mills were built on the site of Moore's Iron Works, a concern that had made iron from the bog iron ore that may be found in the county. The woolen mills were sold in 1855, and changed hands several times during the ensuing years. The building was enlarged and improved facilities for performing all operations in the manufacture of wool were made. The mills enjoyed a period of prosperity but it was comparatively shortlived and they were abandoned.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *An Account of Fulton County From its Organization*, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1922 - Indexed and Reprinted by Wendell C. Tombaugh, 1981]

## MOORE MILLINERY SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

New Milliner shop. Miss Mary J. Moore would respectfully announce to the Ladies of this place and vicinity that she has opened out a stock of Milliner Goods one door north of A. C. Hickman's Dry Goods Store . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 19, 1866]

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### **MOORE PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY** [Rochester, Indiana]

Located second floor, at 820-1/2 Main.

Operated by Charles B. Moore, owner of the building.

See Charles B. Moore

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In those days they had no flash bulbs or such; the only light was from the sun. It was impossible to take pictures on a cloudy or rainy day. The large window was on the north side, second floor, and put in at a 45 degree angle so there would be no glare while taking pictures.

[Reba Moore Shore, Moore Family, *Fulton County Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard.]

### **MOORE'S IRON WORKS** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### IRON FOUNDRY FIRST FACTORY IN FULTON CO.

The first factory to be established in Fulton County was an iron foundry. This concern was first founded in 1839 by Mr. James Moore. He noticed the large deposits of iron ore in the ground about Rochester and very easily saw the advantage of having the iron works in this location.

He built the factory in the spring of 1839, just north and a little west of the town. This spot is directly north of where the Erie depot is at the present and on the Mill Creek. This site proved satisfactory for a number of years, but in 1846 a large flour mill was built between the factory and Lake Manitou, getting its power also from Mill Creek. Mr. Moore readily saw that there was not enough power derived from the small creek to run both the mill and the foundry, so he moved. A larger and better factory was established on the Tippecanoe just east of where the old Michigan Road crossed the river. At that point he built a large dam which furnished sufficient power to operate the foundry quite successfully.

Two years after this change Mr. Moore died and his factory was eventually purchased by the Culbertson and Carter firm of Logansport. John P. Baker was made chief manager and he operated it with varying success until 1865 when the scarcity of iron ore caused the factory to be closed. The first products of the factory were sent to Logansport where they were put on exhibition and tested. The tests showed that the iron was of very fine quality. It could be compared equally with that made in Pittsburgh and was even compared to the very best of that manufactured in Sweden.

Most of the shipping, if not all, was by the way of Logansport. At that time the Wabash canal connected Lake Erie with the Wabash river and passed through Logan. In this manner the iron could be sent either to the North or South with ease.

The original buildings of the foundry on Mill Creek were soon occupied by Peter Barrow who operated a carding machine. The moving of the works was a great relief to the people of Rochester for the factory ran day and night and the noise it made was a great bother. In fact it was so loud that the people in the north end of town could even hear it after the works were at the river.

[The News-Sentinel, "Station R.H.S.," Saturday, January 30, 1932]

Moore's iron forge was located on Mill Creek northwest of the Farm Bureau elevator and boasted that it would smelt iron ore, make a horseshoe and nail it on the horse within an hour's time. The iron works later was moved to the Tippecanoe River because the water supply was curtailed by the building of a flouring mill upstream. In 1846, the Barron Woolen Mills were built on the site of Moore's Iron Works.

[Rochester the Unfounded City, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

### **MOOSE LODGE HALL** [Rochester, Indiana]

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Located in Academy of Music building, SW corner 5th & Main. On November 23, 1923, Ellis Reed rented the large room below the Moose Hall, formerly known as the Academy of Music, where he had a second-hand store. In 1945, Moose Lodge bought from William Boose, building in Lilly Park, N shore of Lake Manitou, which the lodge enlarged to have a dance floor, bar and food.

In 1951 this was sold to Maurice and Margaret (Wilson) Sadowsky.

The Moose Lodge purchased the Old West Side Hotel, which they remodeled to the present structure.

### **MOOSEJAW** [Rochester, Indiana]

That area of Rochester lying in the NE corner intersection of Erie and LE&W railroads. Nicknamed by Carl Teeter and Bob Quinn, railroad towermen.

### **MOREHOUSE, ROBERT** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Upholster Work - - - Tapestry Work, and Teaching the Art of Zephyry Work in Perforated Card Board A SPECIALTY! - - - - Rooms in Citizens' Block, Over Corner Grocery. R. M. MOREHOUSE.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 10, 1877]

### **MOREY & SON, A. F.** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Metropolitan Daylight Lamp Co., of Chicago, Ill. can illuminate equal to any city. - - - It is portable. Hang anywhere. Each family and store in city or country can afford to have their own Gas Plant - - - - A. F. MOREY & SON, Main street, east side Court House, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 28, 1899]

### **MORNINGSTAR, HIRAM** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### 54 YEARS IN SAME SPOT IS TOO LONG SO TAXI LINE MOVES

One of Rochester's oldest businesses moved today to a different location after 54 years.

The Coplen Taxi Company, currently owned by Gene Coplen, has moved to what was known as Norman's Carmelcrisp shop, next to Gilbert's drug store.

The concern was located in the Arlington Hotel when the hotel was first built in 1889, way back in the days of horseless carriages and divorceless marriages. First owner of the then transfer-and-mail service was Hiram Morningstar. Reynolds and Sisson owned the hotel then and Benjamin Harrison was President of the United States.

The taxi's past ran through two wars, the Spanish-American and the first World War. The horseless carriage developed into the horsepower carriage and the crowd rode on.

Carter, Smith and Sangster took turns at owning the Arlington, but the Morningstar Taxi Company remained in its old spot.

In 1916 James Coplen, Sr. bought out the Morningstar interest in the business and operated it himself until his death last year.

Transfer of the taxi's office was said to have been necessitated because of the increase in business with the war.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 30, 1943]

### **MORNINGSTAR, ORA C.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See Henry Meyer.

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#### ORA MORNINGSTAR

World famous billiardist, Ora Morningstar, formerly of Rochester but now of Paris, France, enjoyed a pleasant visit here with his father and brothers and departed for Philadelphia

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where he will play an exhibition game of billiards, then one in New York, and then sail for Paris where he is engaged for a year at the Academy of Billiards to play match and exhibition games.

Morningstar is a son of George Morningstar of this city and brother of High and John Morningstar, the busmen. He is only 33 years old but has a world wide reputation as a great billiardist. Since his rise from obscurity in a country town like this to the ranks of world champion, he has played great match games with Schoefer, Forenielle, Gloriox, Ives, Cure, Cham, Sutton, Marva, and Willie Hoppe, the champion boy billiardist of the world. In his 1500 point match game with Gloriox in Antwerp, Morningstar scored 1500 to Gloriox's 1161. Morningstar's general average in 44 innings was 33 and his high average, 50, and - - - [not readable] - - - in 48 innings was 27, high average 75 and high run 162. This game lasted five nights of two hours each.

Mr. Morningstar's present engagement requires that he play four hours per day in the Paris Academy, two hours in the afternoon and two at night. He plays match games with other famous billiardists and the seats for spectators rise from the table floor like an ampitheater, and 2000 may be seated. Ladies and dignitaries of France and America frequently attend the games and there is betting like on American horse races. The game is 18 inch balk line -- 200 points and Morningstar most frequently appears with Gloriox, Champion of Belgium, Santchee, champion of Spain, of Forenielle, champion of France.

He is not "swelled up" in the least over his great success and declares that when he has saved enough money to retire he is coming back to Rochester to live with the best friends he ever had.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 4, 1904]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The South Bend Tribune of Saturday contains a half-tone picture of Ora Morningstar, who is now in Paris, and who will soon sail for New York to begin practicing for the coming tournament of billiards with the experts of France and America. The Tribune says, "Morningstar is believed to be playing the best game of his career just now."

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 29, 1906]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The International championship billiard tournament closed at New York Monday evening, and the championship was won by Slossen of Chicago. Ora Morningstar won but one game in the seven he played and is the low man on the list.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 24, 1906]

### WORLD CHAMPION

The Chicago Record Herald of this morning says Ora Morningstar of New York and George Sutton of Chicago will meet tonight in Orchestra Hall to contest for the world's championship billiard emblem, the style of the game to be played being eighteen inch balk line, two shots in balk. Sutton is the title holder. Five hundred points will constitute the game. The contestants will bank for the first shot at 8 o'clock.

"Both challenger and defender have been in constant practice since nearly sixty days ago, when the challenge was issued. Morningstar challenged for the game as soon as Sutton had finished his string of 500 points against Willie Hoppe almost two months ago and the match was quickly made.

"The winner will take down, besides the championship trophy, a purse of \$1,000 and the entire net gate receipts. Indications point to a large crowd, which will make the winner's end a prize worth while.

"Morningstar long has been clamoring for a place among the top-notch cue experts, but through unlucky play in big matches never has been able to land the finest plumes.

"The New Yorker's work with the ivories at times has startled the billiard world the best authorities recognize in him a player of exceptional ability, but that skill heretofore has refused to come out in match play. The challenger has been prominent and last night said if he lost tonight's

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match he would challenge the winner of the coming Schaefer-Sutton match for the 18-1 championship.

"Sutton finished his practice Saturday, but Morningstar put in several hours of hard work at the table yesterday. In the champion's final play he made one run of 206 and averaged in the neighborhood of 45 while running about 500 points."

Morningstar is a son of George Morningstar, of this city, and half-brother of "Hi" Morningstar the well known bus man. He grew up in Rochester but left ten years ago to become an expert billiardist and has been in many leading billiard contests both in this country and Europe.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 21, 1907]

### MORNINGSTAR AS TRUST BUSTER

Ora Morningstar, a former Rochester boy but now one of the leading lights in the billiard world, has sprung into prominence by his declaration that the champions Shafer and Sutton had formed a combination for holding the championships at the two leading games, the 18.1 and 18.2 styles.

The Chicago Sunday Examiner says: "Ora Morningstar, the 'trust buster,' will start his campaign against the alleged monopoly in billiard championships tomorrow night, when he meets George Sutton at New York for the world's 18.2 title. Morningstar is the challenger, Sutton having held the championship trophy at this particular style of billiards for nearly two years.

"The challenger for tomorrow night's match declared that he would break up the monopoly by turning 'trust buster.' He will start his campaign tomorrow. If successful he will issue a challenge to Jake Schaefer to play for the world's 18.1 championship, and attempt to break down that part of the monopoly.

"Little credit has been given to Morningstar's story. The general opinion is that the challenger is a little disgruntled by his failure to win Sutton's title when they met last year. No matter what the truth of the trust story may be, Morningstar imagines himself the 'common people' of the cue game, with the mission of busting the alleged trust as his chief duty. His fate, perhaps, will be that of all other ambitious trust busters --- a good, sound trouncing."

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 27, 1908]

### MORNINGSTAR LOSES OUT

[- - - - -Morningstar lost 500 to 309 - - - - -]

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 28, 1908]

### ORA MORNINGSTAR CHAMPION

A dispatch from New York says Ora C. Morningstar of this city is the new world's champion at 18.2 balkline billiards, having won the honor by defeating George F. Slosson in the final game of the international tournament at Madison Square Garden concert hall tonight.

"Morningstar is a native of Rochester, Ind. He is 34 years old and has been prominent as a billiardist for several years. He distinguished himself in this tournament by scoring a victory in every one of his six games. Besides winning the championship emblem he gets a cash prize of \$1,200 and 40 per cent of the box office receipts and entry money.

"The game between Slosson and Morningstar attracted wide interest. Slosson won the bank and scored on the break but failed on his second shot. Morningstar made 2 and then fell short on an attempted two-cushion carom.

"Similar failures occurred in the men's second and third innings. Slosson was first to regain control and rattled off 26 and 27 in his fourth and fifth innings, while Morningstar netted 1 and 19 respectively.

"Slosson got a cipher in the sixth and then Morningstar began to nurse the ivories into control on the lower rail. After running up 50 he got them for the open space nurse, which he worked until they went wide on his seventy-third shot, but he gathered them again in six open

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table plays. This run went to 114 points, a two-cushion cross-table shot ending it. The score for six innings stood: Morningstar, 136; Slosson, 54.

"A run of 46 in the seventh sent Morningstar's stock up further and another of 28 put him beyond the 200 mark in the tenth. At the end of this inning the score was Morningstar 208; Slosson 62.

"Morningstar ran past the 300 mark and past 400 from the sixteenth to eighteenth innings, while Slosson reached double figures only twice from the eleventh to the nineteenth inning. The score at the end of the nineteenth inning was: Morningstar, 445; Slosson 152.

"Slosson's best effort was 47 in his twenty-second inning, but with an unfinished run of 27 Morningstar won the game and the championship by a score of 500 to 214 in the twenty-third inning."

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 3, 1909]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Ora Morningstar, formerly of Rochester and now champion billiardist of the world, will contest for honors with Willie Hoppe, the boy wonder, in a short time.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 3, 1910]

### MUST DEFEND HIS 18-1 TITLE

Ora O. Morningstar, formerly of Rochester and now champion 18-1 billiard player of the world, will be called upon to defend his title in Pittsburgh, Wednesday night, when he meets the challenger, Willie Hoppe, of New York, who holds the 18-2 championship title.

Morningstar won the 18-1 title from George Sutton in Chicago on May 18, 1912. Sutton some time before that date took the title from Willie Hoppe. Morningstar, who has held the title longer than any other player, was challenged by Sutton early in December, and on Jan 9, in Pittsburgh, defeated the Chicagoan by a score of 500 to 478. The game with Hoppe will be the second Morningstar has been called upon to play since he became champion.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 18, 1913]

### DOESN'T FEAR ORA

Willie Hoppe, billiard champion, is willing to meet Ora Morningstar and Kon Yamma, who have challenged him at the balkline game. Moreover the champion is willing to give each of them 1,000 points as a starter in a 5,000 point game and wager from \$1 to \$1,000 that neither can beat him. Morningstar and Yamada now are touring the western states.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 26, 1916]

### PICTURE OF MORNINGSTAR

In Monday's Picture Magazine, of the Chicago Herald and Examiner, appeared a picture of Ora Morningstar, former Rochester resident, photographed at the Schaefer-Conti match in San Diego. Two other billiard champions, Roger Conti, of France, and Jake Schaefer are with him in the picture.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 27, 1922]

### MORNINGSTAR WILL GIVE AN EXHIBITION

Ora C. Morningstar, of San Diego, Cal., will appear in a billiard exhibition in Indianapolis Tuesday evening. Morningstar, a former resident of Rochester, is one of the oldest billiard players from the standpoint of competitive play, now engaging in the sport. He held the 18.2 balk line championship in 1909.

The Californian is one of the fourteen cut stars touring the country under sponsorship of the National Billiard Association. The exhibition will be given at the Dougherty Billiard Parlor at 134 1/2 North Pennsylvania street at 8:30 p.m.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 5, 1934]

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### ORA MORNINGSTAR 'COMES HOME' FOR EXHIBITION

Ora C. Morningstar, former world 18.1 and 18.2 balkline billiards champion, will appear at Rochester Recreation Club, 600 N. Main Street at 9:30 p.m. on November 9th, under the auspices of the National Billiard Association of America. Second of the seven players flying under the "Better Billiards" program banner who will appear at Rochester this season. Morningstar will, without doubt, become a distinct "hit" with the hundreds of fans expected to witness his two-hour siege with the three ivory spheres.

Morningstar will offer free instructions to both women and men in addition to his scintillating display of billiards and fancy shots. Recognized as the "tops" among billiard instructors the world over, each billiard enthusiast who takes the opportunity to receive his expert advice should improve their billiard game 100 per cent.

The veteran Morningstar, who prefers to be called Ora by one and all, hails from San Diego, California. He was born in Rochester, Ind., in 1874, and has devoted 47 years of his life in the interests of billiards. He is one of the only three left of the "old school" the others being George Slosson and Alfredo De Oro.

Morningstar won the world 18.2 balkline championship in 1909 and two years later annexed the world 18.1 title. Previous to attaining world fame he went to Mexico in 1901 where he won the Mexican championship, which he still holds. President Diaz was in attendance. In 1903 he journeyed to Paris where he engaged Robert Glourieux, the Belgian titlist in a 3600 point match at 18.2 balkline and broke the then world record of 200 held by Frank Ives and George Sutton by 24 points.

Serving the past twenty-three years as instructor, the billiard world today regards him as one of their most valuable instructors. He has a unique knack of imparting billiard knowledge without apparent effort to either pupil or himself.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 7, 1935]

### CITY'S LONE CLAIM TO FAME IN SPORTS WORLD, RETURNS

By Byron J. Schoeman

The second billiard ace of the seven to appear here this winter at Rochester Recreation Club, will make his appearance on Nov. 9th, at 9:30 p.m. in the person of Ora C. Morningstar, former world 18.2 balkline billiards king. The 61-year-old veteran of San Diego, Cal., comes here under the auspices of the National Billiard Association of America on their third annual nationwide national "Better Billiards" program.

\* \* \* \* [photo of Ora C. Morningstar] \* \* \* \*

Morningstar, recognized as the greatest instructor today in the billiard world will give free billiard instructions to both women and men, in addition to his sterling exhibition of billiards and fancy shots. His legion of admirers throughout the country are vehement in their claim that he has a supreme knack of imparting billiard knowledge to byros and mediocre players, as well as those who handle a cue with adeptness, with the least amount of effort on the part of pupil or himself of any instructor in the game.

Morningstar was born in Rochester in 1874, where his father owned a hotel. It was there that he first got a glimpse of a billiard table. He became immediately interested. Too young, however, to play on a regulation table, Morningstar built his own outfit. The equipment consisted of a store box and rails made from old rubber shoe soles. The cues were made from broomsticks and the balls were nothing more than marbles. He installed this "table" in the woodshed and he attributes his "championship stroke" to his early play on same.

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Morningstar won the Indiana State Championship when only 18 years old. Two years later he went to New York with Maurice Daly and established a high run of 194 at 18.2 balkline; winning the tournament. In 1901 he won the Mexican title, before President Diaz, in Mexico City.

The veteran cuist won the world 18.2 balkline championship in 1909 and two years later annexed the world 18.1 balkline billiards title.

Ora, as he prefers to be called, has devoted 47 years in the interest of billiards, the past twenty-three having been spent as instructor in all parts of the country.

Morningstar is also a talented artist, having studied in Europe under numerous widely-known artists. He has several exhibits on view in the Carnegie Institute at Pittsburgh.

-- The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 8, 1935.

### MEET ROCHESTER'S ORA MORNINGSTAR, WORLD CHAMPION

Considered Comment

By Jack K. Overmyer

Let us consider today the life and the superlative sports career of Ora C. Morningstar of Rochester.

In his lifetime he gained the widest renown of any person in this city's history, yet he has become almost entirely forgotten. That must not be allowed to happen.

Ora's present obscurity may result from his greatest accomplishments having occurred 80-90 years ago, but that does not diminish either their importance or the value of his remembrance.

This man of such poetical surname was born and spent his youth in Rochester. Here at the age of 14 he was attracted to, and recognized he had a talent for, the game of billiards. That attraction led him into a lifelong career as a professional billiards player, two world championships and a prominence in national and international matches that was continual. In his later years he became an outstanding billiards instructor, touring the country giving lessons and skillful exhibitions.

Ora's fame, and the pride which his home town took in him, might be compared, in today's terms, to that of a hometown professional golfer winning the Masters and the U.S. Open as well as regular tournaments on the PGA tour.

Someone like a Jack Nicklaus born and reared in Rochester, one might say.

If we are to appreciate Ora Morningstar's achievements it is necessary to understand the great popularity of billiards in this country during the last half of the 19th and first half of the 20th centuries.

Billiards play - both carom and pocket (or pool) varieties - was ubiquitous in America, reaching all classes of males in all sizes of cities.

Everyone, it seemed, either had a table to play on at home or they could be found at the local billiard parlors which were as merous as are today's video stores. The game of quality was carom billiards, because of its demand for skill and technique.

During the Civil War billiards match results received as much coverage as did the war's battles. Billiards and pool championships were held yearly on state, regional and national levels; leading players met in one-on-one challenges before large crowds.

It was the age of the billiards personality. Prominent players were pictured on cards which fans traded just as those of major league baseball stars are now. The billiards craze began to fade in 1952 with the retirement of Willie Hoppe, the legendary boy wonder who in 1906 at the age of 18 beat the reigning French champion at Paris in the demanding 18.1 balkline play. Hoppe returned to a tumultuous welcome in America.

That's the heady world of fame and riches which beckoned Ora Morningstar while he was growing up in Rochester, where he was born in 1874 and where his father George operated a hotel. The Morningstars first moved into northern Indiana from Ohio in the 1860s and were a prominent local family. Hiram and Cyrus Morningstar, Ora's half-brothers, for many years operated the Morningstar Bus Line in Rochester, a popular horse-drawn taxi service used particularly by incoming train passengers.



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Ora often recalled how as a youngster he was smitten by the first billiard table he saw. Unable to buy one, he made a primitive substitute from rude materials at hand and began practice. Ora's infatuation with the game continued during his Rochester school years and then he caught the eye of Henry Meyer.

Henry, a young man of many interests, was working in his father's retail liquor store on the west side of the square. An accomplished musician, he was a cornet soloist who traveled the United States with leading bands and later would direct the Rochester Citizens Band. He had a passion for baseball, in which he managed and sponsored teams and became an umpire of authority. His talent for billiards, however, was superior; he would go on to win a string of Indiana championships and compete against many leading players in exhibition matches.

Henry saw something promising in this young boy's approach to billiards play and took him on for lessons in the Meyer residence at 928 Franklin Avenue. So it was that Ora Morningstar found in a fellow townsman the teacher who would direct him to his destiny. Next week we shall see how the course of that fate played out.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 16, 1996]

### THE BALKLINE BRILLIANCE OF ORA MORNINGSTAR

Considered Comment

By Jack K. Overmyer

The tale of Ora C. Morningstar, who ventured from Rochester to find fame in international billiards competition, concludes by examining his extraordinary accomplishments and his unique athletic genius.

The particular billiards games in which Ora won his two world championships were 18.1 balkline and 18.2 balkline. These perplexing terms need definition if we are to appreciate the Morningstar story.

As Ora performed it, billiards is the carom game that is played on a felt-covered table of cushioned borders. In its simplest form, a point is scored by driving a cue ball so that it strikes or touches two object balls before it comes to rest. There are no pockets on a carom billiards table.

This game, and varieties of it, dominated the public's attention in America and in Europe for 70 years, into the 1930s. About that time pool, or pocket, games became more popular and billiards play shifted to three-cushion.

To score a point in three-cushion, the cue ball must rebound off at least three of the table's rubber borders as it makes contact with the object balls.

Three-cushion remains the most exacting billiards play today.

