

FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA

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N.R.A. [Fulton County]

EMPLOYERS MUST SECURE CODE LABOR PROVISIONS

Saturday, April 14, is the day on which all employers will be expected to have submitted their applications to the N.R.A. for copies of the Labor Provisions of their codes, it is announced today by Fred Hoke, State NRA compliance Director.

A recent regulation of the National Recovery Administration requires that every employer post in a conspicuous place in their establishment a copy of the wage and hour provisions of the Code to which they are subject. The Order of General Johnson dated February 28 provided that within 45 days from that date, or 45 days from the date of approval of a code, whichever is the later, each employer must make application for official copies of the labor provisions of each code to which he is subject. This means that for those codes approved prior to February 28, the deadline for making application is April 14.

Compliance Boards Help

The distribution of the application forms is being handled largely by the National Code Authorities. However, the State Compliance Director is enlisting the cooperation of the local Compliance Boards and Code Authorities as well as the State Code Authorities in obtaining full coverage of the various industries.

A supply of the application forms for copies of the code labor provisions is on file in the Chamber of Commerce and may be returned without postage. These cards should be filled out and returned to the appropriate National Code Authority or where the employer does not know the address of the Code Authority, to the National Recovery Administration in Washington.

Francis Carlton announced today that he had received a supply of Code Compliance cards and these are now available to the Rochester business men at his office on East 9th Street.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 12, 1934]

NAFE, CLEON [Rochester, Indiana]

Dr. Cleon Nafe, of Indianapolis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nafe of west Rochester, was appointed Monday to the position of superintendent of the City Hospital by the Indianapolis Board of Health. He succeeded Dr. Richard Poole whose resignation was demanded earlier in the day. Dr. Nafe was formerly assistant superintendent. The position pays a salary of \$4,200 a year.

Dr. Nafe who attended grade and high school in Rochester and later graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine has been connected with the city hospital for several years having entered as an interne, then made house physician and afterwards assistant superintendent.

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According to an Indianapolis newspaper Dr. Nafe is understood to have no political connections. He was authorized by the board to appoint an assistant house physician and a surgeon.

Dr. Poole was asked to resign because there was too much friction on the staff according to the members of the health board.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 5, 1922]

NAFE, JAMES H. [Rochester Township]

BIOGRAPHY

This most estimable gentleman, born in Perry County, Penn., May 8, 1836, is the son of John and Mary M. (Stewart) Nafe, who were natives of Maryland. The former was born May 8, 1807, and the latter in August, 1816. The subject of our sketch was educated in Logansport, Ind., yet had spent his boyhood years in the district schools, where he received instructions in the rudimentary principles of the common branches. His chief occupation has always been farming, yet diverges from the routine of farm labor to manage the operations of his saw-mill, which, however, he does principally during the winter season. He became a resident of Fulton County in 1856, and since has been a very important personage, so far as enterprise and thrift are concerned. The event of his marriage occurred April 19, 1860. The chosen companion through life, Sarah Mehrling, was born in Ohio, November 4, 1837. She is the daughter of Peter and Mary (Wells) Mehrling, who were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born December 2, 1801, and the latter May 31, 1804. To Mr. and Mrs. Nafe have been born six children, four of whom are living, viz.: Clyde V., born April 13, 1861; Eugene P., born February 27, 1863; Charles A., born January 25, 1872; and Earl, born July 12, 1876. Mr. Nafe resides in Section 29, of Rochester Township, and owns 410 acres in the county, and is engaged extensively in farming. He and his estimable companion are members of the Advent Church, and enjoy the full confidence and respect of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Both are kind and affable, generosity being a part of their nature. They have been the means of much good being done to those justly deserving assistance from those able to do so.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 30]

NAFE, JONATHAN C. [Rochester, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Jonathan C. Nafe, farmer, P.O. Rochester, son of John and Mary M. (Stewart) Nafe, who were natives of Maryland, the former born May 8, 1807, and the latter in August 1815. The subject of our sketch was born in Perry County, Penn., May 14, 1844, and was educated at Logansport, Ind. In 1861, he began as a printer, and was thus engaged for five years. He was then engaged in railroading for a period of twelve years. The event of his marriage took place March 24, 1872, to Ella V. Myers, who was born in Marion, Ohio, October 17, 1854. She is the daughter of George C. and Almira (Beals) Myers. This union has been blessed with four children, viz.: Lillie V., born August 23, 1864; Rosa M., July 17, 1876; George S., June 2, 1879, and Frederick W. S. H., born January 2, 1881. Mr. Nafe resides in Section 30, and is engaged in farming.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 30]

NAFE'S GROCERY [Kewanna, Indiana]

Located on the south side of Main Street, west of Dr. Lord's dental office.

Operated by Don and Edna Smith Nafe for 26 years, 1917-43.

[John Nafe family, Eldonna Nafe Graffis and Mildred Nafe Wakefield, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

NATIONAL GUARD [Rochester, Indiana]

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[Adv] MILITARY BALL. The "Manitou Blues" will give another SOCIAL DANCE at their Armory, on Thursday Ev'ng, Feb. 13. The "Blues" will spare no pains to make this an occasion to be remembered. The Armory will be nicely decorated and lighted by electricity; and the music will be furnished by the celebrated Symphony Quartette. The price of admission will be only 50 cents.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 12, 1890]

Rochester is to be honored by the formation of a National Guard organization within a week, and in this connection it is thought that it might be interesting to the readers of *The News-Sentinel* to know something of the history of the National Guard in Rochester in the past. As I am at present the commander of the local camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, my information is gathered from the records of the camp. It is 49 years since a like organization existed in Rochester, the former being Company B, 158th Indiana Infantry and this organization will be remembered by many of the older residents. The armory at that time was in the rooms above the Kepler Auto Sales and now occupied by a factory.

Company B was first organized Aug. 15, 1887, and assigned to the Indiana National Guard and was known as the Manitou Blues. The officers of the organization were Capt. Horace C. Long; 1st Lt. James F. Collins; and 2nd Lt. A. H. Skinner. On April 28, 1890, the company was changed to the 2nd Regiment, with Capt. Horace C. Long; 1st Lt. A. H. Skinner and 2nd Lt. Alva H. McCarter. On April 4, 1892, the company was again reorganized with Capt. A. H. Skinner, 1st Lt. Cyrus Davis and 2nd Lt. Lloyd True, this being due to Capt. Long's promotion to Major in the Indiana National Guard. On March 25, 1897, Capt. Skinner was promoted to the rank of Major and Ernest C. Clinger became Captain of the company. These officers served during the Spanish American War. Military movements of Co. B. were the same as those of the 158th Regiment of which it was a part. The 158th Regiment was formed from the 2nd Indiana Infantry and was composed of companies from Rochester, Franklin, Frankfort, Winchester, Covington, Sheridan, Martinsville, Kokomo, Crawfordsville and Indianapolis. The regiment assembled at Camp Mount (fairgrounds) Indianapolis, on April 26, 1898, under orders from Gov. James A. Mount, for the purpose of being mustered into the Federal Service. After a very strict physical examination the regiment was mustered in Federal Service and left for Camp Thomas, Chickamauga Ga., and after training at that camp were ordered to Camp Poland, Tenn., for more training and was finally mustered out of the service Nov. 4, 1898, and was not as fortunate as some of the other Indiana regiments which served in Cuba; however, many of the members of Company B remained in service by re-enlistment and served in the Philippine Islands and China. The regimental officers of the 158th Indiana Infantry were Col. Harry B. Smith, Lt. Col. E. P. Thayer (Regular Army assigned), Majors W. S. Rich, A. H. Skinner and Harry T. Conde.

1st Lt. Guy A. Boyle was battalion adjutant under Major A. H. Skinner. (Lt. Boyle, led the parade through the streets of Rochester during the Spanish War Convention here in June, 1937).

[Captain Minter, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co. Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard]

NATIONAL PURE BRED SWINE ASSOCIATION [Rochester, Indiana]

MOORE BROTHERS FORM NEW HOG ASSOCIATION

Articles of incorporation were filed Friday in the offices of the Secretary of State at Indianapolis by the National Pure Bred Swine Association of Rochester, according to announcement made here. The organization is incorporated with \$10,000 capital stock. Levi P. Moore, of this city, is the president, Van B. Lady, of Omaha, Nebraska, the vice president and Fred H. Moore, also of this city, secretary-treasurer. The officers with James R. Moore and Robert P. Moore, of this city, constitute the board of directors.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 30, 1923]

PETITIONS ENTERED TO DISSOLVE CORPORATIONS

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Three petitions were filed in the Fulton circuit court today by the State of Indiana on relation of Omer S. Jackson, attorney general to dissolve corporations.

The suits were filed under a new state law which was passed by the last legislature which empowers the attorney general to dissolve any corporation which does not make an annual report to the state during the preceding two years.

The suits here were filed to dissolve the following corporations: Quality Fur Farms, National Pure Bred Swine Association and the Wonder Rug Cleaning Machine Company.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 8, 1937]

NATURALIZATION PAPERS [Fulton County]

TWO ARE GRANTED THEIR NATURALIZATION PAPERS

Judge Robert Miller today granted naturalization papers to Gottfried Heinrick Roesel and Constantine "Gus" Ninios after a hearing in the circuit court.

Roesel was a native of Ilbenstabt, Germany and came to the United States in 1924, and Ninios arrived in 1920.

Ninios was born in Balig Kalamasta, Greece, and is employed as the day chef at the Berghoff Cafe.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 3, 1940]

4 FINAL PAPERS FOR AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

Four applicants filed petition for final naturalization papers in the Fulton county circuit court today. The applications received favorable action from the court but the final approval for citizenship will not be officially announced until the district board acts on the petitions.

Those seeking American citizenship are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Miller, of Tiosa; Mrs. Marie Kamper, of Athens, and Samuel Lewis Speck, of Pendleton, Ind., a former resident of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 2, 1941]

NEEDLEWORK GUILD [Rochester, Indiana]

MRS. H. G. YOUNG HEADS LOCAL NEEDLEWORK GUILD

Rochester chapter, Needlework Guild of America, held its annual meeting at the library Nov. 27, 1918, at which time the following officers were elected: Mrs. H. G. Young, president; Mrs. O. B. Smith, vice president; Mrs. C. A. Davis, secretary; Mrs. Oren Hendrickson, treasurer.

The display of new garments handed in by directors, consisting of everything that pertains to the household, was not quite as large as last year, owing to the strenuousness of the times.

The total of 220 garments will be distributed in Rochester by the Associated Charities. In cash, \$15.10 was given, a per cent of which goes to the National headquarters at Washington, D.C., and the remainder will be kept for local use.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 29, 1918]

The annual display of garments donated by the members of the Needlework Guild, of Rochester, was held Tuesday afternoon in the library, at which time the public was invited to inspect the articles. Each member of the Guild, gives two new garments each year and about 550 were donated. Although the display this year was not as large as it has been in other years, the quality and a better selection of garments was noticed. The articles will be distributed along with the Christmas baskets by a committee of the Guild and the Board of Associated Charities, shortly before Christmas.

The selection of officers followed the display. Mrs. Dennis Stockberger was selected secretary and Mrs. Entsminger re-elected treasurer. The following officers were retained: Mrs. C. B. Carlton, president; Mrs. M. J. ligh [sic], vice president; chairman committee on annual tea, Mrs. H. O. Shafer and Mrs. Charles MacVean; chairman on publicity, Mrs. Frank Sterner; chairman on

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Christmas baskets Mrs. Harley Montgomery; chairmen of advisory board, Mrs. Lucille Leonard and Mrs. Jack Haimbaugh. The advisory board consists of 25 members including all of the officers and committees.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, November 23, 1921]

NEELY, J. S. [Walnut, Marshall Co., Indiana]

CLOSING OUT

At Walnut, the general merchandise house of J. S. Neely, is closing out the entire stock and great bargains are offered to all. That is now the place to get good goods at very low prices.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 10, 1885]

NEFF, A. WILLIAM [Rochester, Indiana]

See Riley, James Whitcomb

NEFF, DEAN O. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

DEAN NEFF PROMOTED

D. E. Swift, of this city, has resigned his position as district manager for the Shell-American Petroleum Co., and will engage in other lines of work in this locality. Dean Neff, who has been connected with the above mentioned oil company will succeed Mr. Swift in capacity of district manager.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 28, 1929]

[Adv] The J. I. Case Farm Machinery Co. announces that DEAN NEFF has been appointed authorized dealer for J. I. Case implements and machinery. Opening of the service store will be announced in 10 days. --- complete parts department ----.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 9, 1938]

NEFF LEASES BUILDING

Dean Neff has leased the large building at 120-122 West Seventh street from Miss Belva Miller in which to operate his farm implement business. Mr. Neff began remodeling the building which was last used for a blacksmith shop and then plans to remove his machinery and equipment from his present location, 430 1/2 Main street. Mr. Neff is local agent for the J. I. Case company farm implements.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 15, 1943]

NEFF AUCTION [Rochester, Indiana]

Mr. W. R. Neff will be here on Monday with a large stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Bonnets, Shoes, Books, Jewelry, &c, &c, which will be disposed of at ruination prices at auction or private sale, in the room formerly occupied as a billiard room.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 7, 1859]

NEFFCOVATOR, INC. [Rochester, Indiana]

Neffcovator, Inc. - Grave digging machine mfg. Machine patented by Dean O. Neff of Rochester.

Roger Neff, Dean's nephew, designated to handle marketing through distributors.

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NEHER, DEAN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Dean Neher)

NEISWONGER, H. W. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] NEW STORE. H. W. Neiswonger has opened a new Boot and Shoe store in the building opposite C. Hoover's old Furniture stand and is prepared to offer Special Bargains in goods in his line. All the Latest Styles on hand. Call and See Him.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 19, 1881]

NELLANS, A. J. [Rochester, Indiana]

A. J. NELLANS, Physician & Surgeon. Office over Zook's Hardware Store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 23, 1905]

NELLANS, J. B. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] J. B. NELLANS, Painter and Decorator.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 4, 1904]

NELLANS, THOMAS [Richland Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Thomas Nellans, a leading and prosperous farmer of Richland township, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, April 8, 1818. He grew up, was schooled sparingly and was married there and something more than fifty years ago left the state of his birth and came to Fulton county, Ind. He settled in Newcastle township on a new farm and remained a resident of that township till about 1881, when he sold the old homestead and bought his present farm. He came to this state poor and in search of a home. His is one of the desirable homes one would find in a day's journey and is a fitting place for its owner, who has spent the best years of his life in making it, to pass his last years. In 1839 Mr. Nellans was married to Maria, a daughter of E. Strohsnider. She was born in 1820 and is the mother of eleven children, eight of whom are living: Nacky, married David Boyd, of Schuyler [sic] county, Ind.; Mary E., wife of William Clark, of Marshall county; John N., George, Havina, wife of W. Robinson, of Marshall county; Allie, wife of Thomas Nelson, Kosciusko county; Ami and Mack. Mr. Nellans' father, Patrick Nellans, was a millwright and born of Irish parents. He married Nacka Tipton and died in Coshocton county, Ohio. His children were: Keziah, who married Stephen Merriday; Thomas, Moses, deceased; James, Marshall county; Mark, deceased; Ezekiel, deceased, and Aps, Rochester township. Mr. Nellans is a democrat and has no membership in any society.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, p. 114]

NELSON, N. O. [Rochester, Indiana]

DAILEY MARKET IS SOLD TO EXPERIENCED GROCER

A business change was effected late Saturday when Leroy King of Warsaw purchased the Dailey Market of this city located on the south side of the public square. The new owner is thoroughly experienced in the grocery and meat line and plans to take up his permanent residence here immediately.

Mr. N. O. Nelson will be retained as manager of the store and the same efficient service will be maintained and if possible bettered by the new proprietor.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 22, 1927]

NELSON WILL OPEN NEW STORE ON NOVEMBER 19

N. O. Nelson for several years the manager of the Dailey Market at 105 East Ninth street, today announced that he has leased the room in which the Dailey Market was operated and that he

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would open a first class meat market and grocery store. Mr. Nelson will attempt to have his new store in operation by Saturday November 19. The store at the present time is being redecorated by Mr. Nelson, who will carry only standard brands of groceries.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 11, 1927]

N. O. NELSON IS NAMED MGR. MIAMI CO. BRANCH

N. O. Nelson, who for the past three years has been engaged in the brocery business in this city, has been appointed manager of the Miami Produce Company which has its offices and plant in the old Beyer Brothers Building on East Ninth Street. Joe Howell, who has been in charge of the Miami branch here for the past 18 months, has been transferred by the company. Mr. Nelson is in Peru attending a three day school for Miami company branch managers.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 26, 1928]

NEPERA PORTRAIT AND PHOTO CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] The "Nepera" Portrait and Photo Co., Rochester, Ind., Are a fixture in Rochester, not for a month, but to make it our home and do business with its appreciative citizens who want fine and artistic picture or portrait work. - - - H. H. McINTIRE, Manager.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 6, 1898]

NEVOTA, JAMES [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

NEW, ISOM R. [Rochester, Indiana]

[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]

NEW, ROBERT A. [Green Oak, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Robert A. New, merchant, Green Oak, born in Jefferson County, Ind., November 15, 1838. He is the son of Jethro and Elizabeth (Ross) New, who were natives of Kentucky, the former born October 31, 1815, and the latter December 3, 1816. The subject of this sketch was brought by his parents to this county when a mere infant. After remaining for a period of six years, they removed to Logansport, where Mr. New received his education. He opened a general merchandise store at Green Oak in 1869, and is now carrying a full and complete stock at the old stand. He has also been acting as Postmaster since 1872. The event of his marriage took place December 31, 1874, to Nancy J. Goodwin, who was born in Madison County, Ind., March 24, 1842. Her parents, William and Elizabeth (Hauver) Goodwin, were born in Virginia, the former October 15, 1799, and the latter April 15, 1799. Mr. New has, through his upright habits, fair dealing and courteous conduct, gained the patronage and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 30]

NEW, THOMAS J. [Green Oak, Indiana]

NOTICE TO MY CUSTOMERS

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To enable me to continue in business, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to me must call and settle their accounts at once without further notice. Accounts unsettled by August 20th will be placed in the hands of a collector. THOMAS J. NEW, Green Oak, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 29, 1885]

NOTICE TO SETTLE

Having sold my stock of goods at Green Oak to John Day, I must have a full settlement with all persons indebted to me. After sixty days my books, notes and all accounts will be left in the hands of a Justice for collection. THOS. J. NEW.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 16, 1890]

NEW & MILLER HARDWARE [Rochester, Indiana]

TWO BUSINESS CHANGES

There are two business changes in Rochester, one the selling out of E. B. Collins to Isom R. New and Lee Miller, and the other, Ike Onstott, buying a half interest in the J. D. Holman stock of shoes.

Invoicing will begin at the E. B. Collins store the latter part of the week, and the new proprietors will take charge as soon as that is completed. Messrs New and Miller were formerly associated in business, having conducted a large hardware store at Macy for several years. Mr. Miller has had twelve years experience in the business and had recently been employed at the Stoner & Black hardware store.

The J. D. Holman shoe store is at the present time being invoiced and upon the completion of this work Mr. Onstott will become a partner. The new member of the firm needs no introduction to Rochester people, he having been employed in different stores for the past eighteen years. The Holman & Onstott stock will be enlarged and the Turner Sisters will move their millinery store to the Baker room, two doors south of their present location, in order to make more room for the shoe store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 13, 1906]

PORTION OF FIESER BLOCK

A deal was closed Saturday evening whereby New & Miller, the well-known, local harness making and implement dealers, became the owners of the two north rooms constituting the north half of the Fieser block, at the corner of Main and Seventh streets.

The new owners will take possession at once and will use the two rooms for the display of their harness stock at present. Later on the large stock of buggies and farm implements carried by this firm will be moved from their present location across the street to their new store rooms.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 7, 1910]

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]

NEW GARY [Fulton, Indiana]

That area of the town of Fulton, located just south of the railroad tracks. Druggett Madary residence, built in 1902, located there. Nicknamed New Gary, as he had been a policeman near Gary, Indiana.

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NEW HARRISBURG, INDIANA [Disko, Indiana]

Founded in 1856.
See Disko, Indiana.

NEW YEAR'S BALL [Rochester, Indiana]

Grand New Year's Ball at the Court House, Monday Evening, Jan. 1, '66, for the benefit of the Rochester Brass Band. Committee of Arrangements: O. P. Osgood, J. S. Chapin, A. G. Pugh, L. M. Spotts, J. M. Beeber, S. C. Jewell, W. F. Truslow, A. J. Willard, C. W. Caffyn, E. R. Rannells, J. G. Stradley. Floor Managers: M. R. Smith, J. W. Beeber, J. W. Elam, R. R. Glick. Tickets \$1.00. Music by the Rochester Brass Band and Orchestra. O. P. Osgood, Leader.

NEW YORK CANDY KITCHEN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Dawson, George V.
Located first door E of the corner building on SE corner of 9th & Main, in Beeber Block.

NEW CANDY KITCHEN TO OPEN

A new candy kitchen and soda fountain will be opened in Rochester in the old Keith room south of the court house, on or near May first. The proprietors are B. Rezos and D. George, of Chicago, both of whom came here Tuesday looking over the city. Finding it to their liking they have rented the room and left this morning to obtain fixtures and stock.

Work in remodeling and renovating the room will be begun in ten or fifteen days and an up to date fountain put in. Nothing but the best of home made candies will be sold in the place.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 9, 1913]

[Adv] New York Candy Kitchen. We announce the opening of our Candy Kitchen and Ice Cream Parlor, Wednesday, May 28th, 1 p.m. with a full line of home made candies, manufactured from the best of materials. We will serve fancy drinks and sundaes. Respectfully yours, C. R. GEORGE.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 24, 1913]

STORE ENLARGED

The basement under the New York Candy Kitchen is being enlarged and cemented. The move was made necessary by the need of a place to manufacture ice cream and candy. The addition will be clean and sanitary and strictly up-to-date appliances will be installed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 11, 1913]

CANDY FACTORY IN OPERATION

The candy and ice cream factory recently installed by the proprietors of the New York Candy Kitchen, in the basement of their place of business south of the court house, is a model of neatness and an interesting place to visit.

The entire space under the store and sidewalk has been utilized, the earth having been excavated, and a commodious room with a cement floor and a steel room having been fitted out. On the east side are arranged the various tables where all kinds of candies are made.

The men expect to go into the business extensively and will do a wholesale as well as a retail business. They will manufacture practically everything they sell. The ice cream factory is under the sidewalk and an elevator has been built there to be used in lowering and raising supplies and manufactured products. The proprietors are proud of their factory and welcome visitors.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, November 18, 1913]

GEORGE CARDAMENIS SELLS

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A deal was completed Friday morning whereby Louis and Peter Ninios, of Chicago, became the proprietors of the New York Candy Kitchen, on the south side of the court house square. The new proprietors took possession at once. The Ninios brothers formerly ran confectionary stores in Chicago and Moline, Ill., and are qualified to handle the business which has been acquired from Cardeminis.

George Cardeminis started the business about ten years ago and has built up an extensive trade. This spring he was married in New York and brought his bride to this city, but because the climatic conditions here were so different from those of her native city, Constantinople, George decided to make a change as his wife's health is fast fading. They will in a short time go to Los Angeles, Calif., where they will make their future home.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 18, 1920]

LONG BEACH CAFETERIA TO OPEN NEXT SUNDAY

The cafeteria at the Long Beach Amusement Park will open its doors to the public on next Sunday morning when the long tables will be filled with food for the selection of the hungry resorters and town people. The cafeteria is built along the latest plans for this type of restaurants and a large corps of assistants will be on hand to see that everything is taken care of properly. Customers will pass with their trays along the steam tables and select what food they want. A large number of tables will prevent crowded conditions. The cafeteria of course is housed in a new building and has all new equipment, new silverware, plates and linens. It will be open and food will be served every day and also at night. It is under the management of the New York Candy Kitchen.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 18, 1921]

SOLD INTEREST

The New York Candy Kitchen owned by the three partners, Pete and Louis Ninios and Nick Mustes, is now owned by the former two men, Mustes having sold out his one-third share to them. Although the deal was transacted more than three weeks ago, it was not made public until Friday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 27, 1924]

A fire destroyed this building and the adjoining one to the W housing the Berghoff Cafe. At the location of these two buildings was constructed a Marathon Service Station, which was remodeled into the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant.

[photo] Rochester's Bright Spots. (New York Candy Kitchen and Berghoff Cafe)
[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, December 6, 1934, p. 13]

ROCHESTER'S BRIGHT SPOTS

The evolution of Rochester's Bright Spots, the N. Y Candy Kitchen and the Berghoff Cafe, stand as imposing tributes to the courteous service giving Ninios boys, Louis and Pete who came here from Illinois fourteen years ago and assumed ownership of the confectionary and ice cream business founded in 1911 by George Cardemis.

Louis and Pete, as they are known to scores of Fulton county folks are born restaurant and confectionery men who know that quality and value at a reasonable price are the fundamentals of business success. And on the yardstick of fair and gracious treatment to patrons, have enjoyed the just reward of growing progressiveness since their establishment in the business circles of this, their adopted land and city.

On Christmas day, 1933, they opened the new Berghoff cafe, one of the most modern and attractive restaurants in Indiana. From the opening menu to the time this is written, food, cuisine and service have gone hand in hand with the attractive surroundings and pleasant courteous manner of every employee.

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They operate their own ice cream factory, candy factory and maintain complete fountain service at the Candy Kitchen, while in the cafe patrons will find their choice of foods, either in full, well balanced meals or short orders, to which those who desire may have the beer of their choice, served in a quiet, dignified manner, and among the finest and most affable commerradrie.

Pete and Louis will continue in the future as in the past to serve patrons the bdry finest quality at the very lowest price.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 6, 1934, p. 13]

HOME TOWN TALES

By "Pioneer"

George Cardamenus, a native of Greece, opened the New York Candy Kitchen, 103 East Ninth Street. Possessing a heavy stock of smiles and good cheer, friends and customers were made at a rapid rate. Within George's first year in Rochester, he was introduced into the mysteries of Pythian Knighthood, and nothing was left undone to assure him that he had pitched his tent in a town of golden opportunity.

On came the World's Fair, and after a time, friends saw the first clouds of unhappiness on George's face. Letters received from a sweetheart he had promised to send for, had written of her suffering, the hell of war, sickness, no food, no money, and that garlic was an impossible luxury.

At the close of the war, he immediately sent for her, and in impatient anxiousness he awaited information as to the time he could greet her in New York.

Well - time, the ocean liner and the girl arrived. George was on the pier to greet them all. Finally he saw her - there was disappointment, she was no longer the Grecian beauty he had left in Athens, Xerolhart, or some other seaport in Greece. The havoc and privation of WAR were plainly imprinted. After a few days rest in New York, they were married. A few days later the bridal party arrived in Rochester.

Six months later, one of George's local advisors heard some one say, "Did you know that George Cardamenus had sold his business?" Rushing to find George, to learn the truth of the statement, he inquired of George, and received the following information. "My wife, no like de fush, here," muttered the citizen friend as he kicked himself all the way back to his place of business.

"Can you beat it? Can you beat THAT? Maree didn't like our FISH."

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 28, 1935]

NEW YORK CASH STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] We have just opened the largest stock of Dry Goods and Notions that ever came to this county - - - NEW YORK CASH STORE, Centennial Block, North Side of the Court House Square.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 2, 1878]

NEW YORK PHOTO GALLERY [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] New York PHOTO Gallery. The New York Photograph Gallery has located on Main Street, opposite the old Bank Building. - - - Four Gems for 25c; 1 doz card Photos, \$1; 1 doz, Cabinets, \$3. Call and see the work, PAGE PICKERILL, Artist.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 30, 1885]

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK MARKET LOSSES REACHES BILLION

New York, Sept. 22 (UP) - Stock market values lost more than a billion dollars in heavy selling today.

Prices collapsed in every section of the list. Thousands of shares were thrown overboard.

United States Steel dropped to a new low on the movement and the issue lost more than \$34,000,000,

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American Telephone lost \$50,000,000 in market value; International Telephone \$18,000,000; Standard of New Jersey \$37,000,000; General Electric \$42,000,000 and General Motors \$48,000,000.

Prices were off one to nine points. Utah copper which has not been out for three months sold at 148, which allowing for the dividend of \$2 paid since it last sold, represented a decline of 40 points. The stock is now on an \$8 annual dividend against \$20 annually paid last year. -----

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 22, 1930]

NEW YORK STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

Family Provision Store and Meat Market . . . at the room known as the New York Store . . . Rannells & Sheets. Rochester, Oct 15, 1863.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, October 15, 1863]

NEWARK, INDIANA

See Akron, Indiana

NEWBROUGH, ANNIE [Wayne Township]

ANNIE NEWBROUGH SHOT

EDWARD O'BRIEN COMMITS SUICIDE

Last Monday at about 8 o'clock at the residence of Thos. McDONOUGH, in Wayne township, there was enacted the saddest and most cruel tragedy that has ever darkened the history of Fulton county. The circumstances as fully as we have been able to glean them are given below.

Edward O'BRIEN, a young man perhaps 21 years of age, had been for some time paying his attentions to Miss Annie NEWBROUGH, a refined and highly respected young lady of his neighborhood. About two months ago, however, the young lady rejected his company, and accepted the attentions of a Mr. SMITH. On last Sunday Miss Newbrough took dinner at the O'Brien homestead, and in the evening was taken home by Edward. It appears that some difficulty had arisen which it is thought brought the would-be murderer to Mr. McDonough's where Miss Annie worked, in the morning following. Meeting Miss Newbrough, he was invited in the room, and it was soon apparent that he was in a desperate mood. In a few minutes Annie came running from the room, closely followed by Edward, who drew a revolver, and fired at her on the porch, striking her in the side of the face, and as she ran continued firing until he had emptied three chambers of his revolver, a 22 calibre.

Mrs. McDONOUGH and the hired man, Jim CONNERS, ran with Annie toward the barn, and one ball fired struck Miss Annie in the fleshy part of the arm near the shoulder, and another perforated the coat sleeve of Mr. Connors, without any injury to him. Miss Newbrough sank to the ground and O'Brien supposing that he had killed his victim, or fearing the consequences of his rash act, placed the weapon to his right temple and fired. He fell on the porch where he lay some time before friends arrived who removed him home, where he died in the afternoon at 4 o'clock and was buried yesterday at 2 p.m.

A messenger was at once dispatched for Dr. SHULTZ of Logansport, who upon his arrival probed for the ball in the head and found that it had entered near the point of the right cheek bone and ranged upward and forward back of the eye, and its location cannot be found. In the search for the bullet the right eye was removed from its socket, and was found to be badly mangled on its posterior side by the cruel missile. The wound on the arm is very painful though of itself not fatal unless blood poison or inflammation should take place. The wound in the face is a very severe and dangerous one and considering the fact that the bullet is probably imbedded near the cerebrum and will likely produce inflammation of the brain makes her chances for recovery extremely doubtful.

Miss Newbrough was a very pretty and unassuming girl of seventeen, and was very popular in her neighborhood.

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It is learned that not only jealousy was the cause of the trouble, but that O'Brien made improper proposals to her and attempted to do violence to her person on Sunday evening, when she resisted and declared that she would tell her mother, and he told her he would kill her if she did so. When on his visit to her on the morning of the tragedy, he asked her if she had told anyone of his conduct the evening before, and when she replied that she had, he drew his revolver and commenced to fire. Both parties are well connected in Wayne township, the young lady being a niece of county Commissioner Ed. McLOUGHLIN and the young man a nephew of Mrs. McLOUGHLIN.

Many reports are afloat about the sad event, and it is with a considerable degree of uncertainty that facts are obtained, as the location of the scene of the tragedy is seventeen miles southwest of this city, and there is no means of getting the particulars, except from individuals living in that vicinity, who do not claim to be familiar with all the facts surrounding this terrible ending of a lovers' quarrel.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 4, 1886]

NEWBY, STEVEN

See: Newby Drug Store

See: Dawson, George V.

NEWBY DRUG STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

ED FIESER SELLS DRUG STORE

A transaction was closed yesterday afternoon in which Edward Fieser sold his drug store on the corner of Main and Seventh street to S. W. Newby of Peru.

Mr. Fieser has been in ill health for quite a while and had been wanting to sell out and go into a business where he could be out of doors a great deal of the time. So he will go into the carriage business with his father, John Fieser, and they will conduct their shop in the room one door north of the drug store.

Mr. Newby, the new proprietor, is a genteel man, and experienced in the drug business having had twenty years practical work. He comes from Peru and will move his family here soon. Mr. Newby will continue to treat patrons in the courteous manner that they have always received at the Red Cross drug store and will be pleased to meet new acquaintances.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 30, 1907]

[Adv] NEWBY'S DRUG STORE, succeeding E. L. Fieser - - - S. M. NEWBY, Prop. Ass't'd by W. N. Richter.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 17, 1907]

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]

NEWS OF THE DAY

S. M. Newby, the well-known local bantam fancier, is getting his prize winning Buff cochins in readiness for the Indiana poultry show, which will be held in Indianapolis from Feb 5 to

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the 9, inclusive. Mr. Newby has the birds on exhibition at his drug store and they attract considerable attention.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 8, 1912]

NEWS OF THE DAY

S. M. Newby has purchased a new weighing machine that speaks your weight. The instant you drop a coin in the slot the graphonic arrangement on the inside tells how heavy you are. The device is new and arrests considerable attention.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 1, 1912]

NEWBY DRUG STORE HAS CHANGED HANDS

Charles Cribben of North Manchester has purchased of Marion Carter the drug store at the [NW] corner of Main and Seventh, formerly owned by S. M. Newby, and will take possession soon.

The deal was settled Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Newby trading his store here to Marion Carter for a five and ten cent store at Manchester. Carter then sold the local concern to Cribben. Mr. Newby has been a resident of Rochester for eight years, coming here from Bunker Hill and buying the drug store of Edward Fieser. He will move with his family to North Manchester in several weeks.