Carom is the purest of the billiards games because it is the most formidable to master, requiring as it does the principles of physics and geometry, large measures of intuition and technique, not to mention endless practice.

The original form of billiards yielded quickly to the ingenuity of its players; object balls would be lined up in such a way that points could be scored so repetitively that the other player might never even get his turn. Spectators took their turn, however; they turned away in boredom.

So, the game was changed drastically in the 80s by creating balkline billiards, which was infinitely more difficult to comprehend and to master. In balkline, the table is marked off into eight balk spaces by drawing lines parallel to the cushions, along the sides and ends. When the two object balls lie together within one of these spaces, the manner in which they must be struck is controlled.

As a result, there were fewer easy points, consecutive runs were reduced and, once again, spectators had reason to marvel at the skill and imagination of players.

By the mid-1880s the professionals had adopted 18.1 and 18.2 balkline games for their major competitions. The number 18 means that each balkline is drawn 18 inches from the

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cushions. The number 1 or 2 signifies the shots that are allowed while both object balls lie in one of the eight balk spaces.

In 18.1 a player must drive one of the balls out of that space on his next shot. In 18.2, he is allowed two shots to drive one out. By forcing separation of the object balls, the difficulty of scoring points greatly increases. Indeed, in 1900 some of the leading billiard professionals published a manifesto declaring that 18.1 should be abandoned, as it was too difficult to play. Their complaint was ignored.

These are the games that Ora Morningstar mastered. He burst upon the public scene in 1892 when he won the Indiana 18.1 championship at the age of 18.

Two years later he turned professional and went to New York City with Maurice Daly, a leading pro. There he competed with some of the nation's best cue artists, including a series of matches with Hugo Kerkau, a German master. In that same year of 1894 he won the city's 18.2 tournament, establishing a record high run of 194 in the process. In 1901 at the age of 27 he finished an impressive fourth in his first world's championship competition, the 18.1 tournament held in New York City.

Balkline was about to bend to Ora's brilliance. He was in the major leagues of billiards and his career was off and running. Later In 1901 at Mexico City he won the Mexican championship tourney with the country's longtime dictator, Porfitio Diaz, looking on. In 1903 at Paris his stage became international. He defeated there the Belgian champion Robert Clourieux in a 3600-point match of 18.2 balkline, breaking by 24 points the world's existing high run record of 200. Early In 1904 he was among the standout performers in the 18.2 Young Masters Tournament In Paris.

The peak years of Ora's competitive career still were to come. In 1909 he took the world's 18.2 championship with a grand slam, winning all six games of the tourney. He is one of only nine men to hold the world's 18.2 title.

Declining defense of that championship, he added the 18.1 world's championship to his record two years later. Only six other players ever did that. Then, at age 38 and at the top of his game, he retired from competition.

He soon embarked on two successive world tours, during which he met all comers and rarely lost a match.

Thereafter he toured the United States for 25 years to instruct young players and exhibit his astonishing shotmaking skills.

Rochester last saw its gifted son on November 9, 1935. The 61-year-old Morningstar came to town to stage an exhibiton for the National Billiard Association. The News-Sentinel provided copious advance notice of his appearance but, curiously, published nary a line describing the event, which was held at the Recreation Club on the southwest corner of Sixth and Main. We do know that Henry Meyer did not live to see his star pupil perform that night; he died early in 1934.

Between his billiards matches, Ora studied with American and European painters to improve another of his talents. His paintings were exhibited and he continued to produce them under the California sun in San Diego, where he operated a billiards parlor and where he died May 29, 1945, at age 70. His memory as one of the game's all-time superstars still is treasured by billiards historians.

As it now is, once more, by Rochester. Welcome back, Ora Morningstar, you've been forgotten here too long.

[NOTE: front-page drawing of Ora Morningstar]

[Rochester, Sentinel, Tuesday, May 21, 1996]

## MORNINGSTAR BROTHERS [Rochester City]

Located at Wallace House, SE corner of 5th & Main.

Operated a hack.

See Arlington Hotel.

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

There is one firm in Rochester that keeps things looking prosperous and attractive to strangers. It is the Morningstar Brothers. Their hacks and busses are always kept clean and neatly painted, their harness looks new, and their horses are always well kept. Such things help a town.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 2, 1904]

#### MORNINGSTAR BUS LINE IS SOLD SATURDAY

Mrs. Julia Morningstar, who has conducted the Morningstar bus line in this city since the death of her husband, Hiram Morningstar, eight years ago, sold the business Saturday to Henry Entsminger and Sheriff James Coplen. Mr. Entsminger, who has been connected with the line for 12 years, will continue in active charge.

Hiram Morningstar started the bus line in Rochester 15 years ago and it is the only transfer service here which operates throughout the year. The mail has been carried for several years by the Morningstars and the former owner will continue to have charge of it until her contract expires within the next 30 days, at which time the service will be sold again to the best bidder. Mrs. Morningstar has been receiving from the government \$500 a year to carry the mail.

It is said that Fred Rannells and Entsminger will remain in charge of the business at present and that the original Rochester-Mais truck, now being rebuilt into a hack, will be added and used for hotel and lake service.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 26, 1915]

#### HOME TOWN TALES

By "Pioneer"

Time was, when the Morningstar Bus and Transfer Company, was a dependable and profitable business. A long waiting list of envious buyers constantly supplicated Hiram Morningstar to name his price for the business.

At the time Hiram Morningstar lifted a heavy load of "over head" from three local hotels by purchasing their busses, horses and equipment, each hotel conducted "free" transportation, to and from all trains.

At the date of this story, twelve heavily loaded passenger trains pulled into Rochester daily over the Lake Erie and Western and Erie Railroads. Aside from a driver, each hotel bus was commandeered by a carefully selected "slugger" - hired and paid for no other purpose than filling his employer's bus with passengers as fast as they alighted from trains. Fistic encounter between rival "bus bullies" was a daily occurrence much to the pleasure and satisfaction of two Justice Courts, and many a bewildered, clothing torn traveling salesman, bodily thrown into one bus, while his luggage was held in defying possession of rival "free transportation," thank God had had but one life to give to his company.

Soon following Morningstar's purchase of all local hotel busses, mail carrier service was established in Rochester. The genial city carrier traveling the route covering the Morningstar Transfer Barns and all of north Rochester, made it a part of his duty to read carefully all outgoing and incoming postal cards.

One morning Mr. Morningstar gave the postman a post card addressed to a farmer residing near Akron, requesting the early delivery of a load of hay. Three days later, the obliging postman, holding a reply card in his hand, called to Mr. Morningstar: "Hiram, that farmer says he is too busy to bring you a load of hay." "All right," replied Morningstar, "Tear up the card."

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 27, 1935]

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### **MORPHET, RICHARD** [Wayne Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Richard Morphet was born in England January 5, 1823; his parents living and dying in the same country, were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Morphet, one of seven children, landed in this country in 1852, with five shillings, or 62 1/2 cents, in his pocket; came to this county in 1854; married Mary Stackhouse December, 1856, and settled on his present farm in 1857. they have had six children, only two of whom--John and William--are living. Mrs. Morphet died in 1881, and Richard Morphet married, for his second wife, Mrs. Foose. He has 260 acres of land, all of which he has earned himself.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 62]

### **MORRETT, WILLIAM M.** [Henry Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

William M. Morrett. One of the leading citizens of Fulton county is William M. Morrett, a substantial farmer and a public official of high character and executive ability. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1860, son of Samuel and Ann Elizabeth (Gross) Morrett. Samuel Morrett was born also in Cumberland county, February 11, 1827, and in early business life was a machinist, coachmaker and tinner. He came with his family to Indiana in 1876, although they had previously been here. They would come out here, stay a while and then when ague or other sickness attacked them, return to Pennsylvania and work at his trade. He had bought one hundred and sixteen acres of farm land in Kosciusko county. Although he had but meager educational advantages, his mental gifts were unusual and through his own efforts he became something of a scholar and frequently contributed articles to the newspapers. Although he never accepted a public office, he took a deep interest in political questions, and as a Republican cherished great admiration for such leaders as Abraham Lincoln and James G. Blaine. He lived to be ninety-four years old, his death occurring February 10, 1921. Both he and his wife were members of the Church of God. In Pennsylvania he married Ann Elizabeth Gross, born there October 22, 1835, who died on her eighty-third birthday. She was of German extraction and throughout life she carefully preserved her German Bible, published in 1828, which may be one of the oldest volumes of its kind in Fulton county. Of the family of six children born to this marriage, four are yet living. William M. Morrett, fourth in order of birth of his parents' children, was sixteen years old when the family located in Kosciusko county. He attended the country schools and had some high school training, and after assisting his father on the farm for some years, started out for himself, with little capital it is true, but with laudable ambition to succeed in life through industry and integrity. He accepted such local positions as were available at the time, earned the sum of \$25 by acting as church janitor, and continued in this and other lines of work up to the time of his marriage, since when he has been mainly concerned with agricultural problems. He owns three fine farms, two situated in Kosciusko county and one in Fulton county, aggregating 290 acres, all improved and kept in first class condition. In the main, his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, but, in addition, he has been a valuable citizen of Fulton county in other directions. Possessing the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens, in 1918, he was elected trustee of Henry township and served one term, usefully and faithfully performing his public duties, the centralization of the schools in this township being a special feature carefully looked after. Because of his sincerity and efficiency, he has the hearty support of his fellow citizens generally. As his father before him, he is an ardent Republican in political sentiment. Mr. Morrett was married October 19, 1882, to Miss Clara L. Rader, who was born, reared and educated in Fulton county, and throughout life was a faithful member of the Church of God. Of their family of four daughters, three are living. Fay G., who is the widow of Thomas Gast, who died in 1906, has been an educator for twelve years and is a teacher in the high school at Akron. She is an educated and accomplished lady, a graduate of the Akron High School and of the Indiana Conservatory of Music. She also completed a Domestic Science course in the University of

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Chicago, and is a member of the order of Pythian Sisters. Helen Marie was educated in the grade schools and the high school at Akron, and is a Pythian Sister. Margaret Elizabeth, after being graduated from the high school, spent one year in DePauw University and afterward taught in the Akron schools for two years. She is the wife of William Riley, a farmer in Fulton county, and is a member of the Royal Neighbors and the order of Rebekah. Mr. Morrett was married second, August 24, 1920, to Mrs. Adeline (Frampton) Gardner, who was born in Wabash county, Indiana, where she was reared and generously educated. Mrs. Morrett is a striking example of the successful modern business woman, her ability, tact and practicality having carried her through twenty-three years of business experience in a general store and equipped her for various positions of responsibility in different parts of the country. For four years she served as librarian in the high school at Mesa, Maricopa county, Arizona, and Mr. Morrett belongs to the Ancient Order of Gleaners, and is a member also of Lodge No. 329, Knights of Pythias at Akron. While living in Akron he was a member of the Carnegie Library board. Mrs. Morrett is a member of the Christian Science church.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 248-251, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

### **MORRIS, HARVEY LEROY (JACK)** [Akron, Indiana]

Stockbuyer well known as Jack Morris.

Mr. Morris was a farmer and livestock dealer. He inaugurated horse shows at Akron and at one time was a horse buyer for Hagenback-Wallace, Ringling Brothers and Cole Brothers circuses.

[Obituary, Rochester *Sentinel*, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, April 17, 1964]

Jack graduated from common school at Gilead in 1906. Eight years later he and Oren Craig and Jack's cousin Ruben Miller started a business called the Palace Livery and Feed Stable in Akron (today called the Palace Garage and owned by George Stephen). In this building besides stabling horses for the people of Akron and renting buggies, Roy (or Jack) ran an ad in the Akron newspaper saying, "Roy Morris has just received a carload of fine buggies. If you want a buggy you can get it. I will trade for all kinds of stock. Palace Livery Barn. I would like to have six livery horses in exchange."

Then Jack started buying small parcels of land and small farms around Akron and trading them for almost anything. In 1916 another ad in the Akron newspaper read "WANTED - army horses. See Morris and Bolley at barn. Akron. Phone 16."

Another item of proof that Mr. Morris traded for anything and everything was again in 1916 when Roy Morris and Elmer Hammerback west of Gilead consummated a deal by which they exchanged property. Hammerback got the Palace livery stock and Roy got 21 acres near Gilead.

Jack seemed to be on his way in the trading business because hereafter the letterheads of his stationery were pictures of horses, mule heads and the words "Farmer and Dealer in Livestock." His checkbook also carried this identification. The sign on his livestock truck read "Bulls to Loan" and "Sows on Shares."

In the late 1920's Jack built the first electric lines to his farm east of Akron.

Also in the late 1920's he was contacted by the owners of the Hagenback and Sells-Floto circuses; in 1930 by John Ringling, owner of Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus; in 1935 by Jess Adkins for the Cole Brothers Circus; and in 1938 by the King Brothers and Robbins Circus and by Clyde Beatty through the 1950's to supply them with horses for their shows and to pull their wagons. These baggage horses and the bareback horses had to be gray to white in color, especially the barebacks as rosin powder had to be put on their back so the performers wouldn't slip while performing.

In 1959 Walt Disney ordered two pairs of matched horses for his enterprise in Disneyland, Calif. In 1960 Disney ordered 50 sets of harness for his corporation in Disneyland. Jack was able to fill this order.

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In 1939 he was asked to fill an order for 16,500 horses for the British and French governments. He did buy some horses to help fill this request.

Jack Morris sent a truck load of livestock to the Union Stock Yards in Chicago every week, and in so doing the owners of the yards came to know him very well. They soon came to depend on him to supply their horses. Again the horses had to be matched with white mains and tails and had to weigh from 1600 to 1800 pounds. He also supplied matched teams for pulling special carriages through Chicago's Lincoln Park carrying visiting dignitaries.

Jack Morris felt that he did not dare to have tractors on his farm, because it would cause the business he loved to cease. He built his business with horses and it must continue with horse-trading to keep pace with the mechanical world. But when the young men returned from the wars in 1944-48, they had lived in a machine world and could not go back to the style of horse farming. It was too slow. He began farming with tractors in the late 1940's. Jack Morris had carried, housed, fed as many as 100 to 150 horses on his farms at the same time.

Jack Morris was the instigator of the very successful fairs and huge horse shows held in Akron starting in 1931. He served in many capacities on the Akron Fair Board and in horse shows through the 1950's. These were started as street fairs with roads 14 and 19 in Akron closed to traffic and detoured around town. The streets filled with a carnival atmosphere. This grew to be so successful that the fairs were moved behind Leininger's store and the horse shows were held on the ball diamond. Many times the horse shows would last until 1:00 a.m. because of so many entries.

A very interesting line of his business started in 1927 when he began having big livestock sales at his farm one mile east of Akron on road 114. An example is the sale held on Oct. 20, 1927, which consisted of 182 head of lambs and ewes, 244 head of cows and calves and 35 bulls. This sale totaled \$17,648.75. Other sales were: Feb. 16, 1927, \$11,083.00; Dec. 15, 1927, \$13,069.70. I can't account for 1928, but on Sept. 19, 1929, the sale totaled \$14,845.10. These sales continued until 1943.

He built his sale barn one mile east of Akron on state road 114 in 1935. It was 70 by 40 feet and could seat 2,500 people and the sales continued there. The ladies of different churches served the meals. It was destroyed by a tornado June 22, 1951.

He made many friends and many people are "better" people because they knew him. Many people say their farm was saved during the Depression by Jack Morris lending them a team of horses to farm with. He loaned horses and bulls free (for their keep or feed) to people who needed them.

[Daniel Whittenberger-Monroe Morris Family, Kate Morris Jennens, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

### BOUGHT SHOW HORSES

Jack Morris horsebuyer of Akron early this week purchased fifty horses at the Ringling shows winter quarters east of Peru. The horses had to be sold because of the fire at the winterquarters early last week which destroyed the horse barns causing a loss of \$45,000. The horses are now quartered at the Morris farm where they can be viewed.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 12, 1930]

### JACK MORRIS BUILDING NEW LARGE SALES BARN

Jack Morris is building a sale barn at his farm which is located one mile east of Akron on Road 114.

The new structure will be 70x40 feet and will be one of the finest sale pavilions in Northern Indiana. It is a frame building and will be completed next week.

Mr. Morris states he will be able to seat 2,500 people in the new building when he equips it for sales.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 21, 1935]

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### JACK MORRIS PURCHASES ROBBINS CIRCUS HORSES

Roy (Jack) Morris, Akron, horse buyer and county commissioner, Monday purchased forty baggage horses from the Robbins Brothers Circus. None of the ring stock or menage horses were sold.

Mr. Morris has moved the horses he purchased from the circus to his farm in Henry township. Many of the horses are in mated teams.

Mr. Morris for a number of years has purchased all of the horses which were used in the Robbins and Cole circuses and also for the circuses which have winter quarters in Peru.

Mr. Morris will start in February to buy more horses to be used in the circuses of the Indiana Circus Corporation during their 1939 season.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 25, 1938]

### JACK MORRIS PURCHASES 35 COLE CIRCUS HORSES

Roy (Jack) Morris, Akron, horse buyer and county commissioner from the second district, Saturday purchased 35 baggage horses which had been used in the Cole Brothers Circus during the past year.

Last Monday Mr. Morris purchased 40 baggage horses which had been used during the past summer in the Robbins Brothers Circus.

Mr. Morris has moved the 75 head of horses to his farm near Akron. Many of the horses are in mated teams. None of the menage or ring stock horses which will be used as nucleus for the two circuses in 1939 were sold by the circus owners.

Mr. Morris for a number of years has purchased all of the horses used in the two Rochester circuses and those which have winter quarters in Peru as well.

Mr. Morris has been commissioned by the local circus owners to start in February to purchase baggage horses which will be used in parades by the Cole and Robbins circuses during the summer of 1939 as the shows travel about the United States and Canada.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 29, 1938]

### CIRCUS HORSES SOLD

Glen Jarmes of Chicago, Monday purchased 44 head of horses of Jack Morris of Akron. The horses were ones which had been used in the Cole Brothers Circus. Mr. Jarmes is building a 15-car circus in Chicago and he will use the horses which he purchased in his parade. Due to inclement weather, Morris was forced to postpone his auction sale of horses Monday, and will hold another sale at a date to be announced later.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 31, 1939]

### JACK MORRIS PURCHASING HORSES FOR ALLIED ARMY

Jack Morris, president of the Fulton county board of commissioners and stockbuyer of Akron, is helping to fill an order for 16,500 of horses which has been placed by the British and French governments.

In the month of November 800 horses were purchased for the allied governments for use in the war against Germany and the quota for tis month is 1100.

The horses are shipped to Chicago where seven inspectors for the French and British governments look them over and select the ones which they think are suitable for war service.

Mr. Morris stated that his first shipment in November was 24 horses all of which had been purchased from Fulton county farmers. These were placed in a large corral in Chicago and they also were the first horses purchased by the two governments in Indiana.

Mr. Morris was gratified that when the inspector selected 12 horses out of the 400 sitable for artillery use, that of the dozen, eight were horses which he had purchased in his home county. Most of the horses purchased by the two governments will be used in the cavalry.

During the first World War, Mr. Morris purchased horses first for the allied powers and later for the United States. In the past few years he had bought all of the horses used in circuses which have winterquarters in Peru and Rochester.

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[The News - Sentinel, Monday, December 4, 1939]

### **MORRIS, J. M.** [Fulton, Indiana]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Dr. J. M. Morris is the oldest practicing physician in years of continuous service in Fulton. He was born in Lancaster, Ohio, July 11, 1841, a son of Mitchell and Elizabeth (Hardesty) Morris. The father was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1812, and there died in 1894. He was a successful farmer and stock-dealer and was active in politics, serving as treasurer of his county for eight years, and as coroner for four years. The children of the family are Rhoda O.; Mary, wife of Lewis Hunter, of Fairfield county, Ohio; J. M., of this review; Jennie, wife of J. J. Smith, of Wells county, Ind.; Sarah, wife of Morris Turner, of Jersey City, Ohio; Dr. George M., of Hadley, Ind.; and Emma, of Lancaster, Ohio. Dr. Morris, of this sketch, was reared as a farmer's son and acquired his literary education in the district and village schools. Prompted by patriotism, he enlisted in the Union service in 1861, at Lancaster, Ohio, as a member of company C, Eleventh Ohio infantry, which was sent to Camp Dennison, then on to St. Louis, Mo., and to Fort Laramie, Wyoming. The duty of the regiment was to protect and mail routes and other government interests on the frontier. The doctor entered the service as a private, but meritorious conduct won him promotion to the rank of Sergeant major, and as such he was mustered out in Omaha, Neb., in April, 1865. Returning at once to Lancaster, he began the study of medicine the next year, with Dr. R. J. D. Peters. He was graduated from the medical college in Columbus, Ohio, and in order to further perfect himself in his chosen calling he has since attended lectures at the Rush medical college of Chicago, and the Keokuk medical college, of Keokuk, Iowa. He began practice in Wells county, Ind., and in 1871 located at Twelve mile, in Cass county, where he did a successful business for ten years, since which time he has been accorded recognition as the leading practitioner of Fulton. He is popular with his professional brethren and with the public and has been deservedly successful. On May 28, 1872, at Twelve Mile, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Morris and Miss Sarah J. Sargent, who was born in Pennsylvania, in 1846. Their children are Fannie V., aged twenty-two; Charles H., twenty years of age; James A., a youth of fifteen; and May, a maiden of eleven summers. In politics the doctor is a democrat.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 111-112]

### **MORRIS, JACK** [Akron, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Jack Morris)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Jack Morris)

### **MORRIS & SON HARDWARE** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Saturday Specials on next Saturday only. - - - Galvanized Brooder Coops - - -  
Morris & Sons, Successors to H. W. Schertz.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 22, 1920]

### **MORRIS GROCERY** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### BABCOCK GROCERY HAS CHANGED HANDS AGAIN

Arley P. Morris, former proprietor of the now Clinton Hardware Store, has purchased the Ray Babcock grocery and will take possession of the business Monday. Mr. Morris has had former experiences in this line of work. Mr. Babcock states that he has no plans for the immediate future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 25, 1921]

[Adv] Buy it Wednesday - - - Morris the Grocer. Phone 42.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 6, 1922]



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[Adv] MORRIS GROCERY, 723 Main Street, Phone 42. - - - The New Food Store,  
Where your dollar goes the farthest.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 14, 1932]

### **ROCHESTER-MADE FOOD PRODUCTS ON DISPLAY**

In cooperation with Anchor Mills, Armour Creameries and Rochester Canning Company, Arley Morris has arranged a special food display of Rochester-made products in his north store window.

Armour's butter and cheese, Rochester-packed peas and corn and Lily flour, cake flour and pancake flour is featured.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 13, 1939]

## **MORRIS HARDWARE** [Rochester, Indiana]

It was announced Monday morning that the Arley Morris Hardware store on Main street had been traded to A. L. Clinton, of Kewanna. Mr. Morris, it is understood traded the store for the old Levi Stahl farm.

Just when Mr. Clinton will take charge of the store has not been decided definitely, but it is known that it will not be until an inventory of the stock can be made. This inventory will start Wednesday, when the store will be closed to remain until it is taken over by Mr. Clinton after the inventory is made. No information could be gained to show what business Mr. Morris will engage in now that he has disposed of his store. Mr. Morris purchased the store early in April from H. W. Schertz.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 16, 1920]

## **MORRISON, HENRY** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Wile Department Store

## **MORROW TAILORING PARLORS** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **LADIES TAILORS HERE**

The Morrow Tailoring parlors above Newby's drug store, are to be opened Tuesday morning. This is practically the only shop of its kind in the city, as it will be tailoring for women and children exclusively. Mr. Morrow is a son-in-law of K. P. Richardson, the hardware merchant.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, September 1, 1913]

## **MOSES, GUS** [Rochester, Indiana]

Cloaks and Dolmans - - - GUS MOSES, North End Dry Goods and Clothing House.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 23, 1882]

## **MOSS, FRANK C.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Fairview

## **MOTHERS-DAUGHTERS CLUB** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **MOTHERS-DAUGHTERS CLUB ORGANIZED**

In order to promote thrift and better cooperation between mothers and daughters, 27 women of this township have organized a Mothers-Daughters club. They will meet at the homes of members. In order to teach the younger women the art of cooking and canning, every kind of fruit, vegetable and meats produced in this county will be canned and some will be sold. Seven prizes have been offered for good work.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 21, 1916]

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### **MOTHER'S STUDY CLUB** [Akron, Indiana]

In 1913 Mabelle K. Leininger Gast became a charter member of the Mother's Study Club which federated in 1916.

### **MOTOR DIGEST** [Rochester, Indiana]

See Motor Guide

#### **FIRST ISSUE NEXT MONTH**

Max O. Shipley, advertising manager of the Motor Digest, left Wednesday for an extensive eastern trip covering automobile shows, salesmen's conventions and making a general survey of the motor world activities in the East. New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Bridgeport, Con., Montreal and Buffalo are some of the eastern centers of the automobile world he will visit. The Motor Digest will make its first appearance in this city in May, carrying over \$5,000 worth of national advertising.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 2, 1919]

#### **THE MOTOR DIGEST**

The first issue (May) of the Motor Digest, published by the Earle A. Miller Co., is just off the press. The new magazine, according to the publishers, has very bright prospects.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 8, 1919]

#### **CHANGES NAME**

The name of the Earle A. Miller publication has been changed from the Motor Digest to the Motor Guide because of a confliction with another motor publication.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 23, 1919]

### **MOTOR GUIDE** [Rochester, Indiana]

See Motor Digest

#### **MOTOR GUIDE CO. INCORPORATES**

The Motor Guide Publishing Company has incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000, the charter already being in the hands of Earle MILLER. The following officers have been elected: Daniel Agnew, President; Albert Bitters, Vice President; Earle Miller, Secretary-Treasurer. The Guide which has been published for some time under the direction of Mr. Miller has become a well known magazine in the motor world and has now reached a total subscription of 16,000. It is printed by the Van Trump Printing Company. The new organization has already made plans to place Motor Guide road markers on all the main highways in the state and in time extend the system all over the country.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 31, 1919]

#### **MOVING ITS HEADQUARTERS**

The Motor Guide is moving its headquarters from the Republican office to the room recently vacated by the Rochester Music Co.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 10, 1920]

#### **MAX SHIPLEY TO LEAVE**

Max Shipley, business manager of the Motor Guide, will leave this city very soon to accept the position of business manager of the Iron River-Stambaugh Reporter, a weekly newspaper, published at Iron River, Mich. Mr. Shipley will continue to hold his interest in the Motor Guide.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 25, 1920]

#### **JEWELER READY TO OPEN NEW STORE, HERE SOON**

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A F. Pierce, formerly of Gibson City, Ill., has taken possession of the room on E. Eighth street formerly occupied by the Motor Guide, where he expects in the very near future to open a jewelry store. The Motor Guide offices have been moved to the Republican office in the same locality. Mr. Pierce, a jeweler of long experience, has started work already on decorating his new location and will open up his store as soon as this work can be finished and his fixtures and stock moved in, which will be before the close of February, according to his present plans.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 4, 1922]

## **MOTOR INN GARAGE** [Fulton, Indiana]

### **TO OPEN FULTON MOVIE HOUSE NEXT WEDNESDAY**

Fulton is to have an up-to-date amusement house. L. E. Easterday, on Feb. 18, next Wednesday will open a moving picture show in the building formerly occupied by the Motor Inn Garage. A projection machine the duplicate of the ones in use at the Circle Theatre in Indianapolis, will be installed. Mr. Easterday is offering a number of prizes for persons who submit names for the theatre.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, February 13, 1925]

### **PURCHASES FULTON GARAGE**

A deal was completed Wednesday whereby Clarence Emery became the sole owner of the Motor Inn Garage at Fulton, purchasing the interest of his partner, Charles Hildebrand. Mr. Emery will retain the same corps of mechanics as has been employed at the garage. The contract for the Hudson-Essex sales and service will be held by the Motor Inn Garage. Mr. Hildebrand will go to Florida.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 12, 1926]

### **GARAGE IS SOLD**

The Motor Inn Garage at Fulton was sold this week by Clarence Emery to Harold Geyer of Logansport. Mr. Geyer has taken possession of the garage. He will be the agent for Hudson and Essex cars in Liberty township.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, August 24, 1928]

### **LEASES DIAMOND STATION**

Henry Vanatta who operates the Motor Inn Garage at Fulton has leased the Diamond Filling Station there. William Poorman is in charge of the station. Mr. Vanatta plans to build a garage at the rear of the station.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 16, 1934]

## **MOTOR OIL CO. FILLING STATION** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **NEW FILLING STATION TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY**

The new filling station of the Motor Oil Co., located at the corner of 6th and Main streets, will be ready to open their doors to the public Monday morning, July 31st, carrying the White Star gasoline and kerosene and the complete line of White Star greases and lubricating oil.

The station is to be under the charge of Charles Hendricks, assisted by John Ravencroft, while Alvin Reed will have charge of the wagons and trucks. The organization behind the concern is headed by F. E. Maston, of Maston, Kane and Ross, of Indianapolis, Riley Adams, of the Security Trust Co., Mr. Harris, of Hamilton and Harris and Henry Stelck, of the White Star Refining Co. The white Star Refining Co. is one of the oldest refining companies in mid continent and their products are well and favorably known.

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The owners of the new station have branch stations at Peru, Star City, Walton, Camden, Connersville, Rushville, Newcastle, Cambridge City, Franklin, Edinburg and Shelbyville with home offices at Logansport.

The new structure in its splendid location and with its up-to-the-minute equipment and well kept grounds will be one of Rochester's beauty spots, says Mr. John Burke, who has from the first had charge of the enterprise and who is responsible for the organization locating here, "and it will be kept and conducted along such lines as will make it a real asset to Rochester and our service will be all that a highly exacting public demands."

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 28, 1922]

## **MOTORCYCLE POLICE** [Rochester, Indiana]

### **FULTON CO. GETS NEW MOTORCYCLE POLICE**

State Motorcycle Policeman Ernest Laramore of Knox, who was recently appointed, was in this city today on social business. Officer Laramore stated today that under a new joining plan he would be in charge of Starke, Fulton and Pulaski counties and that he would visit this county once each week. Motorcycle Policeman Vernon Rosenberger of South Bend, who formerly was in charge of this county, has been promoted to a lieutenant. He is in command of eight northern Indiana counties.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 13, 1926]

## **MOUNSEY TAXI** [Rochester, Indiana]

Rochester will have a new taxi line in the near future which will bear the distinction of being the first one in this community operated by a woman, according to Mrs. Bessie Mounsey, 1427 south Main street, who has just moved to Rochester from Fulton to start her business operations.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 31, 1923]

## **MOUNT HOPE SCHOOL** [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

### **MT. HOPE SCHOOL HOUSE BURNS; PLAN TRANSFER**

The Mt. Hope school in Aubbeenaubbee township, situated 6 miles west of Richland Center, burned to the ground Sunday night. The fire was observed by farmers who live adjacent, at 10:30 p.m., but too late for them to save the structure. It is believed the fire was caused by tramps, who, it is thought were sleeping in the building.

The Mt. Hope school was a one-room structure and last winter was taught by Miss Gladys Freece. Seventeen students were enrolled. This was one of three district schools left in Aubbeenaubbee township. The others were to be abandoned, due to the fact that they had less than 12 scholars, which is necessary under a new state statute.

The Mt. Hope school will not be rebuilt, the pupils being transferred to the Leiters Ford and Delong consolidated school buildings.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 11, 1925]

### **THIRD AUBBEENAUBBEE SCHOOL HOUSE FLAME-HIT**

The third Aubbeenaubbee township school house to be mysteriously attacked by fire, the Hartman school one mile west of Delong, was saved from destruction Sunday morning.

As the rest, the recent blaze is attributed to incendiaries, perhaps irresponsible boys or persons having a grudge against the school management of the township. The two other buildings, Mt. Hope and Myers were destroyed.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 7, 1925]

## **MOUNT HOREB ENCAMPMENT** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester I.O.O.F.

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### **MOUNT OLIVE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY** [Liberty Township]

Alvin Oliver served as secretary to the Mt. Olive Literary and Debating Society one year.  
[James Andrew Oliver Family, Lucy Oliver Kincaide, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

### **MOUNT TABER** [Fulton County]

#### MT. TABER

Mt. Taber is again on the boom. Mell True is erecting a new building south of the school building which is to be a general repair shop and wagon jack factory. Now what we need is the trolley line.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, December 21, 1905]

### **MOUNT VERNON, INDIANA** [Wayne Township]

See Marshstown, Indiana

### **MOUNT ZION, INDIANA** [Rochester Township]

#### MT. ZION ITEMS

Mt. Zion is getting to be some little place. We have a mill, a church, a school, a canning factory, a blacksmith shop and there is talk of building a grocery store. The inhabitants numbering about 54.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 10, 1914]

#### HISTORY OF MT. ZION GIVES INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS ON OLD MILL AND ITS OWNERS

By Susan Skinner

Mt. Zion is located about three and one-half miles northwest of Macy - about two and one-half miles direct north of Wagoner Station and about six miles southeast of Rochester. It has been known as Mt. Zion as far back as can be remembered and the story begins as early as 1840 - before that time there seems to be no history of it.

There is a mill creek that runs through and extends east to Millark and empties into Lake Manitou. Mt. Zion has always been noted for its Mill and the work that has been done there. Years ago it was also noted for a very good fishing center and people would come from all over the country to fish. There are also several farm houses nearby - good farming land and a very prosperous country. Mt. Zion is in a beautiful location. The Mt. Zion cemetery is located nearby as is an abandoned school house.

#### Trues Buy The Place

During the time when the digging of gold was in its bloom in California in 1849, Lafayette and Wallace True, well known residents of Rochester and uncles of Nobby True, of Rochester, who now is owner of the True Bakery, accumulated a little wealth in California and came back to Indiana. These brothers purchased the Mt. Zion Mill - then known as the Hannol Woolen Mills and in 1856 they took possession. In addition they made a saw mill and operated it very successfully for many years. They were very prosperous and did a good business. One interesting trait about their mill work was that they would have to wait until the rise and fall of the water. At that time there were not many improvements or modern equipments.

In 1871 the True brothers died and the True estate was purchased by David Hoover, stepfather of Nobby True. It will be interesting for the friends of Nobby True's to learn that he spent his boyhood days on this farm, and lived at the mill until he was 15 years of age.

After Mr. Hoover purchased the place from the True estate, he converted the saw mill into a flour mill. He operated this business for some time, but as time passed misfortune befell him and he could not make the payments so it fell back to the True estate.

#### Mill Changes Hands

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In 1892 Mr. Gardner and Mr. Calentine of Rochester purchased the mortgage of \$1,000 from the True estate and in the fall of 1892 Jerry Anglemyer bought the mortgage and obtained the deed. On the 3rd of April 1893 Mr. Anglemyer and family moved and took possession of the mill. He lived there until the fall of 1894. At that time Peter Biddinger, a well known real estate dealer of Rochester, made a deal between Anglemyer, Frank Copeland and William Green of Rochester. William Green took the mill, Anglemyer took 80 acres - just two miles north of Mt. Zion belonging to Frank Copeland, and Copeland took 40 acres of land near Kewanna formerly owned by the said Green.

In the fall and winter of 1884, Mr. Green installed a roller process of modern machinery, previously he had used a Buhr process. As Mr. Green was unable to operate the mill himself, he employed a man by the name of Jacob Tester (a millwright man), an experienced man in this line of work. Mr. Tester operated this mill and had full charge and control of it. He moved to Mt. Zion in the fall of 1894, and during the spring of 1895 he completed the mill of modern machinery. Mr. Tester had possession and operated the mill through the remainder of 1895. He did a very prosperous business both in wholesaling and retailing of grinding wheat and making flour and also grinding feed. As Mr. Green furnished the capital, and while Mr. Tester had full charge of the Mill, Mr. Green thought the financial condition of the mill was of the best, but upon investigation, he found that conditions were not very satisfactory, so he decided to dispose of the place. He immediately consulted Peter Biddinger, the real estate agent of Rochester, in turn Mr. Biddinger saw John Rush, who owned a farm of 162 acres located three miles north of Twelve Mile on County line between Fulton and Cass Counties. In the meantime, Mr. Green had consulted Mr. Lew Enyart, a real estate agent of Macy, and through Mr. Enyart, Green made a deal with David Foor. Mr. Green took Foor's farm for the mill. Then a deal was made between John Rush and Frank Copeland and again Jerry Anglemyer took back the mill and assumed twenty acres at Twelve Mile, part of the John Rush farm, which had a mortgage of \$600.00. Mr. Anglemyer immediately sold the twenty acres to Mr. Lew Enyart at Macy for \$600.

### Anglemyer Becomes Owner

In the following spring - the 6th of April, 1896, Anglemyer took possession of the mill - owned and operated it until 1901 - then he purchased the farm known as the Coon farm of 120 acres, located two and one-half miles southeast of Fulton and three and one-half miles north of Twelve Mile. In the spring of 1901 Anglemyer sold the mill property to Bert Smith, a son of Edward Smith, at that time living one and one-half miles northeast of Mt. Zion formerly known as the Masteller place. Anglemyer moved down to the 120 acres near Fulton.

In 1905 Anglemyer was compelled to take the mill back again due to failure of keeping up the payments and it was again deeded back to him.

In the winter of 1906, on the 21st day of February, Anglemyer had the great misfortune of losing his good companion, Mrs. [Rachel] Anglemyer, who passed away at their farm home between Twelve Mile and Fulton. This left Mr. Anglemyer with his six daughters and after consulting daughters, they decided to move back to Mt. Zion. In the same year of 1906 soon after they moved back, they remodeled the house and built an addition and also remodeled and changed the mill - making it considerably larger and he added more machinery to the extent of \$1,000, thus making an up to date mill out of it. At that time they had water and steam power. Mr. Anglemyer enjoyed a very good business of wheat flour, both wholesale and retail, and also exchange work. He was very successful. He did feed grinding and all kinds of custom grinding and also bought grain and sold feed. As everybody knows Mr. Anglemyer was widely known in making buckwheat flour - he made a specialty of this and worked all hours in the season. People came from long distances and would have as much as 500 bushels at one time made into buckwheat flour.

### Wooden Dam Goes Out

Since 1906 Mr. Anglemyer had operated the mill principally by water power until the year of 1921 when the old dam went out during the flood. This was a wooden dam and had been there for over 90 [?] years - it having been put in by the Trues and Hoovers. And by it being a wooden dam, it had become so old and rotten that the whole thing crashed in. The mill was a

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three story building - very massive and strong. The lower story was where the corn sheller was up against the floor of the second story and where loads of corn cobs were accumulated and when the dam went out the water couldn't get away and the water came up in the lower story and soaked the corn cobs. When the water receded there was such a weight that it broke the sills supporting the floor and it crowded out all the posts in the water. They stayed there so long that there was nothing but a rotten shell and the lower floor collapsed, gave away and let one corner of the southwest corner of the mill down. Mr. Anglemyer secured help and they propped the corner up but before he could make arrangements to fix it right and put in the timbers under, the other corner opposite gave away and the whole mill collapsed on one Wednesday night while Mr. Anglemyer was attending a band concert at Rochester.

Unfortunately the machinery could not be gotten out and all the equipment was broken and everything in it destroyed. The machinery and working parts - also the water wheels are in there yet but all the rubbish was cleaned up. Mr. Anglemyer is thinking of building and running another mill in the future. In the summer of 1931 he repaired the old dam with an up to date concrete dam.

### Remodel His House

After the mill was gone, Mr. Anglemyer was alone, his six daughters all married and living in their own homes. He decided that in his last remaining years he would make a beautiful summer resort and an attractive place out of the old homestead and in 1932 he started his work. The writer has seen his place and will say that he has certainly made a success out of his plans. As the work is not yet all completed it will be more beautiful in the future. Mr. Anglemyer has planned the work himself and has done the biggest part of it. In the spring of 1933 he employed a man from Kokomo and together they landscaped the grounds surrounding the home - with his own ideas he made a beautiful wall of cobble-stone with large posts also of cobble-stone extending around his place. The driveway goes in the front with cement walks all around.

An unusual, interesting thing is that Mr. Anglemyer has a miniature home built of cobble-stone on top of one of the posts of the wall and this clever little house is the mail box. The work is all natural and passersby say they have never seen any more complete and perfect work. They have only part of the shrubbery and trees in at the present time but expect to have a complete line later on which will include several bird houses, rock gardens and all will be supplied with water power. The house is painted white and sets back several feet from the road on just a little incline with a porch across the front and part of the side of the house. There are cement walks and driveway around the house and at the rear a white garage. A little distance east of the house there is a white grape arbor. On the north of the arbor, one-half of it is planted in grapes and on the south end - the other half will be in vines and flowers for all the time. Mr. Anglemyer engineered and did all this work. All of the posts are perfect and concreted in the ground according to his own ideas.

### Large Bird House

Another interesting and beautiful sight that Mr. Anglemyer has is a very large bird house which he made himself. It is located a little distance south from the home and was completed this spring. It is twenty feet high and has 42 apartments. There are four stories with twelve nests on the upper story. There are dormer windows on hinges. Each apartment is to itself and can be taken out and cleaned. The upper floor is hooked on to the three lower floors and the south side of the nests pulls out. The two center spindles are fastened with steel. It is as complete as a house - the only thing that is lacking on this bird house is lightning rods.

As Mr. Anglemyer and his family have just started to make the improvements they expect to have it much better and more beautiful in the future.

Mr. Anglemyer, who is 76 years of age has lived in and around this community for many years and is well known to his many friends. He has been a successful farmer and also very successful in the mill work. He is a great lover of everything pertaining to nature. He is also a great lover of dogs. For many years he owned a trick dog known as Fannie which dog was really better known than its Master. It was quite an entertainer and famous for its tricks. Fannie has gone to Dog Heaven now, but will never be forgotten, says Jerry. She was quite a comfort to her

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Master. Mr. Anglemeyer has another dog at the present time, he says it does not take the place of Fannie.

(The writer wishes to thank Mrs. Nobby True of Rochestr and Mr. Jerry Anglemeyer of Mt. Zion for the above information.)

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 22, 1933]

## MOUNT ZION MILL [Rochester Township]

See Mount Zion, Indiana

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### LOCAL and MISCELLANEOUS

During the month of January, Peter Biddinger, the Fulton county real estate agent, sold a farm to John Rush, of Cass county, the Mount Zion Flouring Mill to Jerry Anglemeyer, a small farm in Cass county to Anglemeyer and a house and lot to Joanna Miller.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 14, 1896]

### HISTORIC MILL GAVE UP GHOST AND COLLAPSED

The historic Mt. Zion mill is no more. The locally famous structure after serving as a grist mill for the last half century on a site known as a land mark since the days the Indians were the rulers of this section of the country, gave up the ghost at 11 o'clock Wednesday night and collapsed. The present owner, Jerry Anglemeyer, on returning from Rochester found that the building had toppled over back from the road and lay a mass of ruins carrying with it and destroying behind hope of repair all of the machinery. The loss is estimated at three thousand dollars and there was no insurance.

The destruction of the building did not come as a surprise to the Mt. Zion residents as they had been expecting it for some time since the structure had been leaning backward at a dangerous angle for some time. The first damage was done last spring when following the heavy rains the flood washed out the dam right at the road and undermined the mill itself. As water was the only source of power to be obtained Mr. Anglemeyer had ground no wheat nor operated the machinery since that time and gradually the whole structure has been sinking slowly and finally gave away. The mill was a three story building with machinery on both floors but there was practically no grain in storage.

The Mt. Zion site has been the location for a dam and mill beyond the recollection of the oldest inhabitants. Local people, however, remember that in 1855 a man by the name of Hanna constructed a woolen mill there, and operated it successfully for several years. In 1860 he was bought out by LaFayette and Wallace True, residents of Rochester and they also ran a mill in connection. David Miller, stepfather of Nobby True, purchased the business in 1871, ran it for a while, then tore down the woolen mill and built the first grist mill which had the old burr system. This is the building which stood there until it collapsed Wednesday night. Then at the expense of several dollars he installed the new roller system but the expense was so heavy and the business so light that Mr. Hoover finally went broke and the mill went back to the True estate. Later it was sold to Jerry Anglemeyer in 1893 who owned and operated it since with the exception of a few years.

Mr. Anglemeyer does not know as yet whether he will rebuild the mill or not. A petition had just been passed around the Mt. Zion neighborhood to pay for the construction of a new dam and it was the intention then to improve the mill. He is planning to designate a certain day when the farmers can come in and help him salvage the ruins and discuss the plans for rebuilding, if the community wants the mill.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 31, 1922]

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In Feb. 1871 H. D. Hoover purchased the mill property at Mt. Zion from the True estate and moved his family there from Millark. He had already sold the mill property at Millark to Solomon Slusser in 1867 but he was still operating the general store there. Soon after moving he rented his store to John A. Fouts.

The property H. D. Hoover purchased at Mt. Zion consisted of a saw mill and a woolen factory powered by an overshot water wheel. The woolen mill is said to have been built in 1855 by a man named Hanna. On page 425 of the *Illustrated Atlas, the State of Indiana, 1876*, H. D. Hoover is listed as the proprietor of these mills. A news article which appeared in the *Rochester Sentinel*, Aug. 31, 1922, stated H. D. Hoover tore down the woolen mill sometime before 1880 replacing it with the grist mill which stood there for so many years. The grist mill was too large and costly for the business in the community and was not a financial success. It was powered by a turbine water wheel very similar to the one built earlier by H. D. Hoover at Millark. At Mt. Zion the Hoovers also manufactured felloes which are the outer rim of a wheel. They were made in four pieces from wood. Someone else invented a way of making felloes out of two pieces of wood, leaving the Hoovers with a huge inventory of obsolete felloes that could not be sold. Family tradition states H. D. Hoover also had an insurance company at Mt. Zion but proof of this was never found and he did not mention it in his diaries. His diaries do mention a forge property with water power located north of Rochester on the Tippecanoe River. This property consisted of nine acres and adjoined the Michigan Road in Richland Township. Apparently this forge used the bog iron that was being mined in Fulton County in the 19th century. H. D. Hoover's 1871 and 1875 diaries indicate he was trying to sell this forge property and was not having much success in doing so.