Mr. Carter moved to Manchester several months ago after trading one of his properties on Pontiac street for a five and ten cent store. As was announced recently, Mr. Carter with Arthur Freese will start a gas plant at Manchester, having secured a 50 year franchise. Mr. Cribben has had 13 years experience in the drug business. He is a married man with two children. Leo Clemans will remain here with the new owner.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 2, 1916]

NEWCASTLE TOWNSHIP [Fulton County]

EARLY SETTLEMENT

In August, 1836, Job Meredith and his nephew Peter Meredith, came from Coshocton County, Ohio, and entered land, the former in Section 5 and the latter in Section 4. During that visit they were occupied in erecting a cabin on the Job Meredith land, and returned to Ohio to spend the winter. In February, 1837, they returned with their families to begin the labor of clearing and improving the land they had selected for homes. Upon the return journey were accompanied by Thomas Meredith, a brother of Peter, who entered a tract of land in Section 4. Job Meredith remained in the township until his death; Peter still resides here with his son, and Robert resides in Aubbeenaubbee Township. In March 1837, James Wright came to the township with his family, and entered land in Section 15. He located in Rochester Township in 1836, and purchased the land in Newcastle, upon which he afterward resided, and where he died in 1873. During the fall of 1836, he was engaged in building a cabin on his farm for the reception of his family in the following spring, and joined hands with his neighbors, the Merediths, in clearing away the forest and developing a farm. These families constituted what may be termed the advance guard of civilization in this warfare with the wilderness. Their only neighbors were the Indians and the wolves, who had formerly held this territory in undisputed possession. It was a dreary home, and they were subjected to privations and hardships that it required brave hearts to endure. Yet they were cheerful and happy, and enjoyed themselves quite as well, perhaps, in their hours of recreation, as we of later days. The arrival of a new family in the settlement was the event of most absorbing interest, and for a period of ten years or more this interest did not grow less. New settlers were hailed with gladness, and those who had located here before them hastened to extend to them the "right hand of fellowship." Until the fall of 1827, the families we have mentioned were the only white occupants of the township. In that season, however, Robert Meredith, a brother of Peter and Thomas, came and entered land in Section 9, where he cleared and improved a farm. About the same time, or perhaps a few weeks later, Benjamin Montgomery

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located with his family in Section 23, and resided in the township until his death. In the same season Peter Sanns located in the southeast corner of Section 32, where he cleared and improved a large farm. In the spring of 1838, James Kennedy and family, John and Isaac Culver, Caleb Montgomery and Richard Coplen, with their families, joined the settlement, and later in the same season came Walter Courll, Joseph and Andrew Edwards and Leander Chamberlain. James Jenkins located in Section 23 in the same year, residing in the township until his decease. George Fultz came in the same year and located on a tract of land immediately south of Caleb Montgomery. He cleared and improved a farm, and died a few years ago at the home of his son, Samuel, in Rochester Township. Thomas Hamlett, Sr., came in the fall of 1838, and erected a log house on his farm. His house was designated by the Commissioners as the place where the first township election should be held, on the 25th day of March, 1839, and it is said this was the voting place for a number of years afterward. Bartley M. Hamlett, brother of Thomas Hamlett, Sr., came with his family in 1839, and erected a blacksmith shop on his farm, which was the first in the township. William H. H. Hamlett, another brother, came in 1840, and Thomas Hamlett, Jr., came late in the same year, or early in 1841.

John C. Farry, with his family, came to the township in the fall of 1841, and located upon a tract of land formerly occupied by Mr. Wilson, an unmarried man, who came in 1838, and died in 1840. Mr. Farry subsequently purchased the farm adjoining him on the north, where he resided for a number of years. He died in Rochester Township.

Oliver A. Crary came in 1841, and purchased the land which Walter Courll had occupied by the right of pre-emption, but did not locate permanently until 1857. He was quite wealthy and proved himself a valuable citizen in the community by advancing to poor men the means with which to purchase homes. But his usefulness as friend and citizen was of short duration, as he died within a few weeks after his arrival, from the effects of a fall in the cellar of his house. Jesse Emmons came in 1841, and Nathan Fairchild, a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, came in 1843 or 1844. In the fall of 1845, George Perschbacher came with his family from Wayne County, Ind., and purchased land in Section 10. He cleared and improved a large farm, which he continued to cultivate until his death. Nicholas King, Sr., came from Henry County, Ind., in the spring of 1846, and Reuben Redman came shortly afterward. Silas Harvey Farry came in 1846, and located on the land pre-empted by Leander Chamberlain. He has cleared his farm, and for nearly forty years has been identified with the interests and improvements of the township. Amos Davis and Samuel Chambers, with their families, were among the settlers of 1846, and John Sanders and Samuel Ball were among those who came in 1847. David Nichols, Hiram Mickey and Peter Bryant located in Section 19 in 1844 and 1845, while Abner Barrett and Jefferson Rhodes came as early as 1841. Mr. Barrett located on the land now owned by Nathan Zolman and others, and Mr. Rhodes located on the farm where he still resides, in Section 31.

From 1847 to 1850, a great many families took up their residence in the township, but an accurate list of names at this late day is impossible. It is known however, that the families of Samuel Ball, George Stockberger, Jacob Stockberger, Solomon and Peter Dumbauld, Daniel Wagoner, Daniel Swineheart, Samuel Mechling, Jacob Mechling, Adam Brumm, William Brumm, Jacob Miller and Frederick Packer were among this number.

Early Events

In the dawn of civilization within the wilderness, the building of a cabin, the harvesting of a crop, the setting out of an orchard, etc., were events of more than passing interest, and are worthy to be detailed as the first of their kind in a narrative of the events which go to make up the township's history. The cabin erected by Job Meredith in August, 1836, was the first dwelling ever erected and permanently occupied by a white man in this township, and a few acres cleared by him, in the immediate vicinity of this cabin, yielded the first crop of corn and potatoes, although small crops were raised probably in the same season, by Peter Sanns and Benjamin Montgomery. In 1839, Job Meredith purchased a lot of young fruit trees at South Bend, Ind., and set out the first orchard in the township. Some of these trees are still in existence and bearing fruit, but the majority have outlived their usefulness and gone to decay. The first white child born in the township was Jane, daughter of James Wright. She was born July 2, 1837, and is now the

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wife of George Perschbacher. Thomas, son of Peter Meredith, was probably second. He was born July 17, 1838, and is now a resident of the State of Kansas.

The first death was that of Mr. Wilson, who died in the fall of 1840 and was buried at Rochester. About the year 1830, or perhaps 1840, a lot was donated to the township by John McGeary, for a public cemetery. It was the first in the township, and during the intervening years has received within its fold many who were among the oldest and most active citizens. It is situated in Section 14, and known as the Reichter Cemetery.

In 1839, the first mill in the township was erected by Job Meredith, on the bank of Yellow Creek. It was a saw mill, and many residences still extant in the township were constructed of timber sawed at this mill. In 1840 or 1841, he added a carding mill, but only operated the latter for a few years. He operated this saw mill until his death, when it was purchased by Peter Meredith, and operated until a few years ago.

A saw mill was erected in 1847 by Samuel Hege, on the bank of a smaller stream, then called Hege's Creek. It was sold after his death, and having outlived its usefulness, was abandoned a few years later. In 1852, a saw mill was erected by John Kendall, on the little stream known as Chippewa Nuck. It was operated quite successfully for a number of years, but finally abandoned.

The flouring mill at Bloomingsburg was erected in 1852 by Ambrose Meredith. It was sold by him, a few years later, to Caleb Montgomery, and from him it passed into the ownership of various parties, and finally to Dr. N. J. Clymer, the present proprietor. It has been remodeled at various times, and now ranks among the best mills in the county.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, pp. 44-45]

NEWCASTLE TOWNSHIP GIRLS' CANNING CLUB [Newcastle Township]

See Canalot Canning Club

NEWCASTLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL [Talma, Indiana]

CONTRACT TO A WALTON MAN

The contract for the building of the Newcastle twp school house was let Friday afternoon at Talma to W. H. Turner, a contractor from Walton, Ind., for a consideration of \$17,298, the building to be of brick with a tile roof, completed September 1.

The lesser contract, including the plumbing and heating went to the Hipskind Heating and Plumbing Co. of Wabash for \$5,317. There were 14 bids on the general contract with a difference of over \$4,000 between high and low. The closest bidder for the building was H. A. Mitchell, of Scottsburg, closely seconded by A. A. Gast of Akron. On the plumbing and heating job there were 12 bidders.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 19, 1916]

NEWCOMB, CARL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Community Sales

NEWCOMB, WILLIAM [Fulton County]

BIOGRAPHY

We meet men and form estimates of worth which are often at variance with truth; but when time, opportunity and circumstances tend to a higher estimation of the good qualities found, we should be ever ready to speak in praise justly merited. The subject of this sketch, though born to a life of toil and struggles, has made a mark justly deserving the commendations and aspirations of every person. He was born in Champaign County, Ohio, October 4, 1835, and from the time responsibility assumed the place of youthful years, he has constantly stood at his post of duty, unflinchingly and unhesitatingly doing what his hands found to do. He received from the common

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school as of his native State a very moderate education, to which he has added very materially by being a constant reader, and is now what is usually called a very well informed man. His parents, Nathaniel and Isabel Newcomb, were natives of Ohio, where they lived most of their lives. The former deceased in 1844; the latter is still living, and is a resident of this county. On the 15th of October, 1859, he was united in marriage to Rebecca Bodey, a native of Ohio, born in March, 1834. She is the daughter of Adam and Mary Bodey; the latter long since deceased, the former is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb have six children--Mary J., Emery A., Isaac C., Newton F., Alvin and Alberta. In 1860, he came to Indiana and settled on a farm in Marshall County, where he remained until 1872, when he became a resident of this county, and since his connection with the interest of the county he has occupied many positions of trust, and in each and all he retained his reputation for strictest honor. For eight years he held the position as Justice of the Peace, and was Trustee in his township for four years, and in the election of 1878 was chosen by his party (Democratic) as Clerk of the Fulton Circuit Court, which position he held for four years, and surely none ever filled a position of responsibility, however great, with more care and greater credit than he; so consistent was he in all things done, so true to the trust reposed in him, so faithful in the discharge of his duty, that he won all confidence and made a name for all that honor means. For four years he lived among us, a truly noble man. Society found in him and his family the essence of true worth, and, unlike most men when they have tasted public life, when the official robe fell on other shoulders he went back to the farm to work, and there we now find him in harmony with nature, working to leave the world something to show for his busy hands. And while he is busy in the sunshine, he can reflect with much pride upon his stay with us, as a mark showing his true worth. As a friend he is warm, sociable and affable; as a citizen, none more worthy, and as a man he is as true a type of honor as ever had existence; and should he ever desire his place among the people of the town in any official capacity, he can have it for the asking. So well did he perform the duties of his office, that when he gave it over to his successor, even now, we exclaim "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 31]

NEWCOMER, ROLLAND [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Rolland Newcomer)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Rolland Newcomer)

NEWELL, RAY [Athens, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

NEWELL & KERN MOTOR CO. [Athens, Indiana]

[Adv] MAXWELL Model I, 4 cyl, 25 h.p., \$950. Top, gas lights and windshield extra. This Car Offers Greatest Value. - - - NEWELL & KERN MOTOR CO., Sole Agents for Fulton County. Athens, Indiana.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 22, 1911]

NEWELL'S SERVICE STATION [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Attention Auto Drivers. We will open our New Gas and Oil Service Station on North Main St., just So. of the Erie Elevator in Rochester, Saturday, December 18, 1926. - - - NEWELL'S SERVICE STA.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 16, 1926]

NEWHOUSE, MRS. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester, Indiana [Historical Review]

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NEWMAN, KEITH [Akron, Indiana]

See Akron Feed & Grain

NEWMAN, ROB [Akron, Indiana]

See Akron Feed & Grain

NEWMAN BROS. [Rochester, Indiana]

Newman Bro's market is the place for good things, we have a full line of picnic goods.
[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 6, 1904]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The McMahan brothers bought the Arnold Burch meat market and will move it and the Newman market in the rear end of their grocery. Mr. Burch will do the fancy cutting.
[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 16, 1904]

NEWMAN CAFE [Rochester, Indiana]

FOGLESONG'S CAFE CHANGES HANDS

Announcement has been made of the purchase by George Newman, formerly connected with the Progress Bottling works of the Foglesong Cafe on the corner of Main and Sixth streets. The deal was consummated Friday morning, Newman taking possession at once. Mr. Foglesong says that he will continue to conduct the "Karn" hotel.
[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 9, 1923]

G. NEWMAN SELLS CAFE TO COLUMBIA CITY MAN

George Newman, owner of the Newman Cafe at the corner of Main and Sixth streets for the past four years on Wednesday sold the eating place to Ralph Roberts of Columbia City who took immediate possession. The purchaser is a brother of Willis and Elbridge Roberts of this city. For many years he has been engaged in the real estate business in Warsaw and Columbia City. He plans to remodel the establishment. Mr. Newman has accepted a position as a traveling salesman of the Huntington Chemical company. His territory will consist of the southern portions of Indiana and Ohio and the entire states of Kentucky and Missouri.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, July 21, 1926]

NEWMAN & GILLIES [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Ferndell Java and Mocha COFFEE. The Finest Produced, for sale by NEWMAN & GILLIES.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 18, 1901]

NEWMAN'S FEED AND HITCH BARN [Rochester, Indiana]

Try our new FEED AND HITCH BARN at North East corner of public square, Rochester, Indiana. Plenty of room. Horses & rig under cover. Prices right. NEWMAN'S Feed, Hitch and Boarding Stable.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 10, 1902]

NICHOLS, GEORGE W. [Wayne Township]

Also: Nickels

BIOGRAPHY

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George W. Nichols was born in Ohio March 1, 1842; married July 30, 1866, to Sarah E. (Bunton) Smalley, the daughter of James H. Bunton, of Miami County, Ind., and Mary (Mobley) Bunton, and one of ten children. Her father was a private in the Forty-sixth Indiana Regiment, and died at St. Louis after thirteen months' service. This couple are the parents of five children. Mr. Nichols first enlisted, during the civil war, in the Thirtieth Ohio Regiment of three months men, after which he enlisted in the Sixty-fourth Ohio, and was in the battles of Pittsburg Landing, Perryville, Ky., Stone River, Tallahoma, Raccoon Mountain and Chickamauga, where he lost his right arm by a minie ball, for which he draws a large pension. Before the war, he was a carpenter; since, he has turned his attention to farming. A sketch of Mr. Nichols' parents will be found under the head of E. R. Nichols, Liberty Township.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 62]

NICHOLS, MAX [Rochester, Indiana]

MAX NICHOLS PURCHASES QUICK'S FILLING STATION

Earl Quick and son, Joe, today announced the sale of their Pure Oil Service Station at 400 North Main street. The purchaser is Max Nichols, who has been engaged in farming and trucking for a number of years.

Dale Daulton, who has been employed by the Quicks for the past four years, will manage the station for Mr. Nichols.

The Quicks have operated the station for the past eight years and they will continue in the business of selling fencing, fence posts, blade wire and galvanized tanks at their farm home one-half mile north of Rochester on Road 31.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 20, 1942]

NICHOLS, RED [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Fairview

NICKEL PLATE RESTAURANT [Rochester, Indiana]

MRS. M. CAPP OPENS CAFE NEAR NICKLE PLATE DEPOT

The Nickle Plate Restaurant, formerly operated for several years under the name of L. E. & W., was reopened this morning by Mrs. Minnie Capp of this city. Mrs. Capp has had several years experience in the cafe business and has attained an enviable reputation as an expert cook. The interior of the building has been thoroughly renovated and redecoreated.

A report received from the new owner stated business at this new cafe was more than gratifying today. This restaurant also serves special box lunches to the Nickle Plat passengers and trainmen.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, February 17, 1927]

NICKELL, WARD V. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Ward Nickell)

NICKELS, E. R. [Liberty Township]

Also: Nichols

BIOGRAPHY

E. R. Nickels is the son of Jonathan and Martha Nickels, was born September 2, 1836, and raised in Harrison County, Ohio. His father was born and raised in the same county, and married Martha Shuey, in Marion County, where he died in 1858. In 1862, the mother came to this county accompanied by four children, Marion, Maria, Jonathan and Martha, E. R., Caroline and William having preceded her. E. R. came to Pulaski County in June 1855, and stayed at Rosedale, one and one-half years, thence to Des Moines County, Iowa, where he married

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Elizabeth Smith March 29, 1857, and in 1858 returned to Wayne Township, this county, where he resided until 1869, when he moved to his present residence. This couple have eight children living--Jonathan, James, Franklin, Charles, Walter, Ella, Joseph and George R. Mr. and Mrs. Nickels are members of the United Brethren Church. E. R. is a Democrat and possesses 120 acres of good land; he is a hard-working man and a good carpenter.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, pp. 43-44]

NICKELS, WALTER F. [Wayne Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Walter F. Nickels was born in Fulton county March 3, 1869, the son of Edward and Elizabeth (Smith) Nickels. The father came from Ohio and the mother from Pennsylvania and both were born in 1836. He was both farmer and carpenter, a Democrat and a member of the United Brethren church. The husband died in 1905 and the wife in 1915, both interred in the Fletcher Lake cemetery in Fulton county. Their son, Walter Nickels, the subject of this sketch, had a common school education and married Miss Alice Estabrook. To this union were born seven children, of whom five are now living, Elsie, George, Phoebe, Ruth, Florence and Daniel. Elsie married Thomas Berry who was a public and high school pupil with three years at a school of nursing in Battle Creek, Michigan. He is a carpenter by vocation and a Democrat and both are members of the United Brethren church. George married Marie Lucille Cumming and they have one child, Frances Marie. Both were educated at the public schools, both are members of the Methodist church and he is a farmer and a Democrat. Phoebe attended the grade schools and the high school and attended one year at the Terre Haute Normal and three and a half years at Muncie. Ruth has completed her high school work and intends to take up Normal work in the near future. Florence is still a school girl in the eighth grade. Daniel died May 22, 1922. Mrs. Nickels, the wife of the subject of this sketch, was the daughter of Christian and Isabelle (Stanbury) Estabrook, who were the parents of six children, three of whom are living. The wife died in 1908 and is buried in Indian Creek cemetery. He is still living. An interesting relic which she preserved carefully was a linen cloth which her great grandmother used in church communion services. It is supposed to be at least one hundred and fifty years old and is brown with age. It is a notable relic of the pioneer days of the Presbyterian church in Indiana. She also had a spoon over seventy years old made out of a silver dollar. Walter Nickels was county advisor elected on the Democratic ticket in 1922.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 252-253, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

NIGHTLINGER, DEAN [Rochester, Indiana]

DEAN NIGHTLINGER SELLS PHILLIPS "66" STATION

Dean Nightlinger sold his Phillips 66 service station at 918 Main street to Woodrow Rynearson, Friday. Rynearson will take over the management of the station immediately. Mr. Nightlinger will return to farming at his farm on the west side of the lake.

Mr. Nightlinger wishes to thank all his friends and customers and states that Mr. Rynearson may be counted upon to give the same friendly service.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 6, 1942]

NIGHTLINGER, HAROLD [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (LetterFrom Harold Nightlinger)

NINIOS, CONSTANTINE "GUS" [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Naturalization Papers

NINIOS, LOUIS [Rochester, Indiana]

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RECEIVES FIRST WORD FROM GREEK RELATIVES

Louis Ninios, owner of the Berghoff cafe, on Monday received word from his brother, John, and a nephew, Lt. Regalos Ninios, both of Athens, Greece, the first he has had since German invasion.

John Ninios stated that while he was all right, he was prevented by censorship from writing details. Lt. Ninios with the Greek merchant marine, visited this country about seven years ago, at which time the local man met him at New York for a short visit. Both relatives told a short story of invasion years under the Italian-German yoke, and how these invaders had stripped the country of everything of any value.

Ninios is seeking ways and means through the Red Cross to give assistance to his people in Greece.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 30, 1945]

NIXON, JAMES [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From James Nixon)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From James Nixon)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Third Letter From James Nixon)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Fourth Letter From James Nixon)

NIXON, S. M., MRS. [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Mrs. S. M. Nixon has opened a millinery store in the Mrs. Holzman building, on north Main street. She has a fine, new stock that she will sell very, very cheap.

[Rochester Sentinel Friday, June 23, 1905]

NIXON'S NURSERY [Rochester Township]

Nixon's Nursery, four miles east of Rochester on the Newark Road, where fruit Trees of all varieties are to be found . . .

[Rochester *Gazette*, Thursday, December 9, 1858]

Nixon's Nursery, Four Miles East of Rochester, Ind., on the Road to Akron . . . Allen Nixon, March 5, 1860.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 8, 1860]

NO. 99 CLOTHING & DRY GOODS STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Hold! Stop! When your feet tread the Broad walk in front of the Commercial Block, and peep into No. 99, the popular North End Clothing and Dry Goods House! - - - Mrs. Gust. Moses, Prop'ress, Nate KRAMER, Manager.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 10, 1884]

[Adv] The Annual SLAUGHTER SALE! - - - Actual Cost. Adolph Biccard.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 17, 1886]

NOBBY'S RESTAURANT [Rochester, Indiana]

Located 804 Main Street.

Operated by Rinaldo Pulaski "Nobby" True.

Later owned by John Hoover.

See Eagle Bakery; See Peoples Cafe; See Hoover's Restaurant.

R. P. "NOBBY" TRUE SELLS CAFE TO JOHN HOOVER

"Nobby's Restaurant," 31 years the property of R. P. "Nobby" True and the oldest established restaurant in the city, has been sold to John Hoover of East Rochester who will

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continue its operation with the present employees and who will add Sunday service. Because of his age, Mr. True decided to sell the popular restaurant, known widely in northern Indiana, in order to devote his entire time to the conduct of his baking business on East Ninth street, the Rochester Baking company.

Mr. Hoover, the new proprietor, is an experienced restaurant man, having been in Mr. True's employ for several years. He went to a farm seven years ago. He will close at 8 p.m., except in summer.

The deal was closed at noon Thursday, and the change in management was made effective immediately.

In 1894 Mr. True purchased the restaurant from Mrs. Bertha Coplen and developed the business to its present peak.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, October 2, 1925]

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]

NOBLE GUARDS [Rochester, Indiana]

Attention! There will be a regular meeting of the Noble Guards, on Saturday, February 4th, 1865 . . . J. H. Beeber, Capt. Comg.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 2, 1865]

Attention, Noble Guards. In accordance with General Orders No -- from State Headquarters, we are required to turn over our arms and accoutrements to the General Ordnance Officers. You will therefore report with your arms and accoutrements to P. Gould, Company Clerk. By order of J. H. Beeber, Capt. Com'g.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 6, 1865]

NOFTSGER, BENJAMIN [Rochester, Indiana]

NOTICE

Having sold my stock of implements to M. Bright & Co., all parties knowing themselves indebted to me are requested to call at my office and settle. - - - I will continue my grain, seed, flour, feed, wood and coal trade, and will increase it by paying the highest prices in cash that the market will afford.- - B. NOFTSGER.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, November 19, 1890]

[Adv] "MAGNOLIA" patent PERU FLOUR, - - -For sale by all the Groceries in Rochester, and on sale or exchange for good wheat at my Athens and Rochester Elevators. - - - B. NOFTSGER, Agent.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 29, 1897]

[Adv] E. T. Hochstedler, Successor to B. Noftsger. Dealer in Wood, Coal, Flour, Seeds and feed of all kinds. Remember the place, at Noftsgers old stand. Telephone No. 66.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 15, 1899]

NOTICE

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I have sold my retail business and will hereafter pay all my attention to my four grain elevators, and all who know themselves indebted to me are earnestly requested to call at my old stand and settle and greatly oblige. Yours respectfully, B. Noftsgger.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 6, 1899]

Benjamin NOFTSGER, aged 83, a pioneer settler of Fulton county and for the past 47 years a resident of Rochester, died at his home, 719 Madison street, at 2 o'clock Thursday morning. About seven months ago Mr. Noftsgger suffered a stroke of paralysis and this affliction which was accompanied by other diseases of advanced years gradually brought about his death.

Benjamin, son of Nelson M. and Mary CLARK NOFTSGER, was born on a farm in Hamilton county, Ohio, March 17th, 1846, and moved with his parents to Fulton county when but a lad of seven years. When the deceased was 17 years old his father died and for a time he was employed by COWGILL & BEARSS lumber company as a timber buyer. A short time later Noftsgger purchased and operated a general store in the Sugar Grove neighborhood during which time he also served as postmaster of that locality.

In the year of 1881, a fire destroyed the Sharon store. Mr. Noftsgger 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. Noftsgger's activities in the grain and elevator business expanded to such an extent that he soon relinquished his holding in the implement business to Milo BRUGH. At one time the deceased was owner of five elevators four of which were disposed of several years ago when he retired from active management of these concerns. The Noftsgger's Athens elevator was sold to the Erie R. R., his Tiosa elevator was transferred to George PERSCHBACHER, the Rochester Elevator to the Farmer's Co-operative, the Walnut elevator was traded for farm property. The Loyal elevator is one which is now owned by the deceased.

On November 2nd, 1865, Mr. Noftsgger was united in marriage to Sarah Ann MITCHELL, who survives with the following relatives: one son, Bennie E. [NOFTSGER], of Mishawaka; a brother Nahman [NOFTSGER], of this city; a half-brother, Sylvester PERRY, of Columbia City; a half-sister, Mrs. Minerva FERREE, of Warsaw; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. J. B. GLEASON will be held at 2 o'clock [at the] church. Burial will be made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery. The body will lie in state until the hour of the funeral.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, July 18, 1929]

NOFTSGER ELEVATOR [Athens, Indiana]

See Erie Elevator, Athens, Indiana

NOFTSGER ELEVATORS [Fulton County]

At one time Benjamin F. Noftsgger was owner of five elevators, four of which were disposed of several years ago when he retired from active management of these concerns. Mr. Noftsgger's Athens elevator was sold to the Erie R.R., his Tiosa elevator was transferred to George Perschbacher, the Rochester elevator to the Farmer's Cooperative, the Walnut elevator was traded for farm property. The Loyal elevator is one which Mr. Noftsgger owned at the time of his death, July 11, 1929..

[William A. Sausaman, *Fulton Co. Folks, Vol. 1*, Willard]

B. F. NOFTSGER SELLS LOCAL HIS ELEVATOR

After having been on the market for several months for the purchase of a grain elevator the Farmers Association of Fulton county closed a deal Wednesday night whereby they became

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the owners of the B. F. Noftsger elevator at a reported consideration of \$7,000. The parties interested had been dickering for some time and the final touches to the deal were made just a few minutes before the advent of the new year.

The purchase includes the elevator building, ground, coal, tile and salt business, which will be operated by the association along lines that have been agreed upon by the new owners. Just who will be in charge of the elevator has not been announced but the selection will likely be made public within a short time as the farmers are to take possession by Jan. 10. The deal came as the result of the determination of the farmers to either buy or build and Mr. Noftsger realizing the load of advancing years, the uncertainty of the grain business and the heavy responsibility of his flour and seed business on E. Eighth street, decided to sell.

Mr. Noftsger who retained his flour and seed business will now devote his entire attention to that trade.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 2, 1920]

ARLIE S. WINN BUYS THE NOFTSGER GRAIN BUSINESS

B. F. NOFTSGER, one of the oldest active business men in the city, has announced that he will retire from the grain and feed business and that Arlie S. Winn, who has been his assistant for many years will be his successor. Papers have been drawn whereby Mr. Wynn will take possession of the business the first of next week. He has purchased in addition the lot, building, stock and fixtures of the property of [214] East Eighth street, where the business has been conducted for years.

Mr. Wynn is well acquainted with the grain and seed business, having been in it for some time and is also well acquainted with the many customers that have bought and sold grain of B. F. Noftsger. He will continue to conduct the business along conservative lines but also intends to add several new features in connection, which will be attractive to the farmers and grain buyers and sellers of the community.

B. F. Noftsger is one of the pioneer grain dealers of the county and has been in the business here continuously for a great number of years. He plans to retire entirely from all business cares in the future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 9, 1922]

NOFTSGER STORE [Grant, Indiana]

Located just south of Noftsger's corner in the Sugar Grove neighborhood, at the intersection of 800E and 150S.

Owned by Benjamin F. Noftsger. Huckster wagons manned by Abe Hoover and George H. Wallace.

What is known as the Grant postoffice, in Henry township, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday. Mr. Ben Noftsger was the postmaster, and in connection with the office he carried a large stock of dry goods and general merchandise. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue. Only a portion of the goods were saved but we understand that the loss is amply secured by insurance.

[-Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 14, 1882]

We learn that Ben Noftsger will not again erect another store at Grant, and it is quite probable that the business remains of Grant will drift to Akron.

[-*ibid*, Saturday, January 28, 1882]

NOFTSGER'S GROVE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located S half of the block, W side of Fulton Avenue, between 5th and 6th streets. The park, built by B. F. Noftsger who operated a feed mill, was a full square block fenced, filled with trees and benches, and had a speakers stand in the middle.

Ben F. Noftsger's residence was in the N half of the block.

NOFTSGER & YOUNG [Leiters Ford, Indiana]

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[Adv] The ATLANTIC FLOURING MILL! Located at Leiters Ford, Ind., is in motion every day manufacturing the finest quality of FLOUR. Noftsgger & Young have become the proprietors and they invite all to come and give them a trial and be convinced that they do only first class work. Highest price paid for Wheat. NOFTSGER & YOUNG.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 7, 1885]

NORMAN, JOSEPHUS [Perry Township, Miami County]

BIOGRAPHY

Josephus Norman is a native of Randolph County, Indiana, where he was born December 30, 1829, being the seventh in a family of ten children born to Larken and Nancy A. (Shoemaker) Norman, who were natives of Virginia and Tennessee respectively. They settled in Randolph County in an early day, from whence they removed to Grant, and then in 1838 to Miami County, locating in Perry Township, near Stockdale, living in that vicinity until the death of Mr. Norman, which occurred in 1861. There the mother of our subject lived on the farm of Josephus until her death, which took place in 1876. Our subject was reared on the farm, remaining with his parents until he attained the age of twenty-six years. He received a common education, such as the facilities of his day afforded. January 27, 1856, his marriage with Sarah Ranck was solemnized, and to their union eleven children were born, of which these eight are now living: John F., who married Mary E. Smith; Miles O., whose wife was Martha Enyart; Cynthia C., now Mrs. John W. Cleland; Milo J., Alonzo A., Sarah C., Elizabeth E. and Rosetta. October 30th, 1878, Mr. Norman suffered the bereavement of losing his beloved wife. He has always made farming his occupation, and he has been very successful. He now owns 120 acres of well improved land. He also owns and operates a threshing machine. In politics he is a Republican, and he always manifests a good, live interest in the political affairs of the county and community in which he lives, where he enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. pp. 734-735]

NORRIS, GEORGE W. [Rochester, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

George W. Norris, farmer, contractor and brick-maker, P.O. Rochester. This enterprising gentleman, born in Dayton, Ohio, December 18, 1830, is the son of David and Susan (Bruguniar) Norris, who were natives of Maryland, the former born February 9, 1801, and the latter December 31, 1802. The subject of this sketch was educated at Dayton. He came to Peru, Ind., in 1858, and at once began making brick, and was thus engaged until July 18, 1862, when he enlisted as a private in Company D, Ninety-ninth Indiana Infantry. As a soldier, he was brave and fearless, participating in numerous battles and skirmishes; among them we will mention Vicksburg, Jackson, Miss., Chattanooga, Atlanta and Kingston. He was chosen as Captain of the company early in 1865. The date of his discharge is June 5, 1865. Mr. Norris was married July 4, 1854, to Elizaeth Hummel, who was born in Dayton, Ohio, February 22, 1838. She is the daughter of David and Lydia (Morrison) Hummel, natives of Pennsylvania, the former born July 7, 1809, and the latter April 4, 1803. Mr. and Mrs. Norris have had born to them six children, viz.: Sophia E., December 27, 1856; George O., August 13, 1860; Edward S., June 29, 1864; Zelfhia O., July 17, 1867; Nezzia P., January 6, 1876, and Frank B., April 27, 1881. Mr. Norris became a resident of Fulton County in 1865, and has since been extensively engaged in the manufacture of brick, contacting and building. He is a thorough business man, and closely identified with many of the substantial improvements of the county.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 31]

NORRIS, JAMES [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From James Norris)

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NORRIS, NOAH A. W. [Newcastle Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Noah A. W. Norris is one of the successful and representative farmers of Newcastle township. He is descended from the Norrises of colonial days, who settled in New England and whose descendants are to be found in every state and territory of the Union. Our subject's great-great-grandfather Norris was a Scotch immigrant. His name was Joseph and he was one of three brothers to seek a home in the western hemisphere. He removed his family to western Pennsylvania and was there a successful farmer and stock dealer. He was murdered on one of his trips home from market. This man's son William and his son Joseph were our subject's great-grandfather and grandfather, respectively. The latter was born in Pennsylvania and died in eastern Ohio. Our subject's father, John Norris, was born in Pennsylvania, was reared in Ohio, and when married he entered a part of the town site of Fostoria, Ohio. He afterward moved near Findlay, Ohio, and resided there till his going to Texas, dying there in Denton county some twenty years ago. He was born in 1808. Was married to Sarah, daughter of George Clark, who was born in Ireland, settled in Pennsylvania and there married Margaret Wilson, a daughter of Erin. John Norris' children were: Joseph, deceased; Nancy, wife of A. J. Anderson, of Denton, Texas; George W., Saunders county, Neb.; Marion, deceased, and Noah A. W. The last named was born Dec. 9, 1837, and grew up on the farm; was sparingly educated in the common schools and perhaps most effectively by the fireside. He was born in Hancock county, Ohio, but left there in 1864, joining a freighting train, crossed the plains to Virginia City, Mont., and served as cook and wagonmaster. He returned to civilization in the fall of 1865, and the next year came to Fulton county. He engaged the first summer in clearing under lease of Thomas Norris. He was a partner with M. V. Cop, saw-milling the next season, and the next year he was a land owner and busily engaged in clearing his forty acres, for which he had gone in debt \$700. He paid out and lived comfortably and bought forty acres more on the south. He built a house costing \$1,500 and grain house costing \$120. He bought twenty acres more and built a barn costing \$488. He has since bought fifteen acres more and now owns 115 acres, all of which he has secured as a result of his own industry and good management. In December, 1867, Mr. Norris married Elizabeth Anderson, sister of Robert Anderson, of this township. She died Sept. 12, 1894, leaving these children: Russell, William W., Viola, John R. and Mary E., all living in this township. Nov. 28, 1895, Mr. Norris married Emma Murphy, of Miami county. Mr. Norris is an active member of the Baptist church and ranks among leading citizens.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 114-115]

NORRIS, W. V. S. [Liberty Township]

BIOGRAPHY

W. V. S. Norris, trustee of Liberty township, and one of the rising young farmers of Fulton county, was born in this county, Sept. 23, 1861, a son of Lemuel and Drusilla (Jones) Norris. The father was born in Miami county, Ind., and by occupation was a farmer, but during the period of the civil war he put aside all business cares and went to the defense of the Union, as a soldier in the Northern army. His death occurred in 1868, and his wife passed away in 1876. Their children are Jennie, wife of "Ams" Watkins, of Middletown, Ind.; William, of Cass county, and W. V. S. All his life Mr. Norris has been connected with agricultural pursuits. His education was obtained in the district schools and in the Rochester high school. At the age of fourteen he was left an orphan and since that time has made his way in the world unaided. He worked for others uninterrupted until 1885. On attaining his majority he began teaching school in the winter months, following that profession for four years. His first wages were invested in sheep and still later in land, and the outcome of both was successful. In 1886 he began farming on his own account northeast of Fulton, and is today the owner of three farms, aggregating 200 acres, besides valuable personal property, all of which has been acquired through his own exertions and capable management. He was elected township trustee on the republican ticket in November, 1894, and

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Aug. 5, 1895, assumed the duties of the office. Mr. Norris was married Feb. 9, 1887, to Celia M. Hedges, daughter of Allen Hedges, a native of New York, who came to Indiana before the war, and settled in Cass county, where Mrs. Norris was born Dec. 19, 1862. Her father died in 1886, at the age of fifty-four, his wife in 1891, aged fifty-five years. They had two children, the son being Almon S., of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Norris have four children: Elzie, aged eight; Elmer, aged six; Hugh, three years of age, and Verne, a baby of one year.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 114-115]

NORRIS BRICKYARD [Rochester Township]

Brick. Paving and Well Brick . . . I do my own moulding and burning and can sell cheap. . . One mile South of Rochester, on the Michigan Road. George W. Norris, Rochester, July 18th, 1867.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 18, 1867]

TO BUILDERS

I wish it generally known to the public, and especially those who contemplate building, or making repairs, that I am ready to contract to furnish brick and put them in the walls or for the finishing of buildings complete. I also do a general jobbing business such as putting in foundations, building cisterns, flues and all work in that line. Prices are always low and satisfactory, work guaranteed. Get my prices before you contract. GEORGE W. NORRIS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 16, 1881]

MILLIONS OF BRICK

I wish to announce to the public that the Norris brick yards will be run to their full capacity during the coming season and that they will be able to supply an excellent quality of brick in any quantity and at very reasonable prices. I have now a good supply on hand for early spring trade and will manufacture more by the million as soon as the weather permits, and be able to meet all demands that may be made for them.