The Mt. Zion mill property returned to the True estate in 1883 due to financial setbacks of H. D. Hoover. Henry D. Hoover continued to reside at Mt. Zion until his death on Feb. 10, 1889, according to his obituary. His wife Elizabeth moved to Rochester and resided in the home of her son, Rinaldo "Nobby" True until her death in 1922.

[Hoover Family, Ernest Hoover, Jr., *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]  
See Millark Mill

## MOVING PICTURE THEATRES [Rochester, Indiana]

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### THE MOVIE-GOING HABIT BEGAN IN ROCHESTER 92 YEARS AGO

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

It wasn't hard to find. As you approached the corner of Main and Pearl Streets (Main and Ninth, north of the new Walgreen Pharmacy), you could hear the voice of Delbert Collins. He was shouting into a megaphone "Just starting! Just commencing!" in a voice loud enough to be heard at the river bridge."

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So you walked into what recently had been the McClure and Wilson hardware store and, for a nickel, bought a ticket from Cecile Brady. Choosing one of the 160 kitchen chairs arranged before a stretched white muslin sheet., you sat down and waited for Fred (Chewy) Shoulders to start the carbon-burning arc light projector.

It was 92 years ago - June 22, 1907 - and that was opening night for the Earle Theatre, Rochester's first motion picture house. That's how long movies have been a part of the local scene, although the first one had been shown a year or so before at the Academy of Music building, Market (Fifth) and Main. It concerned the life of Jesus.

By 1907 motion pictures no longer were considered a novelty; they were becoming entertainment for the masses. Theatres like the Earle, called Nickelodeons because they charged a nickel admission, were springing up all over the country. The movies were silent: sound would not arrive for another 20 years.

Earle Miller, a 22-year-old local newspaper reporter, owned the theatre to which he gave his name and he has left a description of its operation. For their nickel, customers received 20 minutes of the day's best pictures, called silents. The theatre was open six nights a week and changed features daily.

During the show pianist Helen Reiter played popular tunes while behind the sheet Earl Guthrie made sound effects timed to the movie plot, such as a gunshot created by cracking a buggy whip against canvas.

Ruth Grove entertained the crowd with songs between showings of the feature. On Wednesday and Saturday nights these could be shown as many as 10 times to handle the 1,500 or so customers who turned out to enjoy the slapstick antics of comedians John Bunny and Fatty Arbuckle. Management made sure nobody stayed through two shows on one ticket.

(Harry Holden, a Lake Manitou resident when not acting with the touring theatrical company he owned with brother Charley, replaced Bunny upon the latter's death and led a successful movie career.)

The Earle theatre's life was short, about 16 months. It burned on October 15, 1908, and was riot reestablished.

Not to worry, though. The Earle had shown the way and by the time it disappeared Rochester's entrepreneurs were getting in on this new business.

In the year of the Earle's demise, 1908, Earl (Red) Jessen opened the Kai-Gee theatre at 716 Main, the west side location today of the Keefer and Company accounting office. The name, pronounced K-G, was chosen from 492 submitted in a contest and presumably meant "awful good" in Chinese. Etta Sullivan, the librarian, suggested it. The Kai-Gee lasted until 1917, four years earlier moving northward to a new building at 710 Main where later the Racket clothing store and then the Coffee Shop held forth. It's now site of the All About Pets store.

There also was the Manitou movie house at 120 East Eighth Street, today's Peterson and Waggoner law office. Previously a popular vaudeville house, in 1909 the Manitou added movie programs of an hour's length. In 1910 the Star theatre appeared at a location that hasn't been determined, probably on Main Street, and operated for a couple of years. Its movies often featured Bess Emrick, a local girl who was acting regularly in the films of her director husband's production company at Ithaca, N.Y. The Star offered four reels nightly for 10 cents.

In 1915 came the Paramount theatre at 814 Main Street in the north half of today's B&B Store, replacing the My Show theatre. The Paramount was franchised to show the Paramount company's pictures exclusively and it lasted until 1925. Still one more movie house operated briefly in that year of 1915 at 626 Main Street, location of H&R Block today.

When the Earle theatre brought film entertainment to the town, movie showings often were interrupted when the picture faded; the carbon arc had to be retrimmed. Flickering and jumping of the images also were a bother (giving rise to the synonym of flick for a movie). Both of these annoyances had been eliminated by the time the Kai-Gee opened and when it moved into the new building five years later, in 1913, its projector was able to show two reels instead of one without stopping. Also its rows of 300 seats were at last separated widely enough so that nobody had to rise to allow passage.

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Vaudeville acts also were presented to Kai-Gee's movie customers. Often appearing were the Ravencroft brothers, Holden, John and Edward, whose singing and comedy routine was performed with their father, Ralph, a longtime professional actor. John became a member of the successful King's Jesters radio singers. Edward remained here and became Rochester postmaster.

In 1915 an expeririient with outdoor movies was begun here. Roy Shanks opened what he called the Airdome on a North Main Street vacant lot. It could seat 650, had side walls and a projection room inade of concrete blocks. The Airdome's appeal lasted five summers, closing in 1919.

Its location today is that of our cherished Times theatre that began its existence as the Char-Bell. Its singular story is next, to conclude this history of the silver screen in Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 14, 1999]

### OUR TIMES THEATRE, BORN AS THE CHAR-BELL, HAS PERSEVERED

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

For 75 years the Times movie theatre, on west side of Main Street south of the alley between Sixth and Seventh Streets, has been a fixture in the cultural life of Rochester.

Its history is inextricably linked with the Krieghbaum brothers, Charles and Lisle. The former founded it and the latter operated it for many years. Its heyday was just before and during the Great Depression when it was known by the singular name Char-Bell. There our citizens found continual refuge from gloomy hard times.

The Char-Bell/Times weathered the Depression but later faced a more serious threat: home television. The theatre was close to extinction when a local physician stepped in and saved it. Although indifferent to movies as a pastime, Dr. Kenneth Hoff did not want the community to lose this prized asset. And because of his benevolent intervention, the Times has been rejuvenated and today offers the latest of Hollywood's films seven nights a week.

Charles Krieghbaum was a cashier at the Leiters Ford Bank when he came to Rochester in 1922. Here he bought the Paramount theatre on the west side of the 800 block of Main Street, located at the north half of today's B&B Store. Silent movies had been growing steadily in local popularity for 15 years. Krieghbaum sensed an opportunity to cash in on the mood with a larger auditorium and equipment capable of keeping pace with the rapid improvements in projection then taking place in Hollywood.

The Paramount was too small to satisfy his ambition so in 1923 Chuck, as he was known, looked north and at 616-622 Main Street bought a building that housed the auto agency and garage of Charles Robbins. Coincidentally, an open-air movie had operated on that site four years before.

Krieghbaum converted the garage into a theatre with an 800-seat auditorium, a 28x36 foot stage for vaudeville shows and a state-of-the-art \$8,000 pipe organ. He then asked the public to name it. Char-Bell won, being formed by abbreviating the first names of Krieghbaum and his wife, Belle. Mrs. Ray Brown of Rochester received the \$25 first prize. There were 1,223 names submitted by 194 persons. The judges were attracted to the bizarre: second place went to Amusu, third to E-Z-C.

Meanwhile, Lisle Krieghbaum, having just graduated from Indiana University, accepted elder brother Charles's invitation to join him as a partner.

The Char-Bell opened on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1924. (I was present only if my mother attended; that day happened to be exactly six months before my birth.) A standing-room-only crowd saw "The Bad Man," starring Holbrook Blinn. The showing was preceded by remarks from ex-mayor Omar Smith, a lecture on the educational value of the movies, two violin solos, and an audience sing-along to words flashed on the screen. In July the south front room of the building was occupied by the Northern Indiana Power Company, the north room by the J.H. Shultz Pharmacy. :

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The big screen hit of 1924, "The Covered Wagon," came to town on September 2 and attracted another standing-room crowd with 300 more waiting outside. Popcorn and peanuts went on sale in the lobby in November.

On another November, in 1929, talkies came to town with the showing of "Salute," starring Randolph Scott, John Wayne and Ward Bond. Capacity crowds were continuing to fill the auditorium, so movies were scheduled every evening.

The Depression years made people cautious about their spending, and so the Krieghbaums tried many inducements to attract patrons. There were Bank Nights when cash prizes were given, \$100 tops. Potato nights, with a potato as admission that were later given to the needy.

Thanksgiving Day events when admission was by canned goods or other food, given to children invited to the show from the orphanage at Mexico. A beauty contest to choose a Miss Rochester, who turned out to be Maxine Craig. Home talent stage shows. Take-A-Chance Nights when admission was only a dime but the movie title not revealed in advance.

Lisle Krieghbaum bought brother Charlie's interest in 1934 and with his promotional abilities successfully ran the Char-Bell as sole owner for eight years. A tall man of commanding presence, he could be intimidating if, youngsters in his audiences became unruly. When that occurred, he would stride down the aisle, in a booming voice command silence, then stand menacingly at the front to be sure his message was honored. It was, without exception.

The Char-Bell became the Times in 1942, a year after Krieghbaum sold the business but remained for a time as manager (he died in 1968). A succession of theatre chains then operated the Times with diminishing success until the last one went into bankruptcy. The Times was closed in June 1973. A Michigan City couple, Bob and Edna Murphy, then appeared on the scene and reopened it in early 1974 after remodeling. In 1977 the Murphys hired Jeff Housouer of Plymouth as manager. In 1979 he bought it and separated the auditorium into the two screens it has today.

Housouer, aspiring to the office of mayor, was defeated in the election of 1983 and a year later announced he would not continue operation of the theatre. Its closure seemed certain. Dr. Hoff stepped up to become its owner, only to have a fire damage the lobby two years later. Undaunted, he installed new seats and removed side aisles in both auditoriums. Since then he has redecorated the premises and replaced projectors and furnace.

Susie Hilton has Managed the Times competently in the 15 years of Hoff's ownership, first for an Ohio theatre chain, then for Hoff and his wife, Karen, and since 1993 under lease for herself. She lives in the second floor apartment.

The Char-Bell/Times has not always enjoyed exclusive access to local moviegoers. In 1934, the year Lisle Krieghbaum became sole owner, the Rex theatre appeared. It was located on the east side of Main Street at 709, the northern portion of today's Stage department store. The Rex opened December 9, 1934 and lasted almost 10 years. It was sold in June, 1944, to the Times's owner, Alliance Theatre Corporation, which promptly closed it.

Local proprietors' of the Rex included Lyman Brackett in whose building it was located. Its auditorium was narrow, much smaller than the Char-Bell's and, as I recall, was not nearly as well ventilated or as comfortable.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 21, 1999]

## MOW, BERT [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Fairview

## MOW, CHARLES

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Charles Mow)

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See: Service Men, World War II, Letters [Third Letter From Charles Mow]

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See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Fifth Letter From Charles Mow)

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### **MOW, ENOCH H.** [Richland Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Enoch H. Mow, born in the township in which he now resides March 8, 1849, and was married, October 1, 1868, to Mary F. Barnett, born in Cass County April 8, 1852. They have the following children: Charles H., born July 8, 1869, deceased 23d same month, and William F., born December 24, 1872, deceased March 16, 1873. Mr. Mow has followed auctioneering for a number of years, and is considered an expert. He is also a worthy member of I.O.O.F., of Center Lodge, No. 435, and is noted for his fidelity and sociability.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 53]

[Adv] Professional Auctioneer. His services are hereby tendered to all parties wanting public sales cried, or auctioneering of any kind. Charges reasonable. Mr. Mow is an expert, and those wanting his services can leave orders at this office. Postoffice address, Marmont, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 17, 1893]

#### ENOCH H. MOW (Biography)

Another widely known native of Fulton county is Enoch H. MOW, the famous auctioneer and liveryman. Mr. Mow was born in Richland township 45 years ago and has always resided in the county except two years when he lived at Marmont. He has always followed farming and sale crying until five years ago when he quit the farm and turned his attention to a wider field of auctioneering. He readily built up a big business but as his time was not all employed he entered the livery business and has followed it successfully for several years, being now one of the proprietors of the brick barn in this city. He has been prominent in politics, too, having made a very strong race for sheriff in 1886. Some years ago a horse fell upon him and broke his leg in five places, then his four children died one after another and then his wife. Two years ago he married Miss Etta TOBEY, of Monterey, and they have one son, Eldon H. [MOW].

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

#### BUSINESS CHANGES

Another business change is the north end livery stable. Enoch Mow has sold out to Con Welch, the well known Newcastle township farmer, and, in part payment, took the showy team of heavy draft dapple greys heretofore driven by Mr. Welch. Con will sell his personal property at public sale and then move to town.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 5, 1897]

#### NEWS OF THE DAY

The report in circulation that I am to retire from the livery business is without any foundation whatever. Instead I will continue business right along and will have the finest new livery barn in Rochester before the close of the year. E. H. MOW.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday February 15, 1904]

#### RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS

By Enoch H. Mow

I was born on the 8th day of March, 1849, at eight o'clock, so says the family bible, in Richland township, on the farm now owned by Joseph Zink's heirs, one mile south of the Richland Center church, in a log cabin. My father, David Mow, sold the farm to Mr. Shearer, he selling it to Joseph Zink.

Ten children were born in my father's family, three boys and seven girls, three of the girls being triplets, and all the children are now living--father and mother having passed on to the great beyond. I remember when the triplets were born Father said to us boys, "Now we will have to work harder." I answered, "My God, father, don't us boys get no rest? We can't help it because the children come by litters." Father cuffed my ears, if I was a large boy, for speaking the

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truth so abruptly. But it was not long till things were still worse. There would be from ten to twenty people come afoot and with teams, every Sunday, to see those three babies. We thought that hard luck. However, we grew to like the babies too. Now it did look a little hard to see mother with four babies that couldn't walk, as Schuyler was born before the girls could walk. Henry was oldest and I was the next, and father said I was the biggest devil of the whole lot.

I remember the first school house built in Richland township, in Whipoorwill district. It was built in 1854. Father gave the log house to the district, and Moore Ralston hauled it to the place where it was raised, one-half mile east of where the present building stands. The writing desk was put around the side of the house, holes bored into the wall and rough boards nailed on. The seats were made of slabs sawed by Young Ralston, with an up-and-down saw. Ralston gave the slabs to the district and Timothy Woodruff put the legs in.

John Rhinesmith taught in the old log school house. I was a bad boy and he punished me by making me sit between two girls, but that was fun for me, for one of the girls was awfully bashful. There were neither backs nor ends to the seats, so when the teacher was not looking, I would slip up close to the bashful one. She would slip away and I after her. She kept her eyes on me and edged along until she went off the bench on the floor "ker-plunk." She screamed, "School master, make Enoch Mow stop." The teacher asked: "Enoch, what are you doing?" I answered "Nothing." "He lies," she cried, and of course I did. The master gave me a licking, but of course that went in those days.

When I was eight years of age, father allowed Henry and I to go coon hunting with him and Uncle Armstrong. A man whose name was Carter went along. He would climb the tree and shake the coons off, when one was treed. The dogs treed one and Carter climbed the tree to shake the coon off, but it crawled out on a limb which split off, and Carter hallooed, "My God, Dave, clear away the dogs for I'm coming." I will never forget it, and Carter won't either, as he was badly bruised and scratched coming down through the branches.

When Hank was ten years of age and I was eight, we drove a breaking team for father. The boys of this age would think it fun to see seven yoke of oxen hitched to a big plow, plowing up grubs six to eight feet high. Once when father was staking out new land, a large black snake wound around his leg. He took his pocket knife and killed it. Now, there was one ox in the team that was lazy. Father said to Henry, "Go get that snake I killed and hang it on old Dick's bow. Henry got a stick and did as he was told. No sooner was the snake placed on the bow, than old Dick bawled, snorted and away went the seven yoke of cattle. They ran across the clearing till the plow caught on a tree and broke the beam out, then us boys got a rest, and rest was fun for boys. I was with father once when he had fifteen yoke of oxen hitched to one wagon, going south of Rochester to break. He had two plows on the wagon. I was along to carry water for the four men, and run chores. We stopped in front of Charley Baker's place. It was on the west side of the street, about forty rods south of the railroad, where the Leiter elevator now stands. Uncle Dell Ward kept a livery stable still south, on the east side of the street. Father and Baker made a bet, to the effect that I could not turn those fifteen yoke of cattle around and drive them back where they stood without upsetting the wagon. I took the whip and turned the cattle around and drove them back with their heads south. Father won the bet, and the stakes were two gallons of whiskey. Of course I didn't get any of the whiskey for father didn't allow us to drink, but I sneaked a little next day, while carrying water.

Father owned a two-year-old colt. He bought a mate to it, from George McGuire. They were a nice, well-mated team. On Sunday, Henry and I thought we would have some fun, so got the colts in the barn and tied their tails together and then turned them out. Well, you never saw such kicking, snorting and squealing. We were badly scared and Henry ran for father, while I "hiked" behind a straw pile. Father came and caught one of the colts by the head and yelled for Henry to bring the halters. They got the halter on one and made Hank hold it until he got the halter on the other one, then pulled them together and tied their heads. They would still stand apart and pull, until father had to cut the hair from their tails to get them separated. When he got that done, he said to Henry: "Where is Enoch?" "I don't know," answered Hank, and then father called and you bet I went to him for us boys didn't hang back when father said "come." He asked,

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“Henry, what had I ought to do with you boys?” Whip us of course, replied my brother. Then he turned to me. “Enoch, what do you think I should do to you?” I replied: “Father, we did it for fun, we won’t do it any more. Didn’t you tie the stove pipe to Moore Ralston’s horses tail for fun?” Father laughed at that and let us go. There are other funny things I might speak of but will pass them.

When I was twelve years of age, I commenced to drive a horse-power machine for my father. We were once threshing at Uncle Adam Mow’s and I was driving the horse power, when father came to the machine and told me that he had enlisted to go into the army. He went when Company F, of the 87th regiment, left Rochester. While he was in the army, mother would send me twice each week for the mail. I will never forget Anthony Smith, a brother of Milo Smith, for he would always watch for me and give me five or ten cents to spend while waiting for the mail, and you bet I was pretty sure to let him find me. When Company F left Rochester, my father took two comforters with him instead of the customary blankets carried by soldiers. He sent them home from Indianapolis and they got lost for a time, but one night I was in after the mail and it did not get in until after midnight. The mail was carried then by stage, or hack. This night Mr. Charles Stradley said to me: “Those comforters have arrived, can you take them home?” “Yes,” I answered. He wanted me to carry them rolled up, but I said “No, I will unroll them and spread them over the horse.” Now, at that time, I forded the river sometimes, and sometimes went by way of the bridge. When I got those comforts on the horse over the saddle, my feet would not touch the stirrups. I was so sleepy I almost fell off the horse. When I got below where the Ananias Baker farm now is, (the farm known as the Dillon farm was then all in woods, a by road ran to what we called Blue Grass ford) I made up my mind that before I crossed the river, I would take a nap. I got off the horse and tied him to a bush, going about ten feet away, under a plum bush covered with grape vines, I spread one comforter on the ground and the other over me and went to sleep. In the morning I was not at home and mother was frightened and sent Henry after me, telling him to go by the ford and if he did not find or hear of me, to come back by the bridge. He rode one of the older horses. When he got to the river and rode across, the horse I rode whinnied and Henry saw me, or the bunch covered by the comforters. He pulled them off and kicked me to waken me. I bounced up and we had a fight under the bush; yes sir, I licked him, and it was the first time that I ever did. I would not lay there now for any money, but then I was a tough lad and feared nothing.

I shall never forget the way they used to hold meeting, I mean in the old log school house, regular shouting meetints. Everybody was good in those days, and church was held when it was so cold the only way to keep warm was to shout. Did I shout? Yes sir! Brother Henry froze his ears so badly one night, you could whittle them like sticks and his Hanner Ann he had with him to church, froze her feet with two pair of socks over her shoes.

Now, in reading Dr. Hill’s write up, I remember the man who made the charge with him, this side of the river. Dr. Hill did not tell who the man was who came after him to go and see Young Ralston. It was Ike O’Blenis and the “road agents” were “Laying” for my father. At that time, father was United States Marshal under Governor Morton, who had sent a company of soldiers into Newcastle township and the rebel sympathizers were fearfully mad at my father. They had taken the enrolling papers from the enrolling officers, but after the soldiers arrived, there was no more trouble. Ike O’Blenis went to Ben Wilson and told him who the men were that caught him. He said to Wilson that they were looking for Uncle Dave Mow, and if he told they would kill him. I also remember one time, after the war was over, father cried a sale for John Herbic, of Richland ownship, and eight kegs of powder were sold. Father wondered about that and thought it looked queer. Three months after the sale, Mitchell Hendricks was working for father and at dinner said: “Dave, did you know what the powder sold at Herbic’s sale was bought for?” Father acknowledged that he did not and Hendricks said: “To blow up your house, to get you.” Father asked: “How do you know?” Hendricks replied, “David, I was with the crowd, and when we got to the corner we stopped to talk the matter over. I said, “Gentlemen, I can go no further. Dave has always been good to me and if you don’t stop, I will notify him. I don’t think it right to kill his family to get him.” The corner referred to, is where Frank Zink keeps store. The

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farm is the one Thomas Adamson bought of my father. Father was awfully mad when Hendricks told him about it. Hendricks gave him all the names. John Herbic was the captain, and I could give all the names but will not do so as it is a long time since it happened.

Father once sent me to Chris Campbell's to see how everything was going, and there was a meeting at the Stevens school house. Campbell took me to the meeting, but he was told he had no business there and did not want to let him in. But Uncle Chris Campbell was not to be gotten rid of that easy. Uncle Sam Rearrick was there, so was Stephen Rearrick. Those three men were all that were there but what belonged to the "Knights," as they called themselves. Dr. Robbins came and made a speech. I will never forget what he said: "Gentlemen, I have come to talk sense to you. Don't you know there are a hundred and three men in Newcastle township, and if that is not enough, they will have a thousand more and come and hunt you like rabbits out of the bush." When he said this, the lights were knocked out, and I don't know to this day how Chris Campbell got me out of the house. He must have knocked five or six down, but I got away with the word and when the soldiers got there all was right. Those were hot times and I might relate many more things, but it is best to forget the bad and think only of the good.

One time, long ago, father gave us boys every other Saturday to come to town, or go fishing or hunting in the afternoon. On the particular Saturday to which I allude, Monroe O'Brien and I went hunting. We were in the river bottom below the old Clark farm. I heard a pheasant drum and said to Monroe "keep still and we will slip up on him and get him." We had not gone far until we saw two horses hitched to a tree. Now there had been some horses stolen, and thought those might be the ones. We kept quiet and a man came out to them. He had an arm load of corn to feed the horses. I raised up and told him not to move, and I had a gun on him before he could think. I sent Monroe for Sheriff Ben Wilson. Wilson took a horse, and with the boy on behind him, came to my rescue. I was scared until I scarcely knew what I was doing. Mr. Wilson said: "Enoch, you have done a good job." Then I thought I was a hero, you bet. Wilson tied the man's arms behind him and took him to Rochester. They proved to be the stolen horses and Uncle Dell Ward had been after them. I do not remember what became of the man, but perhaps Uncle Dell does.

In 1869 I was joined in marriage with Mary F. Barnett, on what is now called the Chas. Sisson farm, and on the first of March 1869, moved on the Holman farm. It was an exceedingly wet season, although it was so dry in the early part that we had to put on a new plow-point every day to plow fallow ground. No plow-points could be had for the Hackley plow this side of Peru. My father came to my house on Sunday and wanted me to go to Peru to get a load of points and land sides. I hitched one of his horses with mine and took ten bushels of wheat and drove to father Barnett's on Sunday evening, so I could get back on Monday. William Barnett went with me and we drove that Sunday night until a storm compelled us to stop at the home of Farmer Hatch near Five Corners. Just got the team stabled and the wheat carried in, when it began to rain and I have never seen anything like it since. It poured until morning. Went on to Peru, sold my wheat, got my load and started home. When I got to Dan Bearss' place, this side of Peru, Mr. Bearss had me drive into the shed, and asked me to stay all night, but I started home at two o'clock and it rained all the way. The culverts were all out and the horses would sometimes fall in to their breasts. Thought I would never get to Rochester. Uncle Dell Ward was watching for me. Father had come to Rochester to ask him to be on the look out for me and tell me not to undertake to cross the river bridge. The water was around this side of the abutment. I drove down this side of the river to father Barnett's. The water was within 100 feet of the house and Wednesday morning father came over to Barnett's in a boat. He said I should get the harness and put them in the boat and he would row them and my wife across the river, leaving the wagon and points at Barnett's. Then I was to ride the team opposite our house and he was to come back with the boat, and help me swim the horses across. He ran the boat over the prairies where the water was still, easily. I rode the horses to the point agreed upon and waited, then, becoming impatient, forced the team into the river and swam them across. The drift wood floating down stream almost got the better of me. I would not do that now. The water was around the north side of the bridge on the Michigan road until fall.



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My father died on the first day of October, 1869, and was buried on the 3d. He had a sale contracted for C. A. Lawson on the 7th of Oct., '69, and mother and uncle Adam Mow said I must go and cry the sale. I did, and have done lots of sale work since. I worked with Benjamin Wilson till he died, and then with uncle Billy Tribbett till he died. The year my wife died I cried a sale every day for six weeks except Sunday. I ran a threshing machine for sixteen years--the old horse power kind.

I remember the year of '76, when Tilden ran for President, I threshed 1050 bushels for Wm. Davidson, next day after election, and same year hulled 150 bushels of clover seed for Davidson. It was in my horse-power machine that Fredeus Wilson had his leg ground off. It occurred at Runion Armstrong's place, years ago. One year later, my leg was broken in three places, the accident occurring on the Michigan road, north of the John Taylor place. My first son died July 25th '69; my second on March 25th 1884; my wife Jan. 25th 1888; my last daughter on Feb. 25th 1888. Only those who have passed through similar experiences know how to sympathize with me. I have raised three orphan children who always speak a good word for Enoch. I also took a baby boy of Frank Armstrong's, when he was but ten days of age. I kept him until wife died, then found him a good home with May Brugh.

On the first day of May, 1892, I married my present wife, Etta Toby, and have one son, Elden, who was born on the 20th day of December, 1894, and we are all in good health now. I joined the Odd Fellows lodge at Richland Center in 1871. I was taken in under the old work, called the fifth degree work, taking all five degrees the same night. I passed the chairs and was elected District Deputy Grand Master. In five years I never missed but two lodge nights. That was when I had my leg broken. I went to lodge on crutches and Brother Harrison Walker and Brother J. L. Martindale helped me up the stairs. I was installed Noble Grand that night. I moved to Aubbeenaubee township, rode eight miles every Saturday night to lodge, never missing a meeting night in eight years. I then took a card and Dr. B. F. Overmyer and myself of a lodge instituted at Leiters Ford, Dr. Overmyer being installed Noble Grand and myself Vice Grand. Served one term and turned it over to the third members. I was elected District Deputy of Leiters Ford and served that lodge till my wife died.

I am still in the auctioneering business, better than ever, as much life as a young man, and any one wanting my services can call phone 368 or leave word at Kline Shore's grocery. Good day.

[Marguerite L. Miller, *Home Folks*, Vol. I, 1910, pp. 110-116]

## MOW, HENRY F. [Richland Township]

### BIOGRAPHY

Henry F. Mow, born June 5, 1847, in this county. He was first married, January 15, 1867, to Miss Davis, a native of Ohio, born September 20, 1848. Their children are: Enoch F., born January 22, 1868, and Aquilla R., born February 22, 1874. Mr. Mow lost his wife by death June 20, 1876. He was married again March 15, 1878, to Hannah W. Barnett, born April 20, 1857. These parents have one child--Tillie M., born April 14, 1879. Mr. Mow is a member of I.O.O.F., No. 47, Rochester, Ind. Mr. Mow owns a farm of 149 acres of good land, and is in all respects a good citizen. David Mow, the father of our subject, was born in the State of Ohio in the year 1825. He married Eleanor M. Holdstock, a native of New York. They settled here at an early date. He served as First Lieutenant of Company F, Eighty-seventh Indiana Infantry Volunteers during the war. Deceased October 3, 1869. Mrs. M. deceased December 23, 1873.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, pp. 52-53]

### BIOGRAPHY

This representative of one of the early families of Fulton county was born in Richland township, this county, about one-half mile from Richland Center, on June 5, 1847. The father of Mr. Mow was born in Ohio in 1827, and died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1869. He was a soldier of the late war and enlisted in 1861 in company F, Eighty-seventh Indiana volunteer infantry and

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served his country for a little over one year when, as first lieutenant, he was honorably discharged on account of contracted physical disability. The mother of Henry F. Mow was Eleanor (Holdstock) Mow, a native of New York state, who was born in 1828 and died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1874. The Mow family came to Fulton county in 1839, and the Holdstock family settled here two years previous, so that both of these families were among the early settlers of this county, and fully experienced the trials and difficulties of life in the woods. The subject of this review was raised in Richland township, and at its schools received his early education. At twenty years of age he began farming for himself and for three years lived upon what was known as the Shryock farm, and after the death of his father he farmed the old Mow homestead, which he and his brother, E. H. Mow, purchased after the death of the mother. On this farm he continued until 1884, when he bought his present farm, now consisting of 115 acres, and located on the Michigan road, three miles north of Rochester. This farm is well improved and about ninety acres are under cultivation. Mr. Mow was united in marriage Jan. 1, 1866, to Miss Phila Davis, who died in June, 1879, leaving two children, viz.: Finley E. and Aquilla Ray. March 15, 1881, Mr. Mow, for his second wife, married Miss Hannah W. Barnett, a native of Cass county, Ind., and a daughter of Henry and Nancy Barnett. The father of Mrs. Mow died in Marshall county, Ind., in 1891, and her mother died in Fulton county in 1894. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. (Barnett) Mow are these children, viz.: Lillie M., Maude L., Robert D. and Benjamin R. In political affairs Mr. Mow has always taken an active part in the interests of the republican party, and has devoted much time to promote its success. For twenty-seven years he has been a member of Rochester lodge, No. 47, I.O.O.F., and he and wife are members of the M.E. church and are among the prominent people of this county.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, p. 112]

## MOW, LEE [Rochester, Indiana]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Lee Mow, a well-known Rochester young man left this morning for Indianapolis, where he will enter the Sun Vaudeville Booking agency. He will then leave for Cleveland, where he will be joined by two young ladies and the three will compose a team that will present a sketch on a vaudeville circuit. Mr. Mow is said to possess more than ordinary talent in this line and his Rochester friends are hoping he will make good.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 12, 1912]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Lee Mow of this city, who has been doing a song and dance stunt with a trio on an Ohio vaudeville circuit, arrived home Saturday evening for a few days' stay. He has been sick and will not return to Cincinnati until Wednesday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 1, 1912]

## MOWE, RAY [Rochester, Indiana]

### RAY MOWE TO INDIANAPOLIS

Both good and bad news was received today by Rochester baseball fans, when it was learned that Ray Mowe had signed with the Indianapolis American league team for the season of 1910. The news is good because the fans are glad to see their favorite advanced and bad because they hate to lose one of the mainstays of the Colts of last season.

Mowe will report to headquarters at Indianapolis on March 1, and will accompany the team south, where he will be given his first tryout in league ball. Mowe's phenomenal playing on the Rochester team speaks well for him and it is predicted he will more than make good in faster company.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 28, 1909]

### RAY MOWE NOW WEARS INDIANAPOLIS UNIFORM

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The above likeness of Ray Mowe, which is published by courtesy of the Indianapolis News, shows the local favorite in an Indianapolis uniform. Mowe is under contract with Manager Carr of the Indianapolis American association team, and his work this season has received favorable comment from the sporting writers. He accompanied the Indianapolis team on the spring practice tour, was farmed out to Elgin, Ill., and Newark, Ohio, and has been recalled by Indianapolis, which indicates that they regard him as a valuable man and wish to retain his services.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 25, 1910]

### LOCAL PLAYER IS BOUGHT BY TROY

Announcement was made today from Indianapolis that Ray Mowe, crack local short stop for the Springfield Central league team last year, had been sold outright by owner Sol Meyer to the Troy team of the New York State league.

Mowe, it will be remembered, has been a hold out for several weeks, because Meyer refused to give a contract insuring full salary in case of injury. It will also be recalled that he and O'Leary, of the Indianapolis team were slated for a trade to Buffalo. O'Leary refused to go and the trade failed. Troy sought Mowe, and Meyer sold him. The price is not known, but the deal places Mowe in fast company, as the league is one of the fastest in class B, and includes towns like Syracuse, N.Y. and Wilkes Barre, Pa.

This deal robs local fans of chances to see Mowe in action, but his friends will rejoice that he is again in good company. His position on the Troy nine is not known, but it is safe to say that he will make good wherever placed. He does not know when he will join his new team, but the change is very satisfactory to him.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 12, 1913]

### MOWE TO BROOKLYN

According to word received here, Ray Mowe, local boy who is playing shortstop for the Troy team in the N. Y. State league, has been sold to the Brooklyn National league aggregation and will report at the end of the season. The Dodgers are to pay \$1,500 for Mowe, who has been performing in sensational fashion, both in the field and at the bat for the Troy nine.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 17, 1913]

### WRITES OF LOCAL'S STAR PLAY

Writing to the baseball editor of the Chicago Tribune, Prof. G. G. Manse, now of Bloomington, formerly connected with the Rochester college and a basket ball star of prominence, tells of a remarkable play made in a game here by Ray Mowe.

He says: "The best play I ever saw, occurred at Rochester, Ind., and was made by Mowe, present shortstop of the Troy, (N.Y.) State league team. Mowe was playing second for the home team, which was leading by one run in the last half of the ninth inning. Three visitors were on bases, with but two out when a grounder was sent through the slab, which the pitcher failed to get. Both shortstop and second baseman started for the ball, but the shortstop gave up. Mowe, by throwing himself forward on one hand and his knees got the ball, but not being in a position to play on any man, scooped to shortstop, whose throw beat the runner to first by a step."

Monday's box score of the Cubs-Brooklyn game also contained the name of Al Scheer, of Kewanna, who was in left field for Brooklyn. He had no hits or no errors and but one put out. Mowe also is the property of Brooklyn.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 5, 1913]

### RAY MOWE GOES UP NEXT WEEK

Ray Mowe, of this city, now shortstop for the Troy team of the New York State league, who was sold to Brooklyn, and will report to that National league team Monday, has a splendid chance to make good, if his record made this summer indicates anything.

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According to averages issued Monday, Mow stands second in the batting average list on his team, which is third in the league race and but a short distance behind Wilkes Barre. Mowe's batting average for the season is .290, having been at bat 428 times and secured 124 hits. He slashed out 19 two baggers and three triples, scoring 73 times, seven less than the leading scorer of the team. He has made 17 sacrifice hits and has stolen 28 bases.

Mowe's fielding average is .923 having made 237 put outs, 347 assists and 61 errors. As he is second from the bottom on the fielding average list, it is evident that his team is traveling some.

### Praises Mowe

Concerning Mowe's work in the winning game against Albany, the Troy Knickerbocker Press had the following to say, Wednesday:

"Shortstop Mowe, who goes to Brooklyn next Monday, played a dandy game in the field for Ramsey's charges. He was all over the infield and in the ninth inning, he saved the contest for the Winters, by going over behind second base and getting Crook's bid for a single. He made a double play as a result of this brilliant stop. In the fifth inning, he ran to the boat house, and pulled down Edward's foul hoist, while Ray and Egan fell victims to his last fielding in the second inning."

### Wife Here

Mrs. Ray Mowe, nee Fanny Grove, is here the guest of her parents and will probably remain until the National league season ends the last of this month.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 12, 1913]

Word has been received from Ray Mowe announcing that he arrived at the training camp at Atlanta, Monday, and that he feels that he is in fine condition and will be able to make the fight of his life for a regular berth on the Brooklyn infield. He stated that the first week would be spent in limbering up the players' muscles which have grown soft through the winter. Very little baseball will be played this week.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 24, 1914]

### RAY MOWE IS BADLY INJURED

Ray Mowe, the Rochester boy now playing with Newark International league team, was badly injured during a game this week at Newark.

The accident happened when Mowe was taking his station between innings. One of the fielders threw a ball into the field during practice. The ball struck Mowe on the temple knocking him unconscious, splitting his left ear for over an inch. It was over three hours before he could be brought to and when this was finally accomplished he was in a serious condition. He will probably be kept out of the game for a month which will injure his chances for the season. He had started on what seemed to be a successful summer, having both a good batting and fielding average.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 7, 1914]

### PRAISE FOR MOWE

Ray Mowe, short stop for the Tigers, is getting a brilliant record for himself. He has accepted 49 straight chances without making an error. This is a fine record for an infielder, particularly in Mowe's case as he has not been in the game regularly. To accept so many fielding offers, many of them difficult, is a record of which Mowe should be proud. The fans will keep tab on Ray now to see how far he can go before he slips up. The attack of slumpitis which hit the Tigers is not affecting Mowe in the least. He took all his six offers cleanly. - - - Newark, N. J. Evening Star.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 24, 1914]

Ray Mowe, who has been playing ball during the past season with Newark, N.J., arrived home Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Mowe will occupy a house on South Pontiac street.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 29, 1914]

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### MOWE HAS BIG DAY AT PERU

Ray Mowe of this city and Allen Scheer of Kewanna, both league players, played with the Peru Specials against the Logansport Ottos at Peru Sunday.

Mowe, who is the property of the Brooklyn Nationals, had a great day, and helped materially in the five to four defeat of the Cass county team. He was five times at bat and each appearance resulted in a hit, one a sacrifice and one a circuit smash. He stole two bases and made no errors in all practically a perfect record.

Mowe may play with Manitous against Kokomo here next Sunday if the game is secured.  
[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 19, 1914]

### RAY MOWE IS GOING GOOD AT HARRISBURG

The Newark, N. J. baseball club, of the International League, has been transferred to Harrisburg, Va. Ray Mowe of this city is with the team. The transfer follows a season of bad weather and poor patronage for the International. The Newark team is now playing good ball at Harrisburg and is drawing good crowds. The transfer was made last Saturday.

Mowe, who has been laid up for the past two weeks, as a result of being spiked in a game with the Providence club, broke into Saturday's game and celebrated his return with one run, two hits, four put outs, two assists and no errors. He has been having a great season this year and is batting and fielding higher than in any previous season. Billy Pamm, formerly of the New York Americans, substituted for Mowe during his absence from the game.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 9, 1915]

### MOWE MADE LEADER OF NEWARK PLAYERS

According to word from Newark, N.J., Ray Mowe of this city has been named captain of the International league team of that city by Mgr. Tenney. The advancement is especially good, because it puts him in line for later managership.

Mowe is not yet able to play steadily with his aggregation, because of his weak leg, but has bolstered the team considerably in the games in which he has taken part, according to Newark papers. His team is in a rut, and a number of new players are being tried out for next year, as the squad is out of the flag race for 1916. Players who could not deliver class AA ball kept the team down.

Mowe will be home after his season closes Sept 20. He has offered his services to Mgr. Swartwood for fall games and if unable to connect here, will probably play with Peru.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 28, 1916]

### MOWE BECOMES HEAD COACH

Richmond, Ind., Jan 28 -- Ray Mowe, of Rochester, Ind., who has had charge of basketball at Earlham college for the past three weeks, has been secured as head coach of athletics for the remainder of the school year. Mowe is a professional coach and a trained man and has been actively engaged in athletics in various forms for the last eight years.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 28, 1918]

### RAY MOWE TO OPEN SCHOOL FOR COACHES NEXT SUMMER

Richmond, Ind., Nov. 21 -- Ray B. Mowe, of Rochester, Ind., now athletic coach at Earlham College is arranging a school for coaches to be held at Earlham next summer for the purpose of training young men to become coaches in all branches of athletics for high schools.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, November 21, 1918]

## **MOW, ROBERT M.** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Robert M. Mow)

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### **MUD CREEK DITCH** [Fulton County]

#### DITCHING BY STEAM DAY AND NIGHT

From the Kewanna Herald.

The dredging of Mud Creek has begun in earnest and everything is moving along nicely. Contractor John Boyer, of North Manchester, got the job at \$10,632.85 and came over to this territory direct from Newcastle, where he has just completed a 13-1/2 mile ditch. Three cars were required to carry the outfit exclusive of the lumber, from Newcastle to Rochester. There it was unloaded and hauled out to where Mud Creek crosses the Tom Lovatt farm. Nine weeks time was consumed to getting it erected and in shape to throw the first shovelful of dirt. The entire outfit cost \$3,000. The main boat is sided and roofed to protect the machinery and is somewhat smaller than the Sternberg machine, which was used in dredging Mill Creek. The boilers and engines are each 40 horse power and 1-1/2 tons of coal are consumed each day. The big shovel which is operated over a crane carries one cubic yard of earth each trip and makes an average of three trips per minute. The ditch is being made 7 feet wide at the bottom, 27 at the top and 8 feet deep. The machine will throw out about a mile each month and as the territory to be covered, running from the Lovatt farm, east of here, to the Tippecanoe river near Leiters Ford, is about 9-3/4 miles, the contract will not be completed earlier than April 1904. Four men work the day shift and three the night, each shift working 9 hours. Electric lights will be used as soon as the apparatus arrives from the factory. Coal, groceries, mail and all supplies are hauled out from Rochester. The men engaged in the operation of the outfit are John Boyer, Homer Pence, Wm. and Thos. McMahan, Bert and Roy Hay, Joe Gattrell and Fred Bats. The work will be pushed right along and early in 1904 that section of Fulton county which stands so badly in need of drainage will be made to blossom as the rose.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, July 11, 1903]

### **MUD LAKE** [Henry Township]

Located approx 1500E and 150S.

### **MUD LAKE** [Liberty Township]

See South Mud Lake; North Mud Lake; also see Nyona Lake.

#### DEEDSVILLE, MUD LAKE TO GET ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Deedsville and Mud Lake will have electric lights this summer if plans of F. L. LONGSTRETH of the Deedsville Electric Co., do not miscarry. Mr. Longstreth will start work about May 1 constructing a line from Macy to Deedsville, a distance of five miles, and one from Macy to Mud Lake, a distance of three and one-half miles. Power will be obtained from the Northern Indiana Power Co. It is expected that the lines will be ready for use by June 1. Eighty homes will be benefited by the project, according to Mr. Longstreth.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, April 9, 1926]

### **MUD LAKE** [Newcastle Township]

South of 300N and West of 800E.

### **MUD LAKE** [Richland Township]

Located South of 500N at 300W.

Also called Anderson Lake.

In 1995 owned by Ernest Hiatt.

### **MUELLER JEWELRY STORE** [Rochester, Indiana]

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New Jewelry Store. Opposite A. F. Smith's Store, one door north of the Foundry. Melchior Mueller, Rochester. Oct. 28, 1858.

[Rochester *Gazette*, Thursday, December 9, 1858]

### **MULLICAN, CHARLES** [Macy, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

### **MULLICAN MOTOR SALES** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **GRAHAM-PAIGE AGENCY OPENS IN ROCHESTER**

Owners of Graham-Paige motor cars in this community will be pleased to learn that Graham-Paige agency has been opened in Rochester by Charles Mullican. The sales and service room being established in the Hagan Bros. building, located at 606 Main street.

The new agency, which will be known as the Mullican Motor Sales, has models of the 1935 Graham on display at the present time, and a complete line of all models will be shown in the near future.

According to an announcement made by F. R. Valpey, vice-president of the Graham-Paige Motors Corporation, last February was the biggest month in the past four months. Production for the month was 3,717 cars. It was reported that Graham is scheduling a March production of 4,500.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 22, 1935]

### **MUNSON, ALBERT** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **NEW AUTO AGENCY WILL OPEN UP ON NORTH MAIN**

Albert Munson, of Warsaw, a member of the Munson Bros. agency of the Overland, Willys-Knight, has opened up an agency in the cement block building at 403 North Main st. this city.

The opening date of this new business is set for Saturday, August 20th. Besides carrying a complete line of the above well-known auto concerns cars, Munson garage will also have on its floors between 12 and 20 re-conditioned cars, of all makes, for the trade's inspection.

Mr. Munson and family will take up their permanent residence in this city in the very near future.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 15, 1927]

#### **MUNSON SALES CO. MOVES TO BRACKETT BUILDING**

The Munson Overland Sales Company which has been occupying the Good building on North Main street, today announced that they had leased the Brackett building at the [SE] corner of Main and Fifth street, which was vacated Monday by the Fulton County Motor Co. The Munson Overland Sales Company which has the Fulton county agency for the Willys-Knight and Overland automobiles will operate a salesroom and service station in the Brackett building. The salesroom will undergo extensive repairs.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 9, 1927]

### **MURDEN, TIMOTHY** [Liberty Township]

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Timothy Murden, the son of Charles and Martha (Williams) Murden, who were natives of England, was born June 3, 1832, in Baltimore County, Md. After receiving a common school education, he married Nancy A. Smith, and moved to Fulton County in 1868, where he still continues as a farmer. This couple are the parents of seven children, of whom but three, viz.: Ancil G., Americus F. and Mariza J. Murden, are still living. Mr. Murden joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1847, and has held an official position in the same church a greater portion of the time since. Mrs. M. joined the church in 1853, and both are still prominent members of the

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same. Mr. Murden's father, who was seventy-one years of age, was one of the first men to shoulder his musket in the defense of Indiana during Morgan's raid.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 43]

## MURDERS [Fulton County]

See: Crime.