By special contract, I will make an excellent pressed brick for fronts and fine walls. Before contracting elsewhere for brick, call on L. W. Spach, in Rochester or the undersigned at the yards, two miles south of town on the Michigan road. MRS. GEORGE W. NORRIS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 17, 1883]

GEORGE W. NORRIS DEAD

Word has been received here by George BLACK of the death of George W. NORRIS, at Cincinnati, Jan 10. Norris formerly lived south of the city. He ran away and was lost for years, finally being located in the city where he died.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 3, 1916]

On Nov. 6, 1867, John F. "Brick" Wilson was united in marriage to Rebecca Ann Hummel. They went to Missouri where they lived for five years. Upon returning to Rochester, Ind., in 1872, he worked in a brick manufacturing process owned and operated by George Norris. Here he learned the brickmaking trade. In 1880 Mr. Wilson purchased land at the north edge of Kewanna, Ind., where the soil was suitable for brickmaking. Here he established a brick "yard" where he manufactured brick until the early 1900's, when the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad purchased right-of-way through the land and laid its tracks dividing the brickyard. The brick for the original buildings for Kewanna and the surrounding area were made in this brickyard.

[John F. "Brick" Wilson, Margaret Wilson and Darlene Wilson Long, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

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NORRIS OIL SERVICE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester, Indiana [Historical Review]

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TO ERECT GAS FILLING STATION ON NINTH ST.

Mrs. William Collins and Harry Noris have announced that they will erect on the Thalman lot on east Ninth street a gasoline and oil filling station which will be operated by the latter. The business will be of an independent nature, altho it had been intimated previously that a company was to purchase the lot above mentioned where a station would be built. The local people expect to have the station ready for business at a very early date.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 27, 1921]

NEW AUTO AGENCY OPENED

Harry Norris who operates the Court Filling Station has definitely taken over the agency for the New Columbia Light Six automobile and is soon to be showing the entire line, consisting of a five passenger Touring car and a Sport model Roadster priced at \$985 and a four door Sedan priced at \$1,395. This is a brace [?] of the prettiest cars ever shown in Rochester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 19, 1922]

NORRIS OIL SERVICE EXTENDS ITS BUSINESS

Harry Norris, who in the past has owned and operated the Court Service Station, has enlarged his business considerably. Along with the brands of oil he has handled in the past, Mr. Norris has taken over the Agency for Marland Gasoline and Oils.

Heretofore, the Court Service Station has handled only retail products, but will now be the office and service station combined of the new concern, which will both retail and wholesale Marland Oil products.

Mr. Norris will have a tank wagon in the field, the entire tank wagon and wholesale service to be under the direct management of L. C. (Clay) Sheets.

The tanks which are located on the Nickle Plate Railroad have a combined capacity of 32,000 gallons. The larger tank of 20,000 gallons for gasoline and the smaller tank of 12,000 capacity for kerosene.

The former name of the "Court Service Station" will be discontinued and the name of "Norris Oil Service" will be substituted in its place.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 30, 1924]

[Adv] - - - NORRIS OIL SERVICE, Exclusive Distributors for Conoco Products. Stations: 9th & Madison St. - Phone 190. 13th & Main St. - Phone 169. Home Phone 320-M.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 18, 1930]

SELLS FILLING STATION

Harry Norris announced today that he hs sold his filling station at the corner of Main and Thirteenth Streets to Estil Bowman of Lafontaine. Mr. Bowman, who has taken possession, is an experienced filling station operator. Mr. Norris will continue to operate his filling station at the corner of Madison and Ninth Streets.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 9, 1935]

NORRIS, FAIRCHILD & GREEN [Rochester, Indiana]

Norris, Fairchild & Green, Milliners & Mantuamakers (Store near Mansion House0 Rochester, Indiana . . . April 20, 1865.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 27, 1865]

NORTH END BAKERY [Rochester, Indiana]

CHARLES REED FEED STORE SOLD

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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]

NORTH END BOOK STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

NORTH END BOOK STORE

Having purchased and re-stocked the Spotts Book Store I desire to call the attention of the public to my stock of school books, blank books, writing paper, stationery, pencils, albums, bibles, toys, notions, frost proof inks, wall paper and window shades. Also a well selected line of clocks and jewelry. In engaging in business for myself I shall adhere to the principle carried out in my four years clerkship for L. E. Rannells, viz: one customer's money is as good as another's whether he be rich or poor, young or old. P. F. SARVER.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 18, 1886]

[Adv] New Firm! WALLACE & RANNELLS, Successors to P. F. Sarver in the North End and P.O. Book Stores.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 8, 1889]

NORTH END DRY GOODS STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

North End Dry Goods Store in the Cornelius Block - - - Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Queensware - - - Produce Wanted - - -

Dry Goods by CHAPIN & BRO.

Groceries by FRED BOSENBERG.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 16, 1877]

NORTH END GARAGE [Rochester, Indiana]

ANOTHER GARAGE OPENED

A new garage will open its doors for business tomorrow on north Main street, just north of the Fulton Produce Co. The proprietors are Fred and Loris Easterday who formerly operated garages at Grass Creek and Fulton

NORTH END GARAGE OPENS JUNE 20

Rochester is to have a new garage, located on North Main street, just north of the Fulton Produce Co. It will be run by Fred and Loris Easterday. The latter has been in the garage business for years and has owned garages in both Grass Creek and Fulton, having sold out at Fulton recently.

They will make a specialty of up-to-date repair work, having an up-to-date service car which can bring your car in regardless of its condition. They guarantee promptness in answer to your calls for assistance.

An item of interest to every car owner in this vicinity should be the fact that PRICES WILL BE MODERATE. All work will be guaranteed to satisfy; if not satisfactory it will be made so.

If in need of any parts or accessories or in need of any repair work call on them and be satisfied. EASTERDAY & EASTERDAY.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 19, 1923]

[Adv] When You Have Motor Trouble We are the never sleep boys of repairdom. Our service is 24 hours a day every day of the year. . . . Easterday & Co., North End Garage.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 17, 1923]

NORTH END HARDWARE STORE [Fulton, Indiana]

BUY FULTON STORE

The North End Hardware Store at Fulton was sold Monday to Stehle and Shively, owners of a hardware store in this city, by a Peru corporation which owned it. The new owners will continue to operate the Fulton store and have retained John Zook, who has managed it for a number of years.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, April 8, 1925]

[Adv] Auction Sale of Hardware at Fulton, Saturday, March 20th at NORTH END HARDWARE STORE. Sale starts at 1 o'clock. Entire stock goes in piece or part to highest bidder. Farm tools, harness, paints, oils, chicken equipment, tin-ware, in fact everything that is carried in an up-to-date hardware stock. "ANDY" STEHLE. M. Murtha, Auctioneer.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 17, 1926]

NORTH END MEAT MARKET [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] NOTICE! We have purchased the North End Meat Market and will continue the business at the old stand. Mr. Reuben Karn has been retained as cutter. We will uphold the reputation of the market "The Greatest Quality of the Choicest Meat for the Least Money."

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 23, 1908]

MARKET IS SOLD

L. C. Kistler, who has been proprietor of the North End meat market for the last three years, sold his shop late Thursday afternoon to Harry Kissinger of Liberty Mills who will take possession Monday morning.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 16, 1915]

ATTY. S. J. BROWN NAMED RECEIVER FOR MARKET

Judge R. R. Carr today appointed Attorney Selden J. Brown as receiver of the North End Meat Market at 526 Main street. The receivership had been requested by the Routh and Company, packers of Logansport, who alleged that one of the many proprietors of the store owed them \$42 for bacon furnished at the owners request.

Four defendants were named by the Logansport concern, James H. Guise, William Stevens, C. P. Houser and Walter McGuire. Each of the four men have at some time within the past 18 months been the owner of the store. Walter McGuire, the last proprietor, closed the market several days ago because of the continued legal strife as to the ownership of the establishment.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 20, 1927]

NORTH END RESTAURANT [Rochester, Indiana]

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]

NEWS OF THE DAY

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Becker and Ware, proprietors of the North End Bakery, have purchased a new bread wagon, which will be placed in service Tuesday. The wagon is of city type and a dandy.
[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 8, 1908]

NORTH END RESTAURANT SOLD

The North End restaurant, which has been managed for the past year or more by Bert Cole, changed hands Saturday afternoon, when the business was sold to Fred Reese, south of this city, and Fora Mutchler of Chicago. The new owners took possession at once and will endeavor to give the public an up-to-date eating house. Both of the partners are well known in this city and have many friends who wish them success.

Mr. Cole has been retained for a time to put the new managers on to the ropes and then he does not know what he will do. However, he has several lines of business activity in mind and may adopt any one of them.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 22, 1912]

PURCHASES RESTAURANT

Tom McMahan has purchased the North End restaurant of Mrs. Della Mutchler and is redecorating and remodeling the place. The deal was consummated Saturday afternoon.

[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]

^^^Document Error^^^^Document Error^^^b^^Document Error^^6^^Document Error^^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]

NORTH MAIN STREET BAKERY [Rochester, Indiana]

Joe SIEGFRIED, owner of the North Main St. bakery and restaurant was instantly killed early Wednesday morning when struck by a west bound Erie train near the Shelton crossing in East Rochester. Death came instantly. - - - - [see obit for further]

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 15, 1917]

NORTH MANCHESTER, INDIANA [Wabash County]

NEWS OF THE DAY

North Manchester Journal.

The machinery in the Dewitt auto buggy factory, which was burned a few weeks ago, has been sold to the Marshall & Huschart Machinery Company of Chicago, and J. R. Porter, representing the firm, was here loading it on cars this week. The machines are practically uninjured and are as good as new. Mr. Dewitt is not ready to make any statement yet regarding what he will do about starting up again. He says that he and his partner, Mr. McIntyre, of Auburn, have come to no conclusion yet and the matter rests very largely with Mr. McIntyre. However, the fact that the machinery has been sold leads to the belief that the factory will not be started again.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 2, 1910]

NORTH SHORE PARK [Rochester, Indiana]

Located N shore of Lake Manitou between Lilly Park and Long Beach.

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NORTHERN INDIANA POWER CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

DAVIS MAY LEAVVE THE NORTHERN IND. UTILITY

Announcement has been made by local representatives of the Northern Indiana Power Company that the local offices, now handling business here and at Logansport, will be consolidated with the Wabash office. This change will place the local interests of the utility under the management of R. W. Claire, of Wabash. Charles A. Davis, who has been in charge here since the big utility took the local concern two years ago, has been offered a post with the utility at Indianapolis. He stated to the Sentinel Thursday, however, that his other interests here were of such nature that he did not feel that he could leave them and as a result may resign from the N.I.P. Co. He has not definitely decided, however, on his future course of action.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 7, 1924]

OFFICES MOVED

The offices of the Northern Indiana Power Co., has been moved from the Beyer Brothers building on West Ninth street to the Char-Bell building on Main street.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 27, 1924]

NORTHERN INDIANA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION

D. AGNEW HONORED

The telephone officials of LaPorte, Starke, Fulton, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Kosciusko, Whitley, Marshall and Lagrange counties have perfected a permanent organization under the name of Northern Indiana Telephone Association, the object being a closer cooperation in the promotion of mutual interests. The following officers have been elected: President, Samuel R. Tomlinson of Plymouth; vice president, C. R. Stoops of Nappanee; secretary and treasurer, Daniel Agnew of Rochester. The organization represents a total of 25,100 telephones and property valued at \$5,000,000.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, November 25, 1913]

NORTHERN LAND AND IMPROVEMENT CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

LOCAL MEN ORGANIZE A BIG REAL ESTATE CONCERN

Special to the Sentinel.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 8 -- The Northern Land and Improvement Co. of Rochester was incorporated here today with a capitalization of \$10,000. The concern will deal in bonds, loans and real estate. The directors are Frank H. Terry, James Cool and Lyon Terry.

When seen here Frank Terry said that the concern would deal mainly in Michigan land. James W. Cool is president of the James W. Cool banking house of Trout Lake, Mich. Lyon Terry will graduate from Michigan University in June and expects to enter the office in Rochester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 8, 1915]

NORTHERN ROOMING HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Also see Harmony Hall

NEW ROOMING HOUSE

I. C. Enyart is going to open a new rooming house in the building north of the Progress Grocery, owned by Clay Sheets. It is being fumigated, has electric lights installed and 18 rooms furnished. On the first floor Enyart will have a lunch counter and lobby. The hostelry will be named the Northern Rooming House.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 18, 1915]

NOYER'S PIT [Henry Township]

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Located N of SR14 and S of 75S and W of 1075E.

NUELL, GEORGE C. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From George C. Nuell)

NYE ICE CREAM SALOON [Rochester, Indiana]

S. A. Nye Ice Cream Saloon, in room formerly occupied by M. M. Rex, Mammoth Bldg., Rochester.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 13, 1863]

NYONA LAKE [Liberty Township]

Located approximately 650S and 300E.

NYONA STORE SOLD

William Fisher has purchased the general store and fisherman headquarters on the east side of Lake Nyona, operated for many years by the late Sam Beghtol. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have taken possession of the store and will continue to operate it.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 7, 1937]

NEW SUMMER RESORT

Peru Sentinel.

When that portion of the population of Peru, generally designated as the "common herd," begins to cast about for a cheap and readily available place to spend the hot summer months, there appears to be but one outlet for the gratification of their passion for fresh air and wholesome recreation; but one spot upon which they can settle near enough to Peru to keep an eye on their business and at the same time row, fish and rusticate. That haven of promise and plenty is Mud lake, just across the line in Fulton county, and about sixteen miles from Peru. It is the only body of water close enough to the county seat to make a summer outing for Peru people, with limited means at all practicable. While little or nothing has thus far been done toward adding to the beauties and conveniences of the place, much is contemplated, and the possibilities are many.

Mud lake, or lakes, as there are two of them, were slandered when christened. There is nothing in their appearance or surroundings to suggest the name under which they are known. They are evidently fed by springs, and the water is always clear, never becoming stagnant. Those persons who have never visited them have fallen into the error of placing a too liberal interpretation upon the name, and allowing themselves to be haunted with visions of mud, rattlesnakes and miasma. There is everything in a name and this pair of twin lakes has certainly suffered through the carelessness or thoughtlessness of someone utterly bereft of aesthetic taste.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 28, 1901]

NORTH MUD LAKE NOW RENAMED "LAKE NYONA"

Macy, Indiana, August 25. -- Extensive plans are being made to make North Mud Lake a more popular summer resort. John Shaffer, the proprietor at the west side, has had the name changed to Lake Nyona, and a dancing pavilion will be erected on the west side, just south of the road in the near future.

There is almost a constant stream of travelers between State Road No. 1 [US-31] and the lake and as the road is extremely narrow, is very dangerous and part of the road is only wide enough for one machine. The lake and lake road are in Fulton county. There are many cottages there and people from Chicago, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Peru and many other cities patronize this summer resort.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, August 25, 1925]

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MACY ITEMS

The orchestra who played for the dances at the new dance pavilion at Lake Nyona is composed of Mrs. P. B. Carter, pianist and Robert Wilson, cornetist, of Macy, George Howard and Raymond Clay of Rochester, and two other young men from Rochester whose names were not learned.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, October 31, 1925]

[Adv] NEW YEAR'S DANCE, Lake Nyona. Sunday, January 1, 1933. 2 RED HOT ORCHESTRAS-2. Buel Townsend and his music and Oriental Rhythm Kings. Dancing 8:30 until ?? No advance in prices.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 30, 1932]

TRAILER CRASHED THRU BRIDGE AT LAKE NYONA

A large tractor and trailer which was loaded with tile crashed through the east span of the double bridge at Lake Nyona shortly after 8 o'clock Monday morning.

The tractor was being driven by William Lutes of Portland, who is employed by a Portland tile factory. Luckily for Lutes he escaped without injury.

The bridge is constructed of steel with a plank flooring which is covered with creosote blocks. It was inspected recently and found to be in good condition.

Lutes had practically driven over the bridge east bound. The wheels of the tractor were on the ground at the east approach of the bridge when the bridge flooring gave way under the weight of the heavily loaded trailer, dropping it into the waters of Lake Nyona.

Workmen tried all day to pull the trailer out of the water and onto the ground at the east end of the bridge. It was lucky for Lutes that the collapse of the bridge did not take place near the center of the structure as he probably would have been drowned in the cab of the tractor as the water at the point is about ten feet deep.

The Lake Nyona road is a heavily traveled county unit road. It will probably take several weeks to repair the bridge and it is possible that a temporary span will be erected during the time the bridge is being rebuilt.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 28, 1938]

ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR NYONA LAKE BRIDGE

Fulton county commissioners in their regular session, Sept. 5th, will receive bids on an electrical lighting system for the Nyona lake bridge and also on 50 tons of Indiana block coal for the county farm.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 22, 1939]

Formerly known as North Mud Lake, but name changed in 1921, by John Shafer of Kokomo. Nyona was the given name of Mrs. Shafer and also their daughter, and their son, Eldorado Shafer, and his wife lived there and operated a restaurant.

At that time there were only two cottages on the lake. The Collins one-room school was a mile north and after it closed about 1925, John Shafer tore it down and built cottages with the lumber.

Maloney's restaurant and beach operated for many years, but the restaurant became Heckathorn's Country Inn and the beach was closed.

Other businesses include Rance's bait houses, Anthony Knoll real estate, Heckathorn repair, and on South Mud Lake is Webster's florist shop and Reid's bait house.

The Nyona Lake Dance hall, located 150 feet west of the bridge on the south side of the road, was constructed by a corporation formed by Louis Chevrolet and Cannonball Baker of racing car fame, Louis Wolfhanger, the pinball king, who furnished the money, and John Shafer

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and a Mr. Faust, who furnished the land. Bands from nearby towns and cities, including Rochester, furnished the music. It was a very popular and noisy place in the prohibition days.

After the old bridge collapsed on March 28, 1938, the present bridge was built.

In the 1950's free outdoor movies were held every Tuesday and Saturday evening.

Today the Nyona Lake Civic Association sells memberships and takes care of the street lights. The Fish and Game Club has its own building and grounds to hold turkey shoots and suppers. The Nyona Lake Boosters Club helps promote improvements. Liberty Township has a fire station at Speck's Garage on Old US-31, a mile east of the lake.

Nyona Lake children attend Caston School.

The mailing address is R.R. 1, Macy.

[Nyona Lake, Fletchers Lake, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2*, Willard]

NYONA LAKE BOOSTERS CLUB [Liberty Township]

See Nyona Lake.

NYONA LAKE CIVIC ASSOCIATION [Liberty Township]

See Nyona Lake.

NYONA LAKE FISH AND GAME CLUB [Liberty Township]

See Nyona Lake.

NYONA LAKE PAVILION [Liberty Township]

[Adv] Hallowe'en DANCE - NYONA LAKE PAVILION, Monday, Oct. 31. Dancing every Saturday and Sunday night. Music by Henderson's Orchestra.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 28, 1927]

[Adv] DANCE! to the rhythms of Jack Mollenhour and his Collegiate Swingtet - Swing and Sweet. NYONA LAKE PAVILION, Wednesday July 24th, 9:30 to 12:30, DST. 50c couple, 30c singl

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 22, 1940]

NYONA LAKE SILVER FOX FARM [Liberty Township]

Owned by C. C. McGrew and his son, Glen McGrew.

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HANDBOOK

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OAK DRUG STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] The OAK DRUG STORE

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 12, 1894]

LOCAL and MISCELLANEOUS

The Sanders brothers, of the Oak Drug Store, have been called home to Columbus on account of the serious illness of their mother.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 28, 1898]

OAKWOOD APARTMENTS [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.

OBERLIN, BEN W. [Rochester, Indiana]

BUYS SMITH'S GROCERY

Ben W. Oberlin, of Culver, proprietor of grocery stores in Culver and Hamlet, on Saturday purchased the Ed Smith grocery, this city. An interview held with Mr. Oberlin today disclosed the fact that he will continue to operate this store if business warrants. If not, he will remove the stock to his other stores. Mr. Smith stated that he could not at the present time, announce his plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 17, 1928]

O'BLENIS, ERDINE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Wile Department Store

O'BLENIS, JOHN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

O'BLENIS, NATHAN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

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O'BLENNIS LAKE [Richland Township]

Located approximately 125W at 525N.

O'BRIEN LAKE [Wayne Township]

Also called Round Lake.

Located SW corner of 900W and 725S.

O'DAFFER, MYRTLE [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Mrs. E. A. Hughston, who has been in the millinery business in Rochester for twenty-five years, will give up the business with the close of this week and will give possession Monday to Miss Myrtle O'Daffer. The new owner has had considerable experience and will, no doubt, meet with the same success as did Mrs. Hughston.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 7, 1910]

ODD FELLOWS LODGE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located NW corner, Ninth and Main Streets. Built in 1872.

Presently at 217 East Eighth Street.

See: Lodges - Odd Fellows

ODDITY QUARTETTE [Rochester, Indiana]

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The Oddity Quartette and orchestra of musical entertainers is the name chosen by a number of Rochester artists. Those composing the organization are Fred and Walter Stevenson, Clyde Entsminger, Harold Hendrickson, Will Hoffman, Blythe Buchanan and Ezra Jones. While the young men have gotten together for purely social entertainment they have arranged for several public appearances, their first date being at Leiters Saturday evening, Feb. 13. As to be seen in the accompanying cut many different kinds of musical instruments are used during their program. Besides the instrumental numbers, the quartette, Will Hoffman, Ezra Jones, Clyde Entsminger and Blythe Buchanan, whose popularity is widespread, will render several selections.

The boys are putting in all their spare time practicing and if their first venture proves successful they will probably make a circuit of the neighboring towns.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 1, 1909]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Oddity Quartette and orchestra will go to Leiters Saturday, where they appear in the evening. Already there are nearly 500 tickets sold and the boys are assured a good house. This is the first public appearance of the new organization and it is expected that it will make good.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 12, 1909]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Oddity Quartette and orchestra, this city, made their initial public bow Saturday evening in the Methodist church at Leiters. The large crowd present showed their appreciation by repeated encores and the boys have been asked for a return engagement for March 6, which they will probably accept.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 15, 1909]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The K. of P. Oddity orchestra and quartette met with much success financially and otherwise, Saturday evening at Fulton where they gave one of their excellent entertainments. The

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organization is fast growing in favor and the members are elated over their progress in the musical world.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 8, 1909]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Oddity Quartette took supper at the West Side hotel, yesterday evening. After supper the boys enjoyed the lake breezes and delighted the guests with their musical selections.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 25, 1909]

Secretary Howard Reed of the Fulton County Fair Association announced today that the Oddity Quartette of this city will sing every afternoon at the fair.

The local organization, composed of William Hoffman, L. L. Manning, Ray Fretz and Clyde Entsminger, has been giving programs for a number of years. Their selections are rendered in a popular manner and their appearances at the fair will be welcomed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 26, 1915]

O'DELL, BILLY [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Billy O'Dell)

O'DONNELL JEWELRY STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

V. O'Donnell, Watchmaker and Jeweler, Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 25, 1858]

V. O'Donnell, Jeweler, Rochester. Clocks and Jewelry repaired.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 4, 1862]

OGLEBAY, JOHN [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] JOHN OGLEBAY has opened a Restaurant in the Ike Alexander Building on East 9th street, and would be pleased to meet all his old friends and prospective new ones.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 8, 1908]

O'HARLAN TIN SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

Stoves! Stoves! Largest Lot of Stoves ever brought to this town . . . George O'Harlan (successor to L. J. Brown & Co.) Tin Shop. . . Shop in the South Room of Wallace's New building. . . George O'Harlan, Rochester, March 27, 1858.

[Rochester *Gazette*, Thursday, December 9, 1858]

OHIO STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

J. G. Ernst, Dealer in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hats, caps, groceries, queensware, hardware, looking glasses, bonnets, umbrellas &c., at the Ohio Store, Rochester.

[Rochester *Gazette*, Thursday, December 9, 1858]

OLD CITIZENS BAND [Rochester, Indiana]

See Citizens Band; Rochester Band.

OLD FORGE DAM [Richland Township]

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Located at Dead River, a point on Tippecanoe river E of Old US-31. The dam was across the river about two city blocks up from the Dear River's outlet. There is where the water wheel and buildings were. The slag from the smelter was dumped on what now is the island in its low ground. They are about room size and four feet high with a lot of weeds on them. The slag is every bit as hard as the iron it was made from.

OLD FORGE PROPERTY [Richland Township]

For Sale. The Old Forge Property, two and a half miles North of Rochester, at the Tippecanoe River Bridge . . . nine acres of land, the water right and right of way . . . The location is very good for lumbering, or suitable for any other manufacturing purpose . . . nothing better need be desired by those wishing to engage in Milling . . . Those wishing to purchase can confer in person, or by letter, with the proprietor, at Mill Ark, six miles southeast of Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana. H. D. Hoover. Mill Ark, Sept. 28th, 1868.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, October 1, 1868]

OLD HELICON [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rannells, William W.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Manager Frank Crim, of the Citizens band took "Old Helicon" to the C. G. Conn horn factory at Elkhart, today, where it will be thoroughly repaired. When it returns Wm. Rannells will again play the instrument that has made music in Rochester for so many years.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 1, 1909]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Old Helicon, the monster tuba recently taken to the Conn horn factory at Elkhart to be repaired and refinished, has been returned to this city. The instrument is as good as new and may be seen in Wolf's and Howard's show window.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 12, 1909]

VAL ZIMMERMAN SEEKS HOME FOR 'OLD HELICON' PRIDE OF 60's

"Old Helicon" wants a home!

Preferably a home where he can have a voice in the affairs of the family.

Most of all, "Old Helicon" prefers residing with someone having a lineal descent from his master, or at least his master's associates. "Helicon" is timid around strangers, but among friends he's a hale fellow well met and his deep, sonorous voice bespeaks of latent powers lying deep within his gold plated veins.

"Old Helicon," who needs no introduction to a handful of music lovers of yesteryear and years and years, first saw the light of ye town of Rochester in the year 1868. His master, Mack Ashton, purchased him in Cincinnati in that year. And now, to those of more recent eras who as yet may not know the true identity of "Old Helicon," it may be said that he is one of the finest, rootin-tootin/, silver-plated, gold lined tuba horns of the 60's vintage that ever headed a political parade or dished up the bass for a funeral dirge.

For the past decade or more "Helicon" has been confined to the second floor of the Val Zimmerman furniture store. The big horn, which has been the property of various Rochester bands since the later 70's, disappeared about 15 years ago. A few years later, the late Viv Essick was passing one of Lake Manitou's taverns from whence some "wicked bass" from a pseudo "Dutch band" came wafting through an open window. Viv investigated and you're right, sir, those deep vibrant tones were emitted from the golden throat of "Old Helicon."

With a minimum of "quibbling" the "pet" of the Rochester bands was again taken into custody by Viv and Val Zimmerman. Mr. Zimmerman is desirous that someone who has a "sort

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of blood or brass relationship” with the Rochester citizen band take over the custody of “Old Helicon.” The horn is workable and with a bit of refurbishing with silver polish it would still look swell draped around the torso of a present-day horn tooter.

For those who would take a peep into “Old Helicon’s” past, we present facts taken from the files of the old bands and the records of Mr. Zimmerman and others:

Mack Ashton, the original purchaser of the huge tuba, relinquished his ownership of the horn to a George Van Skike in the year of 1877. Van Skike sent the horn to a Cincinnati factory for a complete overhauling in that year at a cost of \$72.10. “Old Helicon” belched forth the bass for the Rochester Union band, later the Rochester Cornet band which was led by Johnnie Pearson, who later became bandmaster at Kansas City, Mo.

Following Van Skike’s death “Old Helicon” became the property of his sister and in the year 1897, the business manager of the Rochester Citizens band purchased “Old Helicon” from Miss Van Skike for \$50.00. William Rannells became master of the big horn and in 1901 “Old Helicon” was again sent to the factory for overhauling and repairing. The cost of this renewed lease on life totaled exactly \$327.00 an amount that almost tripled the original selling price.

While in the ownership of the Rochester Citizens band “Old Helicon” was played by Charley Myers and Cal Hoover. The last named musician is believed to have been the last of the Rochester band organization musicians who played the grand old tuba.

Mr. Zimmerman, present custodian of the relic of yesteryear, is extremely anxious that someone associated directly with one of the old bands take “Old Helicon” in charge and preserve the grand old tuba for the coming generations.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 21, 1944]

“OLD HELICON” IS GIVEN HOME BY PROF. EMRICK

“Old Helicon,” the granddaddy of all Rochester tuba horns, for whom The News-Sentinel recently sought a permanent home, now has that home---and what a home, too!

Yesterday, Prof. Paul S. Emrick, of Lafayette, Ind., former local citizen and for many years director of the Purdue university Symphonic, Military and Navy bands, came to Rochester and took “Old Helicon” into custody. Soon the old tuba will be given a place of honor among an ever-growing collection of old musical instruments owned by Prof. Emrick.

Obtained Other Relics

While here yesterday and through pre-arranged negotiations, Prof. Emrick also secured a brass baritone horn, once owned by the late William Rannells and presented by Clarence Hill; and a baton which was twirled by Rochester’s first drum major, the late Charles Brouillette and in latter years by Charley Meyer, Meade Kingery and Edgar Wallace. The baton was donated to the Emrick collection by Roscoe Pontius.

It was through the office of Val Zimmerman, former member of the old Rochester Citizens Band, that such an appropriate home was found for these relics. For the past 15 years “Old Helicon” was in storage at the Zimmerman furniture store and with the “spring housecleaning” on, Mr. Zimmerman decided to make an effort to find suitable and permanent shelter for the huge horn. An appeal, along with a skit about the historic background of the grand old tuba was made through the columns of The News-Sentinel.

That this article had its desired effect we publish the following letter which Mr. Zimmerman received from the Purdue university bandmaster:

“My Dear Val:

“I have read your feature story in The News-Sentinel about “Old Helicon” with deep personal interest, for about this old instrument is centered much of the musical history of Rochester.

“My interest in the Bands of Rochester can be seen from the following facts:

“First: My uncle, Ovid P. Osgood, organized the first band in Rochester in 1856 and was its teacher and director. When the Civil War broke out, these musicians together with other men from surrounding towns, including LaPorte, formed the 87th Regimental Band. This band was on Sherman’s march to the Sea and played in Washington, D.C. I have the E flat cornet part, in

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manuscript, to the music that this band played when they passed President Lincoln at the reviewing stand.