## MURPHY, AMOS [Allen Township, Miami County]

### BIOGRAPHY

Amos Murphy, one of the enterprising citizens of Allen Township, is a native of Perry Township, this county, and was born February 4, 1846. He was the second son born to Joshua and Tacy (Shoemaker) Murphy, who came from Wayne to Miami County in 1845. When Amos was yet an infant his parents returned to Wayne County, but in the fall of 1846 they again came to this county and located in Perry Township, where the father died September 12, 1882, and where the mother continues to reside. Amos remained at home, working on his father's farm until he became of age, after which he worked for a number of years on a farm by the month. He began farming for himself in 1876 on the farm where he now resides in Allen Township. There he has resided ever since, excepting four and one-half years, two of which were spent on a farm in Howard County, two on a farm near Macy, and six months in Akron, Fulton County. September 16, 1876, he was married to Eliza A. Hoover, who was born where she now lives, December 22, 1852. She was the daughter of Daniel and Frances (Shrope) Hoover, both natives of Miami County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have had but one child--Roscoe D., born October 26, 1884. In politics Mr. Murphy is a Republican. He owns a handsome little farm of eighty acres, nearly all of which is in cultivation. He began life with a small sum of money given him by his father. This he invested, and through industry, perseverance and economy, he has been able to add to it until he is now in comfortable circumstances. He is an industrious and successful farmer and a good citizen.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. pp. 526-527]

## MURPHEY, EDWIN C. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] North End R. S. W. JEWELRY STORE - - - Repairing. EDWIN C. MURPHEY.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 21, 1896]

## MURPHY, DORA [Rochester, Indiana]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Dora Murphy, proprietor of the North End restaurant, retired from active business Saturday night. Mr. Murphy's health has been failing for the last year, and he was advised by his physician to take a complete rest. So for a while he will not do anything but enjoy life, and will depend upon Oren Karn to see that the restaurant is managed properly.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 4, 1907]

## MURPHY, JOSHUA [Perry Township, Miami County]

### BIOGRAPHY

Joshua Murphy, deceased, was a native of Wayne County, Indiana, where he was born January 22, 1820. He was a son of Joshua and Margaret (Chamness) Murphy. He was reared to manhood in his native county, and married there October 19, 1836, to Miss Tacy Shoemaker, daughter of Ezekiel and Margaret (Weber) Shoemaker. She was born January 29, 1817. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy eleven children were born, of which these eight are now living: Susan, wife of Edward Busick; Emily, now Mrs. David Fetrow; Milton, who married Lizzie E. Antrim; Amos, whose wife was Lydia Hoover; Lewis, whose consort was Elizabeth Tombaugh; Oliver, who married Emma R. Doud; Ellen, wife of Henry Whisler, and Nelson, married to



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Lucinda Blackburn. He was a man with a limited education, the facilities of the days when he attended school being poor. He was a member of the Friends' Church, and always lived a true and devout Christian life. He died September 12, 1882, and in his death the community lost an honored and respected citizen, one whose memory will always be reverd by all who knew him. In 1841 he made his settlement in Miami County, purchasing a tract of eighty acres, which was then a wilderness of woods, he having to chop his road out in order to reach the land. He was a successful farmer, owning at the time of his death 360 acres of improved land. Oliver now occupies the home farm, which has never been divided. To him and wife three children have been born, as follows: Mertie, Nina M. and Manetta. He is a young and enterprising farmer, and bids fair to become one of Perry Township's most substantial citizens. In addition to his share of his father's estate, he owns forty acres of land.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. p. 734]

## MURPHY, MILTON [Allen Township, Miami County, Indiana]

### BIOGRAPHY

Milton Murphy, one of the industrious young farmers of Allen Township, is a native of Perry Township, this county, and was born August 15, 1844. He was the eldest son born to Joshua and Tacy (Shoemaker) Murphy, natives of Indiana and Pennsylvania, respectively, of English descent. Milton spent his boyhood and youth working upon his father's farm in this county. At the age of twenty-two he began farming for himself. That was in Richmond Township. In 1869 he located upon a farm in Perry Township. Four years later he purchased and located upon a farm in Allen Township. His occupation, during his entire life, has been that of a farmer and stock raiser. August 11, 1866, he was married o Elizabeth E. Antrim, a native of Cass County, this State, born May 21, 1840. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Frances (Gray) Antrim. This marriage has resulted in the birth of four children: Laura A., Wallace M., Tacy M. and Lewis. Of these Tacy M. and Lewis died in infancy. In politics Mr. Murphy is a Republican. He owns a handsome farm of ninety-one acres, about sixty-five of which are in cultivation. He is an energetic, industrious and successful farmer and a No. 1 citizen. When he began doing for himself he had nothing but an ox, but through industry, perseverance and economy, he is now in comfortable circumstances.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. p. 526]

## MURPHY, PAT [Rochester, Indiana]

### TO BE REOPENED

Pat Murphy has announced that he will reopen his bakery and delicatessen shop on the south side of the public square sometime within the next 10 days or as soon as repairs can be made to the oven and the shop repainted and redecorated.

[*The News-Sentinel*, Wednesday, February 19, 1930]

## MURPHY, T. A. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Rochester Baking Co.

## MURPHY'S NORTH END BAKERY [Rochester, Indiana]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Murphy's North End Bakery is being equipped with a fine Day dough mixer which will be run by a three horse power motor. It will mix nearly three barrels of bread at a time and a great improvement in bread mixing.

[*Rochester Sentinel*, Friday, August 12, 1904]

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They are tearing down the Holeman building formerly occupied by Murphy's restaurant on north Main street, and a fine new building will, in a short time, take the place of the old one. Mr. Murphy has moved his store to the second room north of his former stand and as soon as the new building is erected will move to it, there being better facilities afforded for his bakery and restaurant.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 3, 1906]

[Adv] The New Year's Arrival will see our store laden with delicious cakes - - - Special orders will be taken now for cakes. T. A. MURPHY'S, North End Bakery.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 3, 1908]

### MURPHY RESTAURANT SOLD

The North End Bakery and Restaurant owned by T. A. Murphy was sold Saturday afternoon to J. C. Becker and Lon Ware of this city who took charge at once.

The new proprietors are well known in the restaurant business of Rochester, having had charge of the Erie hotel for a number of years and are known to be very efficient in this profession.

The retiring owner, Mr. Murphy, will retire from active business life and will take a trip throughout the West in an effort to regain his health.

At present Mr. Becker will remain at the Erie Hotel.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 13, 1908]

### MURPHY RESTAURANT [Rochester, Indiana]

#### BUYS RESTAURANT

A deal has been completed whereby T. P. Murphy of the Rochester Baking Co., becomes the owner of the Harry Capp restaurant at the Lake Erie station. Mr. Murphy will assume active charge.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 19, 1916]

### MURRAY, ARNOLD [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Arnold Murray)

### MURRAY, ASA J. [Wayne Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

Asa J. Murray, a native of Cass county, Indiana, was born in 1867 and received his education in the local schools followed by a course at the Logansport college and one at the Normal School at Valparaiso.. After finishing his education he settled down to farm life and married Miss Odessa Maude Kumler, whose parents lived in Fulton county. From this union were born seven children of whom five are still living: Blanch, George R., Rex. E., Flossie Bell, and Cloyde A. The careers of this family are interesting. Blanch married Earl Baker and had three children. Her education was also obtained in the public schools and high school. Her husband is a farmer. Both are members of the United Brethren church. George, a graduate of Purdue, married Glenn Robbins, a graduate from the musical department of North Manchester College. He is now county agent of Warrick county, Indiana. He enlisted in the World war at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, June 4, 1918, and was promoted to corporal August 27, 1918, as sergeant September 25, 1918, under Captain Thomas P. Wallace and assigned to Third Company. He received his discharge December 17, 1918. He has also membership in the Masonic fraternity. Rex E. Murray was like his brother, a pupil in the Grass Creek High School, and a student at Purdue where he would have graduated in the class of 1923, but taught in high school the winter of '22-'23 and will graduate in 1924. Flossie graduated from high school in 1923. The same may be said of the third brother, Cloyde A., who is following the family tendencies in church, avocation and political faith. The subject of our sketch, Asa Murray, is a son of Robert and Hannah (Dean) Murray and was one of a family of nine children, of whom five are living. The parents came to Indiana in 1840 and the father farmed his forty acres until death took him in 1897. The mother of this sturdy pioneer

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family died in 1915 and both were buried in Indian Creek cemetery in Harrison township, Cass county. On the maternal side of the Murray family we find Mrs. Asa Murray's parents to have been John and Almedia (Urbain) Kumler, both from Fairfield county, Ohio, the former a farmer and a Republican. He served in the Civil war, enlisting in 1861 in Company K of an Ohio Regiment and serving until the close of the war. John Kumler died August 27, 1921, and his wife March 21, 1902. Both were members of the United Brethren church and both were buried in the Grass Creek cemetery on the site of which he had donated.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 251-252, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

### MURRAY, E. H. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - - About March 15th my new store will be open and ready for business at John McClure's old location, "The Fair." - - - - E. H. MURRAY.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 9, 1894]

[Adv] LANDED AT LAST is the new dry goods store of E. H. MURRAY and ready for business Saturday, January 30. - - - Located 3 doors south of the Rochester Bank, opposite Court House. E. H. MURRAY.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 29, 1897]

### WILL LEAVE ROCHESTER

E. H. Murray, who for several years has conducted one of the finest dry goods stores in Rochester has decided to close out his entire stock and fixtures and retire from business for the present.

Mr. Murray has been one of Rochester's liveliest and most energetic merchants, always watching for the best interests of the town, and the news of his leaving is indeed unpleasant.

At present Mr. Murray has made no final decision as to his future, with the exception that he is going to close out his stock here.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 11, 1904]

[Adv] Murray's CLOSING OUT SALE - - - - will commence Wednesday, May 18th and continue just 60 days - - - E. H. MURRAY.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 14, 1904]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

The time for the removal of our store to Warsaw is near at hand; our desire is not to move a dollar's worth of merchandise from Rochester. We urge you to visit our store daily, where you can buy everything at cost or less at Murray's.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 15, 1904]

### BUSINESS CHANGES

Within a short time the Ditmire book store will be moved into the room west of the court house, recently occupied by Murray's store, and the stock greatly increased. It is the intention of the proprietors to greatly increase their stock of china and glassware and make this a strong feature of their business, there being a good opening here for a large trade in that line of merchandise. The book, stationary and toy departments will also be enlarged and improved and the new quarters will afford facilities for showing such alike to the best advantage. The Ditmires are widely known as reliable and up-to-date merchants in their line and in their new and attractive quarters they hope to greatly improve accommodations for their customers.

The Wert Bros. billiard and cigar business will move into the room now occupied by the Ditmires.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 30, 1904]

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### NEWS OF THE DAY

E. H. Murray, who is now proprietor of a dry goods store in Warsaw and who was formerly of this city, was here yesterday making arrangements for the removal of his stock to this city again. Although it has not definitely been made known that he will return, it is said that a number of show cases are now being made for him at the Myers planing mill, and that he will occupy the Feder & Silberberg building north of the court house.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 27, 1905]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

E. H. Murray will open new dry goods store in Feder & Silberberg room, Saturday, March 18.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 3, 1905]

[Adv] Murray's New Store Will Open Saturday, March 25 - - - MURRAY'S Dry Goods Emporium, In the Feder & Silberberg room.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 24, 1905]

[Adv] E. H. MURRAY has moved his Dry Goods Store to the Allie W. Holman room, first door north of Zook's Hardware Store. - - - Store will be open Saturday, Nov. 4th. Don't forget our location in room formerly occupied by the Peoples' Store. - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 4, 1905]

[Adv] Murray's, Headquarters for Christmas Buying - - - - MURRAY'S, Opposite Arlington Hotel.

[Rochester Sentinel, Dec 5, 1905]

### MURRAY STORE SOLD

The E. H. Murray store of dry goods was late Tuesday afternoon sold to D. A. Walmer and F. F. Engeler, of Bluffton, who will take possession as soon as the invoicing is completed.

The new proprietors are experienced men in the retail dry goods business and at the present time have stores at Bluffton and Berne. At present they do not know whether they will keep the business here or not, a great deal depending upon the invoice.

At the present time Mr. Murray expects to retire from business and will reside in Rochester the remainder of the summer. He conducted a business which has been very creditable to Rochester, and by his retirement Rochester loses an enterprising merchant, who has taken an active interest in the welfare of this place.

**MURRAY, RALPH L.** [Rochester, Indiana]

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**MUSIC MACHINE AGENCY** [Rochester, Indiana]

### THACKER OPENS MUSIC MACHINE AGENCY HERE

Another business enterprise has been added to Rochester's constantly growing list of new commercial activities. The latest addition to the business field is that of an automatic phonograph and amusement machine distributing agency, which was established around the first of the year by Carl Thacker.

Mr. Thacker, who for several years operated a restaurant in Akron, has established a clientele of amusement machine patrons throughout northern Indiana and plans to make this city his permanent headquarters.

Mr. and Mrs. Thacker, who have two children, recently purchased the Clyde Beatty home, 716 Fulton avenue, and have already taken up their residency in this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 11, 1940]

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### **BUYS MUSIC ROUTE**

Carl Thacker, proprietor of the Thacker Automatic Music company of this city, today announced that he has purchased a portion of the route and machines which were owned by Geroge Babb, of the B. & O. Music company of Logansport. Mr. Babb was recently inducted into the service of the United States army, it was stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 27, 1942]

### **MUSKRAT FARMS** [Fulton County]

#### **CLAY SHEETS BUYS DRAY LINE FROM JOE BAKER**

In a business transaction made in this city Saturday, Clay Sheets, U. S. Deputy Marshal of the South Bend district, becomes sole owner of his son-in-law, Joe Baker's, dray line. The new owner is thoroughly experienced in this business having operated the dray line for several years selling to Baker, when he took up his government appointment at South Bend.

Mr. Sheets will take immediate control of the draying business while Baker will devote his entire time in building up his muskrat farm which is well underway on the southeast edge of Lake Manitou. This new enterprise now has several hundred pair of rats, however the proprietor stated he did not contemplate killing any of these valuable animals for market purposes before the season of 1928.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, May 31, 1927]

#### **COLONIAL HOTEL OWNERS MAY HAVE MUSKRAT FARM**

The owners of the Colonial Hotel on the north bank of Lake Manitou are contemplating operating a muskrat farm. The hotel owners will utilize the pond made by the backwaters of the lake which lies to the north of the Colonial as a breeding grounds. Fencing will be constructed so that the valuable little animals can be properly confined. The Colonial Hotel muskrat farm will mark the third one now in operation at Lake Manitou. The others are owned by Joe Baker and Steve Lewis.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 17, 1928]

#### **AKRON TO HAVE LARGE MUSKRAT FARM SOON**

Akron, Ind., Feb. 21. - Akron seems to be the center for the fur industry as was made known this week that they are to have a Muskrat farm near Akron. This farm is located one and one-half miles east of Akron on the Wm. Morret farm. On this farm, which is north of the Harding highway, is a small lake which has been leased for five years by George Bolley and Gail Harsh. The lake covers about three acres and is about 20 feet deep.

Fifty pair of Muskrats will be placed on the farm to start with. These rats are of the very best breed and will be bought in the East from large muskrat ranchers. Two pair were received Wednesday morning from Maryland.

The farm is being fenced off and as soon as this is completed the 50 pair will be turned loose on the farm. There will be no pens to keep each pair separated. They will all run together and build their own houses which will eliminate a lot of work.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 20, 1928]

#### **LOCAL MEN FORM QUALITY FUR FARMS INCORPORATED**

An announcement was made from the secretary of state's office in Indianapolis today that Orbra H. Taylor, Taylor Jefferies and Fred H. Moore were the incorporators of the Quality Fur Farms Inc., whose object was to operate fur farms in Indiana. The capital stock of the company is \$3,000. One of the incorporators today stated that the company intends to raise muskrats on a large scale. The initial fur farm is located on the Taylor Jefferies farm at the southwest end of Lake Manitou. A pond a backwater of the lake which contains an acre and a half of ground has

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been fenced. Sixty pairs of muskrats of the Hudson Seal strain are now being cared for at the farm. The Hudson Seal muskrats were purchased from a fur farm in the northern part of Canada. They are much larger than native muskrats and much darker in color.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, January 10, 1929]

### MUSSELMAN, JOSEPH [Fulton County]

#### MUSSELMAN IS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Special to The News-Sentinel

Plymouth, Ind., June 11. - Joseph Musselman, 68 year old wealthy farmer of Liberty township, Fulton County, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury in the Marshall county circuit court at 10 o'clock last night. The jury composed of eleven men and one woman, had deliberated five hours and a half before returning with their verdict.

The jury fixed the penalty as life imprisonment for the aged defendant. He stood erect while sentence was passed on him by Judge Albert Chipman. Counsel for the defense served notice that they would ask a new trial or would take an appeal. The court gave thirty days for counsel to file the appeal.

#### Resides in Akron

Mrs. Musselman, now a resident of Akron, Ind., who has stood by her husband throughout the trial and has sat at the counsel table with him when the jury's verdict was read burst into tears and, wailing, had to be led from the courtroom. Musselman, who is partially paralyzed and jaundiced from a recent severe attack of diabetes, heard the verdict in stony silence. He seemed not to realize its severity.

Judge Albert Chipman polled the jury after the verdict had been read. Each juror including the lone woman Mrs. Bessie Shafer, farm wife of near Lakeville, said their decision was life imprisonment. Mrs. Grace Burton, widow of Edgar Burton, and daughter of the aged defendant, was not in court when the jury entered with its verdict. She was sitting in the corridor of the Marshall county jail and word of the jury's decision was relayed to her by George Burton, South Bend, a brother-in-law. Mrs. Burton, who has sued her father for \$10,000 damages because of the death of her husband, declined to commit herself as to jury's verdict.

#### Jury Deliberation

The jury deliberated five hours and 36 minutes in returning the verdict. One juror told newspapermen that two of the twelve held out on six ballots for the death penalty, asked by the state, and that two as stubbornly voted for a manslaughter conviction, carrying a 221 year sentence.

After a day of impassioned speeches from six attorneys, three of them prosecution men, the jury heard a 30-minute instruction from crisp Judge Albert Chipman, 45-year-old jurist presiding at this trial, venued here from Fulton county.

The trial came to an abrupt end Thursday, as Attorney George Stevens, for the defense presented the only calm plea of the day. His words, void of all personal elements, and shaped in terms of justice, doubt, circumstance, and the duty of a jury to convicton the removal of all reasonable doubt in minds of its members, were well received by the court room crowd. To the jurors, a day of bombastic outbursts appeared wearing.

#### Wife Showed Emotion

Attorney Russell Wildman of Peru, second to address the jury, and defense rebutal speaker, moved the jury most, according to observers. Tears filled the eyes of the defendant, and his faithful wife's face was drawn and white.

On the other side of the courtroom, her eyes burned on the jury, sat Mrs. Grace Musselman Burton, widowed mother of two small sons. On the import of the six speaker's words was hanging the fate of her father; on the jury's response to those pleas hung the penalty that her father would be asked to pay the state for the slaying of her husband.

Assistant Prosecutor John Kitch, whom Wildman had told the judge and jury Monday "was hired by the Burtons to hound this old man to his grave" was the state's firebrand in the

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morning session. Kitch pounded the jury box rail repeatedly, climaxing his first demands with, "I importune you, in the name of an outraged society, send this elderly wretch to the penalty that the state of Indiana has reserved for killers, the electric chair."

### Quiet Word Picture

The courtroom recovered from the shock of Kitch's words as Charles C. Campbell, attorney associated with the defense, began a quiet word picture of the Musselman family life, inferring that Burton was a lazy interloper, grafted by marriage upon the aged defendant.

Special Prosecutor Daniel S. Perry of Rochester, who made the first state direct summation cleared the minds of the jurors of the Campbell picture with a sneered inference, and set about "exposing the impossibility of a self defense plea" and told the jury Morrison and Williams, only close witnesses to the actual crime, had exploded all the aged man's defenses. Defense had contended that Musselman had killed Burton after he had attacked Musselman following an argument over finances.

At 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Judge Chipman began his instructions to the jury. Possible verdicts which the jury was able to return were guilty of manslaughter, 2-21 years in prison; guilty of murder, death or life imprisonment; not guilty; or, no remote possibility, fail to agree.

The jury was balloting on guilt or innocence ten minutes after retiring under guard of Circuit court Bailiff George Sprague.

The Burton murder was the first committed in Fulton county in 30 years. Many neighbors of Musselman and Burton from the southern part of Fulton county attended the trial at Plymouth which opened Monday.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 11, 1937]

## MUSSELMAN, WILLIAM [Allen Township, Miami County]

### BIOGRAPHY

William Musselman, one of the prominent farmers and stock-raisers of Miami County, and one of the industrious and influential citizens of Allen Township, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, May 22, 1844. He was the second son born to Joseph and Mary (Kridner) Musselman, both natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. When William was ten years old his parents came to this county and located in Richland Township, where he spent his youth working upon his father's farm. At eighteen years of age he entered the Union army, enlisting in Company I, 99th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he did faithful service for his country from August, 1862, until the close of the war. He participated in the siege of Atlanta, the March to the Sea, the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Jackson, Miss., Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and some others on the Atlantic Coast. At the close of the war he returned to the home of his father in Richland Township. There he farmed upon the old home place until 1872, when he located where he now resides in Allen Township. March 18, 1869, he was married to Susan E. Kiem, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Derk) Kiem, both natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Musselman lost his first wife in March, 1872, and on the 5th day of December, 1873, he was married to Priscilla C. Foor, a native of this county, born July 7, 1855. She is the daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Runkle) Foor, who now resides in Allen Township. By his first wife Mr. Musselman had two children, Samuel H. and Mary E. He and his present wife have had but one child, Franklin D. Mrs. Musselman is a member of the Church of God. In politics, Mr. Musselman is a Republican. He has a beautiful home and a handsome farm of 256 acres of good land, about 200 of which is in a high state of cultivation. His farm is fitted up with good fences and splendid buildings, and is one of the most desirable locations in Miami County. He is an industrious and successful farmer and an honored citizen.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. pp. 527-528]

## MUSSON, B. B. "Tony" [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Laundry

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### **MUTCHLER, JOHN** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From John Mutchler)

### **MUTCHLER BAKERY** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **CHARLES REED FEED STORE SOLD**

A deal was completed Tuesday afternoon whereby Fred Reese of this city became the owner of the Charles Reed feed and fuel store at the north end. Mr. Reese took possession today and will endeavor to make a success of the business, which has been built up in the few years that it was operated by Mr. Reed. Mr. Reese has been in the restaurant business in Rochester for the past few months, but sold his interest in the North End bakery Monday to his partner, Mr. Mutchler. Mr. Reed, the retiring owner of the feed store, has not fully decided as to what he will do but will remain in Rochester, where he expects to re-enter business of some kind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 10, 1912]

### **MUTUAL AID SOCIETY**

See Civil War, Soldiers Aid Society

### **MUSSER, E. H.** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### **REMOVED**

I have removed my tailoring establishment from the SENTINEL block to the rooms in the rear above the Racket store. Suits \$12 and up, pants \$3 and up. E. H. MUSSER.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 28, 1899]

### **MY SHOW** [Rochester, Indiana]

W side of street at 812 Main.