“Secondly: Another uncle, Lewis M. Spotts, who was a First Sergeant and later Lieutenant, returned to Rochester after the war and played baritone in the band.

“Thirdly: My father, Levi S. Emrick, was the manager of the band for many years. He played clarinet and baritone.

“Fourthly: As the youngest member of the original Citizen’s Band, I have maintained life contacts with them for many years. I wish I might talk about each member and tell of their unselfish service to their community, but space and time does not permit.

“For the past ten years, Val, I have been collecting old instruments which we intend to place in a case, with proper identification not only to perpetuate the names of the pioneers in band music in this section of the country, but also for future generations to see the types and models of instruments used in the past.

“Back in the 70’s several members of the Citizen’s Band purchased instruments from the Kimby Bros. of Boston, which were considered the best make of that period.

“A number of the relatives and friends of these members have presented us with these instruments, so we have about all of them at present. Of course we have a number from other localities but can acknowledge the following from Rochester:

“A silver valve trombone, played by Ed Zook and presented by Vena (Zook) Shanks, his daughter.

“A silver baritone, played by Levi S. Emrick and presented by Viv Essick.

“A silver solo alto with rotary valves, played by Oscar Decker and presented by his son, Fred Decker.

“Two silver upright altoes, played by Frank Crim and Jack Crim and presented by Roscoe Pontius.

“A silver trombone model alto, played by William Rannells and presented by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hawkins.

“The thought struck me you might like the idea of placing “Old Helicon” in this Rochester collection along with its old friends with whom it has had a life of association.

“With kind regards to you, I am

“Prof. Paul S. Emrick,

“Director of Symphonic, Military and Navy Bands

“Purdue University.”

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 2, 1944]

OLD HELICON

Mack Ashton purchased a Helicon tuba for \$115 in Cincinnati in 1868. They called the tuba “Old Helicon”. In 1877 “Old Helicon” was sent to the factory for repairs, repiping and silver plating at a cost of \$72.10, making a very beautiful horn out of an old one for George Van Skike/Van Scoik to play. After Van Skike’s death, Sept. 28, 1897, the band purchased “Old Helicon” for \$50 from his sister who was moving away from Rochester. Rannells played it from then on, stating that it was the best instrument he had ever seen or played. It was repaired again in 1901 with a donation from Albert Bitters, editor of the *Rochester Republican*. This time it cost \$327 to repair. After the Rochester Citizens Band died out in the 1930’s, “Old Helicon” disappeared. But a few years later, Viv Essick (1920’s director of Rochester Citizens Band) was passing one of Lake Manitou’s taverns from “whence some wicked bass from a pseudo Dutch band came wafting through an open window. Viv investigated and found that he had been right - those deep vibrant tones were emitting from the golden throat of ‘Old Helicon’. With a minimum of quibbling, the pet of the Rochester bands was again taken into custody” by Viv Essick and Val Zimmerman. After Viv died in 1942, an article appeared in the *Rochester Sentinel* asking for a home for “Old Helicon”, “one of the finest, rootin’, tootin’, silverplated, gold-lined tuba horns of the 60’s vintage that ever headed a political parade or dished up the bass for a funeral dirge.”

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Within a few days of the article's appearance in the newspaper, Paul Spotts Emrick took "Old Helicon" to Purdue, giving it a place of honor among his collection of old musical instruments.

(The preceding story about "Old Helicon" was taken from a scrapbook belonging to Zella Essick Wagoner, daughter of Viv Essick. Another article told of a silver baritone used by the Rochester bands that was also at Purdue in Emrick's collection. The instruments are presently displayed in the students' lounge in the Elliott Hall of Music, where they are chained to the wall. But there is no identification attached nor any records to offer positive proof that these are the same instruments.)

[Paul Spotts Emrick, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

OLD LINE CABINET SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

Old Line Cabinet Shop - Furniture - Coffins. I keep constantly on hand all styles and sizes of Coffins, or will make them on the shortest possible notice.

Having recently purchased a Hearse of the most convenient pattern, I will hold myself in readiness to attend all funerals where my services are requested . . . Shop on Main Street, opposite the Court House.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 22, 1859]

OLD RELIABLE MEAT MARKET [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] OLD RELIABLE MEAT MARKET. . . I have recently assumed control of the OLD RELIABLE MEAT MARKET, - - - S. ALSPACH.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Friday, March 23, 1894]

OLD SEVENTY-SIX GROCERY & PROVISION STORE

[Rochester, Indiana]

Old Seventy-Six Grocery & Provision Store first door south of Holmes & Miller's new building. Fredrick Sturken. Oct. 18, 1864.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Friday, December 2, 1864]

Old Seventy Six Has come to life again. He keeps an Oyster Saloon and other varieties, in fact avery thing the people want for money, from a penny whistle to a German Flute . . . Location opposite the Post Office. Fred Sturken.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 29, 1866]

OLD SHADY QUARTETTE [Rochester, Indiana]

HOME TOWN TALES

By "Pioneer"

OLD SHADY QUARTETTE

How many present day residents of Rochester remember the "Old Shady Quartette," composed of Dr. Frank Hector, Joe Stephenson, Henry Bibler and Nobby True?

Each member being of one political faith, the sole purpose of that organization was to add "high life" to the dry oratory of Republican "spell-binders" during the campaign of the late 80's and early 90's.

To the tune of "Do Dad Dah" they arranged and sang a hundred verses. Each verse contained a rich "raspberry" for every Democrat candidate, from President down to Town Constable. No Democrat in all Fulton county would vouch that the quartette could either sing or radiate the least comedy. If that declaration was made in the presence of a Republican, three fuses would blow immediately - - sometimes there was a fight.

Regardless of political opinion, "The Old Shady Quartette" was rich in melody. No local event was complete without three or more of their numbers on the program.

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All, with the exception of Nobby True, have long since joined the "Invisible Chorus," but the memory of their rich, rare voices, the old songs they sang - - good fellows - - all, still linger with those who have time to remember.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 29, 1935]

OLD TIME DANCE TRIO [Fulton County]

OLD TIME TRIO

The Old Time Trio of this city composed of ALSPACH, LOUGH and ALSPACH will be on the air from the Culver Military Academy station next Wednesday night. The programs of the local trio have received many compliments from radio listeners.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, March 24, 1928]

The trio, composed of ALSPACH BROTHERS of Leiters Ford, and Reed LOUGH, who have delighted listeners on numerous occasions, will broadcast a group of old time melodies tonight at eight o'clock from station WCMA at Culver.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, May 16, 1928]

The Old Time Dance Trio of this city composed of Alspach, Lough and Alspach have signed a contract to broadcast from station WSBT, the South Bend Tribune station on the evening of June 14. The local dance trio have been on the air on several occasions from the station at Culver Military Academy.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, June 8, 1928]

The Old Time Dance Trio of this city, composed of Milton ALSPACH, Reid LOUGH and Aaron ALSPACH, were again on the air Thursday night from South Bend Tribune station. The trio has been asked to return to So Bend on the evening of July 13.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, July 6, 1928]

ON AIR TONIGHT

The Old Time Trio composed of Alspach, Lough and Alspach will be on the air tonight (Friday) from station WSBT of South Bend. The local men will be on the air for 30 minutes, starting at 9 o'clock. During the past few months the Old Tme Trio has appeared on the programs of a number of broadcasting stations in the middle west.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 2, 1930]

STATION WCMA IS ON THE AIR WITH FINE PROGRAMS

Station WCMA at Culver Academy is again on the air. A regular feature on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 3:30 p.m. is the Old Time Trio composed of Alspach, Lough and Alspach of Leiters Ford. Every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock the editor of the Culver Citizen will give a feature to be entitled "The Newspaper of the Air". Interesting bits of news from towns in Fulton, Pulaski, Starke, St. Joseph, Cass, Kosciusko and Marshall counties will be broadcast. WCMA can be gotten at about 5 on the dial.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 5, 1930]

OLIVE BETHEL NEIGHBORHOOD [---?--- Township]

Located NE of Rochester.

OLIVE BRANCH QUARTET [Liberty Township] [?]

My father [Guy Nellans] played the fiddle and sang for many years with the Olive Branch Quartet. This was composed of Clyde Champ, Lawrence Hendrickson, Guy Nellans and Lee Pownall. They usually practiced at our house as my mother [Bertha Nellans] played the piano for them to sing.

OLIVER, HENRY C. [Liberty Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Henry C. Oliver was born on the farm where he now resides December 12, 1841; married December 29, 1868, to Minerva Linsey, at Spring Hill, Kan. She, Mrs. Oliver, was a native of Fayette County, Ohio, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Linsey. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are the parents of four children--James, Orion, Bessie and Frankie. Mr. O. served in the Twenty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the late war, and was in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Liberty Gap and Chickamauga; at the latter place he received a gun-shot wound in the head for which he draws a pension. He had also three brothers in Eighty-seventh Indiana Infantry, one of whom died in the service. This couple are members of the Baptist Church, and Mr. O. is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Oliver's father, Andrew O. Oliver, was born in Washington County, Penn., in 1801, and died May 18, 1881. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Chrystal A. Myers, born in Ohio, February 21, 1809; died January, 1878. By this marriage he had three children, and by the second five. He was an extensive stock dealer and a member of the Baptist Church. He received a hurt from a fall about two years before his death, while visiting in Virginia, that compelled him to use crutches for the rest of his life.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 44]

OLIVER, JAMES A. [Liberty Township]

BIOGRAPHY

James A. Oliver was born in Liberty township, Fulton county, Indiana, March 14, 1859, and he is the third generation of the family to make his home in Fulton county. The father of our subject was David C. Oliver and was born in Madison county, Ohio, January 4, 1833, whence he was brought to Fulton county, Indiana, at the age of four years. He was reared on the pioneer farm in Liberty township and on reaching his majority engaged in farming for himself. He inherited a part of his father's estate and added one hundred and sixty acres to his possessions in Liberty township. This last purchase he later sold, and at the time of his death, which occurred February 24, 1889, he owned the one hundred and eighteen acres that he got from his father. He served three years in the Union army during the Civil war and sustained a gunshot wound in the hip and thigh at the battle of Chickamauga. He was captured and confined in the notorious Libby Prison, but he was fortunate enough to be exchanged after which he returned home. In 1856 he married Lucy Ann Shelton, a native of Hendricks county, Indiana, where she was born on October 31, 1838. She is still living, having reached her eighty-fifth year, and resides on the old farm in Liberty township. She was the daughter of Wilson and Mary (Beaty) Shelton, natives of Virginia. They immigrated to Indiana in a very early day and first settled in Hendricks, coming to Fulton county in 1838. Wilson Shelton became a prosperous farmer and owned several farms near Green Oak. In 1852, he started for California but died in Kansas while enroute. His son Isaac, who was one of the party, continued the journey and remained in California about four years when he disappeared, the supposition being that he was killed by Indians. The children born to Wilson Shelton and his wife were: Thomas H.; Isaac T.; James R.; Lucy; Amanda V., who died at the age of seven years; and two who died in infancy. The paternal grandparents of James A. Oliver were Andrew and Rebecca (Corbett) Oliver, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter was a native of Ohio. They came to Fulton county, Indiana, and settled in Liberty township. From his brother he bought land which he cleared and on which he made his home until his death at the age of eighty years, his wife having died at the age of sixty-seven. Andrew Oliver had a family of seven children: John, Margaret, David C., William, Henry, Elizabeth, and Jane. The first two named were by a marriage prior to that with Rebecca Corbett. James A. Oliver was the oldest of a family of three children, the other two being Mary T., who married Alfred B. Rouch, and John M., who resides in Rochester township. He assisted in the operation of the home farm until he attained his twenty-first year when he rented the farm from his father for the next eight

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years. At that time he bought from his father the farm of ninety-five acres on which he now lives. The land was entirely unimproved when it came into his possession, but by good management and close application to duty, he has made it one of the valuable farm properties of the community, equipped with a fine set of buildings. On January 4, 1888, Mr. Oliver was united in marriage to Amarinda Collins, who was born in Fulton county, September 17, 1868, and is the daughter of William and Eliza Collins, whose record appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver have become the parents of three children: Irvin Roy, who married Anna Leavell and has five daughters, and one boy, Shirley Eileen, Marjorie Ruth, Lola Grace, Helen Maxine, Rachel Jane and Irvin Devon; Vernice Gail, and Alvin V., who married Edith Biggs and has three children: Lucy Vernice, Lowell Andrew and Marcus Claude. James A. Oliver has always voted with the Republican ticket, firmly believing that the principles advocated by that party best conserve the public welfare. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church, and they are among the people of genuine worth in their community.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 253-255, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

OLIVER, JOSHUA C. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Fairview

OLIVER, REECE [Akron, Indiana]

AKRON'S REECE OLIVER WAS 'MAN OF CLOSE CALLS'

By Ann Allen

As the ship entered the Suez Canal from the Red Sea, the young Hoosier hurried ashore to explore the area. Pausing to buy trinkets and to browse native markets, he kept pace with the ship on its 100-mile journey by walking rapidly or arranging horseback rides.

By the time the ship was ready to enter the Mediterranean Sea, his fiancée, who had remained on board, couldn't see him anywhere. Fearing he had been killed by turbaned Arabs or kidnaped by dark-skinned people wearing djellabas, she was on the verge of panic until she saw him in the distance -- riding a camel a full trot in a desperate attempt to catch up.

"That was a close call!" he said nonchalantly as he bounded aboard and handed her a peace offering of goat cheese so fetid she immediately upchucked.

An educator, explorer and adventurer who easily could have served as a role model for Indiana Jones, Akron native Reece Augustus Oliver was a man whose life was one close call after another. He didn't intend to offend his lady.

It was simply that, having traveled alone to "wild country" Philippine villages never before visited by Americans and as much at home in the classroom as he was visiting cannibal tribes, dining on dog stew ("a fine soft food," he wrote to his brother) or hiking uncharted jungles, the future guerrilla leader had become inured to sights and smells others found objectionable.

Born August 1, 1891, the fourth of Marshall and Fay Rebecca Oliver's five children, he learned about adversity early in life when, soon after the family's home was destroyed by fire, Marshall Oliver died. With poverty and hunger their constant companions, an older brother, Cecil, who was forced to drop out of school at 15 to take a job on the railroad to help augment Fay Oliver's rug-making income, was killed when a locomotive exploded.

A second brother, Ira, also quit school to become the family wage-earner but was seriously injured when a train backed into him. The accidents and their brothers' dedicated efforts provided the impetus for Reece Oliver and his brother Kenneth and sister Densie to complete their educations. All three became teachers.

Reece Oliver's transition from basketball-playing student to stern headmaster was rapid-- he graduated from Akron High School in May of 1910 and by September was teaching at Henry township's one-room school at Sugar Grove. For the next few years he variously taught school in the winter, attended Indiana University in the summer and gave vent to his spirit for adventure by

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following the wheat harvest from Manitoba to Oklahoma and working as a fire tender on the Erie-Lackawana Railroad.

When the U.S. government offered young teachers the opportunity to apply for positions in the Philippine Islands, then an American protectorate gained in reparation from Spain after the Spanish-American War, he saw a teaching opportunity that would satisfy his wanderlust. Making the offer even better was the compensation--\$90 per month, outbound and inbound transportation to the States every three years and guaranteed full-time employment plus incentives. Not realizing he would spend 35 years in the archipelago still partially populated by headhunters and in dire need of schools, he headed for the Far East.

En route, his ship stopped in Yokohama, Japan, and, according to a letter he wrote his mother, he planned to see Tokyo and Kyoto before making his way around the peninsula to Nagasaki so he could rejoin his ship when it docked. He estimated that by riding the narrow gauge trains, hiking, taking horse-drawn carriages and a Japanese version of rickshaws, he could make the trip in three days. "That adventurism was typical," says his son Jim.

"He didn't know the transportation modes available, nor the condition of the roads and railroads; he just knew what he was going to do. He was a stranger in a strange land who didn't even know where he was going to sleep at night. He just knew he'd figure out a way."

Over the next 28 years, armed with a smattering of Spanish, German and the Visayan and Tagalog languages of the Central and Southern Philippines, he advanced from high school principal to school superintendent in four successive provinces and figured out a way to organize 127 schools. It was work he thoroughly enjoyed. "I've been in the business so long I doubt if I could be satisfied teaching my own people," he wrote his brother.

In his spare time, he traveled--mostly by tramp steamer--to Hong Kong, mainland China, Macao, Manchuria and Singapore. On one trip, he bargained to shovel coal in the boiler room of a rusty ship in order to get back to his teaching job. The only Occidental among Chinese coolies blackened by months of exposure to coal dust, he had to admit it was very hot, hard work.

But the man who remained fearless, even when wanted "dead or alive," had a weakness. "I was a Jonah's Whale all the way," he told his brother, using his favorite euphemism for seasickness, an affliction he never conquered.

On land and with camera in hand, he traversed much of the Philippines, stopping to visit the Igorot tribe in Bontoc Province. "They're cannibalistic," he reported, "but only against enemy tribes." He hied the dangerous Benquet Road, "just for the experience" and watched dogs being beaten to death, then eaten.

"He used to hike the interior of Luzon, from one headhunters' tribal territory to another," Jim Oliver recalls. "Why someone didn't kill him for making friends with everybody, including enemy tribes, I don't know."

Also a commissioned officer with the U.S. Army, he organized 128 companies (about 1,200 men) of young trained military cadets in a period between 1918 and 1933 that provided future soldiers for the Philippine Constabulary, the genesis of today's Philippine army. By 1920, he was able to write to his brother, "We find that military drill is very beneficial to students, particularly when the Army calisthenics are given! The boys like to parade."

While working in Iloilo, he met Flora Carbonell, an educator who had been appointed Supervisor of Normal Schools in southern Mindanao, one of the two largest of the Philippines' 7,100 islands. The U.S. educator was fascinated by the young woman of Filipino-Spanish descent, but the contrast between them was vivid.

He had no roots except for family ties in Indiana; her philosophy was to be grounded with an established home in a nice area, various investments, including a second home in Davao City and a small plantation in rural Mindanao.

Refined in the Old World manner, she loved opera and symphonic music. Jungle-smart and resourceful, he possessed a streak of adventure that would strike fear in most men. But they shared many similar qualities, mostly in regard to education, and a romance blossomed.

They traveled together to the States in 1933, he for further study at Indiana University, she to obtain a master's degree in English at the University of Chicago. By the time they returned

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to the Philippines, they had circumnavigated the globe, visiting Singapore, Penang, Colombo, India, Egypt, Italy, Switzerland, Germany and many of the Pacific islands.

In spite of the Suez Canal adventure, they married in 1934 and settled into Davao City. Their first son, Robert, was born in 1935, followed by James in 1937, Fe Rebecca in 1939 and Winston in 1941.

On December 7, 1941, less than four months after Winston's birth, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, and, seven hours later, invaded the Philippines. Reece Oliver, off in the hinterlands establishing schools when Davao City was occupied, returned ten days later but was unable to enter the city.

Not knowing if his family was dead or alive, he returned to the jungle and began a military campaign that for the next several years made his guerilla forces so notorious he was "wanted dead or alive" by the Japanese with a bounty to be paid for his capture.

[Editor's Note: This is the second part of the series about Akron native Reece A. Oliver.]

In the spring of 1942, Reece Oliver organized and commanded the 107th Mindanao guerrilla division, directing a mix of Americans and loyal Filipino resistance fighters.

He was a man on the run. There was a price on his head.

He was ever vigilant for fear the natives would be willing to collaborate with the enemy for a price. None did, and in 1943 he was made deputy chief of staff with a formally organized guerrilla force that grew to the point that Japanese forces were reluctant to enter the area.

Finally, on February 29, 1944, he was able to write to his sister, "I am here safe and sound." It was the first time his Hoosier family had heard from him since the war began.

More than a year later, on May 2, 1945, by then an army major with U.S. forces in southern Mindanao, he led the first U.S. combat unit across the Bankerohan Bridge to liberate Davao City and immediately located his family's home. When they weren't at one house, he went to the other and found no one.

Finally, someone told him his wife and children had fled to the farm.

Although it was located in still-contested territory, he armed himself to his teeth with a Tommy gun and sidearms and, in his typically loner fashion, went in search of them.

He wouldn't know until later that when the bombing began, Flora Oliver, certain he was dead, had been ordered out of the family's home because it was to be used as quarters for senior Japanese officers.

Working in pitch blackness, she and the children selected their most precious belongings--primarily utility clothing--and loaded them onto Bob's red Radio Flyer wagon and walked many miles to their farm in rural Mindanao.

For the next four years, they lived in a crude house that lacked plumbing, screens, beds or mattresses while battling disease, near-starvation, bouts with malaria and incredible close calls. When her breast milk dried up, she baked yams over the coals of an open fire and stirred their cores with warm water to form a gruel that she attempted to feed the infant.

The older boys trapped fish and Bob became adept at setting traps to catch ground birds and lizards that they roasted to augment native bananas, oranges and pummelos.

It was to this house that Reece Oliver eventually made his way, only to find the family had been forced to evacuate to an in-country site known as the Devil's Cauldron. He left a message in chalk across the top of an olive-colored trunk that his wife found when she and the children returned.

After all those years of thinking he was dead, it was a major shock.

When he returned through the tall jungle grass a few days later with heavily armed U.S. soldiers, Flora Oliver was overcome with emotion.

It was the first time she had seen her husband in nearly four years, but there was no time for a tearful reunion.

Reece Oliver quickly hustled his family into a small group and led them out along a jungle trail with their dog Tanny following. A few times the group stopped and everyone crouched in silence because of perceived danger ahead.

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Finally, they came to a vehicle road, where he hailed down an army convoy. A soldier got out of a four-wheel-drive weapons carrier and sat on the hood with a Tommy gun on his lap so the family could be transported to a naval logistics compound, but the convoy commander would not take Tanny.

“The thin, exhausted thing just ran and ran and ran after us,” Jim Oliver recalls. “Becky cried big tears for a long time. We deserted him, our loyal dog who guarded Mama and all four of us kids throughout the War, and he didn’t understand why we did. And I still don’t know why, after these many decades. No one knows what happened to our loyal Tanny.”

When the Eighth army moved to Japan, Reece Oliver served with the occupation forces in Seoul, Korea, to help set elementary school standards, then was reassigned to the Philippines where he served for a few months with the military police in central Luzon, which had become a fertile territory for incipient communist infiltration.

Since his work with the Philippine public school system had ended when the Japanese closed all schools at the beginning of World War II, he retired from the army to begin a third career as branch manager of the Philippine Alien Property Administration for Mindanao and Sulu, which had headquarters in Davao City.

After the alien property in that part of the country was liquidated in 1949, he and his wife decided he would return to Indiana with the three oldest children so they could receive good educations while he worked to secure her entry into the country as a non-quota immigrant.

The four moved to his old home near Akron and, his days as a world-traveler and adventurer ended, he worked to improve the farm until the family was again reunited.

After his wife and youngest son rejoined them, he taught management classes at various military installations. When Flora Oliver returned to the Philippines to conclude family business, he and the children remained in Akron where he assumed the role of Mr. Mom, willing to shuttle his sons to Scout meetings or to recite Kipling, Shelley or Tennyson to them.

And he counseled them. Able to trace his ancestry to Revolutionary War veteran Samuel Lane, who moved to Akron only a few years after the town was settled, he had returned to Akron with four children whose brown skin and slightly oriental looks opened them to racial slurs and made them feel ostracized when a local church prayed the Philippines could be Christianized.

They had prayed daily with their mother during those long years of hiding in the jungle, and they felt neither heathen nor different.

“I did not survive a war to listen to bigots,” Jim Oliver complained to his father after a teacher lectured his class about miscegenation and a supervisor lambasted him for his brown skin.

“The best way to fight public discrimination,” Reece Oliver replied, “is to silently go about improving yourself. Get an education, achieve goals, be certified, garner trophies, then your accomplishments will be so evident that people will be embarrassed to openly discriminate against you.”

His family was again reunited when Reece Oliver retired from Bunker Hill Air Force Base in 1959. In 1961, while working on his family’s farm, he suffered a crippling stroke that led to his death in 1966.

Although he received the Bronze Star, ribbons for his guerrilla and intelligence work and would, were he living, be authorized to wear a host of commemorative medals, Reece Oliver remains a shadow hero who left no memoirs and had no movies made about his life. He simply lived his life one close call at a time.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

By Ann Allen

The article about Reece Oliver would have been impossible to write without the assistance of his son, Jim, who saved the picture post cards his father wrote home, pieced together time lines and contacted his siblings, all Akron High School graduates.

Bob, a former speech therapist now retired from the IRS, lives in Littleton, CO.

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Winston works at General Electric in Fort Wayne as a quality control tester of electric and electronic controls for commercial and military jet engines.

Becky, a former Time magazine staff member, lives in Sacramento, CA, where she is an emergency room trauma specialist.

Their mother, Flora, died in 1986, and is buried in Akron's IOOF cemetery at the side of her husband.

"Mama and Papa sacrificed so much, and against great odds, to give us four kids the chance to achieve a better life than the young one with which we started," Jim Oliver wrote.

The more Jim and I exchanged e-mails, the more convinced I became that the relationship between father and son was not only very special but one in which their lives ran parallel many times.

In spite of his father's advice not to work on the railroad, Jim earned money for college the same way his father had and graduated with a commission as an Air Force officer.

By the time he retired as a lieutenant colonel, he had, among other assignments, spent a year in clandestine operations in Vietnam, where the Viet Cong put a \$50,000 price on his head and he earned the Bronze Star. He then spent seven years as a logistics engineer for Martin Marietta Aerospace, before starting his third career as a freelance writer.

He and his wife, Louise, live in Denver where they are currently working on books about his childhood during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, his year-long special operations assignment in Vietnam and "The Best of the Jeb and Maizie Gazette," a selection of essays written for a retirement community's newsletter. In their spare time, they have visited Australia, Hong Kong, China, Alaska, Portugal, Spain, South America, Egypt and Japan, often without realizing they were tracing routes Reece Oliver followed years earlier.

But, while their travel plans for 2000 include trips to Holland, the Danube River, Berlin, the World's Fair in Hanover, Germany, and the Antarctic, they don't include the Philippines.

"My wife and I planned to visit Davao in 1993 as a 'sentimental journey,' " Jim says, "but we decided against it when I learned that a local 'hobby' is to kidnap American or Chinese businessmen and hold them for ransom"

The headhunters of his father's early days are gone, but they've been replaced by Muslims from the south, specifically from Celebes to the Zamboanga peninsula of Mindanao, who have killed more than 65,000 people over the past 25 years. In spite of a peace agreement signed five years ago, he says reports persist of roving bands of rebels.

Although he says he has never tried to emulate his father, he, too, has noted the similarities. "I have never met another man like him," he says simply.

And, as his father may have said years ago, he adds, "I'm very grateful that my cup runneth over, but I still ponder there's a bigger cup somewhere..."

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 9, 2000 and Wednesday, August 16, 2000]

OLIVER HOTEL [Fulton, Indiana]

RIVALS SOUTH BEND

Ivan Oliver of Fulton has purchased the Fulton hotel and changed its name to "The Oliver."

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 19, 1915]

OLIVER SAWMILL [Liberty Township]

The Oliver Sawmill evidently received that name because it was located on the west side of the Michigan Road across from the Oliver Farm. It apparently was in operation in the late 1880' or early 90's, probably after my great-grandfather's death. My father Alvin Oliver as a lad of

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probably 10 or 12, remembered the sawmill quite well. He usually called it a "band mill" because a band saw was used, which is a flexible, endless steel saw, looped and operated at high speed over wheels.

[James Andrew Oliver Family, Lucy Oliver Kincaide, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2*, Willard]

OLSEN, TED [Rochester, Indiana]

TED OLSEN TO OPEN NEW CLEANING SHOP

Ted Olsen, of this city, who recently resigned from his duties at the Allison Dry Cleaners, will on Wednesday, July 1st, start in this line of business for himself in the building located at 117 East 7th street this city.

Mr. Olsen, who has had years of experience in this field, will do cleaning and pressing of all kinds of garments and clothing for men, women and children.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 29, 1936]

OLYMPIC SPORTS CENTER [Rochester, Indiana]

Located NW corner of 8th & Main . [730 Main].

Previously First National Bank located same room.

OMEGA & OLGA [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] OMEGA & OLGA, The greatest living Clairvoyants, card readers and palmers are now located in our city for one week. - - - Omega & Olga are from the island of Morrocco and were brought to this country twelve years ago and were educated in occult science and Hindoo philosophy. They see what no one else can. Omega & Olga are two of the seven daughters of the seventh daughter born with a double veil. - - - They are giving a special palm reading for TEN CENTS. They will tell you more for ten cents than others do for one dollar. Hours 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Open Sundays. Located 716 Main St.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 17, 1908]

O'NEAL, JACK [Rochester, Indiana]

See Snyder & O'Neal

ONE HORSE GROCERY [Lake Manitou]

WEB HILBOURNE DIED ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Webb HILBOURNE, 49, died at 3:10 o'clock Friday afternoon at his home on the north shore of the lake following an illness that has held him in its grip since last January. Death was caused by a complication of diseases.

Mr. Hilbourne, who was born September 4, 1874 in Rhode Island, was the youngest of a family of 14 children, most of whom have preceded him in death. For 35 years he made his home in Chicago, working as a traveling salesman.

Last August he moved to Rochester purchasing and operating the "One Horse Grocery" where he made his home until his demise. The wife, Mrs. Lillion HILBOURNE, survives.

Brief funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon from the Hoover chapel after which the body will be shipped to Chicago for burial.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 23, 1924]

ONE HORSE GROCERY IS SOLD TO MRS. H. ADAMS

A deal was completed Thursday afternoon whereby Mrs. Helen Goodwin Adams became the owner of the One Horse Grocery on the Barrett cement road one mile east of this city. Mrs. Hilborne the retiring owner will continue to make her residence in the apartments at the rear of the store. Mrs. Adams, who has had considerable experience in the grocery store business, will continue to operate the establishment in the same high class manner as her predecessor.

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[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, October 7, 1927]

ONE HORSE GROCERY SOLD

The One-Horse Grocery, located along the Barrett Road, North Shore drive, was sold today by Albert Goodwin to Ed McIntyre of this city. The new proprietor took immediate possession. Mr. Goodwin is at present employed as linotype operator at the News-Sentinel.

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

GROCERY STORE CLOSED

The One Horse Grocery store located one mile east of this city on the Barrett cement road owned by Mr. and Mrs. Edward McIntyre has been closed for the winter.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 6, 1929]

BUYS ONE HORSE GROCERY

Frank Tippy, local radio repair man, today announced the purchase from John Speed of the One Horse grocery building on Road 14, east of the city. After remodeling the property into a residence and radio shop, Tippy plans to occupy the building.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 8, 1945]

ONION, THE [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

"The Onion," located just across the Lake Erie tracks on East Ninth street, has changed hands, the new owners, Charles Dawson and Eugene Hunter, having already taken possession. The consideration is said to have been \$30 with one month's rent paid. The retiring proprietors, Ab Eytcheson and Warren Reed, have not fully determined on their future course of action.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 7, 1911]

ONSTOTT, IKE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Cronin, Timothy J.

See: Onstott & Onstott

See: Vernon's Grocery

ONSTOTT & CLARY [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

A deal was consummated Saturday whereby James Onstott and E. E. Clary became owners of the livery barn of ex-Auditor R. Lowry.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 3, 1905]

ONSTOTT & ONSTOTT [Rochester, Indiana]

LITTLE LIFTS FOR BUSINESS FIELD

ONSTOTT & ONSTOTT TO OPEN SHOE STORE

One of Rochester's oldest retail shoe merchants, Isaac Onstott, will on Saturday, May 16th, in partnership with his son Harry, re-enter the mercantile field by opening a new and modern shoe store, in the Onstott building, 822 Main street.

The store room has been thoroughly remodeled and redecorated, the interior being finished in ivory and black and the front in silver and black to harmonize with the Wile store front, to the north.

A complete stock of shoes in a wide range of styles will be carried at all times for men, women and children. And a line of accessories, such as sandals, slippers, rubbers, galoshes, boots, etc., will also be stocked.

Or

The senior member of the firm has had over 40 years experience in the shoe business and Harry Onstott was engaged as a shoe salesman for the firm of Holman & Onstott for several years. An advertisement announcing the opening appears elsewhere in this issue of The News-Sentinel.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 14, 1936]

ONSTOTT SHOE STORE IS SOLD TO P. O. CORNELL

Announcement was made today that P. O. Cornell had purchased the shoe store at 822 Main Street of Isaac Onstott and has taken possession of the same and will continue the store in operation.

Mr. Cornell will be assisted in the operation of the store by his son William Cornell. The purchaser and his son have both been in business in Rochester previously. At one time they operated a grocery and meat market here.

The name of the business firm will be changed from the Onstott Show Store to that of the Cornell Shoe Store.

Isaac Onstott, who has been one of Rochester's pioneer business men stated today he has no immediate plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 3, 1937]

OPEN DOOR MISSION [Rochester, Indiana]

See Churches - Open Door Mission

OPERA HALL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located in Dawson & Cooper's building in the Centennial Block.

See Centennial Block.

The first annual commencement of the Rochester high school took place at Opera Hall, last Friday evening. . . The quartettes by Misses Minnie Brackett, Carrie Shryock, and Messrs. T. M. Bitters and Geo. Edwards were well rendered and loudly applauded. The duette by Mrs. J. C. Spohn and Miss Dora Robbins, was grand and showed high musical culture. . . Misses Mary Mercer and Laura Copeland's duette, was heartily cheered. . .

We mention the name of each member of the class . . .

Edwin Colfax Mercer, who is a young gentleman of about 16 years of age, was born and raised in Fulton county. . . Ed. is the youngest of the class. . .

John Conant Keith was unavoidably absent. . . He is about 16 years of age, and is also a native of Fulton county. . . He is the son of Judge Keith. . .

Hugh Brown has lived here some ten years, is 19 years old. . .

John Brown Davidson is the son of the late Hon. Stephen Davidson, is 20 years old and lives about two miles east of Rochester . . .

Orbra F. Montgomery was born about 20 yeas ago on the sand hill overlooking the city, and where he yet lives. He is the superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school. . . He has, until within a few years past, worked hard for his parents on the farm. . .

Frank D. Haimbaugh. . . is from the country and is about 22 years of age. . .

[Rochester *Independent*, Wednesday, June 5, 1878]

The first "Commencement Exercises" of any importance ever given before a Rochester audience was witnessed by nearly four hundred people at the Opera Hall on Friday night of last week. . .

[names mentioned]: Rev. F. M. Rule, Misses Minnie Brackett, Carrie Shryock and Messrs. Edwards and Bitters, Colfax Mercer, John Brown Davidson, Mary Mercer, Laurie Copeland, O. F. Montgomery, John Conant Keith, Prof. Williams, Geo. Edwards, Frank D. Haimbaugh, Hugh Brown, Mrs. J. C. Spohn, Dora Robbins, Rev. A. B. Charpie. . .

Or

In presenting the first diplomas to graduates of the Rochester High School, Prof. Williams made a brief but appropriate speech. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 8, 1878]

OPERA HOUSE [Kewanna, Indiana]

Located in the Toner Block.

OPPENHEIMER, ALBERT

See: Hotels - Arlington

ORA, INDIANA [Starke County]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Frank Bates of Ora has sold his stock of general merchandise and resigned as trustee of North Bend township. Frank accepted a position as traveling agent.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Thursday, June 6, 1907]

ORCHARD DEVELOPING CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Spohn Orchard

ORIENTAL GARDENS [Bruce Lake, Indiana]

NEW DANCING PAVILLION

The new dancing pavillion now under construction at Showley Park, Lake Bruce, will be known as "Oriental Inn." It will be completed within the next three weeks. Scott E. Price of Logansport are the contractors putting in the Terrazzo dancing floor. The floor is now in but now [sic] than two weeks will be required to polish it down to a mirror-like surface. In size, splendor and modern conveniences the new pavillion will equal if not surpass many open air pavillions in the state. A Chicago orchestra will furnish music for the opening June 11th and 12th.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 11, 1927]

[Adv] DANCING - ORIENTAL GARDENS - Showley Park, Lake Bruce. Returning by popular request Freddy Shaffer and His All-Girl Orchestra. 14 Radio and Stage Artists. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, Matinee and Night, July 11-12-14

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 10, 1940]

Before WW2, Charles Showley owned the building and featured name bands. He also had the biggest toboggan in the state.

After WW2, it was used as a trailer court of 70 mobile homes, owned by Richard Moore, and includes an amusement center, and outdoor church services in the summer.

ORIOLE SALOON [Rochester, Indiana]

See Centennial Block.

[Adv] Oriole Saloon, Centennial Block, John F. Wool, Prop. - - - -

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 20, 1877]

ORMSBY, BILL [Yellow Creek Lake]

ORMSBY'S LIFE READS LIKE FICTION

By Ann Allen

Sentinel Correspondent

Or

If Bill Ormsby's life sounds more like fiction than fact, it's strictly coincidental.

"I don't even think like fiction," he said.

A retired writer who once spent 12 years living and writing in a rusty van outfitted with a file cabinet, desk and stove while he crisscrossed the country in pursuit of material for hard-hitting detective magazines and tabloids, he's owned a weekly newspaper, been arrested for pursuing what he felt was the public's right to know, cooked on off-shore oil rigs, gone to sea on merchant ships and "bummed around Mexico and Guatemala."

These days, as he nears his 74th birthday, Ormsby finds himself content to stay in his Yellow Creek Lake cottage where he keeps busy remodeling, fishing, gardening, painting and learning the intricacies of using a computer while he writes a book.

As a reporter, Ormsby covered the news. But he became news after he attempted to enter a school board's executive session and police were called when he refused to leave.

"Three new members had been elected but they hadn't taken office yet," Ormsby said. "The board called an executive session and asked those three to sit in. I figured if they were allowed to attend, I'd go too. They said I couldn't.

"It took them an hour to decide to have me arrested. I was a friend of the sheriff and when he came, he leaned over and said, 'Come on, Bill, lets go.' That's all there was to it." But the angle of an area newspaper's picture made it appear Ormsby had been evicted bodily and the story was 00picked up by The Associated Press and United Press International.

His charge, 'trespassing public property,' marked the first time a reporter had been arrested for refusing to leave a school board meeting.

Response was immediate. A news organization in Washington offered to put up the money for his defense. Reporters from newspapers all over the country called for information.

He was represented by counsel from the Hoosier Press Association, but by the time he eventually sold his weekly paper, the case still hadn't been tried and charges were dropped. "I don't know yet if it was legal," Ormsby said. "I had a lot of controversial stuff while I had my paper but I was never sued. The best defense for libel is truth."

Ormsby was a high school drop-out completing a military tour of duty when the sale of an article to a trade journal for \$10 convinced him his future lay in journalism. After his discharge, he used a copy of the article to help wangle a job on a newspaper in his native Kansas.

His first assignment, covering a local football game in a drenching rain, left him soaked to the skin until he decided to write the story at home while listening to the play-by-play coverage on the radio. His infuriated editor fired him. "He said I'd never make it as a writer," Ormsby said.

That was all the incentive the 23-year-old needed. "I decided I'd show him," he said.

He completed high school, then entered Butler University on the GI Bill. "I took all the journalism classes I could," he said.

Eventually, he decided to start a newspaper of his own - the Gas City Reporter - in spite of the town's already well-established weekly. A few years after the Reporter was sold, it was merged with the other paper to become the Journal-Reporter.

In 1975, Ormsby took to the road in his trusty van/office after his marriage ended and the paper was sold. "I drove from Maine to California and Florida and all places in between," he said. "I wintered in Mexico, California and Arizona."

When, after years spent at a typewriter, he decided he'd rather go to sea than write, he turned to cooking and working on oil rigs, tug boats and supply boats out of New Orleans and Morgan City, taking breaks in Mexico and Guatemala.

"It got to where I didn't appreciate it any more," he said. "I came to Yellow Creek in 1987 to spend the winter. I just stayed." Of his book, Ormsby simply says, "It's the story of my life. I'm writing it mostly for my kids." But, he said, the book will be strictly factual. "I can't think 'what if.' I only think 'what is.'"

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 8, 1997]

ORPHANS, CHILDREN OF FRANCE [Rochester, Indiana]

Or

See Homeless Babies From Boston

SUPPORT FOR 16 FRENCH ORPHANS

The Fatherless Children of France, an American organization, has asked Rochester to support 16 or more French orphans, for a year, at the rate of 10 cents a day. Fort Wayne headquarters has placed A. L. Deniston in charge of the work here. The quota is one child to each 250 persons in the community.

It is the purpose of the society to have 200,000 war orphans adopted in the United States, by December 25th, as a Christmas present to France. Lodges, churches and church societies, factories and individuals will be asked to contribute the \$36.50, the money to be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or for the year.

The work, however, is largely that of children for children, and it is urged that wherever possible, pledges or contributions be made thru a child, or in the name of a child. Where responsibility to meet the pledge can be placed with children, it should be done, certain grades or certain Sunday school classes forming teams to reach the desired amount. As soon as this is raised, the name of the French child or children will be forwarded, together with certificates for each orphan and badges for all who aid in raising the funds.

Steps will be taken at once to reach the city's quota, it being felt that more than 16 should be supported here. At least one Rochester organization of women has already acted.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, December 2, 1918]

TRI KAPPAS TO AID ORPHANS

Rochester chapter, Tri Kappa, will take charge of the campaign to secure backers for 16 or more French orphans, according to plans made at a meeting held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Dean L. Barnhart.

A. L. Deniston, local representative of the organization, explained the matter so the young women, who then not only voted to make the effort, but decided to take one child themselves. The cost is \$36.50 per year, which may be paid monthly, or less frequently. Individuals will first be seen by the sorority girls and if necessary, organizations will then be approached.

Mr. Deniston and Mayor Miller have already signified their willingness to become subscribers. Any others who desire to volunteer may get information as to procedure at the SENTINEL office.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, December 5, 1918]

EIGHTEEN ORPHANS NOW HAVE BACKERS

Eighteen fatherless children of France are assured of support by Rochester people, according to reports made Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Tri Kappas, who have done the soliciting in the campaign. It is thot that the number will be even larger. The city quota was only 16.

Orphans will be aided in the name of the following: Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bowen, Mary Jane Alspach, Wm. H. Deniston, Ayrton Howard, Holman, Bernetha & Bryant, Charles Davis and J. E. Beyer, Carolyn Barr, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Browne, John Gordon Martin, Jr., Val Zimmerman, Moore Bros., Omar B. Smith, Dr. H. O. Shafer, Mayor H. G. Miller, A. L. Deniston, Tri Kappas, I. M. Wile, Ransom Dull, and M. E. Missionary society. The Van Trump Printing Co., and Charles Emmons were contributors. Any person or organization desiring to adopt a war orphan should see or call A. L. Deniston, who is the city chairman.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 11, 1918]

ORPHEONISTS, THE [Rochester, Indiana]

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Social Hop! There will be a Hop at Wallace's Hall on Wednesday Eve., Jan 9th, 1861. All are respectfully invited to attend. Music by the "Orpheonists." Committee: A. H. McDonald, John Beeber, V. O'Donnell, Jim A. Smith, A. Sheppard, John Elam, Jr., George E. Smith, Wm. Osgood.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 5, 1861]

Attention! The Orpheonists will meet at their Rooms, *Sentinel* Building, this evening, for practice, and the transaction of important business. By order of Jim A. Smith, Leader. March 23d, 1861.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 23, 1861]

Firemen's Dance. The First Annual Ball of the P.H. and L. Company, will take place at Wallace's Hall on Thursday Eve, July 4th, 1861 . . Music by the Orpheonists.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 29, 1861]

Notice. German Ball. Dance to be given at Wallace's Hall, Thursday, Jan. 9, 1862. Dances to include: cotillions, schottishes, and contra dances. Music by the "Orpheonists."

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 4, 1862]

ORR, JOHN N. [Fulton County]

BIOGRAPHY

John N. Orr was born in the same place where he now lives on April 29, 1868. His father was Melville Orr and his mother Nancy (Sears) Orr. His paternal grandparents lived in Ohio and were originally from Ireland. His maternal grandparents were Virginians but came from English and German forbears. Melville Orr came to Miami county in 1862 and six years later removed to Fulton county. He volunteered for service in the Civil war but was rejected on account of defective hearing. He was a general farmer all his life. He died August 8, 1897. His wife died November 29, 1907. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living. His son, John, the subject of this sketch, never married but resides with his two sisters on the old farm. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and was Master of Lodge for a term of two years.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, p. 255, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

ORR, JOSHUA N. [Rochester, Indiana]

JOSHUA N. ORR (Biography)

Joshua N. ORR was born in Fulton county, April 6, 1853. He resided on a farm until 1890 when he moved to Rochester and became assistant editor of the *Sentinel*. When the legislature of 1891 created the office of county Assessor, the county commissioners, by a unanimous voice called him to fill that position. At the general election of 1892 the people indorsed his work by giving him the largest majority received by any candidate on the ticket, and in the performance of his official duties he has instituted beneficial reforms which affect every county in the state. His term of office will expire in November 1896. December 24, 1880, he was united in marriage with Rose F. CALVERT. They have one daughter, Henriette [ORR], six years old, and own a pleasant home on Fulton avenue.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Friday, September 20, 1895]

ORR, WILLIAM, Sr. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Painting and Decorating, Furniture Refinishing. All workmanship and materials guaranteed. WM. ORR, Senior, Telephone 254-W.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 1, 1929]

ORR & CHAPMAN [Rochester, Indiana]

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[Adv] GENERAL PAINTERS! Graining, Glazing, calcimining, and Paper Hanging done on shortest notice. Ceiling decoration a specialty. ORR & CHAPMAN. Wm. N. Orr, Jr., W. S. Chapman. Parties leaving orders at Dawson's drug store will receive prompt attention.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 16, 1884]

OSAGE VALVE CORPORATION [Rochester, Indiana]

BIDDINGER WANTS CITY TO PURCHASE FACTORY BUILDING

That something good may yet come of the old shoe building now in the hands of William Biddinger, receiver for the Osage Valve Corporation, was indicated by Biddinger at Tuesday evening's meeting of the city council.

Bidding appeared before the council and after explaining that affairs of the defunct corporation are rapidly nearing final settlement, asked that the city council take some steps to dispose of the building, which was ordered sold by the court and has been appraised at approximately \$6,000.

Biddinger's suggestion is that the city purchase the building outright and then dispose of it to some manufacturing concern. He said that he believed this would be a feasible plan as there have already been numerous inquiries from going manufacturing concerns which are seeking new locations.

It was explained by the council, however, that so far as the city is concerned the idea would be practically impossible as the city has not the funds on hands to finance such a venture, but individual members of the council explained that they would be glad to get behind a movement to have the Young Men's Business Association or any representative body in the city to back such an undertaking as suggested by the receiver.

Some time ago a similar proposition was handled in the city in regard to the location here of the Waring Glove factory. The building was purchased and turned over to the Waring people with the understanding that title would be transferred to them if a specified payroll were maintained over a certain period of years.

From all indications it is probable that such a step will be undertaken in the near future, but just who will handle the project is not yet known.

OSBORN, GEORGE E. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From George Osborn)

OSGOOD, OVID P. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

OSGOOD HARNESS SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

Just In. The Mammoth Stock of Saddles, Harness, Collars, Whips &c., at O. P. Osgood's Harness Shop, on Main Street a few doors south of the Mansion House.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 2, 1865]

OSGOOD SAWMILL [Akron, Indiana]

Operated by Gardner Osgood, who brought his family to Akron in 1840. He was the first sawmill operator in Akron. The sawmill was located one-half mile northwest of Akron on the bank of a mill pond.

[Strong & Osgood Families, Velma Bright, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 1*, Willard]

OVERMYER, B. F. [Leiters Ford, Indiana]

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B. F. Overmyer, M.D., one of the prominent physicians and citizens of Fulton county, has resided in this county since the spring of 1882. April 1 of that year he opened an office at Leiters Ford, where he has since conducted an active and remunerative practice in his profession. Dr. Overmyer was born in Lindsey, Sandusky county, Ohio, March 27, 1856. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Eversole) Overmyer. His father, a native of Union county, Pa., was a son of John George Overmyer, who was of German origin. Dr. Overmyer's mother was a native of Virginia. The doctor was reared to farming, but after gaining a common school education, began teaching at the age of nineteen years. For two years he taught school in Michigan and then for three years in Ohio. Meanwhile he took up the study of medicine. March 23, 1882, he graduated from the Starling medical college, of Columbus, Ohio, and immediately located at Leiters Ford. In a short time after locating there he became a partner of his father-in-law, in general merchandising. Five years later his father-in-law died, and for eight years thereafter the doctor conducted the business alone, up to the fall of 1895, when his nephew became a partner in the business. The doctor was married Dec. 28, 1881, to Miss Nellie Storm, daughter of Milton Storm, Esq. He is a firm and active worker in the ranks of the republican party, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the Camp Militant of that order.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, p. 116]

OVERMYER, CHARLES S. [Rochester, Indiana]

BUYS THOMAS STORE

Charles S. Overmyer, Rochester, has purchased the Holmes Thomas New and Used Furniture Store at 500 North Main street from Carlton H. Haskett, appointed trustee of a group of local business men. Mr. Overmyer stated today that he would close the stockout in order to make room for the Topps Manufacturing Company, who will occupy that building and the adjoining one soon.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 25, 1941]

FARM IMPLEMENT STORE HAS BEEN OPENED HERE

Charles Overmer announced today that he has opened a farm implement store at 528 North Main street in what used to be the Darrah Plumbing company building. He has taken the Fulton county agency for the Minneapolis-Moline Co.'s farm machinery. Mr. Overmyer plans to operate a complete parts department in conjunction with his agency.

For a number of years the new implement store owner was a widely known Richland township farmer and recently operated a chick hatchery in Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 25, 1944]

CHARLES S. OVERMYER, MY FATHER, WHO ALSO WAS A WRITER

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

My father was Charles Stephen Overmyer. His friends - and there were many of them knew him as Charley, never as Steve, for he disliked his middle name intensely.

He was of medium height with a lean, muscular build produced by a lifetime of hard work on the farm and elsewhere. Dark, straight hair topped a friendly, easily-smiling face punctuated by a deep dimple in the chin.

In my callow youth I didn't always get along with him, but he never raised a hand to me and for the last 30 years of his life we were the best of friends. He's been dead for over 20 years and a week never goes by that I don't think of him. No subsequent compliment ever has gratified me as much as when he told me during his final years that he was proud of me and that I had been a good son.

Dad was a man of many talents. He had all the skills of a successful farmer, including stamina. Over a lifetime of pursuing material success he, at various times, ran two general stores,

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did factory work long enough to discover he abhorred it, then directed as many as 20 men in the construction of electrical power lines while at the same time operating a chicken hatchery, feed mill and a farm. Later he opened an automobile and farm implement dealership and finally took up the quieter role of realtor. And that gave him the leisure to produce oil landscape paintings of enduring charm, thus reviving a drawing talent he first practiced as a boy.

His partner most of this time was my motlier, born Edyth Kingery in Rochester, to whom he was married 43 years until her untimely death in 1957.

He was devastated by her loss, but a year later was fortunate to be accepted as husband by a gentle widow, Vivian Wagoner Trout. She endowed his life with such love and grace that he lived enthusiastically for another 21 years, dying in his 85th year on September 16, 1978. It is our good fortune that Vivian is with us yet today.

Of my father's life, of his successes and of his troubles I knew little until he decided near the end of his life, and quite on his own, to record the story. This he did for many days, sitting in the window of his realtor's office on East Eighth Street just west of The Sentinel office and filling 12 single-spaced typewritten pages with vivid recollections. This man, among his other endowments, was an articulate and sensitive writer, which is another reason for me to be grateful to him.

Dad's recollections are a fascinating glimpse into how life two generations past was lived by a boy off the farm who was ever striving to improve his fortunes. Today and the next two weeks I offer excerpts from his memoirs with my own comments placing them into context, sometimes but not always in parentheses.

He begins, as one might expect, at the beginning:

"I was born on December 16, 1893, one mile south of my grandfather's old homestead in Richland Township, Fulton County, Indiana The house sets up on a small hill with the barn and other buildings at the bottom of it and barnyards bordering onto low pasture land." His grandfather was Levi Overmyer, who emigrated in 1855 from Ohio to Richland Township north of the Tippecanoe River. The homestead was at the corner of today's Roads 700N and 325W. The house south of there where Dad was born is unoccupied today.

"I was the last born of a family of five children (four boys and a girl) and was the runt of the family. My mother often told me that the reason that I was so frail and puny was because I had the whooping cough when I was two months old and they gave me such strong medicine it ruined my stomach and also my teeth.

Dad was about 10 years old when he moved with father Frank and mother Inez to the Overmyer homestead, along with sister Grace and brothers Anson, Vern and Lloyd. The homestead farm "had been a showplace in its time with a wood picket fence in the front yard and a two-story, eight-room house with two large porches in the front and a large red barn with fancy shuttered cupolas on the roof." (The house burned in 1925 and was replaced with a smaller structure.)

My father had an abiding dislike of alcohol. He never tasted it nor did we ever have it in the house for medicinal or any other reason. He was not prone to lecture me or my sister, June, against its use so I often wondered about the origin of his abstinence. His memoir explains:

"My father, as I know now, was the ambitious one of his family and had bought a woods north of where we lived, and to pay for it he cleared it off and cut firewood which he hauled all the way to Rochester in the fall and sold it by the cord. This was a long and cold trip, so I guess the only heat he could get to warm him up on his trip home was whiskey, and sometimes when he got home he was just TOO warm, and this mother did not go for a minute.

She just hated alcohol of any kind. I have no recollection of this one incident but I think Lloyd told me that he (Dad) came home one night pretty quarrelsome and mother took the buggy whip to him. I remember that something happened and they didn't speak for weeks. This worried me more than it should have a normal child."

The worry sometimes had to do with his father's condition upon returning from frequent visits to Rochester. "I had a chore of filling the woodbox every evening before night and I got the

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silly idea that if I did it too soon or too late when he was expected home from town, he would be in bad shape, but if I would wait until the sun was just the same place in the west, he would be in a good mood. So, I would sit and look out of the west window until my sun was at that right place and then I would go fill up the woodbox.

Mother knew that I would wait until a certain time but never why."

Children, to be sure, often find contentment in the illogical.

Dad's mother was his love and refuge, as he reveals in another recollection. "I remember she was very sick and I was certain she was going to die. The world stood still for me and then she was converted on her sickbed. This was the work of a God who is always with us and was not by any influence of man I still can remember her saying she was going to get well and that she was going to be a better woman and go to church if possible, which she did every chance she had until her death. I often thought that if there is a heaven my mother will surely be there. I think I loved her more because of her and dad quarreling so much and I thought that she was all I had. I suppose that I did care for my dad when he wasn't mean, but mostly I feared him." (As an adult and after his mother's death, Dad created an amicable relationship with his father. He purchased from him the family farm, enabling his father to buy a house and move into Rochester for his final years.)

It wasn't long before Dad began to visit Rochester himself and there he met the woman who would be my mother. That story's next.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 17, 1999]

GOING COURTING WITH BILL, THEN MARRIAGE AND WORK

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

My father, the late Charles S. Overmyer, found that being the youngest of four boys in Richland Township farm family could be benneficial. As his memoirs reveal, "having three older brothers to do the farm work let me off the hook and I was mostly a chore boy."

When his father, Frank, "started feeling his prosperity (about 1912) he got the automobile fever and those pals of his in Rochester sold him a brand new E.M.F. automobile. This was made by Studebaker. Dad, of course, was afraid to learn to drive so I was elected to be the chauffeur This is the reason I had the opportunity to meet Edyth." (My mother, Edyth Kingery.)

Dad would take his father to town each Saturday and wait until he was ready to go home. "So I got to do a lot of girl watching. Edyth lived on Madison Street (623) near the firehouse, so I would see her and Bernice Bussert later Mrs. Harry Louderback) go home from uptown. During the (1913) Peru-Rochester celebration of Rochester's help to Peru during their flood, Aubra Emmons (father of Mrs. Jean Brown) and I got dates with Edyth and Bernice. I found out that Edyth was engaged to a Kewanna boy by the name of Clifford Spangler but he had gone out to Iowa and gotten a job with some of his relatives. He was going to get rich and send for her, I guess. This took several months to convince her that I was here and he was there."

(His entreaties finally were accepted, as you already have guessed. They were married October 31, 1914. My mother's parents were Percy and Minnie Hawkins. Her father, blacksmith Hiram Kingery, died in 1904 when she was eight years old.)

To go courting Dad's father gave him Bill, "the quiet, intelligent old driving horse" and a rubber-tired buggy. And so the pattern became that Dad would drive his father to Rochester Saturdays, make a date with Edyth for Saturday nights, return home, hitch up Bill and return to town. "Gee, that was a long drive back (10 miles) after driving a car to and fro, but he would never have let me drive that car alone. I wouldn't have had any money to buy gas with anyway, as if I had 50 cents I was lucky."

Buggy horses like Bill must have been a treasure to have. "This old Bill driving horse was a smart old fellow. He was a light bay and he could really travel. He had a large intelligent head and was very quiet and docile. He would take a nice easy trot after night and when he was

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headed home and driverless. as he was most of the time. he would end up in the barnyard where his sleeping driver would wake up.

“One night on the (Tippecanoe) river bridge north of town (on old U.S. 31) he met another rig and must not have given him quite enough room. There was a clash of wheel hubs. I awoke with a start but we continued on our way.

“Another time I had him tied in front of Edyth's on Madison Street. When I went to get him, no horse or buggy. I had no idea where to find him. I notified the night police and prepared to stay until daylight.

Bernice Bussert's dad had a livery stable just east of the Louderback Garage (then at the Collection Connection site, 527 Main Street). An old man by the name of Crist was his night man. They always kept a man all night as people would come and go all night long. Old man Crist said afterwards that he saw this horse come up to the barn door with no driver so he just took him in and put him up. He knew the horse as I had put him up there several times. So Crist came over to the Hawkins house in the morning and told me where Bill was. Was I relieved!"

By now "things were getting more serious with Edyth and me, so I must have started thinking that I had better know how to make a livelihood."

Thus began Dad's journey into the adult world. First came a trip far north to Detroit to follow up a tip about a factory job. "That was quite a trip for a green country boy by himself," Dad recalls.

And so it turned out to be'.

"I can remember getting into Detroit after night, pretty badly scared. I remember going into a large rest room under the street and going to the rest room, but I got into the ladies' (room) and an old Negro cleaning woman chased me out. I finally found the place where I was to stay but I don't remember going to the factory at all. I do know that I was on the first train home and that was enough city for me."

Next came a summer season as a silent partner with eldest brother Anson in a general store at Maxinkuckee, a crossroads settlement on the east shore of that Culver lake. He drove a delivery wagon pulled by a dapple gray horse, delivering orders to cottages on the lake and driving four miles north to the train station at Hibbard to bring freight back to the store.

There was no future in that arrangement, he decided, so he turned to another brother. Vern was operating the general store at Richland Center, on the northwest corner of another crossroads where there also were church and school. Dad bought him out and decided this was good enough to get married, since he and Edyth would have the store to live from.

And so in the autumn of 1914 it was done, both store and marriage, but only half of the arrangement proved successful. Dad started the county's first mobile huckster wagon with a two-cylinder Groboski truck "with solid rubber tires that whenever they got on a wet bit of grass or barnyard, there you would sit and spin." The combustion-engine motor soon doomed his Center store experience. His customer base dried up; people began driving their new autos to Rochester for groceries.

Dad sold out and with Mother moved to the west side of South Bend, where he took a job as grinder at the Oliver farm implement factory.

Grinding corn plow axles all day was just "as if they had put me in prison, the only difference was that I was allowed to go home to eat and sleep."

He lasted only a month.

Rochester beckoned and there the young Overmyers settled for the rest of their lives, except for two short returns to the family homestead. In Rochester Charley would raise his family and, in time, find his business success.

More of that next week, as I conclude this review of Dad's memoirs, a story redolent of an age now long gone.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 24, 1999]

OPPORTUNITIES SEEN FROM ATOP A LIGHT POLE

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Having failed at operating the Richland Center general store and then escaping the drudgery of a South Bend factory, my late father Charles S. Overmyer decided in 1916 that Rochester best could supply the means to support his new wife and oncoming children.

The memoirs he left behind, under discussion here today for a third and final week, reveal that his search for a means satisfactory to his psyche as well as to his pocketbook was not to be an easy one.

He first concluded that painting girders at the Rochester Bridge Company factory, on the city's north edge, was unsatisfactory; "not much future in this." Nor was keeping books for Florian Dovichi's wholesale fruit business at 721 Main Street, site of today's Main Street tavern. Working indoors at Dovichi's affected his heart because "I got all the stale air from the store along with the odors from the fruit stored below." Dr. Howard Shafer ordered him into fresh-air work.

Writes my dad Charley, rather ruefully: "I think (in-laws) Minnie and Percy began to think that Edyth hadn't got such a steady husband but they never let on to me. Edyth used to say that Minnie would give her the devil about things I would do but she was always nice to me."

That should have a familiar ring to many husbands: it does to me.

The Overmyers, now a threesome with daughter June's birth in 1916, got into fresh air by moving to the Richland Township homestead. He rented the place from his father, who was having a hard time farming it with his four sons gone. To start out, Charley had only his last week's pay from Dovichi, "the great sum of \$12," he recalls. The first year was a hard scrabble and he writes that "we would have had pretty slim eating if it hadn't been for Percy and Minnie who would come out over the weekend and always bring some meat and groceries." Dad persevered for a few years, built up the wornout soil and finally was farming all 160 acres with two three-horse teams, two riding plows and a hired man. But then, "Just when I felt like I was accomplishing something," an abdominal injury forced him to leave the fields.

The family came back to Rochester, where in 1924 son Jack arrived. Dad first drove a pickup route for cousin Cliff Overmyer's poultry business. But then he discovered electricity, an occupation that would possess him for 16 years. He was hired by the Northern Indiana Power Company (now Cinergy) that had bought out the Rochester electrical utility, was expanding service to outlying towns and needed workers. He began as a truck driver for construction gangs, learned to climb poles, do line work and after four years became line foreman.

Dad always was proud of his accomplishments as foreman, as well he should have been. He was line boss for 12 years, sometimes directing 20 workers, and never had one of his men injured, or "burnt," as he terms it. He built the lines into Tosa, Talma, Lucerne, Tippecanoe, and Bourbon. Many were the nights that I was awakened by a telephone call summoning him to direct storm damage repair.

My father was an ambitious man like his father and decided that he should have "something working for me on the side." So about 1933 he started a chicken hatchery in a former cigar factory next to our house at 212 East Sixth Street. "I worked in the hatchery in the evening and Edyth took care of it during the day." Soon afterward he put in a feed mill in the barn at the end of East Sixth Street, on land now occupied by Gaerte Engines.

In 1935 his mother died and his father no longer was able to manage the family homestead, so Dad bought it, assuming the mortgage as well as making additional monthly payments to his father. Obviously, Dad had been managing his foreman's wages of \$180 per month quite well; he now owned a chicken hatchery, feed mill and 160-acre farm.

However, Northern Indiana Power officials were not happy with his outside interests. "They claimed that with my hatchery and feed mill I was competition to their customers." Dad always believed that the company wanted to sever him before his 20-year pension kicked in. His memoirs detail various job harassments that continued for so long that "they finally made me mad enough and I quit, and they were satisfied."

For practical purposes, that ended my father's employment by others and he became a much happier man for it. Our family made one more stab at living on the homestead, but there he developed a debilitating case of undulant fever and we came back to town. The disease is transmitted by infected farm animals and was little understood at the time. Dr. Dan Urschel of

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Mentone pioneered in its treatment and in time Dad became one of the first to be cured by Urschel's procedure.

Illness or injury never kept Dad idle for long, only in 1945 when his car and a milk truck collided on a county road and he was bedfast eight weeks recovering. During World War II, he put his electrician's talents to work at the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant near LaPorte. He also sold the East Sixth Street house, hatchery and feed mill to a Royal enter buyer. "I went to his home," writes Dad, "and he went upstairs and brought me down \$7,000 in currency in a paper sack. He had been taking it out of his hatchery receipts the past years to avoid paying tax on it."

Dad never missed a chance to exercise his inborn trading instincts. In 1940 he traded the farm for cash and a general store in Wheatfield, Indiana. That he later exchanged for a three-apartment building in Indianapolis, which in another trade brought him the house at 1017 Main Street. The family lived there until 1951 when they moved to their new farm on Road 500E, where my Mother died in 1957.

Dad's entrepreneurial spirit was not subdued by his undulant fever treatments. He began a Minneapolis-Moline farm implement dealership, later combining it with Packard auto. The building he erected for it on State Road 14 across from the airport is now occupied by Fulton County Tire.

Dad's memoirs do not discuss his 20 years as a realtor beginning in 1958, years of pleasure for him. There was pleasure in his new marriage, in his grandchildren and stepgrandchildren, in his Grace Methodist church work, in renewing old friendships and making new ones while dealing in real estate.

My father always was a bit of a maverick; independence was his game and he practiced it determinedly. As a realtor, for example, if he felt a young couple to whom he had sold a house were short on money, he charged no commission.

That was a typical act of my Dad, who also never criticized me or gloated over my frequent foolish mistakes. His daughter-in-law, my wife Howdy, says that Pop, as she called him, "was the kindest, gentlest and most likable man I ever met." (I assume that she meant, except for me.)

The memoirs he has left are a magnificent heirloom that my family should cherish unto its latest generation. Perhaps his recollections have enabled you to appreciate him, as we did, and have enlightened your understanding of life in a past generation.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 31, 1999]

OVERMYER, DAN [Fulton County]

UNCLE DAN HAS FOUND ONE

Uncle Dan Overmyer, the rich wife hunter, was at the State Fair last week according to previous announcement and there met the apple of his eye and will probably marry her. She is Miss Mildred C. Smith, of Noblesville, aged 36 years and a good looker and unmarried.

They attended the state fair together one day, and each seemed well pleased with the other, so much so that a marriage is most likely to soon result. Mr. Overmyer, when he left home last week had already received 264 letters from women, but 50 of them he has not had a chance to read. One day last week he went to the postoffice at Monterey and received 49 love letters and one business letter, and when he went to the postoffice again to mail one the postmaster gave him another one, which had come in on the fast mail. Mr. Overmyer, when his duties on the farm permit, travels around and makes a personal inspection of his correspondents, but upon meeting Miss Smith, of Noblesville, suspended all further work on the matter. He met a good looking lady residing at Angola, with whom he was well pleased, but on account of an injured wrist, rendering her incapable to milk the cows with both hands, she could not pass muster and he passed her up.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 22, 1903]

IS NEW WIFE GONE?

Married four days and separated?

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This is the all absorbing question concerning Uncle Dan Overmyer and his bride whom he found by newspaper advertising. His neighbors report that she came home with Uncle Dan on Monday of last week, and left on Thursday, taking away all she brought with her.

Whether true or not the story in circulating is good stuff for the gossips. They have it that after all Uncle Dan's advertising and his hundreds of letters from women willing to consider him, matrimonially, he married a Miss Smith, of Noblesville, who is a stenographer and had a good position in a law office. He brought her to his big farm home, introduced her to his cows, showed her the interesting mechanism of his patent churn, gave her a bird's eye view of the garden spot she would cultivate next summer, directed her the shortest cut for carrying the skimmed milk to the pigs, and pointed out the wood house where she could find kindling for starting of early morning fires. All this was interesting but not inviting.

And to add to the discouragement she heard a whisper that Uncle Dan had fixed his 320 odd acres so it was his, his life time only, and then went to his children.

All of these gloomy prospects unsettled the happiness of the vivacious and romantic typewriter and she longed for her happy home and the click of her machine rather than the jabber of her "by goshen" husband.