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#### **“MY SHOW” HAS BIG CROWDS**

“My Show” opened Saturday evening with a crowded house and for three hours people stood in front of the theater waiting to get in. The pictures were splendid and remarks of approval were heard on every side.

The first tickets sold at the show were purchased by O. C. Minor and the first money taken in by Mr. Bassett, the manager, was paid by C. K. Plank for advertising. Mr. Bassett expects to install his new mirror screen this week.

The K. G. show continues to attract the usual large crowd and every seat in the house was taken Saturday night. The pictures were up to the usual excellent standard. The vaudeville was good and received much applause.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 12, 1913]

#### **OBTAINS WELL KNOWN DRUMMER**

William CASAD, well known trap drummer and musician, who formerly resided in Rochester, will arrive here Monday, where he will spend the winter as an employe of “My Show.” He will also play in one of the local bands.

Mr. Casad is well known to Rochester people and has considerable ability as a musician. He is a decorator by trade. Mr. BASSETT, of “MY SHOW” has made arrangements with Mr. Casad to play the trap drums throughout the winter, and he will appear at the theater next Monday evening.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, November 19, 1913]

#### **“MY SHOW” SOLD TO PLYMOUTH CITIZEN**



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"My Show," the moving picture theater owned by the Bassetts, was sold today to Charles Walker, of Plymouth, whose son, Alonzo Walker, will come to Rochester Monday and take possession of the playhouse.

The new owner of the local theater has had several years experience in the moving picture business and now owns the Gem theater in Plymouth. It is said that Mr. Walker has presented "My Show" to his son, who is single and 24 years old. The young man will make his home in Rochester. William Bassett, who has had charge of the theater since it was built 18 months ago, will leave for Indianapolis next week where he will make his home.

Mr. Walker has announced a change in the film service from the Mutual, which has been used, to the Universal.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 9, 1915]

### "MY SHOW" SOLD TO KEWANNA PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blausser, of Kewanna, have purchased "My Show" motion picture theater of Charles Walker of Plymouth, the new owners taking possession at once. Mr. Walker, who purchased the theater of Wm. Bassett, made the sale because of his numerous business affairs at Plymouth.

For the last year Mr. and Mrs. Blausser have been conducting the moving picture show at Kewanna which is owned by his father, Jacob Blausser. The new owner of the local theater is a well known baseball player and during the season of 1914 played short stop with the Bay City team of the Southern Michigan league. He will probably play with the Red Sox here during the balance of the season.

The new proprietors intend to make several improvements in the service at "My Show" and will show only the best pictures produced. They will continue to feature the Elaine series and will maintain the orchestra. Other announcements are to follow.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 23, 1915]

### ROCHESTER NOW HAS A PARAMOUNT THEATER

Manager Ray Blausser of "My Show" announced Saturday that he had changed the name of his theater to "The Paramount." This action follows a contract with the Famous Player Film service in which he acquires the exclusive franchises in this city for the well known Paramount pictures.

The popular plays of Charles and Daniel Frohman, Henry W. Savage, Davis Belasco, Oliver Moraco, and John Cort will be shown here from time to time with well known stars like Mary Pickford, Marguerite Clark, Blanche Sweet, Elsie Janis, Hazel Dawn, William and Dustin Farnum, John Barrymore, Victor Moore and Theodore Roberts.

The Paramount features will be seen here each Tuesday and Friday, beginning next Tuesday, when Mary Pickford in "Behind the Scenes," will be shown.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 14, 1915]

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In the north half of the 800 block on Main street beginning from the intersecting alley, B. Levi operated a dry goods store. Next door Charley Mitchell conducted a card room with, I believe, a billiard table or so. The room later became "My Show," a popular movie house and now occupied by Adler's Dress Shop. Then Joe Levi Clothing Store and Charles Plank operated a shoestore. Ditmore's was next in line to Nobby True's Restaurant. A. C. Copeland's bank and on the corner occupied by People's Drugs (now Lord's) was Jonathan Dawson, one of Rochester's earliest dispenser of quinine, Brickle's linament, Dr. King's New Discovery and prescription and patent medicines long ago forgotten in this day of sulfa drugs, etc.

[Earle A. Miller, The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 28, 1958]

**MYERS, BERT** [Fulton County]

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### **FULTON COUNTY HOG IS GRAND CHAMPION**

Bert Myers, well known Chester White breeder, living east of Rochester, annexed a big honor at the state fair Thursday, when his Chester White boar was adjudged grand champion. Previously he had won Union champion and first in class with the same hog. Grand champions usually sell from \$1,000 to \$6,000, according to Moore Bros., of this city.

Mr. Myers has won several prizes with his pigs at International Live Stock shows in Chicago.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 6, 1918]

### **MYERS, DEAN** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Dean Myers)

### **MYERS, DONALD** [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

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### **OPENS RADIO SHOP**

Donald Myers today opened a radio salesroom and repair shop in the room at 627 North Main Street. He will carry a complete line of radios, washing machines, batteries and radio supplies. Mr. Myers is an experienced radio repair man. He was employed for several years in the Temple Radio Company factory in Chicago.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 20, 1934]

### **MYERS, ENOCH** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] ENOCH MYERS, ATTORNEY. Office in Miller Building, second stairway south of Bank.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 4, 1895]

### **ENOCH MYERS (Biography)**

Enoch MYERS is a native of Fulton county. His earlier years were spent on the farm, his educational advantages being such only as were afforded by the common schools of his neighborhood. But he was a student and at the age of 18 years he began teaching school, and in this way obtained money with which to gratify, in a measure, his desire for learning. In 1875 he was appointed to the office of county superintendent of schools which he held for three consecutive terms. His work in this field was marked by unusual ability, and it was under his management that the common schools of the county received the first impetus towards graduation and systematic advancement. Meantime he studied law and in 1880 was admitted to the bar. The following year he retired from school work to engage in the practice of his profession, in which he has gained a position in the front rank as a cautious and safe counselor, as well as an able and successful advocate. In 1876 he married Hala E. TROUTMAN, daughter of Hon. P. S. TROUTMAN, of Kewanna, a lady of culture and excellent social qualities. Their only child, Glendolyn [MYERS], having graduated from the Rochester High school, is now a student in the Female Seminary at Irvington, California.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Enoch Myers, attorney at law, was born in Fulton county, Ind., Aug. 5, 1849. His father, John Myers, was born in Pennsylvania May 21, 1802. His mother, Elizabeth (Curtner) Myers, was born near Knoxville, Tenn., June 17, 1813. She died in Fulton county, Ind., Feb. 4, 1887. The father died in this county Oct. 6, 1886. The parents were married in Carroll county, Ind., Feb.

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14, 1832. Nine living children survive them. The name Myers was originally spelled Moyers. John Myers, Enoch's father, was a son of George Myers, a German, whose parents became settlers in Shelby county, Ohio, in 1804. He died in that county. In 1827 John Myers came from Ohio to Carroll county, Ind., where he resided for sixteen years, following farming. He then removed to Fulton county, and here lived till death ended his long, useful and successful life. His son Enoch toiled on the farm in his youth; attended first the country schools, then schools of Rochester and later Battle Ground collegiate institute. He taught his first school when eighteen years of age. He spent six or seven years in the school room as a teacher. He was made county superintendent of schools for Fulton county in 1875, and for six years thereafter held the office. He is said to have made a proficient official, and to have done much to raise the standard of the county schools. While in this office he took up the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1880. He has long since been recognized as a lawyer of no mean ability, and now stands in high repute in his profession. In 1876 Mahala E. Troutman, daughter of Capt. P. S. Troutman, of Kewanna, became Mr. Myers' wife. In politics he has been active as a democrat. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias order, and of the Knights of the Maccabees.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 112-113]

### MYERS & EMMONS NEW LAW FIRM

The well known attorneys, Enoch Myers and Charles E. Emmons, have formed a co-partnership for the practice of their profession in this city. The office will be located in Mr. Myers' present location and the entire upper floor of the building will be utilized, making a fine suite of offices. Modern office equipment is being added and one room will be used to care for the large library of the firm.

Mr. Myers is one of the best known and most successful lawyers in northern Indiana and has practiced his profession in this city for thirty-one years. Mr. Emmons only recently retired from the firm of Montgomery & Emmons, where he has established a large personal following, and the new combination will doubtless enjoy a large legal business as it has the fullest confidence of the public.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 14, 1912]

### MYERS, FRANK [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] SMITH'S PLANING MILL. Having recently bought the Frank Myers mill, East 6th street, I want to inform the public that the mill is again open for business. SAM WALTERS has been engaged and is now installed as Master Mechanic -- you know he is the best in Fulton county. Work Solicited. Prices Right. Everything in my line will be contracted at living prices and work guaranteed. MILO B. SMITH.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 12, 1910]

### MYERS, H. M. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] H. M. Myers, Manufacturer of Fine Ice Cream. Prompt attention given to all special orders. - 428 N. Main St.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 17, 1914] [sic]

### MYERS, HENRY [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

#### BIOGRAPHY

He is the son of John and Elizabeth Myers. The father was born in Pennsylvania and came to Montgomery County, Ohio, when he was only two years old, and landed at Cincinnati July 4, 1820. They remained in Montgomery County for thirteen years, thence to Shelby County, where the father, George Myers, died. A few years later, John came to Carroll County, Ind.,

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accompanied by his mother, where he remained about fourteen years. The mother died there in the fall of 1840. In the following spring, John came to this county and settled on the farm he now occupies, and which he had previously purchased. He married Elizabeth Curtner in Carroll County, Ind., February 14, 1832. To these parents were born fifteen children--Barbara, Levi, Jane, Simon, Mary, George, William, John, Louisa, Louis, Enoch, Henry, David, infant not named and Minerva. All are now living except Barbara, Levi, Jane, Simon and the infant, and are residents of this county and in flourishing circumstances. Henry was born on the old home farm in this county June 12, 1857, and has remained with his father the greater part of his life, and at present is working the old farm. The mother died February 4, 1877. The father was born about forty miles north of Reading, Penn., and is still living on the farm a hale and hearty old man. Henry is a very temperate, hard-working man, and, though young, has great promise of success.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 34]

## MYERS, HENRY [Kewanna, Indiana]

### HENRY MYERS PURCHASES PLYMOUTH PRINT SHOP

Kewanna, Ind. - Over 50 some years in the printing business and still going strong. For over 20 years, Mr. Myers edited and published the Kewanna Herald and it was thought by many that when he sold out he would at least take things easy for a while, but, no; just keeps right on going. Mr. Myers is now the proprietor of the Quality Print Shop in Plymouth, and his daughter, Mrs. Mary Alice STOKES has gone with her father to assist him in taking over. The transaction was closed last Saturday and Mr. Myers and his daughter took over Monday morning.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 21, 1944]

## MYERS, HERBERT J. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Herbert Myers)

## MYERS, JONAS [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Downs Sawmill

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### BIOGRAPHY

Jonas Myers, of Eureka Planing Mill, was born February 20, 1829, in Washington County, Penn. He came to Miami County, Ind., in 1839, with his parents, where he received a common school education. He came to Rochester in 1848, and learned the carpenter's trade. He was united in marriage, in April, 1851, to Miss M. Clayton, a native of Virginia. They had one child, who deceased in infancy. His wife died in the autumn of 1852, and in April, 1855, he was again married, his choice being Ann Stradley, who soon after marriage, deceased. He was married the third time to Elizabeth Clayton, a sister of his first wife. They have two children, a son and a daughter. He enlisted in Company F, of the Eighty-seventh Indiana Infantry, at the breaking-out of the war, and was with his company in all its principal battles. He is a member of I.O.O.F., No. 47, Rochester, Ind., and is of German descent.

His card is--Jonas Myers, dealer in lath and shingles; also proprietor of the Eureka Planing Mill. Planing, matching, sawing, turning and scroll work done to order. He buys lumber and furnishes all kinds of building materials.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 24]

### JONAS MYERS (Biography)

Few men are more widely known in this community than Jonas MYERS. He is a pioneer in the county, having come here from his birth place in Pennsylvania in 1848. He was a carpenter by trade until the war broke out when he enlisted and fought through surrender, having gone

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through with a company, of which only four men survived one battle, and was never in an ambulance nor hospital. After he returned he engaged in the planing mill business and has followed it ever since. He lost his right arm in a mill accident and afterward a part of his left hand in the same manner but persevered manfully with a part of a hand and made a success. He was town marshal and town trustee one term each, and was given the appointment of postmaster by President Harrison. He is one of the iron nerve men of this community and stands at the head of a family of a son, John [MYERS], a daughter, Mrs. Stilla BAILEY, and a foster daughter, Mary MYERS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

### BIOGRAPHY

Jonas Myers. - This soldier of the Rebellion, ex-postmaster of Rochester, and honorable citizen, was born in Washington county, Pa., Feb. 20, 1829, and is a son of Jacob and Rosana (Long) Myers. The former was born in Washington county, Pa., in 1808, and died in Miami county, Ind., in 1883, while the latter was born in Maryland in 1807 and also died in Miami county in 1886. With his parents the subject of this review came to Indiana in 1839, and settled in Miami county, where he obtained a common school education and in 1848 came to Rochester and here learned the carpenter's trade, at which he continued for some years. Aug. 8, 1862, he enlisted in company F, Eighty-seventh I.V.I., and served his country faithfully until May 10, 1865, when, as second lieutenant, he was discharged at Washington. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Peach Tree Creek, Chattanooga, Jonesboro, Atlanta, Resaca, Ringgold and many minor engagements. He was in the memorable march to the sea and in the grand review of war heroes at Washington. Since the war he has for many years been engaged in the planing mill business and while thus engaged in July, 1875, he lost his right forearm. Politically Mr. Myers is an uncompromising republican. April 24, 1890, he was appointed postmaster at Rochester and served until April 6, 1894. He, with the assistance of Miss Emma Graeber, gave the people an efficient postal service. Mr. Myers has been three times married, and his present wife, Elizabeth H. Myers, nee Clayton, became his bride in 1867. Two children have been born to this union: Indianola E. and Stella P. Mr. Myers is a member of the I.O.O.F. and McClung post, No. 95, G.A.R.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 113-114]

### LOCAL NEWS

Fifty-five years ago yesterday noon, Jonas Myers began work at the carpenter trade in Rochester, on a frame store building for Frederick Ault, on the ground now occupied by the Academy of Music.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 14, 1903]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

Negotiations were closed, Saturday evening, whereby the Jonas Myers planing mill, in this city was traded to Frank R. Myers of south of Fulton for his fine 65 acre farm. The Myers planing mill is one of the oldest and most reliable institutions in Rochester and when it passed from the ownership of Jonas Myers it retired a business man widely known for his straight forward methods and reliability. The new proprietor is a practical saw and planing mill man and a trustworthy gentleman.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 10, 1904]

### SOME NEW OLD STORIES

By Jonas Myers

I was the oldest of eleven children, seven girls and four boys, two boys and four girls having passed to the beyond. I was born in Washington county, Pa., Feb. 20, 1829, and came to Miami county with my parents April, 1839, stopping with my uncle who afterward moved to Gilead. Father purchased fifteen or twenty acres of Uncle, who had removed the grubs, cut down

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the small saplings and girdled the trees, after which we went into the ground with a jumping plow between the stumps. At corn planting time, we frequently had to carry soil quite a distance to cover the grain. Corn planted, then came the fight with squirrels and birds. There was a space not molested with anything but weeds, until the corn began to ear, then coons, gray and black squirrels began to bother it, and later the deer got in their work also.

The country was full of wild game, such as wolf, deer, turkeys, coon, wild cat, fox, rabbit, skunk, opossum, porcupine, mink, otter and occasionally a black bear.

Once Father was riding horseback and noticed a number of hogs among them a black one, which seemed to move very peculiarly. He came a little closer and found it was a black bear. He called a dog which chased the bear up a tree. Securing a club, Father climbed the tree and struck the bear on the head, and when it fell to the ground, the dog killed it.

A man whose name was Close, was employed to kill squirrels on our place, and it was no uncommon thing for him to kill seventy-five in one day, but even then the number did not seem diminished. On the farm we rented of Uncle, was a double log house and into it during the summer, moved Samuel Essick, Peter Saygers and their families, making a company of twenty-one or two people in the cabin who gathered nightly around the fire place, for there were no stoves.

There were not many ways a boy could earn money to spend on himself, but digging ginseng, on days not otherwise employed, was one of them. I was fond of hunting, and many a night arose at one or two o'clock and went hunting, and sometimes went early in the evening and made a night of it. If I happened to kill a skunk, the jig was up for that night.

In 1846 I engaged to learn the carpenters' trade with Mr. Garber. The third week, on Thursday, he was taken sick, then I also became sick, and a little later he died. I was next employed by a farmer whose name was Yohe, six miles east of Rochester, near Feece's well. Again I had an opportunity to learn the carpenters trade, this time with William Culver, to begin work March 13, 1848. After working a month, my employer said he would give me one hundred dollars per year and board. It took me three years to do that work, having the ague every summer, and by fall there would not be enough well people to care for the sick. Mr. Culver said that if I would continue in his employ, he would board me, furnish the tools and give me two-fifths of what we made. Thinking this a fair proposition, I remained with him until the summer of 1853, then went with Randall Wells to Northern Iowa, and put up a saw mill for Leonard Cutler, of LaPorte, on a claim he had taken the previous summer. The settlers had agreed among themselves, that each could claim 160 acres of timber land and 160 of prairie land. Butler took out a claim for each of us, offering to make all necessary improvements, if we would agree to stay until the land came into market, sell out and give us half. But I said "No, I am going back to Rochester." Seven years later I returned to Iowa, and found the country looked older than Indiana, excepting the orchards.

We finished the sawmill and sawed a few logs to show Cutler that the mill was all right, then he settled with us, paying us in gold. He also gave Wells, the boss, as a present, \$15.00 in gold and \$10.00 in the same precious coin to me. Coming home, I stopped enroute in Chicago, and purchased some tools, the first I had ever owned. Among them was a boring machine, the first of the kind in Rochester. With the remainder of my savings, I made a payment on a lot I had purchased (where Mrs. Matilda Osgood lives) and erected a shop thereon. Next summer I went to work with Isaac Good. When I came to Rochester, there was an old mill standing about where the dam is now, which had been built for the Indians. Some of the burrs and stones they had used in cracking corn, were still lying on the bank of the creek. As other writers have said, the business houses were all north of Fourth street, and first work I done was on a building where the Academy of Music stands, for Fredrick Ault, father of the noted Jud Ault, (a prominent soldier of the 20th Ind. Inf.). We then built the Odd Fellows Hall, on the [SW] corner of Jefferson and Seventh streets, where Grace M.E. church now stands. The balance of the season we worked in the country, putting up barns, then went over to Miami county, where we built a barn for Moyer, a nurseryman, near Gilead. He was well known in this part of the state, as about nine out of every ten orchards had been started from trees grown in his nursery.

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When the Reese tragedy occurred, referred to by Wm. A. Ward, I was working south of town, but was perfectly familiar with the details of the case. As I remember, a stage driver, whose name was Washburn, and Mrs. Reese were supposed to have murdered Reese, the husband. They were both sent to jail, I was in the cemetery when the body of Reese was exhumed, and the stomach examined. Death resulted from poison, as already stated.

I was also in the court house when Jack Clemans was tried for murdering his uncle, and heard him confess to the crime. Will say, in passing, that in 1894 my wife was visiting her sister in Missouri. One day a man came to the door selling vegetables, and wife thought his face looked familiar. She mustered up courage to ask if his name was not Clemans, and he acknowledged that it was. That his mother's name was Carpenter, and his full name was Jackson Carpenter Clemans. He was known as Carpenter, in Missouri. He died about five years ago.

One of the most comical events of those early days was when Sheriff Benj. Wilson was locked up in jail. The only prisoner in the lockup, was a horse thief, whose name was Eno, who was noted for his shrewdness, but was a jolly kind of a chap after all. During harvest, the prisoner was used to cradle the wheat, the sheriff close behind doing the binding, and it can be seen from this that the officer had not a little confidence in the docile nature of the horse thief or else in his own ability to catch the man, should he try to run away.

The jail was built of timber about ten or twelve inches square, halved at the ends so the logs would fit close together. The floor was made of the same material. The walls were built up ten feet, and another floor laid. In the middle of that floor was a hole, through which to drop the prisoner, an outside stairway leading to the upper floor. On the day of which I write, Sunday, Sheriff Wilson had company with him in the jail. Mr. Clayton, his two daughters, Marion and Elizabeth, Josephine Shryock and one or two other little girls, of eight or ten years of age. A ladder was put down the hole, and the sheriff told Eno to come up and get his dinner. He did so and the little girls went down the ladder to explore the prison, and the sheriff was looking down, teasing them. Seeing his opportunity, the wily horse thief sprang to the door, opened it, turned the key which was on the outside, and was off, the sheriff and his guests securely locked within, for the jailbird had flown taking the key along. Sheriff Wilson and the others called with lusty voice for help, the frightened children set up a howl, but to no purpose. The jail stood a little east and south of the present county bastille, and surrounded by brush. No one lived near, so it was some time before it was discovered that the sheriff and his friends were jailed. It was necessary to pry the door open with a crowbar, which was procured at the saw mill, and it was toward evening before the prisoners were set free. By that time, Eno was miles away although he had a chain to his leg. He sought a man, whom he thought was his friend, to help him remove the chain, which he did, then turned traitor, and gave information that led to rearrest and conviction of Eno.

In reading of Orange Welton in the story written by J. Dawson, in the *Republican*, reminded me of an occurrence in which Welton, Isaac Good and myself played the leading parts. We went down to the Newt Rannells grocery store, one evening which was headquarters for the fellows. At a seasonable hour we started home, passing the Rannells home. In front of the house stood ten or more barrels of apples. One of the boys said: "Wish we had a barrel of those apples," I laughed and said: "Put a barrel on my shoulder, and I will take it to the shop." No sooner said than up went the barrel, and I trudged along with them to the shop, where I emptied the apples on the floor and covered them with shavings. The barrel was then reheaded and placed where we found it. Few days afterward Rannells set the boys to putting the barrels in the cellar. One barrel was reported empty. Newt said he thought it a pretty smooth job of stealing.