And so on Thursday Uncle Dan and she went to Winamac and she there took a Panhandle flyer for Noblesville.

If all this is true it only adds crimson to the firey red romance of Mr. Overmyer's experience in wife hunting by advertising in the newspapers, top of columns, next to reading matter, for a wife. He received over three hundred letters and it is said that eighty of them were never opened and read because the old gentleman had not the time to spare to look through his enormous mail and see what they all said.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 13, 1903]

OVERMYER, JACK K. [Rochester, Indiana]

Owner, former editor, The News-Sentinel (name changed to The Rochester Sentinel)

Writer of "Considered Comment," weekly feature, The Rochester Sentinel

Author: A Stupendous Effort, Indiana University Press, 1997

Author: Considered Comment, Reflections of a Hoosier Editor, The Rochester Sentinel,

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OVERMYER REPLACES COPELAND AT SENTINEL

Arthur Copeland, for many years associated with Rochester newspapers, is no longer a member of the staff of this newspaper.

Jack Overmyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overmyer, took Mr. Copeland's place today. Jack has been working part-time on The News-Sentinel for several months.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 31, 1941]

JACK OVERMYER'S SPORT COMMENT "MAKES" ESQUIRE

The News-Sentinel's city and sports editor, Jack Overmyer, comes in for some nationwide publicity with the March edition of The Esquire furnishing the "modus operandi."

The Esquire conducted a poll on various current sports problems with forms being sent to numerous newspapers throughout the United States. The "question" answered by The News-Sentinel representative asks "Do you believe that major leagues should automatically make a veteran ball player a free agent after he has served ten years on one club?"

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Jack's answer was: "After ten years of faithful and conscientious service to one club, it seems no more than right that a player should have the right to place himself in a more secure position, knowing that his playing value to his present club will decline considerably after the ten-year mark."

The Sports poll appeared on pages 89 and 181 of the March issue of Esquire.
[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 18, 1942]

NEW CITY EDITOR WILL BE RUSSEL R. PARKER

Russel R. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel H. Parker, this city, will Monday take over the duties of city editor of The News-Sentinel, replacing Jack K. Overmyer, who resigned that post this week.

The new city editor, a DePauw university graduate, comes highly recommended to his new position. Well known by many local residents, he resides with his parents at 711 Madison street.

Mr. Overmyer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Overmyer, was formerly sports editor of The News-Sentinel and has been working in the capacity of city editor for the past year. He resigned to enter the Indiana University School of Journalism, next month.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 17, 1942]

JACK OVERMYER HONORED

Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 17. - Jack Overmyer of Rochester has been elected to membership in Skull and Crescent, honorary sophomore activities society at Indiana university. Fifty-one outstanding students of the university were chosen for this honorary organization.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 17, 1943]

OVERMYER HONORED

Bloomington, Ind., March 30. - Jack Overmyer of Rochester, freshman at Indiana university, is among the 13 first-year men at Indiana University awarded special recognition by Blue Key, honorary upperclassmen's organization.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, March 30, 1943]

JACK OVERMYER NAMED SPORTS 'ED' OF I.U. PAPER

Bloomington, Ind., April 21. (INS) - The Indiana university department of journalism today announced the appointment of Eugene J. Cadou, Jr., Indianapolis senior and son of E. J. Cadou, Indiana managing editor of the International News Service, as editor-in-chief of the Indiana Daily Student.

Other designations to the editorial staff to serve during the first half of the summer semester starting May 4th include: Jack K. Overmyer, Rochester, sports editor; Eugene Ludwig, Roanoke, managing editor; Donna Jean Carpenter, Taunton, Mass.; Mary Jean Johnson, French Lick; Edwin L. Landis, Elkhart and Joseph J. Cutch, Gary, associate editors; Marilyn Vice, Indianapolis, city editor; and Ruth Scism, Evansville, and Peggy Thomas, Newberry, telegraph editors.

Jack Overmyer, who completes his first year of journalism at Indiana university this spring, was former sports editor of Station R.H.S. and later was employed as city editor of The News-Sentinel. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overmyer, of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 21, 1943]

JACK OVERMYER RESIGNS MANAGING EDITOR POST

Overmyer

Jack Overmyer, who for the past two months has been employed as managing editor of The News-Sentinel, resigned his position Saturday and went to Bloomington, Ind., today, where he has accepted a position as athletic publicity representative of the Indiana University News.

Jack started his duties with the IU. staff today and will enroll as a junior in the University's journalism course which starts as of September 13th. No successor for the post vacated on The News-Sentinel's staff by Overmyer has been selected.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 30, 1943]

OVERMYER HEADS SPORTS STAFF AT INDIANA UNIV.

W. F. Fox, Jr., sports writer for the Indianapolis News in his Yarnin' Basket column Saturday, stated:

"The publicity department at Indiana University has organized a special wartime sports service staff, composed of Jack Overmyer, Paul Wagner and John Stempel, all able sports writers, who will cover games for newspapers unable to send correspondents to Bloomington during the football season."

Jack, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overmyer of this city, was former city editor of The News-Sentinel. He worked on the editorial staff during his vacation months this summer.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 20, 1943]

J. OVERMYER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF S.A.E.

Jack K. Overmyer, sophomore at Indiana University, and former editor of The Rochester News-Sentinel, was elected president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity, October 18, at a dinner meeting at 7 p.m. in the Colonial tearoom.

Other newly elected officers are Walter Gadiant, junior, vice-president; Don Martin, Freshman, secretary; and Don Bock, sophomore, corresponding secretary.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 26, 1943]

PLEDGE J. OVERMYER TO BLUE KEY AT IU.

Jack Overmyer, of Rochester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overmyer, is among the 12 Indiana University male students recently pledged to Blue Key, national service fraternity, for outstanding service to the University.

Overmyer, former editor of The News-Sentinel and at the present a junior at Indiana U., is the editor of the Indiana Athletic Review, president of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity, member of the Skull and Crescent, honorary organization, and of the interfraternity Council. He is sports editor of the Arbutus, campus yearbook, and is Athletic Publicity Representative for the Indiana University News Bureau.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 18, 1943]

OVERMYER HONORED

Bloomington, Ind., March 8. - Jack Overmyer of Rochester, junior student at Indiana University, has been elected to membership in Sphinx Club, honorary social organization composed of men from each fraternity. Overmyer is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 8, 1944]

PICTURE IN TRIBUNE

Two pictures of Jack Overmyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overmyer, city, appeared in Sunday's edition of the Chicago Tribune. Both were in the Tribune's feature "Youth on the Campus," showing various students at Indiana university where Overmyer is enrolled. One picture was in the Pictorial Revue and the second included Jack in a group photograph in the Graphic section.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 7, 1944]

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HOLDS FRAT OFFICE

Jack K. Overmyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overmyer of this city and a senior at Indiana University, was recently elected vice-president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity for the current school year.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 15, 1944.]

JACK OVERMYER WILL DIRECT RADIO PROGRAM

Jack K. Overmyer of Rochester, senior student at Indiana university, will be student production [director] for the I. U. "Everyman's Campus of the Air" radio program which will be broadcast at 11:30 o'clock Sunday morning over WHAS, Louisville, Ky. This is the fourth in a series of I.U. students in the radio broadcasting class.

The program will present a half-hour of music by the university's Radio String ensemble under the direction of Betty Phillips of LaPorte, and a drama, "Lincoln In Indiana," by Don Walstrum of Hammond. Tom Connor of Whiting will announce the program.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 9, 1945]

JACK OVERMYER SOON TO JOIN SIGMA DELTA CHI

Bloomington, Ind., April 2. - Jack Overmyer of Rochester will be initiated into the Indiana University chapter of the Sigma Delta Chi professional journalistic fraternity Sunday afternoon, April 8. The initiation of five students and four professional newspapermen will reactivate the I. U. chapter which has been inactive for the past two years.

Alumni members of the fraternity in Bloomington will conduct the initiation services at 4 p.m. in the Sigma Delta Chi den, following which there will be an informal dinner.

Students to be initiated will be Harry Griggs, Bloomington; Kent Goodman, Peru; James Sale, Dillsboro and James Wright, Roachdale, and Overmyer.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 2, 1945]

JACK OVERMYER TO HEAD I.U. SIGMA DELTA CHI

Bloomington, Ind., May 1. - Jack K. Overmyer, senior of Rochester, was recently elected president of the re-activated chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic fraternity, on the Indiana university campus.

Overmyer, who is also athletic publicity director for I.U., is in his last year at Indiana. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, social fraternity, besides Sphinx club and Skull and Crescent and is a former sports editor of The Indiana Daily Student and for the past two years has served as sports editor of the Arbutus, campus yearbook. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overmyer, 1017 Main street, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 1, 1945]

MISS MARGERY HODSON

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Mr. and Mrs. Milo G. Hodson, 216 Wakewa avenue, South Bend, announce the engagement of their daughter Margery, to Jack K. Overmyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Overmyer, of this city. Both are seniors at Indiana university, Bloomington. Miss Hodson is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta, national social sorority, and Mr. Overmyer is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, national social fraternity; athletic publicity director for the university and a former employee of The News-Sentinel.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 26, 1945]

HALL OF FAME SELECTS OVERMYER

Jack K. Overmyer, president and owner of The Rochester Sentinel, is one of five persons who have been selected for 1999 induction into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame.

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Overmyer, 74, was admitted unanimously by the selection committee. He joins 168 other prominent Hoosier journalists in the Hall, including war correspondent Ernie Pyle, short story writer Ring Lardner, humorist Kin Hubbard and Indianapolis Star publisher Eugene Pulliam. Another member is Hugh A. Barnhart, who preceded Overmyer as The Sentinel's publisher.

Also chosen for April 17 induction ceremonies at DePauw University in Greencastle are sportscaster Chris Schenkel, the late magazine writer John Bartlow Martin, Indiana University journalism professor emeritus Marjorie Blewett and Paoli High School teacher Ruth Farlow Uyesugi.

The Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame was established in 1966 by the Indiana chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, to honor individuals who have demonstrated a number of years that they are journalists of the highest distinction; that their dedication and contribution to journalism have in turn contributed to the regard others have for journalism, that their contributions to journalism have resulted in contributions to their communities; and that their contributions to journalism have had significant impact on the political, social, economic or cultural life of their communities.

Overmyer easily meets each of these requirements.

For three decades under his direction, The Sentinel helped raise money for a Rochester city swimming pool, led efforts to support the construction of new city elementary high and middle schools, campaigned long and successfully for the consolidation of county schools; spurred the creation and support of the Fulton County Historical Society and Fulton County Community Players; organized support for expansion of the old Woodlawn Hospital and later the construction of the new Woodlawn; organized funds to raze the old hospital building; and then supported efforts to replace it with the new Fulton County Library, to name but a few. His newspapering philosophy helped change the face of Rochester.

During all this time his Considered Comment column, which still appears on Tuesday's Viewpoint page, became a useful and respected editorial voice to address these and other Rochester and Fulton County issues. Politically, The Sentinel remained independent and he expressed his political opinions without regard to any party fealty. He has won numerous Hoosier State Press Association awards for his news and editorial writing.

Overmyer's community leadership was not limited to his role as an editor and publisher. As a Rochester Chamber of Commerce leader, he played pivotal roles in the decision of Hart Schaffner & Marx and Torrington Company (now Lau Industries) to locate plants in Rochester. He was a founder and first president of the Fulton County Historical Society, also was president of the Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club.

His first book, A Stupendous Effort, published by Indiana University Press in 1997, chronicled the Civil War experiences of the 87th Indiana Infantry Regiment, three companies of which were formed in Fulton County. It has received laudatory reviews in the academic press.

His second book, Reflections of a Hoosier Editor, is a selection of his weekly columns from the past 30 years. Published in October by The Sentinel, it is enjoying brisk sales at The Sentinel's business office and at the Newsstand.

Here are sketches of the other four persons who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame with Overmyer next April:

* Chris Schenkel, a native of Bippus, who as a longtime ABC network television sports commentator was an Emmy Award winner. He now is retired.

* John Bartlow Martin, known for being in touch with the common man, began his career with The Indianapolis Times and then moved into magazine writing. He contributed many articles to Harper's, Life and Saturday Evening Post, wrote 16 books and was a speech writer for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson and presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson.

"Marjorie Smith Blewett devoted her career to Indiana University students.

Former editor-in-chief of the Indiana Daily Student newspaper, she became both a lecturer and administrator at the journalism school. As placement director, she touched the life of virtually every I.U. journalism student from 1968 until her recent retirement.

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* Ruth Farlow Uyesugi, who for more than 40 years was the sponsor of the student newspaper at Paoli High School, Mrs. Uyesugi last year concuded 43 years as sponsor of The Poliate, an All-American award winning high school newspaper. She taught not only how to write and to report, but also taught journalism ethics. Her past students now are all over the world and carry her influence with them.

OVERMYER BIO

Jack K. Overmyer went to work for what then was The News-Sentinel while he still was in Rochester High School. He was sports editor of the newspaper during this his senior year and for a year after his 1941 graduation was its city editor.

He then left for Indiana University and while attending college also was for three years the university's athletic publicity director. During that time, IU. in 1945 won its first Big Ten football championship.

Leaving I.U. in 1946, Overmyer went to work for The Indianapolis Star and for the next six years edited its sports pages and covered Big Ten and Indiana collegiate sports, Indianapolis Kautskys and Olympians professional basketball, Indianapolis Indians baseball and Indianapolis Caps hockey.

He returned to Rochester in 1952 as managing editor of The News-Sentinel, became editor of the renamed Rochester Sentinel in 1966 and assumed full ownership in 1976.

He has passed management of The Sentinel to another generation but continues to write his weekly column, Considered Comment. His daughter, Sarah, is the newspaper's publisher and her husband, W. S. Wilson is its editor.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 23, 1998]

OVERMYER JOINS JOURNALISM HALL OF FAME

***** Photo *****

Jack K. Overmyer, president and owner of The Rochester Sentinel, was inducted into the Journalism Hall of Fame Saturday at DePauw University, Greencastle.

He and four other Hoosier journalists were honored.

His remarks of acceptance and thanks before the crowd at the Walden Inn:

"Except for the day that I was married (and that also was a Saturday) this is the proudest day of my life.

"Being here has made me realize what a lucky man I am.

"Lucky because from the age of 16, I knew that I wanted to be a newspaperman.

"And, in the course of becoming one, lucky to have been inspired, encouraged, counseled and befriended by superlative professionals such as Charley Hoover and Hugh Barnhart in Rochester and by John Stempel, Wymond French and Ross Bartley at Indiana University.

"And lucky to have acquired as friends along the way so many outstanding colleagues, each of whom contributed to the manner of my commitment to journalism: Corky Lamm, Dale Burgess, Bill Fox, Lowell Nussbaum, Bob Early, Bo Connor, Al Spiers, Dick Cardwell, Jack Scott, Tom Carnegie, Ed Ziegner. All but Corky wound up in the Hall of Fame and he should have.

"I never have regretted choosing a career in small town community journalism. There one is closest to the readers he tries to serve and, perhaps, influence. Being editor of The Rochester Sentinel under such circumstances was a joy, thanks in no small measure to the good people of Rochester and Fulton County. Their responses to The Sentinel's attention to local affairs has been, and continues to be, constant and positive.

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“As I was leaving The Indianapolis Star for Rochester so many years ago, some of my colleagues apparently felt that I was stepping into a black hole. When I stopped by the city room to say goodbye to friends there, Charley Walker, the state editor, wished me well and said ‘now don’t go up there and disappear, Jack; we want to hear from you.’

“The honor you pay me today proves that I did not disappear - and that I have been heard from.

“My sincerest appreciation to those who nominated me, to those who selected me, to all others connected to the Hall of Fame and particularly to members of my family and the dear friends who have come here today to share this distinction with me.”

Others inducted were Ruth Farlow Uyesugi, a journalism teacher at Paoli High School and 43-year sponsor of the school’s newspaper; Majorie Smith Blewett, professor emerita and former placement director at the Indiana University School of Journalism; John Bartlow Martin, the late magazine writer who also served as speechwriter and adviser for Adlai Stevenson and Presidents Kennedy and Johnson; and Chris Schenkel the former ABC Sports commentator who covered nine summer and winter Olympic Games.

Overmyer went to work for what was then The News-Sentinel while he still was in Rochester High School. He was sports editor of the newspaper during his senior year and for a year after his 1941 graduation was city editor.

He then left for Indiana University and while attending college also was for three years the university’s athletic publicity director. During that time, I.U. in 1945 won its first Big Ten football championship.

Leaving I.U. in 1946, Overmyer went to work for The Indianapolis Star and for the next six years edited its sports pages and covered Big Ten and Indiana collegiate sports, Indianapolis Kautskys and Olympians professional basketball, Indianapolis Indians baseball and Indianapolis Caps hockey.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 19, 1999]

OVERMYER, JACOB [Union Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Jacob Overmyer was born in Union County, Penn., May 9, 1826. His parents, William and Susanna Overmyer, were natives of Union County, Penn. Mr. Overmyer’s father died at the age of seventy-four years, and was the father of twenty-one children; ten of whom were the issue of his first marriage, and eleven the children of his marriage with Elizabeth Eversol. Of Mr. Overmyer’s brothers and sisters, five are living, as follows: William, Polly, John, Susana and Harriet; of his half-brothers and sisters, Isaiah, Lewis, Albert, Franklin, Ella, Joel and Alice are yet living. Jacob Overmyer and Susanna Jones were married November 7, 1849. Mrs. Overmyer was born in Marion County, Ohio, in 1830, and has one sister (Nancy) and one brother (Zephaniah) living. Mr. Overmyer came to Fulton County in 1848, and commenced to improve his land. He now owns 100 acres of well-improved land, upon which are good buildings. Mr. and Mrs. Overmyer are the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living. The names of their children are as follows: Catharine, Sarah, William, Harriet, Franklin, Elizabeth, John R., Schuyler C. and

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Mary E. Mr. and Mrs. Overmyer are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and have been for over thirty years.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 58]

OVERMYER, MICHAEL [Rochester, Indiana]

MICHAEL OVERMYER SHOT NO SUSPECTS

A few minutes before seven o'clock on last Wednesday evening the residents of west Pearl street and vicinity were startled by the loud report of a pistol, followed by the exclamation, "I'm dying! I'm dying!" At the moment the shot was fired Miss Lily INGRAHAM opened the north door of Elijah MILLER's house, which is in direct range with the road to the beginning of Pearl street, and seeing the flash of the revolver, called to Mr. MILLER, who secured a lantern, and accompanied by Miss Ingraham and his niece, Mrs. Michael OVERMYER, started to the bridge which is about fifteen rods distant and crosses the road at the termination of Pearl street, from which place continually came groans of distress. When about twenty-five feet from the bridge they discovered the form of a man lying face downward in the soft earth. As soon as turned over he was recognized as Michael OVERMYER, the husband of one of the persons discovering him, and after one or two gasps expired.

The agonizing screams of the wife who had started out to assist a fellow being whom she thought to be in trouble, without a suspicion that the one whose life was fast going out was her husband, rang out on the still evening air until they could be heard to Main street.

The coroner and Sheriff GAST were immediately notified and repaired to the scene of the tragedy, where a large crowd of excited individuals had gathered. The sight there witnessed was a sad one. Lying in the road with clothes covered with mud his coat and vest open disclosing a hole in the right breast of his shirt surrounded by a crimson stain, with the bride of less than a month clinging to it, was the corpse which still contained the warmth of life.

A revolver with two of the chambers empty was lying near. The corpse was removed to the residence of Mr. Miller where the undertaker proceeded to prepare it for burial.

The next morning a postmortem examination of the body was made by the Drs. GOULD who found that the ball had entered the right breast a short distance below the nipple and about two inches from the median line passing between two of the ribs and piercing both auricles of the heart and lodging in the pericardium. The ball was of thirty-eight calibre and fit the empty shell in the revolver picked up near the corpse.

At the Coroner's inquest the following facts were elicited in regard to the deceased and the circumstances surrounding the killing:

Michael Overmyer was born in Ohio, his father being a farmer. When he was a small boy his father concluded to dispose of his property and immigrate to this state, but after bargaining his farm away he grew dissatisfied and despondent to such a degree that the man to whom he had sold was moved to permit him to resume possession. He continued to occupy the property for about a year when the desire for a change again came upon him, and by increasing the price first agreed upon the farm was again sold to the original purchaser. His household goods were packed preparatory to moving to this county, when he was again seized with a fit of despondency. A short time before they were ready to start on their journey Mr. Overmyer went to pay a neighbor a farewell visit, taking his gun along. Soon after he was found in a field dead from the effects of a gunshot wound. No one witnessed the shooting, but the general supposition was that he concluded to die on his native soil rather than go to the new state. The widow soon after married a man by the name of RAMSEY, and Michael was taken to raise by John JOHNSON, who resides in Richland township. When about twenty years of age he married a daughter of the late William TRIBBITTS, who died eight years ago leaving one son, who has since made his home with the Johnson family that raised his father. Michael made a sale of his household goods and stock for which he realized about six hundred dollars. One-half of this was used to defray the expenses incurred by the sickness and burial of his wife. Since that time he continued to labor for the

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farmers in that neighborhood, having worked for Ezekiel OVERMYER for the past year until the first of January, when he went to Huntington to seek employment. He remained one month, when he returned to Fulton county, and on the 14th of February was united in marriage with Margaret, daughter of E. OVERMYER, his former employer. Although of the same name they were not related. While at Huntington he bargained for a house and lot leaving a horse he had taken with him in part payment. He had also engaged to work in a trunk factory, and on last Wednesday he and his wife packed two loads of household articles which were hauled to the C. & E. depot by Schuyler OVERMYER, a brother of Mrs. Overmyer's, and George MILLER a cousin. Mr. Miller's son owed Michael for a buggy, and on the way to town Mr. M. offered to pay him, saying that as he was just beginning housekeeping he would likely need the money, but Michael refused it stating that he had enough cash to pay \$200 on the property bargained for, and buy some articles that were yet needed to complete their household outfit. But Mr. Miller insisted upon his taking at least a part of it, and went to the bank and got \$15 and gave it to him. In corroboration of this statement his wife said that she had had possession of his pocketbook, and, although she had not counted the money, she saw there was quite a large number of bills, and that he told her that morning when he placed it in his inside vest pocket that it contained over \$300. After placing the goods in a car the three men separated, Mrs. Overmyer having previously gone to the residence of her uncle, Elijah MILLER, who resides a short distance south of the west termination of Pearl street. Michael then went to the home of Peter BIDDINGER, who married a sister to his first wife, where he remained for supper. While here he seemed in his usual spirits, laughing and joking with his boy who was stopping there. Mr. Biddinger lives in the northwest part of town, and after a short after-supper talk he (Overmyer) started to go to the residence of Mr. Miller to join his wife where they were to remain over night before starting for their new home in Huntington. This was the last time Michael Overmyer was seen alive.

The revolver found near the body was recognized as the property of the deceased, which he carried continually, and it was still in the leather sheath which was open at the end. The \$15 paid him by George MILLER was found in his vest pocket where it had been placed, and \$2.35 in silver was found in his pants pocket but the pocketbook was gone. He was 34 years old, five feet eight inches high and of a stout build; was temperate in his habits, was of a quiet and orderly disposition, and stood well in the community in which he resided.

The coroner's verdict was that he came to his death at the hands of an unknown individual whose object was robbery.

[NOTE: a further article indicating that there were no suspects]

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 18, 1891]

MICHAEL OVERMYER DEATH ACCIDENTAL

A brother of the murdered man called at the *Sentinel* office Thursday to say that the report that his father committed suicide is false. In this he is corroborated by Mrs. THOMSON, of Kewanna, who gives the *Herald* the following report:

Michael OVERMYER's father had sold his farm in Ohio and was preparing to move to this state. A few days before they were ready to start on their journey he took his gun and went half a mile through the woods to see his cousin about some business affair and returned home with his gun loaded. His boys were watering the horses at the well in the yard and wanted him to shoot the load out of the gun before going into the house. This he declined doing saying that it would scare the horses and the boys could not hold them but after they had taken them away he would. He turned and going to the house sat down on a bench upon the porch. The day had been rainy and the porch floor was slippery from the moisture that had fallen upon it. After the boys took the horses away, he arose from the bench and started to the front of the porch to fire the gun off. As he stepped forward he slipped and threw the gun down as a support to keep himself from falling when it was discharged, the load passing into his bowels inflicting a wound from which he died in about eight hours. His wife was standing in the doorway watching him when the accident occurred.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 25, 1891]

OVERMYER, NELSON R. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Nelson R. Overmyer)

OVERMYER, WILLIAM [Richland Township]

BIOGRAPHY

William Overmyer [also Overmier]. - The father, Jacob Overmier, was born in Pennsylvania. He married Catharine Anderson. They moved to New York soon after the marriage, and from thence to Ohio. George Wales, the father of Mrs. Overmier, was a native of Pennsylvania, born January 17, 1804. He married Mary Walter, born in the same State September 2, 1807. They came here in 1850. He deceased February 27, 1869; she deceased 1878. William Overmier was born in the State of New York August 30, 1825, and came to Sandusky County, Ohio, with his parents. He was married, November 8, 1850, to Lucy A. Wales, a native of Pennsylvania, born November 8, 1828, and came with her parents to Ohio at the age of six years. Their children are Albert, born August 8, 1851, deceased, 1852; Amanda, born May 7, 1853, deceased, March, 1854; Wesley, born May 17, 1855, deceased March, 1870; Franklin, born October 7, 1858; Amos, January 13, 1860; Masy, born May 24, 1862; Catharine, born November 12, 1864; Lillie, born November 27, 1866; Chancey, born April 22, 1869, and William, born January 5, 1873. Mr. Overmier owns a valuable tract of land, consisting of 540 acres. He is a man of great influence, being a member of the Evangelical Church.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 53]

OVERMYER HATCHERY [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Sun Ray Chicks "Must Satisfy" OVERMYER HATCHERY - - - - All standard Breeds Also Jersey White Giants. Hatches beginning February 25. Sun Ray Yeast Foam Poultry Feeds. Certificate of Compliance No. 2821. 214 E. 6th St., Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 29, 1935]

[Adv] New Distributors of PURINA CHOWS for livestock and poultry - - - - OVERMYER HATCHERY & FEED STORE, 214 East Sixth St., Phone 260, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 22, 1938]

FULTON CO. HATCHERY WILL CONTINUE LEASE

The Fulton County Hatchery, formerly the Overmyer Hatchery, which was leased from Charles Overmyer by George J. Klemm of Fort Wayne, will continue in operation as originally planned.

Mr. Klemm passed away recently at his home in Fort Wayne from a sudden heart attack.

The business will continue under the management of Lloyd Hudkins, who was associated with Mr. Klemm.

Mr. Hopkins has had several years experience in the hatchery, feed and supply business and he will conduct the business in the same manner as in the past.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 25, 1939]

[Adv] Poultry Men and Stock Feeders - - - Full line of Poultry and Stock Feeds - - - - Also all mill feeds with grinding and mixing service - - - - OVERMYER HATCHERY AND FEED MILL. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Overmyer.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 18, 1942]

RUSSELL OATES PURCHASES THE OVERMYER HATCHERY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overmyer of this city today announced the sale of the Overmyer Hatchery, located on East Sixth street, to Russell Oates, of Richland Center.

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Mr. Oates, who has had over 20 years experience in the hatchery and poultry feed business, has already taken possession of the hatchery which is now in full operation.

Mr. Overmyer, who has been working at the Kingsbury defense plant and in the insurance business, will continue in these fields of activity, it was stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 11, 1943]

OVERMYER POULTRY & PRODUCE [Rochester, Indiana]

OVERMYER CONSOLIDATES WITH MIAMI PRODUCE CO.

A deal was consummated 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]

CONTINUE IN BUSINESS

Announcement has been made by Mrs. C. C. Overmyer that she will continue to operate the poultry and eggs business at 427 Main street, which was conducted by her husband for so many years. Mrs Overmyer will take personal charge of the business.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 2, 1932]

OVERMYER STORE, B. F. [Leiters Ford, Indiana]

[Adv] Leiters Ford Indiana The B. F. Overmyer Store 10 Day July Clearance Sale Starts Wednesday, July 22nd. - - - wearing apparel.- - - piece goods- - - Special in the Grocery Department each day. MRS. B. F. OVERMYER.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 21, 1925]

OVERSTREET, KENNETH R. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Overstreet's Cafe

See: Overstreet's Carmel Crisp Shop

See: Overstreet's Resort

OVERSTREET RESIGNS AS LOCAL CIRCULATION HEAD

After eight and a half years, The News-Sentinel and Indianapolis News agency in Rochester will have a new circulation manager. Kenneth R. Overstreet, circulation manager for the News and News-Sentinel here since May, 1935, has resigned that position, effective September 4.

C. C. Saulsberry, country circulation director for The Indianapolis News, announced today that Luther Keel, of Rochester, will succeed Overstreet in the local circulation manager's position. Keel, well-known to local residents, has lived in Rochester most of his life.

Overmyer resigned due to the press of other duties, and he will continue to operate his lake resort and typewriter repair and sales agency, which he has maintained for the past several years. Overstreet's nine-year term as circulation manager of The News-Sentinel saw the local paper's circulation climb to an all-time high.

[The Ness-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 24, 1943]

OVERSTREET NAMED JUSTICE OF PEACE

Kenneth Overstreet, former News-Sentinel circulation manager, Monday afternoon was appointed Justice of the Peace for Rochester township to succeed Ronald Swindeman, who

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resigned that post May 1, 1944. Overstreet's appointment was made by the Fulton county commissioners, meeting in a special session.

The new Justice of the Peace will fill the unexpired term created by the resignation of Swindeman. Mr. Overstreet resides on rural route 2, Lake Manitou.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 20, 1944]

OVERSTREET'S CAFE [Lake Manitou]

[Adv] ANNOUNCING a complete line of Sandwiches, Steaks and Chops and Chicken Dinners - - - OVERSTREET'S CAFE, Wolf's Point - South Side Lake Manitou.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 25, 1942]

OVERSTREET'S CARMELCRISP SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - - Lemon Cake - - - - Schlosser's Ice Cream - - - - OVERSTREET'S CARMELCRISP SHOP, East 8th Street.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 28, 1939]

MAX FEECE PURCHASES THE CARMELCRISP SHOP

Max Feece announced today he had purchased the Carmelcrisp Shop, 110 East Eighth street from Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Overstreet. He will be assisted in operation of the store by Mrs. Feece and Leo. The store will continue to feature good things to eat.

Mr. Overstreet will devote his time to work for the Indianapolis News, and The News-Sentinel, while Mrs. Overstreet will be in charge of Wolf's Point Grocery which will be operated throughout the entire year.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 11, 1939]

OVERSTREET'S RESORT [Lake Manitou]

OVERSTREET TO OPERATE POPULAR LAKE PLACE

Kenneth Overstreet, owner of the Carmelcrisp shop on 8th street, today announced establishment of a grocery and confectionery store at Wolf's Point on Lake Manitou. Mr. Overstreet announced free swimming spot, free picnic grounds and free parking.

He has completed installation of a 32 ft. pier and plans many other improvements in the property.

The grocery will be operated by Mrs. Overstreet.

"We want to have a cool, comfortable spot at the lake's edge where organizations can have a picnic," said Mr. Overstreet. "We're going to make the sandy, clean bathing beach at Wolf's Point available to all," he added.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 25, 1938]

DIXIE GARDENS SOLD TO OVERSTREET'S RESORT

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Overstreet announced today that they have purchased the Dixie Gardens, rental cottage agency on Lake Manitou's south shore, from Dr. E. E. McIndoo of Kokomo.