After a while business began to move a little farther south on Main street, and Jesse Shields started a store where the Indiana Bank and Trust Company is now located, and also kept the postoffice. Dr. Alfred H. Robbins had his office where Hartung's tailoring shop is, and across the alley south, where Kai Gee holds forth, a three-cornered sign informed passers that "Oysters, Pigs Feet and Sardines" could be had within, and the proprietor could have added that he also had booze for the thirsty. At night a light was placed in the muslin sign, that it might attract attention to the good things to be had at that establishment. One night Isaac Good and myself went to the postoffice, and after getting my mail and transacting other business, I started home leaving Isaac

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engrossed in a game of checkers. In a short time he followed, and in passing the afore-mentioned sign, he deftly lifted it of its hook and overtook me at what is now known as Fieser's corner. He handed the sign to me and said "run," then he stepped into the building standing there. I made the dust fly as I ran north to the lot where I now live, which lot, and those surrounding it, was covered with hazel brush, so that I could hide the sign. The owner being too close to my heels, I crossed the street and threw it in the bushes, back of where the North End bakery stands. I succeeded in getting away from the fellow, who went south to the corner where Good had handed me the sign. Seeing Isaac, he accused him of taking his sign, but the accused put on a bold front and pretended to be very angry that he should be accused of anything so little as stealing a sign, threatening to make his accuser prove the statement, and was met with this answer: "Well, if you did not take it, your partner did." To make the story short, will say that I was arrested and found guilty, by a jury of twelve men, and fined one cent and costs. The Judge wanted to know what I was going to do about it, and I answered: "I guess I will have to go to jail and lie it out." I don't remember who went on my bond, but think it was Isaac Good. The prosecuting attorney proposed to give me his part of the costs and gave me a receipt in full. I next went through the form of borrowing money of William Wallace, and Clerk Hoover afterward frequently referred to the debt, hinting that I ought to remit, but I was always "Just broke." I remember that William Spencer was sheriff, and he was paid his share of the costs. It would take too long to tell where all the costs went, but suffice it to say that Isaac Good paid the bills, although I got the credit of stealing the sign.

July 4, 1850 or 1851, I don't exactly remember which date, was marked by an occurrence that will bear telling in my story. Part of the celebration of Independence Day took place north of where Haslett Brothers' packing house now stands. An old cast iron cannon was being fired in the evening, and a young man whose name was Perry, lost both hands while he was ramming in a charge, owing to premature explosion, as they had to be amputated at the wrists. At that time John Onstott, Orton Mitchell, brother of Asa Mitchell, and myself were working for Wm. Culver. After dark, while the doctors were attending the wounded man, Culver came to my house and said: "Boys, if you will help me we will put that cannon where it will never shoot off any more hands." He was right, for since that night it has never been fired, and as I am the last of the boys who helped to dispose of it, I will now tell where it can be found. The cannon is about twelve or fifteen feet under ground, below the bridge crossing the creek on the Warsaw road.

Perhaps there are but few persons in Rochester who know that I ever ran a saw-mill in this city. Anthony F. Smith, a brother of Milo R. Smith, owned a saw-mill about half way between the Erie elevator and the creek bridge on the Warsaw road. Later he wanted to convert the mill into a corn and buckwheat grinding mill and needed some one to saw up the logs remaining in the yard. Culver and Smith were very good friends, and he was asked to saw the logs, but did not care for the job, but said he believed he could "show Jonas a little how to do the work, as he has done every task I set for him, except to weed the garden, then he not only pulled up the weeds but everything else."

I was put to work, and it would take too long to describe the mill, and how I had to get those logs inside. Will only say the mill was the old-fashioned kind with an up and down saw, and the logs were run in by hand, and turned with a cant hook. I staid by the job until it was completed. Early in the spring there came a big freshet, which took out the dam at Millark also the dam at Mt. Zion, and it looked like the dam at this place would also go out. Smith came to the mill and said I had better fasten the saw and open the waste gate to the forebay so as to waste all the water. We did this to save the dam. When the water began to go down, I closed down the waste gate to the forebay, let it fill up, then loosened the saw and turned the water on, but the wheels would not work. We then closed the forebay, opened the waste gate, let the water out and I went down to the forebay and found both wheels clogged with fish. Had there been a fish trap at the waste gate, I could have caught several barrels of fish.

The 87th Indiana Infantry recruited July and August, 1862, A. K. Plank recruiting officer of Company F. We went into camp August 18, 1862, at South Bend, and left August 27th, arriving the same day at Indianapolis. I mustered into the State service Aug. 31, 1862, and Sept. 1, left for Louisville, Ky. We marched from Louisville in pursuit of Gen. Bragg, Oct. 1, 1862.



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We skirmished at Chapel Hill with Bragg's rear guard and on the 8th of October fought in the battle of Perryville. Skirmished with VanDorn's rebel cavalry March 5, 1863. I fought at Perryville, Chickamauga, Peach Tree Creek, Tullahoma, Jonesboro, Atlanta, Resaca, Ringgold, Smithville, Fayetteville and a number of small engagements.

I was with my company, Saturday and Sunday, 19th and 20th, Sept. 1863, at Chickamauga. On Sunday afternoon, after charging and being charged on, we reformed on the left of a Kentucky regiment. I said to Capt. Long, "It don't look worth while for Company F to do anything." But he said we would take our place with Company F, then consisting of Long, Clay, Rheimensneider and myself. Clay was finally wounded and Cap told me to take him to the rear. We had gone but a short way when Clay fainted and I thought he was going to die. I pulled his knapsack up under his head, to make him as comfortable as possible. Instead of dying, he laid on his back and prayed and I made up my mind that he was better than a half dozen dead men. When he was through praying, I opened my knapsack and pulled out a towel and bandaged his leg as good as I could. The Jonnies were crowding us back, so we had to move. By this time he regained consciousness, but could not use his leg. I informed Capain Long that I could carry Clay no farther, so Rheimensneider assisted me and we carried him to where we thought him safe while I looked for a hospital. Finding one, we went back after our wounded comrade, but he was gone. Some one had already taken him to the hospital. I did not find my regiment until the next day at Rossville. Tuesday morning we went to Chattanooga and remained until the Mission Ridge fight. A few days before the fight I got my hand mashed and was excused from handling my gun. I could see our men climbing Mission Ridge, and Hooker's men fighting above the clouds. This was the first and last time the regiment left me. I saw some things that I don't care about passing through again. When we left Chattanooga, we went to Ringgold, Georgia. We left there May 7 and were under fire till the battle of Jonesboro. We found the Jonnies in less than two hours and they had fought and skirmished every day till the battle of Jonesboro, including the siege of Atlanta. We landed near Savannah in December in time to take our Christmas dinner. We left there in January and came up the river to Sister's Ferry and crossed the river into South Carolina on Feb. 5th. We returned to Washington City and got our discharge. We then went to Indianapolis and drew our pay. I said "How about me going home?" Found I could come after signing some papers. I took the train for Peru, arrived there at midnight, started to Rochester on foot and got my breakfast this side of Mexico. I stopped at Mr. McMahan's for a drink of water and got my dinner. Poke McMahan brought me to Rochester. We came down Main street opposite to my house and then west through the alley. I went in the back door and was within five feet of my wife before she recognized me. That was one time in my life when I was glad to get home. I had been away two years and ten months.

At that time David Martin and David Carr owned a planing mill and Carr wanted to dispose of his interest. Some money was coming to me and I borrowed \$300.00 of Sidney Keith and bought him out. Had only worked a day or two until I began to cut my fingers, but received no further injury until losing my arm.

Before forgetting it will relate a little circumstance happening to me about two or three years after I came home from the army. My shop was on the Akron road. Desiring to start the mill at an early hour, I arose before day light, in order to put a fire under the boiler. On the walk, in front of where the Fair Store now stands, lay a letter directed to the initials of a certain man's name. He was one of those fellows who wore good clothes, smoked cigars but a stranger to work. I thought I would open the letter and if of no consequence, would destroy it and say nothing. It referred to a box of shoes which Mr. Elihu Long had lost some time prior to the writing of the letter. I was satisfied that I knew the man and thought I would give the letter to Capt. H. C. Long, but he was out of town. I then found Capt. Truslow and told him I had a letter which might help find the fellows who were causing so much trouble, and if he'd promise to not inform on me, would let him have it. He agreed and I presented the letter. About ten days afterward, I met him and asked if they had any news of that box of shoes, and he said they were satisfied. They sent for a detective, and seven families suddenly left Rochester, and as far as I know, none of them have returned since. No doubt but there are several parties in Rochester who remember the

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circumstance. There had been some breaking into stores, previous to this time, and Truslow told me a secret police service had been organized and wanted me to join. He showed me the list of names, and I told him: "As long as you have fellows like those on the service you will never find out who is breaking into the stores."

I have been married three times. My first wife was Marion Clayton. We were married April 5, 1851. My second marriage was with Annie E. Stradley, April 8, 1855, and the third time with Elizabeth H. Clayton, March 17, 1867, the first and third ladies being sisters.

The first time I was married, I gave my last penny to a Presbyterian minister. We rented two room at \$2.50 per month. I had an old cook stove and my wife had a bed. We ate off a box and used it for a cupboard and also sat on boxes. Later, at a sale, I bought three or four chairs and a bedstead of Dr. Charles Brackett. I paid him in work. The first and only piece of new furniture my first wife owned, was a table made by Enos Rose. We had no carpet, but I was never happier in my life. Think I have always enjoyed life as well as anybody, and always looked on the bright side. While in the army was thinking of the time when I could go home.

I wish to show the sentiment of some of the northern people while the boys were facing foes in the south, and will append from history some of the sayings, resolutions, etc., offered in the several counties mentioned, not for the purpose of keeping old wounds from healing, but that the rising generation may know the truth--that we had enemies at home as well as on the battle field.

### Fulton County

A convention on June 25th, 1864, resolved: "That we are opposed to the prosecution of the present war for the purpose will prove the utter destruction of civil liberty in America."

### Huntington County

A meeting held in Dec. 1862, in a very amusing recitation of imaginary evils inflicted on the West by New England, declared "that had it not been for the fanaticism and speculation of New England our generation would not have witnessed the ghastly spectre of disunion, and were it not for the same cause, still potent for evil, these difficulties could be adjusted." No blame is attached to the south.

### Lawrence County

A meeting of Jan. 24, 1863, resolved against the prosecution of the war and against emancipation.

### Marshall County

A convention of June, 1863, resolved "that we are opposed to the war under any and all circumstances, and that we are opposed to further continuance of this unholy and unnatural strife."

Early in April 1861, about the time the rebels attacked Fort Sumpter, a gentleman made a speech at Greencastle. He said: "I say to you, my constituents, that as your representative, I will never vote one dollar, or one man or gun to the administration of Abraham Lincoln, to make war on the south." There is evidence that he freely promised 100,000 men to the south and negotiated for 20,000 muskets with which it is supposed "Sons of Liberty" were to be armed. In 1861 another man said: "If this war interferes with the status of slavery I am opposed to it and will not give a dollar to carry it on." A year afterwards he said: "President Lincoln is a traitor, robber or fool."

I have given you a few items of resolutions passed and could give more. You ask me who those persons were? They were such fellows as dug up the body of Frank Hamlet, a man of the 29th Indiana. He died down south, was shipped home in a rough box for burial. He was taken up, the lid pried off the box and left. Some of his friends buried him the next day.

John Mowe, a man of my company, was discharged Dec. 1862, and sent home. He was then sent to Newcastle township to enroll the men to see how many were liable to draft. They took the books away from him and said they would not be enrolled. Some one telegraphed to Governor Morton. He sent a company of soldiers up from Logansport. They stopped at the court house and loaded their muskets. But a friend of the enemy had informed the Newcastle people that the soldiers were coming and when they got there they found a table spread with everything good to eat. After dinner they started for Logansport. Just below Fulton they pulled down the rebel flag and run up "Old Glory" and with a lot of young ladies they rallied around the flag. I

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have not expected to make any friends, but I want the young boys and girls to know that the enemy was not always in front of us. There was a secret organizations in Indiana known as the Sons of Liberty, or Knights of the Golden Circle. They had pass words and secret signs by which they identified each other, either day or night. They were organized in companies and regiments, and had their generals and captains. They encouraged desertion, secreted deserters and did everything they could to embarrass the government. I was initiated into Rochester Lodge No. 47, I.O.O.F. on the night of Jan. 11, 1851, and was taken into the Encampment on the 6th day of March, 1854, and have continued my membership in those organizations up to the present time.

Next to Brother Isaac Good, am now the oldest member of the lodge at this place.

This history was completed on my eightieth birthday anniversary.

[Marguerite L. Miller, *Home Folks*, Vol. I, 1910, pp. 94-103]

### THE JONAS MYERS CIVIL WAR DIARY IS PRESERVED

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

The diary of Rochester's Jonas Myers provides an eloquent and evocative description of the volunteer Union Soldier's experiences in the Civil War. Now and for all time, it will be available to students and scholars who study the nation's terrible fratricidal conflict.

Myers's great-grandchildren have conveyed his papers for permanent safekeeping to the Indiana Historical Society's William Henry Smith Memorial Library at Indianapolis. There they will be under the rigid protection of the library's conservation department, stored under proper conditions in its collection vault and made available for inspection, under strict supervision, to legitimate students, scholars and authors.

"That Jonas Myers's descendants, by their gift will now share with students and scholars this piece of Indiana history is wonderful news," Library Director Bruce Johnson said upon learning of the donation. "The long-term preservation of this historically-significant diary will only be enhanced by the attention the Indiana Historical Society will give to it."

Jonas's life and his war recollections became important ingredients in the formation of "A Stupendous Effort," my book about the 87th Indiana Infantry Regiment in which Myers was a volunteer soldier in the ranks for almost three years.

The existence of his diary, and two letters accompanying it, was not known beyond the Bailey family which inherited it. Two of his great-grandchildren, Bob and Dave Bailey, of Baileys' Hardware, offered it me for study four years ago during my book's research. I found its contents remarkably pertinent to the story that I was seeking to tell and as a result, Jonas became a leading and engaging character in the book.

Jonas fathered one child, a daughter christened Indianola Estoria, known all her life as Essie. She married her next-door neighbor or at 609 Jefferson Street, Stilla Bailey. and the couple had six children. Today's eight great-grandchildren of that union are Bob and Dave Bailey and Susan Bailey Kelley of Rochester, Max Bailey of Milton, Fla.; John Taylor, Hilton Head, S.C.; Dave Taylor, Roswell. N.M.; Barbara Shafer Leaverton, St. Joseph, Mo., and Sally Shafer Lewis, South Bend. A great-great-grandchild, Judy Wagoner Gates of Rochester, represents a ninth great-grandchild, the late Bill Wagoner.

While family members were somewhat reluctant to agree to the donation when the gift first was requested three years ago, the recent publication of "A Stupendous Effort" emphasized to them the diary's historical importance and need for its long term preservation. Jonas's descendants may inspect his diary and letters at the Society's library at any future time.

At the family's request, I arranged and personally transferred the documents to Director Johnson on October 6 at Indianapolis. A full transcription of the diary and letters, which I created for my book research, also was given to the library along with a copy of "A Stupendous Effort" and a transcription of three letters of 87th Indiana soldiers describing the action each was involved in at the Battle of Chickamauga.

I also leave presented to each of the direct descendants listed above a transcription of Jonas's unique contribution to the Civil War's literature. Additionally, the Fulton County Historical Society's archives received a copy.

## My

Jonas's contribution to preserving the Union now belongs to the ages.  
[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 14, 1997]

### **MYERS, JOSEPH A.** [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Proposed sub-division of Out Lot 5 of Sturgeons Addition to Rochester. Lots will be sold - - - If you don't see me inquire of Joseph A. Myers for prices and terms.  
[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 13, 1904]

### **MYERS, LEROY** [Rochester, Indiana]

Your Whiskers shaved by Machinery at the ELECTRIC BARBER SHOP. Leroy Myers, the Barber, will be in his elegant new Parlors in Long's new block, about July 10. All new furniture.  
[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 6, 1892]

#### LEROY MYERS (Biography)

Here is another interesting exemplification of what a man can do if he tries in earnest. Leroy MYERS was born a poor boy in Ohio 35 years ago and came to Rochester at the age of 15 years. He was always busy and one of the fellows who could ever find something to do. He learned the shoemaker's trade but didn't like it and twelve years ago purchased a barber shop. He attended closely to business and soon enlarged his shop. Then he got more customers and needed more room. Now he is in the Capt. Long Block with a five-chair shop and bath room, the beauty, convenience and comfort of which has few equals in the state. He married Miss Amanda ZACHMAN in 1882 and they have one daughter and a foster son. They own their own home and are active members of Trinity church.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

### **MYERS, PAUL** [Rochester, Indiana]

See Calvin & Myers

### **MYERS, RAY** [Rochester, Indiana]

See Ray's Eat Shoppe

### **MYERS & CARPENTER PLANING MILL** [Rochester, Indiana]

Wanted! Shingle Timber! The undersigned will pay Cash for 25 cords of good Shingle Timber, delivered at their Planing Mill in Rochester. Myers & Carpenter. Rochester Ind., April 24, 1867.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 25, 1867]

Myers & Carpenter's New Cabinet Shop, Planing Mill and Steam Shingle Factory . . . Coffins, fine or common, and will attend Funerals with a Hearse if required. . . Furniture . . . Good Plastering Lathe . . . Rochester, Ind. May 20, 1867.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 23, 1867]

## My

Fire. On Tuesday evening last, the Planing Mill of Myers & Carpenter took fire and burned down. There was a great amount of dry lumber in the mill; several thousand shingles and some furniture in the shop connected with the mill, it was a total loss, not even the company books were saved. Both of these men served in the army for three years; they are both good and industrious citizens; they can ill afford sustain such a loss; the citizens of the town have subscribed between \$400 and \$500, for to aid them in rebuilding, but this is a very small amount compared with what has been lost.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 1, 1867]

Energetic. It is with great pride that we notice the enterprising spirit manifested by our worthy citizens, Messrs. Myers & Carpenter, who were burned out about a week since. They have bought a piece of land two squares east of the Court House, on the Akron road, on which they are erecting a new shop . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 15, 1867]

Machine Shop. Messrs Myers & Carpenter have their shop in complete running order, and are prepared to do all kinds of work on short notice. Persons bringing lumber there can have it planed, tongued and grooved ready to take home with them at all times . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, September 19, 1867]

### **MYERS & EMMONS** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### MYERS & EMMONS NEW LAW FIRM

The well known attorneys, Enoch Myers and Charles E. Emmons, have formed a co-partnership for the practice of their profession in this city. The office will be located in Mr. Myers' present location and the entire upper floor of the building will be utilized, making a fine suite of offices. Modern office equipment is being added and one room will be used to care for the large library of the firm.

Mr. Myers is one of the best known and most successful lawyers in northern Indiana and has practiced his profession in this city for thirty-one years. Mr. Emmons only recently retired from the firm of Montgomery & Emmons, where he has established a large personal following, and the new combination will doubtless enjoy a large legal business as it has the fullest confidence of the public.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 14, 1912]

### **MYERS & GAINER PLANING MILL** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### MYERS & GAINER PLANING MILL

Is directly in the rear of the [Barnes & Miller Furniture Factory], which gentlemen are owners of both buildings and furnish the power for both with their forty horse power engine which seems to play with this multiplicity of belting and machinery. The chief business of Messrs. Myers & Gainer is to plane boards, plane and match flooring, plane and bevel siding, manufacture moulding for house furnishings, &c. Cost of building and machinery \$9,000.

These gentlemen are well known as reliable business men and need no commendations from us. It is possible that in the spring they will build a large addition in front of their present buildings for the manufacture of all kinds of chairs. Should this be done we bespeak for them all the assistance and encouragement it is possible for this community to bestow.

[Rochester Union-Spy, Thursday, December 4, 1873]

### **MYERS & HANSON SADDLE & HARNESS SHOP** [Rochester, Indiana]

## My

New Firm! . . . Saddles, Harness, Bridles, Halters . . . Shop in Wallace's Block, opposite Ernsperger's Store. . . Myers & Hanson. Rochester, Ind. Oct. 31st 1865.  
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 2, 1865]

### **MYERS & TRANBARGER** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### IN WIDE AWAKE FULTON TOWN

L. W. Felder, who, for many years, was connected with the Blue Drug store in this city, is making a big success of his drug business in Fulton, and now has one of the finest stores to be found in a town of that size, anywhere. He has recently installed a Sanitary Iceles soda fountain and will open it for use Saturday, April 20, when he will be the host of all who come, and serve fountain drinks free to his guests.

The Fulton band will furnish music for the occasion and there will be other attractions to make it worth while to attend. Myers & Tranbarger of this city will furnish ice cream for Mr. Felder during the season.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 17, 1912]

### **MYERS BARBER SHOP** [Rochester, Indiana]

Located approximately 826 Main in a big frame structure.

To the north of what is now Krogers and prior to the time mentioned heretofore, a big frame structure was occupied by a barber shop owned by big Roy Myers who played the tuba in the Rochester Citizen's Band. Later the present business rooms were constructed and Stanton & Sterner opened a book store to be succeeded by George Ross and currently operated by Eb Lichtenwalter.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Monday, July 14, 1958]

### **MYERS FRUIT FARM** [Rochester, Indiana]

#### FANCIER BUYS FRUIT FARM

G. O. Hazlett, of near Fulton, recently purchased the Jacob Myers fruit farm, near the fair grounds and he will do quite a bit of improving and make the place an ideal apiary, fruit and poultry farm. Mr. Hazlett is a chicken fancier, and has bred buff Plymouth Rocks exclusively for 17 years. His experience with bees dates back almost a quarter of a century. He will soon move his bees to the new home where he will keep 50 to 100 colonies. The fruit business is not a new venture as strawberries has been his hobby for 18 years and on the newly purchased home he will, in the spring, put in acres of strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 4, 1917]

### **MYERS HARNESS SHOP** [Rochester, Indiana]

Change of Base. John P. Myers has removed his Harness Shop from Wallace's Block to D. R. Martin's room north of Wallace's store, and opposite Ernsperger's store. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, January 25, 1866]

John P. Myers, Manufacturer and dealer in Harness, Collars, Saddles and Whips. . . shop in the north part of town.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 3, 1868]

### **MYERS SALOON, HENRY** [Rochester, Indiana]

Located 818 Main

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## **My**

[Adv] Myers Place! is among the best BILLIARD HALLS and SAMPLE ROOMS in town. - - - Boistrous conduct not allowed at my place. - - - HENRY MYERS, Opposite the Court House.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 29, 1877]

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