The Dixie Gardens, which adjoins Mr. and Mrs. Overstreet's present beach and grocery property at Wolf's Point, consists of ten cottages and a boat house. The local residents will take possession of the property September 11.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 24, 1943]

OWEN COMMUNITY [Henry Township]

See Sidconger

OWENS, OLEY [Rochester, Indiana]

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Fred True has sold his Enterprise restaurant, on the south side, to Ola Owens. The new proprietor has had considerable experience in the restaurant business. Mr. True enjoyed a very liberal patronage, and will now probably be employed by an Indianapolis firm.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 6, 1902]

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]

OWENS, ROBERT F. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter from Bob Owens)

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FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA

HANDBOOK

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PACKARD, IRA [Macy, Allen Township, Miami County, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Ira Packard, one of the old residents of this county, was born in Massachusetts October 28, 1817. He was the oldest son born to Chester and Eunice (Sadler) Packard, both natives of Massachusetts, of English descent. The great-grandfather of Chester Packard emigrated from England to America and located at Bridgewater, Mass. To him all persons in this country by that name may trace their descent. In 1833 our subject accompanied his father to Licking County, Ohio, where he grew up to manhood working upon a farm. In 1842 he came to this county and located in Union, now Allen Township. In February 1872 he located in the town of Macy, where he has since resided. He learned the carpenter's trade early in life and this has been his chief occupation ever since. He, however, taught school some during his earlier life, and a portion of his attention has been given to agricultural pursuits. March 12, 1840, he was united in marriage to Eliza J. Bryant, a native of Licking County, Ohio, born of German and Scotch-Irish parents, June 15, 1820. She was the daughter of Charles and Nancy (Mesearvy) Bryant, both natives of Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Packard are the parents of eleven children, eight of whom are living: Charles C., Thomas J., Nancy E., Bryant W., Noah S., Franklin P., Silas E., Ira B., Laura B., Nelson S., and Sumner D. Of these Thomas J., Noah S. and Nelson S. are deceased. Mrs. Packard is a member of the Christian church. Politically, Mr. Packard is a Democrat. He has been honored with the office of Justice of the Peace two terms, and the office of Constable two and one-half terms. As such he discharged his duties in a creditable manner. He has now been a resident of Miami County over forty-four years, and is one of her most highly respected citizens.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. p. 528]

PACKER, FREDERICK B. [Richland Township]

BIOGRAPHY

On the 22d of November, 1790, a son was born to one of the Revolutionary soldiers, whom he named John Packer. He received a limited education in his native State of Pennsylvania, and in about 1812 or 1813 was united in marriage to Elizabeth Brutzman, whose father also saw service in the Revolution. They located in Northampton County, Penn., whence they removed, in 1833, to Perry County, Ohio, where Mrs. Packer died February 19, 1849, having been preceded by her husband nearly fourteen years. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Frederick, the subject of this sketch, was the first, born in Northampton County, Penn., December 6, 1813. Mr. Packer had but little opportunity to receive an education, hence he terms it common or limited. In 1833, he removed with his parents to Perry County, Ohio, where, in June, 1836, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Long, of German lineage, and a native of

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Pennsylvania. Mrs. Packer was born May 26, 1813, and was the eldest daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Long, mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. P. had but little if any capital with which to commence life, but being energetic and a hard worker, and having a frugal companion, he worked hard and laid up what he could until 1852, when he immigrated to this county and purchased a part of his present home, incurring a heavy debt, which, by economy, he has been able to extinguish. Since then he has added to his possessions, until he is now the owner of nearly three hundred acres of valuable land. Mr. and Mrs. Packer were the parents of ten children--Maria, John, Martha, Catharine, Jane E., Aaron, William, Emeline, George and Sarah. Of these, Maria, John, Emeline and Sarah have deceased; the others are all married. On the 19th of April, 1863, the companion of his youth was called from Mr. Packer's side by death, and her remains were laid away in the Lutheran Cemetery, in the vicinity of their home. Mrs. Packer had lived a consistent member of the Lutheran Church for many years. Some time after the death of his wife, Mr. Packer was united in marriage to Nancy Stockerger, but she was only permitted to remain a few short summers, till 1870, when she was called away by death. He was afterward married again; this time to Sarah Canfield. Mr. Packer was among those to early build substantial and commodious farm buildings, and to make other valuable improvements, and has been one of the foremost in his township in the raising of fine stock, but having secured a competency, has retired from business, and now in old age is living at his ease.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 53]

PAGE, HARRY [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Colonial

See: Hotels - Fairview

HARRY PAGE FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE IN COURT

Coming as a complete surprise to the residents of this city was the action taken today by Harry Page, owner of the Fairview Hotel and Gardens in the filing of a petition for divorce with County Clerk Robert Miller. The affidavit was filed by Mr. Page's attorney, Charles Emmons, shortly before the noon hour. The Pages several weeks ago returned from Miami, Fla., taking up their residence in the Carl Pfeil home at the corner of Jefferson and 11th street, where they had intended to reside until the time of the opening of the Fairview Gardens.

Page in his complaint sets forth the following causes for his plea for a divorce: Cruel and inhuman treatment during the past year of their married life; that the defendant left the plaintiff without cause or justification and stated she would no longer live with him; that their married life during the previous months has been wholly non-compatible and that a reconciliation is impossible.

The plaintiff further asks the court for the care and custody of their adopted child, Doris Page, aged 13, whom has made her residence with the Pages since 1921.

These well known residents of Rochester were married in Illinois on June 29, 1910, and lived together as husband and wife until February 25. Mr. Paige is at present engaged in the management of the Wile store at Bourbon, Ind., to which city he drives to and from each day. It was stated that Mrs. Page left this city Friday for Indianapolis where she will make her home with her sister.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, February 25, 1927]

See Fairview Hotel

PAINTER, SANFORD [Rochester, Indiana]

HOME TOWN TALES

By "Pioneer"

In his shop at the rear of the Hub Shoe Store, is Sanford Painter, still going strong, doing his work better and neater, through training in the College of Experience, fifty-seven years, has brought .

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Seated on a "bench" that was put in service twenty years before Mr. Painter learned the trade, one can easily imagine a companionship that would require a King's Ransom to sever. Men and their working tools become an intricate part of each other, provided one loves his work.

Mr. Painter started his apprenticeship in the year 1877. In those days all trades had to be learned under strict guidance of older and finished workmen. The "cub" receiving one lesson at a time, which he mastered, or he pitched camp until he did.

Every step of boot and shoe making has passed through Mr. Painter's hands, from taking a measure, shaping the last, cutting the leather from large rolls, twisting the waxed threads and weaving in the bristle, and the hundred and one other tricks necessary to produce the finished hand-made boot or shoe, in his fifty-seven year - on the same shoemaker's bench.

Time out during all these years, Mr. Painter's fancies will not number more than one hundred days -- to cover slight illness, fishing trips along the old Tippecanoe, and going visiting -- plus a day off to get married. Some record! Who can beat it?

Rattle tat tat, tickle tat too, this is the way to make a shoe," is a line from an old First Grade school song. Here's hoping Sanford, that you see "Rattle tat tat, tickle tat too" -- on up to the time you want to say -- "I'M THROUGH."

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 12, 1935]

PAINTER BROS. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] DOLLARS SAVED IS DOLLARS EARNED! Look at these prices for shop-made foot-wear. - - - All work warranted to give satisfaction. PAINTER BROS, with Hoover's Shoe Store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 1, 1891]

[Adv] SHOE REPAIRING and shoe making at Painter Brothers up-to-date shop is always satisfactory. Pride is felt in the large, well pleased line of customers. In J. D. Holman's Shoe Store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 11, 1899]

PAINTERS [Rochester, Indiana]

See Parker, Russell

A. McFall will do your house sign and other painting for you in a highly artistic style. See his advertisement and give him your business.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 25, 1858]

Painting! E J. Hunt, House Painter . . . Residence one square west of Hoch's Tin Shop. Rochester, May 19 1864.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 9, 1864]

Among the old timers in the house painting profession was Alonzo (Lon) Freeman. If Lon were living today and retained the same qualification with which my memory associates him, he would be a top-flight union fanatic. As a boy I listened to his rabid declarations of insufficient pay, unsatisfactory working conditions, long hours, etc. as he held forth in my father's grocery for the benefit of anyone who would listen. However, Lon was a mighty good painter, a good neighbor and citizen. He particularly was interested in kids.

Then there was William Orr, who resided in what is now the 1100 block of Monroe street. Orr was a small man and considered as one of the best qualified of the painting profession. With his son Robert, he held the public esteem that later gravitated to Alf Van Dien and Charles Goodrich. To employ Orr was considered as the essence of extreme good judgment when house decorating was a matter of importance.

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An artist in his field of endeavor was Bill Green. Bill had little or no interest in the painting of houses, barns or buildings of any type. He was in fact an artist, a sign painter of rate ability and scene painter whose name on a canvas might have brought in many a dollar had he so devoted his talents to such. In his school days he drew attention of his teachers by his ability to draw. The last time I ever saw Bill he was putting on an act with an accomplice in store windows wherein Bill's associate played the part of a dead man who apparently didn't breathe, move an eyelid or show any signs of life for hours at a time. Eventuall Bill wiped the dust of Fulton County off his feet and left for parts unknown.

Link and Schuyler Osborn were local citizens and painters by trade although they did not work as partners or a team. Like many of the journeymen of their day they worked best with a wet whistle and much credit was due to the speed with which they could apply the wite lead and linseed oil.

Then there was a "floater" who dropped into Rochester from wherever his hat was off last. Haven't been able to find anybody here who remembers his name, but the boys over town got a great kick out of his bragging that he "painted the Masonic Temple" in Chicago. The stranger (and he was about Rochester for a number of years) was constantly inveigled into a local bargber shop by Bill Parker who then brought up the matter and got the subject off to a great start by agreeing with all that was said.

The family of Spohns were all painters, the last of whom, as far as I know, was Vern who could throw more paint in a given time than a half-dozen other artisans.

Of the once-greats, only Alf Van Dien is still living and I believe retired. Certainly there were others, the names of which I have forgotten, but held their place in the sun and were a part of Rochester's history. I am glad for the memory of those tradesmen who came, labored and relinquished their posts that younger men could find employment to carry on the tradition.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Tuesday, July 7, 1959]

PAINTERS UNION [Rochester, Indiana]

FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET

The first annual banquet of the Painters' Union of this city, was held in Painters' hall Monday evening, with twenty-two members present.

The union was organized just one year ago Monday and the occasion was commemorated by a large spread which was enjoyed immensely. After supper a smoker was engaged in and various painters gave talks on the good of the order which were very interesting.

The union has flourished ever since it was organized and the existing harmony among the members bespeaks still more prosperity for them.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 20, 1908]

PALACE BAR [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] LOOK HERE. Why do you buy adulterated Whiskey when you can buy a good Rye Whiskey guaranteed at the PALACE BAR at a price lower than elsewhere. Come and be your own judge. IRA SHOEMAKER, Proprietor.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 27, 1907]

PALACE CIGAR STORE [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]

PALACE FURNITURE STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

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[Adv] PALACE FURNITURE ROOMS - KELLAR & SELLERS Now occupy their new and elegant Rooms, one door South of the Post Office. - - - Fine and Medium Priced Furniture. - - - Undertaking - - - Kellar & Sellers, PALACE FURNITURE STORE.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 22, 1885]

PALACE GARAGE [Akron, Indiana]

Located in former Palace Livery Barn, N side of W Rochester Street.

Sterling Crosby and wife Lucinda Sippy Crosby married in Medina County, Ohio, Sept. 15, 1833. The Crosby family was supposed to have come to Akron in 1837 from Medina County, Ohio. He was the first shoemaker in the settlement. In 1837 the Crosbys erected a cabin on Rochester Street where the old Palace Garage is now located a block west of the stoplight. They kept open house and many weary travelers found comfortable lodging and a good meal at this Wayside Inn which was the first boarding house of the village.

[Dr. Joseph Sippy Family, Velma Bright, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

PALACE BARN SOLD

The Palace Livery Barn, of Akron, owned by John Meredith, was purchased this week by Howard Ball, Mearle Tucker and a man by the name of Rogers. The consideration was \$5,000 and the new owners expect to put \$5,000 more into the barn and equip it as a garage. They will take possession the first of February. In the future it will be known as the Palace Garage and will be one of the most commodious garages in the county.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 13, 1922]

TO PURCHASE GARAGE

A deal was in progress at Akron Friday whereby Harry Showalter, former resident of this city, was to purchase the Palace Garage of Ball and Tucker.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 18, 1923]

AKRON GARAGE SOLD

Harry Showalter Tuesday sold the Palace Garage in Akron, which he purchased two years ago when he returned from Florida, to Frank Comer of Roann. Mr. Showalter has no immediate plans for the future.

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

SHOWALTER BUYS GARAGE

Harry Showalter who has been in business in Tampa, Florida for the past eight months, on Thursday purchased the Palace Garage at Akron of Frank Comer and took immediate possession. At present no changes of employees will be made. Mr. Comer has no immediate plans for the future. Prior to his trip to Florida, Mr. Showalter, who for a number of years was employed in local garages, owned and operated the Palace Garage. While in Florida, Mr. Showalter was the president of the Auburn Tampa Company, dealers in automobiles and accessories.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, June 12, 1926]

AKRON GARAGE WAS SOLD TUESDAY TO ROY SHEETS

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A business transaction took place at Akron Tuesday night, when the Hattery and Secor garage owned by Ralph Hattery and Daniel Secor was sold to Roy Sheets, who is, at the present time, employed at the Palace garage.

Mr. Sheets will take possession Monday. The garage will be known as the Hudson-Essex garage and Joe Wilhoit will have charge of the sales department.

Mr. Sheets has had 14 years of experience in the garage business and he is also preparing to do welding in connection with the garage work. Floyd Fitton, who has been employed by Hattery and Secor will remain as an employee under the new ownership.

Mr. Hattery and Mr. Secor state they have no plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 19, 1927]

PALACE LIVERY & FEED STABLE [Akron, Indiana]

Located N side of W Rochester Street.

Jack Morris 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."

[Daniel Whittenberger-Monroe Morris Family, Kate Morris Jennens, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

See Akron Opera House; See Palace Garage

AKRON

Akron News.

Frank Meredith arrived in Akron last Monday with his household goods from Twelve Mile. He is coming here to take charge of the Palace Livery barn which he and his father, John C., purchased some time ago.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 6, 1909]

PALACE ROLLER RINK [Lake Manitou]

[Adv] Dinty Moore Trio Unicycle and Trick Skaters will perform afternoon and night of July 4th at the PALACE ROLLER RINK. Admission 10¢ Skate 15¢ Lake Manitou, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 3, 1931]

PALACE THEATRE [Kewanna, Indiana]

PALACE THEATRE OPENS

The Palace theatre at Kewanna after being closed for the past six months was reopened Friday evening. Frank Jones of Culver has leased the movie house and will in the future operate shows on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights of each week.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, April 3, 1926]

PICTURE SHOW TO OPEN

The Palace theatre at Kewanna which has been idle all summer has been sold to W. J. Ladd, of Texas, and he is now in possession. Mr. Ladd is an experienced electrician and has operated a picture machine for the past several years. The first show under the new management was held Thursday night of this week. He announces that in the future he will have two shows each week on Saturday and Wednesday nights.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 23, 1926]

PALM CAFE [Rochester, Indiana]

NEW TAXI LINE

Ray Cook has added a new Ford taxi to the number now in the city. His headquarters are at the Palm cafe.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 8, 1918]

PALM CAFE TRADED FOR FARM

The Palm Cafe, owned by Peter Redman, Tuesday changed hands, when Jesse Haines, of South Franklin Avenue, traded a farm six miles west of Rochester for the property. Mr. Haines took possession immediately, but Mr. and Mrs. Redman will remain until Thursday to give Mr. Haines time to employ help. The restaurant will be for sale as Mr. Haines will only operate it until he can find a buyer. Mr. and Mrs. Redman will return to their former home in Attica.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 10, 1918]

[Adv] The Palm Cafe will set you a dinner or a lunch that will taste as near like home as it is possible to be done. - - - Roy Gordon.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, July 3, 1920]

[Adv] Palm Cafe, Sunday Dinner Menu: Fish, Baked Chicken, Roast Port, Noodles and Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, New Creamed Potatoes, Escalloped Corn, Lettuce, Radishes, Strawberry Pie, Coffee, Ice Tea, Milk. Fish Supper.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 21, 1921]

THEO. JOHNSON TO RUN FAIRVIEW DINING ROOM

Arrangements were completed Saturday whereby Theo. Johnson, former owner of the Palm Cafe, took over the lease from Harry Karn and Fred Alexander for the dining room at the Fairview Hotel, on the East Side for a period of two years.

Business complications in Fulton where he had made partial arrangements for opening of a restaurant in that town in the near future were responsible for Mr. Karns disposing of his lease on the Fairview dining room.

Mr. Johnson will open the dining room the latter part of the month although he intends to move his family to the East Side within a few days.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 5, 1923]

PURCHASES RESTAURANT

Mrs. Versa Metz Mills of South Bend has purchased the stock and fixtures of the cafe which has been located at 610 North Main Street. Mrs. Metz who has operated restaurants in this city in the past has named the establishment the "Palm Cafe." The new cafe will be opened probably on Saturday.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 26, 1933]

PALM CAFE IS SOLD TO BERT REAMES OF PULASKI

Announcement was made today that the Palm Cafe at 608 North Main Street has been sold by Mrs. Versa Metz Mills to Bert Reames of Pulaski. The deal was made yesterday and the new proprietor took possession of the cafe this morning. He will continue to operate the restaurant. Mr. Reames plans to rename the restaurant to that of the Reames Cafe. Mrs. Mills has no immediate plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 2, 1934]

PALMER, HARVEY [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Harvey Palmer)

PALMER, NORMAL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Normal Palmer)

PALMER HOUSE [Culver, Indiana]

[See Culver Military Academy]

PALMER'S MEAT MARKET [Tiosa, Indiana]

Destroyed by fire September 23, 1895.

PARAMORE & BRUBAKER [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Announcing the new location of the Paramore & Brubaker BARBER SHOP, 718 Main St., 3 doors north Blue Drug Store. 5-chair, strictly modern tonsorial parlors. Ladies, gentlemen and children are all given the painstaking attention at this up-to-date shop. Experienced barbers. Modern equipment. Every convenience for our customers' comfort.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 7, 1926]

LOCAL BARBER SHOP TO INSTALL BEAUTY PARLOR

The Paramore and Brubaker barber shop is making extensive improvement at the rear of their establishment. All unsightly material has been removed, the ground leveled and sewed in grass seed and a cinder driveway and parking spaces will soon be completed. This improvement is deemed necessary to accommodate the patrons of the Beauty Shop which will be installed at the rear of the building. This new department will be under the supervision of an experienced lady operator and will be open to the public the forepart of the coming month.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 23, 1926]

FRED PARAMORE IS SOLE OWNER MAIN BARBER SHOP

Fred Paramore today announced that he had purchased the interest of his partner Claude Brubaker in the Main Barber Shop located in the Shore building at 720 Main street. Mr. Paramore took possession of the shop Thursday afternoon. All of the tonsorial artists who have been employed at the shop will be retained, Mr. Paramore stated today. Mr. Brubaker has no immediate plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 27, 1928]

PARAMOUNT THEATRE [Rochester, Indiana]

See Moving Picture Theaters

ROCHESTER NOW HAS A PARAMOUNT THEATER

Manager Ray Blasusser 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 Mickford, 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]

MOTION PICTURE THEATER SOLD

All moving picture theaters in Rochester, the K.G., the Paramount and the K.G. Garden, were sold Thursday to Clyde and Sidney Wilson, brothers, of Knox, Ind., for a consideration said to total over \$7,000. The new owners will take possession of the K.G. theater and the K.G. Garden on February 7th while the Paramount will be turned over on January 17th.

Clyde Wilson has had several years experience in the moving picture game, having had a house for several years in Argos. The other brother is a traveling salesman. He is married and the younger man is single. Both will move to Rochester shortly. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blausser will leave Rochester at once, moving to Springfield, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shanks of the K.G. have no definite plans for the future, but will probably reside in this city, where they own property.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, January 6, 1915]

James WILSON, father of Clyde [WILSON] and Sidney WILSON, owners of the Paramount theater, died Wednesday noon at his home in Ober, Ind. Mr. Wilson had been ill for some time with a cancer, having recently undergone an operation for the disease.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, January 10, 1918]

PARAMOUNT THEATRE IS SOLD BY WILSON

Manager Clyde Wilson, of the Paramount motion picture theatre, announced late Friday afternoon that he has sold his business here to Charles F. Krieghbaum, recently assistant cashier of the Leiters Ford bank. Mr. Krieghbaum is well known over the county, and states that after he takes possession February 1, he will continue the policies of Mr. Wilson, who remains with him for a time. Wilson came to this city six years ago, purchasing the Kai Gee theatre of Roy Shanks, which was later closed, and the Paramount of Ray Blosser [sic]. Wilson states that he has no plans for the present, but that he believes he will leave Rochester and engage in a similar line of business elsewhere.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 20, 1922]

[Adv] A Girl You'll Love - "Salomy Jane", with Jacqueline Logan, George Fawcett, Maurice Flynn and William B. Davidson - A Paramount Picture. . . .

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 11, 1924]

PARAMOUNT TO SHOW

The Krieghbaum Brothers, who recently opened their new photoplay and vodvil house, the "Char-Bell," have decided to run Saturday shows again at the old Paramount. This will present a more widely diversified program to show-goers on the day when the city is more crowded. The same policy of showing high-class pictures will be adhered to in running the old house again.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 20, 1924]

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 Paramount 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]

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PARCEL, HATTIE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Wile Department Store

PARCEL, STEPHEN [Rochester, Indiana]

GETS SCHOOL HOUSE CONTRACT

Contractor Stephen Parcel of this city, has another school house contract, according to the Kewanna Herald's story, which reads as follows:

When Trustee Bybee rolled up his sleeves Saturday p.m. and prepared to receive and open bids for the construction of the new Monger school building, he found only one bid on file, that of Stephen Parcel, of Rochester. It was air tight, regular and acceptable in the sum of \$3,400 and according to the contract was awarded to him without fuss or feathers, compunction or procrastination, which translated means that the people of Monger district will have one of the most modern buildings in the county in time for roll call this fall.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 11, 1913]

PARCELL & BARKER [Rochester, Indiana]

OUT OF BUSINESS

Parcell and Barker, auto and sign painters, who were located on North Main St., have gone out of business, Mr. Parcell having moved back to Elkhart.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 4, 1919]

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION [Fulton County]

The organization of a Fulton county "Parent-Teachers Association" got away to a flying start Monday evening when more than 200 parents, patrons of the local schools and teachers, including a few representatives from Akron, formed a permanent organization and elected officers.

Mrs. Arthur Metzler was elected president; Mrs. James Moore, vice president; Mrs. Clyde Henderson, secretary; Mrs. Frank Smith, treasurer and these with Mrs. H. O. Shafer, Miss Jessie McMahan and Mrs. C. Dale Crabbs form the executive board. One hundred and thirteen members were enrolled at the initial meeting. The gathering was addressed by Mrs. G. G. Derbyshire, of Southport, state president of the association, who had been invited to assist in forming the organization. She explained the purposes and policy of similar associations thruout the state and gave excellent advice on initial steps to be taken.

The time for meetings was set for the second Wednesday in each month. It is probable that there will not be any further meeting this month, but the newly formed association is expected to get down to real business in May.

The new association is expected to back worthy civic enterprises, but will have for its special objective the advancing of better conditions along educational lines and probably will work right in the start for supervised recreation for the school children of the county.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 10, 1923]

PARIS CAFE [Rochester, Indiana]

NEW PARIS CAFE NOW OPEN

A new place to eat has been opened to the public of Rochester and vicinity in the Paris cafe, owned and operated by Sherman Peck of this city. The new restaurant is located in the room formerly occupied by the American express office, north of the Arlington hotel and next door to Perschbacher's saloon. Everything in the place is as new and bright as a silver dollar and the service is all that could be asked for. A business men's lunch will be served at the noon hour and at supper time, while short orders will be filled at any hour. Mr. Peck has an up-to-date place in every particular and no doubt will meet with favor among the people of the city.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 17, 1912]

NEWS OF THE DAY

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We have the finest 15 cent hot lunch, short order and largest variety of meats for sandwiches in the city. PARIS CAFE, north of Arlington hotel next door to Fred Perschbacher's saloon.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, December 2, 1912]

PRODUCE EXCHANGE OPENS HERE

New York and Chicago have nothing on Rochester in one respect at least, for a board of trade has been opened here with G. H. Johnson of Plymouth in charge.

The exchange is known as the Rochester Produce Co. The proprietors will act as dealers in stocks, grain and produce and have direct wires with Chicago and New York. Mr. Johnson is a well-to-do citizen of Plymouth and offers as references any bank in that city. The room formerly occupied by the Paris Cafe has been re-decorated and a telephone installed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 28, 1914]

PARKER, RUSSELL [Rochester, Indiana]

WILL ACCEPT GOOD POSITION

After five years of efficient service in the employ of the *Rochester Sentinel*, Russell Parker will resign this evening to accept the foremanship of the *Plymouth Democrat*.

Russell, better known to his friends as "Rud," deserves a great deal of credit for the strides that he has made in the newspaper world. He left school to enter this office and since then has had but one week vacation. He is a clean young man and a steady employe. The best wishes of every one are expressed for his success in Plymouth.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, July 12, 1913]

LOCAL ARTIST'S WORK HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED

Russell Parker, of this city, today received notice from judges of the Midland Artists Exhibit, of Indiana and Michigan, that his oil painting, which was one of 236 entries of the South Bend Artists exhibit, was placed in the class of the ten best paintings in the entire exhibit. This ranking was most complimentary as many Indiana and Michigan's foremost artists entered the competition. Although Mr. Parker has had considerable experience in portrait and scenic oil work this was his first debut in art gallery exhibits. The Midland Artists Association will hold another exhibit in the fall. A number of Rochester people viewed the recent showing at South Bend.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 18, 1935]

PARKER, W. S. [Rochester, Indiana]

W. S. PARKER, Painter, Paper Hanger and Calciminer. Don't fail to get my prices before contracting you may save money. Shop opposite Electric Light Station.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 25, 1898]

PARRY, CHAS. F. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS - - - I have offices, and the above named Goods for sale in Rochester, Akron and Silver Lake. All invited to call and see me.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 14, 1886]

PASCHAL, CARL [Rochester, Indiana]

OPENS NEW RESTAURANT

Mrs. Mae Sheneman of Winamac has opened a restaurant in the room at 604 Main street recently vacated by the Carl Paschall antique shop. Mrs. Sheneman for several years operated a restaurant in Winamac. She will serve regular meals as well as short orders.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 25, 1927]

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PASCHALL SISTERS [Rochester, Indiana]

See Antique Tea Room

[Adv] AUCTION! AUCTION! As we are moving to California to make our future home, we will sell at public auction as 216 N. Main St., Rochestr, Ind., our mammoth stock of antiques, beds, corner cupboards, chests of drawers, whatnots, tables, dishes and glassware of every description. Also the entire furnishings of seven rooms. Sale starts 1 p.m. fast time SATURDAY, Aug. 24. Everything goes to highest bidder. Don't miss it. PASCHALL SISTERS.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 19, 1929]

PASH, FRED [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Another Added Feature for this week -- Budweiser Keg Beer On Tap at FRED PASH'S SALOON.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 19, 1911]

PASSPORTS [Fulton County, Indiana]

FIRST PASSPORT

County Cerk Babcock Monday issued the first passport ever made out at the local office., Gilbert H. TAYLOR, son of Rev. O. H. TAYLER, of Leiters, securing the necessary papers to go to Rome, September 12th. He will study in Italy.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 28, 1916]

PASTIME, THE [Lake Manitou]

See Lake Manitou Boats

PATENTS AND INVENTIONS [Fulton County]

Patent Churn. Mr. Jas Maxey, of this county has made a very important improvement in churns, and has obtained letters patent for the same. His invention is simple and easy to operate, and if the crea is in good order for churning, butter can be brought in from two to ten minutes. It is easily cleaned, as the butter gathers on slats attached to the body of the churn. The machinery is simple, and readily understood by any one. This church will be sold for \$8, and on a farm or in a dairy will save its cost in a short time. The post office address of the inventor is Kewanna, Fulton County, Ind. Agents wanted to sell territory.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, July 23 1868]

THE PATENT EVENER

Mr. C. T. Miner has returned from Ft. Wayne where he was called to make a test of his patent three-horse draft equalizer and which he sold to the Fleming Manufacturing Company of the "Boss" Road Grader and Leveler, the right to make and use the Evener on their Grader, etc. This equalizer of draft is the most perfect of any on the market and must come into general use.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 9, 1885]

WARREN B. MARTINDALE (Biography)

Warren B. Martindale has been a resident of the town of Rochester about four years, during which time he has spent most of his time in Chicago and New York, where his business as inventor and manufacturer calls him. Although, by reason of absence, he does not enjoy an extensive acquaintance with our citizens, yet he is entitled to rank among the "old settlers," having been born in an adjoining county, Miami, and moved with his parents to Green Oak in this county, in 1851, where his father built a saw mill, the site of which is still a land mark. The Martindale family was among the pioneers of the Eel River Valley and the descendants and collateral

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relationship now constitute a large element of the most substantial citizens of that section. W. B. Martindale moved, at the close of the war, to Missouri, where he read law and commenced the practice, but a taste for writing led him into the field of legal literature, first as a contributor to some of the leading periodicals, and afterward as a law book writer. He is the author of two very successful law books, and as such is known to the legal fraternity throughout the country. He married in Missouri and in 1882 moved with his family to Kenosha, Wis., where for a number of years he was editor and proprietor of the Kenosha *Courier*. After disposing of that paper he became the inventor of a Time Stamp, an ingenious device for stamping time on paper. A company has been organized which under Mr. Martindale's superintendency, is manufacturing these machines for commercial purposes, and is also building a machine for postoffice use which they hope to have adopted by the Government. It will change the time automatically every minute and postmark and cancel the stamps on forty to sixty thousand letters an hour.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

BUGGY SEAT PATENT

One of the drawbacks to comfortable buggy riding when they get so thick as "three in a seat" has been overcome in a most simple and practical manner in a patent just issued to our townsman, Mr. Charles B. Moore. It is a seat for the third passenger in a single buggy and it works like a charm. It is simply a narrow slide seat which pulls out from under the main seat when seating capacity for three is wanted. And the popularity of the patent will at once be recognized when it is stated that it can be put in a new buggy at a cost of less than a half dollar. It is comfortable, convenient, and inexpensive and there is certainly a great market open to such an improvement of buggy seating.

Mr. Moore has spent considerable time and money on his patent and as it is one which will greatly conduce to the comfort of humanity at little or no expense the SENTINEL hopes Mr. Moore may realize handsomely on his invention. He is a popular and reliable gentleman and deserving of the confidence of the trade.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 19, 1897]

ROCHESTER MAN INVENTOR

M. C. Kessler, formerly of this county, but now a resident of Denver, Colo., has just completed a device upon which he has been working since 1899 for the simplifying and cheapening of motive power for auto vehicles which it is thought will revolutionize the industry. Kessler's new invention has but one cylinder, but it is claimed that it will do the work of a double-cylinder engine. Kessler, who began work on his new machine in 1899 having his experiments upon ideas gathered from the mechanical history of the sixteenth century.

Denver capitalists are going to promote the new invention, which is already covered by patents.

The inventor expects to greatly reduce the cost of automobiles, as well as to greatly increase their speed, by reducing the weight of the machines.

Representatives of one of the largest manufacturing concerns in Denver pronounces it to be one of the greatest of recent times in mechanical engineering. The principle is also adaptable for stationary engines, and will doubtless bring about a similar revolution in hoisting machines, etc. The consumption of fuel will be reduced from one-fourth to one-third of the present expense of developing the same amount of power.

Mr. Kessler is a brother of Del Kessler of this city, and is well known here having attended school at Rochester college several years ago.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 29, 1905]

FORMER ROCHESTER MAN IN BIG SPLURGE IN CHICAGO

"Prof." Benson Bidwell, a former Rochester candy kitchen proprietor, is making quite a splurge in Chicago as inventor. He has a manufacturers company back of him and in the Sunday Chicago newspapers there were large and expensive advertisements of stock for sale in a patent

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which will change all steam power on railroads to electric power. "Prof." Bidwell announces in the ad. that he is the inventor of the Trolley Car System, the Railway Car Telephone system, the Bidwell Cold Motor, and the Water Electric Generator. He says he has made millions of dollars for people and will make millions more. And speaking of his latest patent, the Cold Motor, he says:

"The one great drawback the railroads have had in changing over to electricity has been that no motor, as at present made, can be run 150 miles at 60 miles an hour without burning out. It would melt the very wires.

"By using the Bidwell Cold Motor a train of cars could be run from New York to San Francisco without a stop at the rate of 60 to 80 miles an hour and not even warm up, and without a hitch.

"Besides running faster they would be more safe and sure than steam, cost less to operate and would last longer than any other motor now known."

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 8, 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 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]

NEWS OF THE DAY

George P. Keith has a newly designed railway crossing that acts like it is alive and is surely wonderful. It is operated by air and electricity and it solves the question of expensive overhead crossings for trolley lines by being so constructed that there would not possibly be a collision of trains at the crossing. Railway engineers will be here in a few days to look at it and it will surely impress them as a wonderful piece of mechanism.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, December 6, 1906]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Frank Crim has invented a combination tumbler pad lock which is something new in the way of locks. It is a very ingenious article and would present a hard problem even to the modern burglar. Frank is trying to interest Uncle Sam as they would be just the thing for mail sacks which are now secured with common pad locks.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 30, 1907]

KEITH'S NEW PATENT

George P. Keith was in Chicago Friday, where he exhibited his new patent railway crossing to the Frog & Crossing company there. They have taken it under advisement and seemed highly pleased with it. The president of the board said that there was no question about its practicality so Mr. Keith has returned in high hopes that it will be adopted and become a money

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maker for him. The crossing is so arranged that it is impossible for two trains to come at once and the machinery is operated by compressed air, from the switch tower.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 15, 1907]

SHORT NEWS

The Automobile, a trade journal published at New York, contained a write-up last week of the novelty double acting motor just placed on the market by the Fish Gas Engine Co. of Denver, Colo. A brother of Del Kessler of this city is one of the inventors and if the machine is a success, it means a fortune to him.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 22, 1907]

MACY

Macy Monitor.

Robert D. Peters, of Knox, brother of Dr. J. B. Peters, of Macy, has been granted a patent on a railway signal. The signal is now in use on one or two roads in the West and is said to be superior to anything now on the market.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 8, 1907]

KEWANNA

Kewanna Herald.

John Reno, the barber, has invented a compound for use with razor strops which promises to make him wealthy. No one but John is "on" but he has tried it for several months and it has proven all he claims for it.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 18, 1908]

LOY'S LOCK IMPROVED

The combination padlock invented by Wm. C. Loy, of this city some time ago and which promises to eclipse all other locks placed upon the market in both point of safety and popularity, has been granted a further patent for additional features that have just been completed.

The lock is a very substantial one and of neat design, the main feature being in the fact that it is worked by a combination instead of a key. The first design had a plain dial and the disadvantage of opening it in the dark was at once noticed by its inventor. The fact was remedied by the placing of raised figures and spaces on the dial so that with the moving of the indicator, the click as it passes over the miniature projections can be plainly heard in the dark.

The lock will be made by the Turner Bros. Brass Works Co. of Chicago and placed on the market as soon as possible. The device has excited more than favorable comment wherever exhibited and it is expected that it will enjoy a ready market.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 13, 1908]

KEWANNA

Kewanna Herald.

John Reno, is making a trip to Elwood, Anderson, Marion, Kokomo, Indianapolis, and other points, introducing his recently patented invention, "Keeno" treated razor strop.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 14, 1908]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Harvey Waymire, who has a position as telegrapher with the Western Union Co. in this city has completed a model of a telegrapher's sending key that looks as though it will be a winner in the telegraph services. The new device instead of work up and down with but one spark as the old keys, the new model works sideways and sparks on both sides thus enabling the sender to give a message in one-half the time as formerly used and with the same amount of wrist movement. The young man has not taken out a patent on his idea but more than likely one of the company's

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experts will come along some day and take the matter up with the company at once. It's a labor and time saver and that's what makes good in these strenuous times.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 22, 1908]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Mr. G. H. Killen and Geo. P. Keith exhibited Keith's Patent Railroad Crossing to the superintendent and a party of Erie officials who went through Rochester today with the Erie Corn Special. The railroad men expressed themselves as well pleased with the working of the device and the superintendent assured Mr. Keith that the chief engineer of the Erie lines would come to Rochester and inspect the device.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 3, 1909]

CULVER

Culver Citizen.

J. H. Koontz has now in successful operation a vacuum cleaner which apparently possesses all the elements of a fortune maker. The demonstrating machine was made in Young's machine shop under Mr. Koontz's personal supervision and is perfected in every detail.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 16, 1909]

SEEKS TO ENJOIN

William C. Loy, the well-known inventor of this city, has just taken action against a New York manufacturer who, Loy claims, is infringing on one of his patents.

It will be remembered that Mr. Loy patented an ingenious device that fitted into a lady's kid glove for the purpose of picking up pins, needles, small change, etc., without the necessity of removing the glove. The invention was one that the commercial world readily took hold of and Mr. Loy was in a position to realize a real sum for his patent. The device fit snugly in the end of the fingers of the glove and did not detract in the least from the comfort or fit of the same.

Now Mr. Loy learns that a certain New York gentleman is making a device similar to the one he has patented and will take steps to have such infringement stopped.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 5, 1910]

REED LOUGH INVENTS

Reed Lough of this city, who is one of the most prominent agents of the Sweet, Orr Overall Company in this state, has taken one more step in making good with his employers. While busy with the sale of his company's famous brands, Mr. Lough got busy and perfected a new safety watch pocket for the overalls. He sent his idea to the company's offices in New York city and Saturday he received a made-up sample of his invention, which was accompanied by a letter greatly praising the improvement. For the past six years the Sweet, Orr Company has been paying a royalty on the watch pocket they used and the invention of Mr. Lough will prove of untold value. Not only is the device an improvement, but it saves about four inches square of cloth, which means many thousands of dollars each year to the manufacturers. Mr. Lough will likely receive a nice offer for his patent.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 3, 1911]

NEWS OF THE DAY

In patent No. 1,010,283, William C. Loy of Rochester, Ind., assignor of two-thirds to Henry F. Crim and Christian Hoover of same place, says the Scientific American, is shown a glove provided on the outer ends of its finger tips with separate plates in imitation of finger nails so that the glove will in use simulate the appearance of a hand. The Rochester men behind the invention expect to reap a harvest from their patent.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 27, 1912]

NEWS OF THE DAY

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O. L. Roberts, of Macy, and well known in this city, was in Peru Wednesday consulting with his attorneys, Cox & Andrews, in regard to a continuous rail joint which he had patented at Washington, D.C., Dec. 12, 1911. The number of the patent is 1,011,492. Expert railroad men have no small amount of praise for the patent which, if taken up by the railroads, will mean much to Mr. Roberts. Mr. Roberts got a patent on a street railroad tie in 1909. Mr. Roberts is a jeweler by trade.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 28, 1912]

LOY'S IDEA MEETS WITH APPROVAL

William Loy, the well-known inventor and general repairer of this city, came into additional fame as an inventor last month, when he sent in an article to the Popular Mechanics magazine, which dealt with a new invention. The particular idea advanced by the Rochester man was a device by which even a blind person could thread a sewing machine needle. It is made of a small piece of tin bent double, which holds a fine wire, with a hook on the end. The ends of the tin, which come almost together at one end slips over the needle and when it comes even with the needle opening the hook slips through. The thread is then placed in the hook and drawn back through. The simpleness of the device appealed to the Popular Mechanics people and they notified Mr. Loy that his article had been accepted. This meant that he got a dollar for his trouble and the next surprise came when he received a check for \$5, accompanied by a letter telling him that he received second prize.

The honor attached to his receiving this recognition is made greater when the fact is known that the magazine has a circulation of 315,000, and that there are thousands of contributors to that section.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 5, 1912]

CARRIED OFF ANOTHER PRIZE

Will Loy, the Rochester inventive genius and safe lock expert who has gained statewide fame in the past by his work along those lines and who several months ago sent in a simple device for threading a needle in the dark to the Popular Mechanics prize department for which he received first prize of \$10, has just received word that he has been successful again. The latest thing to spring from his fertile brain was an easy way to make a twine holder. The device as explained by Mr. Loy is to take a funnel, which is to be suspended in the air and the ball placed in it with the end protruding through the spout. The Popular Mechanics thought so much of his idea that they awarded him second prize of \$5. This is quite an honor as several thousand persons over the United States compete for these prizes every month.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 3, 1912]

FULTON COUNTY BOY INVENTS

Geo. V. Dawson has installed a new electric humidor for his cigar case, which is the invention of a former Fulton county man, son of Amos Madary, who formerly lived seven miles south of the city. The son is now living in Traverse City, Mich., where his device, which is making him a fortune, is manufactured.

It consists of a bath of water to which an ordinary electric bulb is immersed. The heat generated by the light evaporates the water, thus dampening the cigars. The adaptability of the humidor lies in the fact that it is automatic; that is, the light is turned on when a certain amount of vapor has been released. This is controlled by a sensitive double expansive brass disc, which cuts the current when the heat reaches a certain point, and which turns it on again when the temperature grows low. A thermometer attachment permits an adjustment from 65 to 110 degrees, depending upon the amount of water needed. The device is most ingenious and reflects credit upon the inventor, who will be remembered by many local people.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 14, 1913]

CITY LOSES BIG R.R. TIE FACTORY

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"For every dollar they took from me, I will take ten thousand dollars from Rochester in the way of wages," was the statement made by Charles Vanderwater, Erie section man, this morning. Vanderwater was arrested for intoxication, Saturday night, and though denying his guilt, declares he paid his fine like a gentleman in order not to raise trouble.

He says that he is the inventor of a new concrete or cement railroad tie, which in time will be adopted by all railroads because of its efficiency and durability, and that he has made samples of the tie which were favorably commented upon by a number of railroad companies. He said he had been asked if he would take \$80,000 for the patent, but refused as he thinks it is worth more. Two companies, among which are the Erie and Wabash and have asked to use the tie, [sic] but the contract has not been signed because of a disagreement as to the location of the factory.

Mr. Vanderwater wished very much to locate the factory in Rochester, because of the excellent quality of the gravel here, and was holding out for that reason. He said this morning that after that treatment he received in Rochester, he would rather lose his patent than see Rochester benefit by it.

The tie he claims to have invented is in three pieces, consisting of the tie proper and the parts used in holding the track to it. According to his statement, he has tested the tie for three months on his section at Akron.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 15, 1913]

"NON-SKIDDABLE" AUTO INVENTED

A device which may bring him a fortune is now being perfected by G.P. Keith, well known ex-druggist, who has invented several other things of considerable promise. Mr. Keith's newest production is a "non-skiddable" automobile.

When seen today, he refused to talk of his work, saying that he had not even applied for a patent on it, and would not do so until he has a model ready. He declared that any kind of an auto may use the attachment and added that it had nothing whatever to do with tires, any kind of which, he declared, might be used with his device.

He stated that he was certain that his invention would work, and told the Sentinel reporter that he could convince him he was right, in half an hour's time. However he refused to explain the principle of his invention.

May Mean Fortune

If Mr. Keith has really solved the problem which has so long bothered motortists, he has a comfortable fortune in view. Details will be announced as soon as the patent is secured.

Mr. Keith has worked out a number of other interesting devices, among them being a railway crossing which seemed a success, but which was never pushed. He also aided in perfecting the Miller fire escape, which was at one time manufactured here and which later proved not to be in demand.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 1, 1913]

O. HAGEN INVENTS MOTOR SLED

Otis Hagen, local motorcycle racer and agent for the Harley Davidson machine, has made the first motor sled ever seen in this city or perhaps in the whole state.

People on the street Saturday were startled when the contrivance made its appearance. At first it is hard to understand how the machine is propelled. The sled runners are about four inches high with a road clearance in front of about eight inches. The engine taken off of a motorcucle, is placed in front and the drive leads to a motorcycle wheel in the center of the sled. The wheel is wrapped with chain to prevent skidding, and is fixed between supports, the handles of which are held by the driver. If he wants more speed he bears down on the wheel and if he sees an obstruction in the road, he can lift the wheel clear off of the ground. The machine is guided with the feet.

Hagan said that his machine is capable of making 25 miles an hour. Many people have read of motor sleds in tales of Arctic exploration where they have proved a success. The local man

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has used his own ideas in constructing the sled and was aided by John Becker and Dick Hart, blacksmiths.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 2, 1914]

DESIGNS ENGINE

R. C. Hoffman of Kokomo, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hoffman, of Argos, and draughtsman for Haynes Auto Co., has designed a motor which is pronounced by experts to mark a distinct triumph in mechanical engineering. In fact, it is said, a finished product embracing the new model is already a reality.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 15, 1914]

STARTS FACTORY

According to a letter received from Fred True, now in Chicago, he has interested some capitalists in his puncture proof tire and a factory has been started.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 10, 1914]

LOCAL MAN SECURES PATENT

A. H. Boelter, owner of the Rochester Roller Mills, and his two sons, have secured a patent on an automatic rug and carpet cleaning machine.

Mr. Boelter believes that he has constructed a machine which is far superior to any apparatus of its kind that has ever been placed upon the market. The machine is 34 feet long and 11 feet wide. The rug to be cleaned is spread upon a wire bed which passes back and forth rapidly under a spanking apparatus, constructed of leather beaters which will revolve at a great speed. The beater is followed by a sweeper.

Mr. Boelter says that the machine will take every particle of dirt from the rug, something that a vacuum cleaner will not do. The machine, when completed, will sell for about \$500. Mr. Boelter has patented several articles which have been a complete success.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 20, 1914]

INVENTS NEW R.R. TIE

John W. Eiseman, of Kewanna, was a business caller on the division engineer of the Erie railroad in Huntington recently. Mr. Eiseman recently took out a patent for a concrete tie which he invented and called to show the advantages of his invention and to push the sale of it.

A number of concrete ties have been invented and tried out by various railroads of this country, but none of them ever worked out successfully. For this reason the Erie officials are somewhat doubtful about the value of the invention. Eiseman said, however, that it might prove successful if given a try out.

The greatest trouble with the concrete tie is that it cannot stand the continuous pounding of car wheels without crumbling up. It is also apt to crack and weaken during heavy frosts and so forth, and for these reasons is not practicable.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 16, 1914]

TRUE PATENTS TIRE

Fred True of Chicago spent Sunday with relatives here. He is trying to interest local capital in a puncture proof tire which he wants to manufacture here. This tire has been examined by many automobile companies and they will place orders with True, if he is able to make them the goods.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 22, 1915]

NEW TIRE DEVICE

Dr. Barker of Kewanna, expert veterinary-dentist, has perfected a coil spring device for insertion inside auto tire casings to take the place of air and has asked for a patent.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 24, 1915]

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WANTS PATENT

H. C. Schlaudroff, who is employed at the Electric Shop, has applied for a patent on a regulator for an electric lighting and starting system for automobiles, through a Ft. Wayne patent attorney.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 5, 1915]

SELLS PATENT

H. S. Schlaudroff, who is employed at the Electric shop and who recently got a patent on a generator for an electric lighting and starting system, has sold his patent to the Mitchell automobile factory of Racine, Wis.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 11, 1915]

FULTON COUNTY BOY BUILDS CORN CUTTER

H. N. Gordon of Kewanna writes that Arthur Collins, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collins, living three miles southeast of Kewanna, has invented a corn cutter and loader, which will save much work in getting green corn from the fields for filling silos. It cuts the stalk close to the ground, and then elevates it to the wagon driven alongside. The machine is on exhibition at the home of the inventor's parents. It is said to be a great labor saver.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 16, 1915]

A REAL PATENT

Charles Mullican of Macy has received word from Washington, D.C. that patent papers have been handed to him on a self setting steel trap.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 14, 1916]

George P. KEITH, 76, a resident of Rochester since 1882 died at 4:30 p.m. Christmas day, a victim of diabetes. He had been ill for the past six years and for the last year had been unable to walk as the result of a fall.

Mr. Keith was born at Lima, Ind., August 27, 1840, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Keith, deceased. In 1860, Mr. Keith married Miss Margaret Ackerman, who survives. They celebrated their 56th anniversary Dec. 5th. They were the parents of Mrs. Albert Richter, who died in 1906 and of Mrs. Charles Gould of Rochester. He leaves two grandchildren, Dr. Lyman Gould of Ft. Wayne and Keith Richter of Plymouth. He also leaves one great-granddaughter, Muriel Gould. Mr. Keith leaves one sister, Mrs. Jeanette Craig of Lima, Ind. One sister, Mrs. Asa Ganlard of Lima is dead.

Mr. Keith was well known here because of his activities as an inventor. He secured a patent a number of years ago for a railroad crossing but it was not a financial success. In cooperation with James Miller he also invented a fire escape which was manufactured here for several years. When he came to Rochester in 1882, Mr. Keith purchased a half interest with George I. Miller in a drug store on Ninth street, in which business he continued until six years ago. For years Mr. Keith was the local representative of the government weather bureau in which he took a great interest. Altho he was a druggist, he was skilled in mechanics and often neglected his business to work at his chosen hobby.

Funeral Thursday afternoon at 1:30 at the house, Rev. S. A. Stewart of LaPorte in charge. Interment at I.O.O.F. cemetery.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 26, 1916]

GRANTED PATENT

James Hanger, a young farmer south of Akron, has been granted a patent on a steel corner post and wire fence tightener combined.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 5, 1917]

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HOOSIER MAN DESIGNS A PORTABLE STEEL FORT

Among the many suggestions on the war that reach Congressman Barnhart, two last week came of public interest. One is the free tender of a portable fort designed by Lewis Lear, of Rochester. It is made of steel, mounted on wheels, like the fighting tank, and is cone shaped, so that any missile that hits it will glance off. He thinks it can be used out in the open by machine gunners and easily moved to advantage. The other is an urgent demand from a Logansport man that the government furnish each farmer a \$1,000 tractor with which to plant, cultivate and harvest his crops.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 2, 1918]

MADE FORTUNE FROM ICE CREAM FREEZER

John W. CONDON, 88, died Monday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. A. Search, who lives south of the city. Death was due to senility. Funeral Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Search home; burial at Logansport.

Mr. Condon was born in Baltimore, Maryland, August 31, 1829. In 1855, he married Mary CRALK, who survives him. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are living: H. C. CONDON and Mrs. M. A. SEARCH of Rochester, and Mrs. Ida HUTCHESON and Mrs. Arthur BAKER of Logansport.

Mr. Condon was well known in Rochester where he lived for several years at a local hotel. His entire life was given to investigation and invention. He claimed to be the first inventor of the modern type of ice cream freezer, out of which he made a small fortune. His earnings on useful ideas were all spent in further inventions, mainly along culinary lines. He placed the first baking machinery upon the market and it laid the foundation for machines now in use but cost him all his savings.

Mr. Condon had been in every important city in the United States and Canada. His early married life was spent in various places, the five children being born in as many different states.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 23, 1918]

INVENTS ENVELOPE

George W. Zerbe, Lake Erie agent at Tiosa, has secured a patent on an envelope flap that he hopes will develop returns for him.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 6, 1918]

LEITERS MEN GRANTED PATENT

Two Leiters men, Almon V. Deemer and Clarence Kelley, who recently applied to the patent Bureau at Washington, have been granted a patent for a heater to be used in automobiles.

The heater invented is to be placed on the floor of the cars and heat is supplied from the engine exhaust.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 22, 1919]

SEEKS PATENT RIGHTS FOR TRANSMISSION BAND

Ferman Powell, West Sixth street, has applied for a patent on a new transmission band lining for Ford cars, which has been pronounced by manufacturers as being superior to anything similar now on the market.

The new lining is made of two materials and contains no metal substance of any kind. It is said that it has twice the wearing qualities of ordinary lining and has been used successfully on two cars for some time. Powell, who is something of a mechanical genius, is working on two other ideas, which if completed, it is stated, "will be a boon to Ford owners."

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 11, 1920]

FORMER RESIDENT IS DEAD IN CHICAGO HOME

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A. H. Boelter, 65, a former resident of this city, where he was occupied in the milling business, died early Tuesday morning at his home in Chicago, according to word received by Mrs. William Boelter, who is visiting Rochester relatives. Boelter, who is survived by a widow and six children, was born in Germany, emigrating to this country when 15 years of age. He lived in Illinois and LaPorte before moving to this city, where he patented and manufactured a carpet cleaning machine.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 28, 1921]

WILLIAM LOY OBTAINS PATENT ON TIRE VALVE

William Loy, local inventor, has received notice that a patent has been granted him on an automobile valve that prevents overloading of air in the tube. The date of the patent is Feb. 28, 1922.

The invention, on which Loy has been working for a long time, differs from an ordinary valve in that it has a scale that may be set so that the tire may be filled from 30 to 100 lbs. pressure. When the pressure gets above the amount set on the scale the air is automatically released from the tube.

Also the amount of pounds pressure in the tube can be determined at any time by the turning of the valve down on the scale until the air is released from the tire, then reading the figures indicated. Mr. Loy has not yet determined just what method will be followed in putting the valve on the market but he has already had several offers on the patent.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 6, 1922]

NEW RADIATOR DEVICE PERFECTED BY SEREWICZ

Albert E. Serewicz, of this city, who came here from Chicago some time ago to organize the Gauge Valve Corporation, which was to have manufactured a new departure in tire valves, which he had perfected, has now devised an entirely new radiator for commercial purposes of all kinds.

This radiator, which is made up of copper cup-shaped sections, fitting one into the other, being tapered so as to be air tight when pressed together, making it readily repaired by removing any section of the tube that has been damaged, which is something that cannot be done with the present type radiator now in use.

This devise is not only a radiator, but is used for all heating and cooling purposes and is an altogether new principle by which a liquid or air can be heated or cooled more rapidly than any now known method, which is the basis upon which the patent is claimed.

Several models have been made on the automobile radiator principle and as soon as the patterns are completed a hot water heater, which can be heated by gas, will be tested and at the Rochester gas plant and it is expected to heat about 30 gallons of water at the consumption of 14 cubic feet of gas per hour, whereas under the present methods it requires approximately 60 feet of gas for the same number of gallons per hour.

The heater will cost about 50 per cent of the present cost of most heaters on the market doing the same work.

Mr. Serewicz made application for patent on the principle he employs last August and since that time has been engaged in perfecting most of the new methods for which it can be used. The device has been shown to radiator experts of some of the largest manufactories of the country, all of whom pronounce it the most radical departure of heating and cooling ever perfected and its possibilities are claimed by them to be unlimited. Mr. Serewicz is even now negotiating with several large gas appliance manufacturing concerns and also with one of the largest boiler and radiator concerns in the country.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 7, 1922]

GETS A PATENT

George LESLIE, 43, partially blind for ten years, has been granted a government patent on a chicken brooder that has a unique heating and ventilating system to provide different degrees of temperature for separate sections containing chickens of varying age.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 19, 1922]

HAS NEW BOW STAY

John Hill, local blacksmith, has received numerous offers from manufacturers to use his recently patented automobile or buggy top bow stay. The new stay is made of metal and is so constructed that it protects the top material from wear on the rigid bow.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 3, 1923]

SECURES PATENTS ON FOLDING CAMP BED

Harley BARKMAN, who lives near Rochester, has just completed work on a new folding cot or rather a full sized bed for use in lake cottages, on camping trips and in other places where economy in space is desired combined with strength and general utility. The bed, which Barkman has just patented, is an entirely new departure and the manufacturing and marketing possibilities of his patent have already been commenced on by manufacturers, who are negotiating with Mr. Barkman for the product. No definite arrangements towards this end have been accomplished as yet, Mr. Barkman states, altho he expects to be able to make an announcement in the near future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 19, 1923]

LOCAL MEN PERFECT NEW CHICKEN ROOSTS

Nathan and John O'Blenis have recently perfected and have received the patent for a self-fumigating chicken roost, which they have proved will greatly aid the producer in that it keeps from the chickens not only lice, which are very detrimental and cause heavy losses, but also other diseases that tend to decrease the profits in this particular business. A continuous pipe feed constitutes the roosts in the patent of the O'Blenis brothers and the pipes that act as the roost proper are split thru the center and supplied with a wick. A tank filled with an antiseptic solution is used to feed the wicks, and the fumes from the fumigating solution keep the fowls completely saturated while they are on the roost.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 19, 1923]

INVENTOR OF THE NEW LICENSE PLATE ACTIVE

F. J. Williams, the inventor of the "Permanent license plate for automobiles" which is constructed of heavy aluminum metal with the figures cut through, left on the Monday evening train for Frankfort, Ky., in response to a telegram from the State Tax Commission, who have the adoption of this plate under advisement and as the state legislature is now in session with a law before it proposing a revision of the present Motor Vehicle Law, it seems a very opportune time for its immediate adoption.

Mr. Williams may visit Nashville, Tenn., and Montgomery, Ala., before he returns, as both of these states have been investigating the merits of this new idea plate and the correspondence seems to favor its early adoption.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 26, 1924]

A NEW RADIO COIL

Frank Rector, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rector, of Culver, has invented a new radio coil and is gaining some fame in radio circles thereby. This is said to be one of the best on the market and is being advertised in the city papers.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 14, 1924]

CONCRETE BRICK MAKING MACHINE SEEN HERE IS INVENTION OF FRANK WILDER, FORMER LOCAL MAN

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A brick making machine that will produce 30,000 concrete bricks in a working day and promises to revolutionize the industry is the invention of a former Rochester man, Frank Wilder, son of James Wilder, of this city. Moreover the machine is now in operation at the Wilder home on South Main street, where Frank is spending some time with his father and sister and perfecting the minor details of the outfit. He has made his home in Los Angeles for the last 16 years and it was there that he invented the device and has had it in operation for several years.

Mr. Wilder's machine covers only about 3 by 18 feet of ground space and is about six feet high. It is constructed entirely of steel and is very simple in operation and most important as the inventor says - is foolproof. The product is a brick made of concrete similar to the method used in producing concrete blocks. The machine turns out twenty bricks at one time and in its present order most of the work is automatic while some must be done by hand.

The concrete is mixed as usual and is placed into the molds either by hand or by a conveyor. The machine itself is run by a motor. Heavy tampers immediately begin to rise and fall and pack the concrete solidly, and in a moment's time. The tampers halt, one lever throws back the sides of the molds, another lifts the bottom of the mold upward and twenty bricks are lifted off the machine and placed on curing shelves. They can be surfaced with any color by stucco either of the latter lasting as long as the brick themselves. They are finished with the smooth or rough surface as desired.

Each brick has a groove, on both sides which when filled with mortar and placed against another makes a perfect lock, and an entire wall so constructed is as strong as solid concrete or even better. And as the inventor claims, the bricks can be made and sold much cheaper than the old baked brick and are stronger, and have better fire resisting qualities.

Mr. Wilder has seen many large building erected in California with his brick and the demand continues. However he is interested in marketing the machine, which is fully patented and hopes to start producing them sometime in the near future. He says the machine can be seen by anyone who cares to see it in operation at its present location at the Wilder home.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, August 5, 1925]

ROBERT GREEK PATENTS A COLLAPSIBLE CRIB

By cutting in half the number of operations necessary for setting up and taking down, Robert P. Greek of this city has obtained for himself a first patent on a collapsible crib, of primary value to tourists and travelers.

The young man, who operates the shining stand in the Brubaker and Paramore barber shop and a furniture repair and cleaning shop in the rear, Friday morning received his patent papers from Washington, D. C.

Mr. Greek has not sold his patent as yet - in fact has not had time to adjust himself to the news that he had really won his first patent. He may decide to manufacture the article himself - probably will do that for a while, at least.

His patent application was filed July 25, 1924, and the patent has resulted from efforts of a registered patent attorney in Mr. Greek's behalf.

The device, when standing is 38 inches long, 20 inches wide and 30 inches high. When closed, it rolls up into a bundle about eight inches in diameter and 38 inches long.

Around the frame, consisting of four upright and eight horizontal bars, are wound two double thick sections of ducking or canvas, the top being left open. The sections have loops for the insertion of the bars of the framework. One section is stretched from one upper horizontal end bar to the other, while the second section is run from upper side bar to upper side bar.

The bolts, one at each of the eight corners of the crib, constitute the clever feature of the invention. Fastened on the end of each horizontal end bar is a plate with a hole through it. A bolt comes through each upright, with the headless end passing through the hole in the horizontal end bar's plate. A wing nut is the fastener here. Now on the end of the horizontal side bar there is fastened a fork plate which hooks over the head of the bolt. When the wing nut is fastened, drawing the upright and horizontal end bar together, the horizontal side bar at that juncture is likewise tightened. This saves a bolt at each of the eight corners.

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Baby's bed can be made ready quickly on the camping trip or tour with this "jiffy" device.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, August 28, 1925]

Frank Young, owner of the Frank Young & Son Roofing Company of Logansport, and a former resident of this city, Tuesday was granted a patent on a counter flashing for use in the roofing of buildings. Young and his associates believe that the invention will mark a new step in the roofing business. He has received many offers either to manufacture or to sell the product. Mr. Young however will enlarge his plant in Logansport giving employment at first to 15 additional men and will manufacture the counter flashing.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, August 11, 1927]

INVENTS STOVE DEVICE

William L. Cooper, former Rochester resident, but now manager of the E-Z Way Stove Works at West Kankakee, Ill., has recently received considerable publicity over his invention and patented idea to a brooder stove that is heated by a wick. Through this device the flame is kept at the same height and heat by automatic adjustments which elevates the wick as it burns down.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 29, 1928]

FRANK YOUNG INVENTOR

Frank Young of Logansport who formerly lived in this city has been granted patents on two creations in the roofing line to be known as Young's reinforced starting an flashing strips.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 15, 1929]

WILLIAM SHEEHAN

William SHEEHAN, foreman of the Rochester Bridge factory, has recently been issued a patent for a punch gauging apparatus by the U. S. Patent Bureau, of Washington, D. C. One-half interest has been assigned to the local bridge company. The local inventor worked for almost a year in perfecting the new machine.

A working model of the machine has been in use at the factory for several weeks. The new machine speeds up the punching output and is designed to punch at all angles, producing far more tonnage over that of any other style machine and also cuts down the production costs. Plans for the marketing of this new device have not as yet been formulated.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, December 23, 1929]

ANOTHER BRIDGE FACTORY EMPLOYEE GIVEN PATENT

Ross P. Hoover, of this city, an employee of the Rochester Bridge Co., drafting department, was today granted patent rights by the Washington, D.C. Patent Bureau for a dispensing container for liquid medicine. When interviewed today the inventor of the device stated he had been working on the container for about three years. Details for the sale of the container have not as yet been completely formulated.

Mr. Hoover's patent right is the second to have been granted to employees of the local bridge company within the past six weeks. The other patent holder being William Sheehan who invented a special metal gauge punching machine.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 10, 1930]

ROCHESTER MAN RECEIVES PATENT ON AUTO LIGHT

A patent was received from the U. S. Patent Bureau, Washington, D.C., late yesterday, issued to Ralph J. RAVENCROFT, this city, covering exclusive rights for the manufacture of an auto road lighting device which is so designed to make night driving as safe as that of the day time. Although less than a day's time has elapsed since Ravencroft has been granted a patent, he is being literally swamped with attractive offers for the purchase of patent rights.

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The appliance which will be marketed under the trade name of 'Reciprolite' will be mounted on the left front fender of any or all types of motor driven vehicles, encased in an attractive housing which extends approximately four inches above the fender. In the interior of the housing which is attached with a universal joint, are two separate lighting units or bulbs which emit their beams of light through reflector tubes.

One beam of light is cast to the right side of the road and ahead of the car, while the other is carried in direct right angle with the line of travel at the left of car. With universal joint mounting these beams can be set for any desired angle thus eliminating all glare which has been a menace to night driving, yet still giving a clear vision on both right and left sides of the highway. The 'Reciprolite' can be used either separately or in connection with the usual standard equipment headlights, operating directly from the regular ignition system.

Ravencroft, who is a traveling salesman, plans to sell open royalty rights to all of the automobile manufacturers and it is believed the new device will soon become a standard equipment in every state in the union.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, May 2, 1931]

Roscoe J. HATCH, of Macy, has been granted a patent on an automobile piston.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, June 22, 1931]

INVENTS AUTOMATIC ROOF

Barney KELLY, who resides at 1430 South Monroe Street, this city, is taking steps to secure patent rights on an automatic roof which he has recently invented. The roof which is said to be most practical for poultry raisers closes tightly when it rains and within a minute after the rain ceases, opens automatically allowing the proper ventilation for the poultry. As soon as protection on his idea has been secured a working model will be placed on display in a downtown store room.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, July 3, 1931]

PLACE INVENTION ON MARKET FROM MENTONE

An invention recently patented by O. A. "Dobbs" Miller, of Mentone, will be placed on the market soon by the inventor who plans to start its manufacture in a factory and laboratory to be built at Mentone.

The new invention is an elevating automobile jack carriage designed to eliminate any stooping, bending, or crawling under an auto whenever it is necessary to elevate the car in order to change tires, wheels or work under it. A T-rod carriage fastens to the rear axel and extends to the end of the rear spring where a clamp fitting any jack is in a handy position and permits the jack to slide along the carriage and under the car to the proper position for lifting.

Miller is the father of several other notable inventions on which he holds patents and is now collecting substantial royalties. Among them is a propeller wheel for an electric fan operating centrifugally at right angles to the well-known type, a float gauge for an expansion tank, a warm air register for furnaces so constructed that it permits the passage of no dust to streak walls, an adjustable roof flange for soil pipe and a reversable slip joint for eavetroughs which eliminates the use of rights and lefts.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 4, 1932]

SUTHERLAND CO-INVENTOR OF STEEL MILL FURNACE

A report carried in the Gary Post will be of interest to Rochester readers as it tells of joint patent rights issued to a former resident of this city, Harry Sutherland. Mr. Sutherland has been employed in the electrical department of the Gary Steel Mills for the past number of years. The story in part, follows:

"Gary, Ind. - The U. S. patent office at Washington, D.C. has awarded exclusive manufacturing rights on a new type heating furnace for sheet and tin manufacturing to Harry H. Sutherland and Stephen M. Jenks.

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“Jenks, who resides at 701 Lincoln, is fuel engineer of the Gary sheet and tin mills. Sutherland is an employee in the electrical construction department of the mills. Application for exclusive rights opposed by only one claim, was filed January 22, 1931. The patent has been assigned to the American Sheet and Tin Plate Co.

“The new furnace, according to a technical description is of a continuous type incorporating many departures from systems now in use in Gary and other sheet and tin manufacturing centers.”

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 10, 1933]

LAKE RESIDENT APPLIES FOR “BEHEADER” PATENT

All those tender-hearted husbands and housewives who have for years balked as acting as executioners of tough-necked chickens will be delighted to learn that a local man has applied for a patent on a device which will make this task more of a pleasure than a bugaboo.

The inventor of the chicken beheading apparatus is John Keller, proprietor of Kellers Inn, of Lake Manitou. The contrivance is a conical shaped piece of galvanized iron, about 20 inches in length. This is attached to the back porch wall or steps with three screws and a bracket. On the front side of the cone is a razor-edged “V” shaped slot which extends about half way down the cone. The feet of the condemned chicken are held in the left hand of the executioner and the head held gently in the right hand. The chicken’s neck is thrust into the “V” razor-edged slot and presto the neck and the body of the chicken slides on down into the funnel and the blood drains through into a catch basin.

Keller states in this manner there is no bruising of the fowl’s body by its floundering and no blood spattered on buildings or clothing of the executioner. The beheader is extremely simple in construction and highly efficient in its operation. The inventor stated that the device would probably retail around a dollar.

Other patents and inventions made by Mr. Keller in recent years were a windshield visor and several forms of fishing tackle.

Upon being issued a patent on the “beheader” Mr. Keller will put his new product on the market through some metal manufacturing concern in this section of the state he said.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 31, 1935]

ROCHESTER MAN INVENTOR OF RURAL LIGHT SYSTEM

After months of experimentation, a new Rochester company gives to rural America an invention that makes possible the convenience of electric lights at a cost far below that of any unit here-to-fore developed. In addition to supplying current for lighting farm homes and outbuildings, this new unit provides economical power for operating a new, improved, electric milking unit.

Patents fully covering the unit and its many exclusive features have been applied for.

Myers Exhibits Model

The inventor, Don Myers, of Black & Bailey hardware company, this city, is showing the machine publicly for the first time at an exhibit in the manufacturers’ building at the Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis, this week. Next week Myers will assist the company’s Kentucky distributor in showing the unit at the Kentucky state fair, Louisville. It will be recalled that Myers and Bill McCall cooperated with Black & Bailey in taking two large electric lighting systems to Louisville during the devastating Ohio River flood early this spring.

The Myers light system already has a proven record of low-cost operation. Units have been in use for several months. At the John Smith Farm, Richland Center and the Ray Overmyer farm, near Culver, these machines have proved trouble-free and efficient. Other units have been in use in nearby counties and downstate.

A new company is being formed locally and plans are underway for setting up production soon so machines can be supplied to a large mid-western company that will handle sales and promotion throughout the United States.

In addition to being in charge of the manufacture and further development of this new product, Mr. Myers will continue in the management of Black & Bailey’s electrical department.

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[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 7, 1937]

[Adv] Electric Lights, Power Combined with Modern Surge Milker - - - MYERS ENGINEERING CO., Rochester, Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 2, 1937]

NEW CORN DRYING PLANT DESIGNED BY MITCHELL

A newly designed seed corn-drying plant recently constructed at the Colonial Hotel grounds, under the supervision of E. L. Mitchell, of this city, is attracting state-wide attention, so efficiently does the new apparatus prepare the seed corn for immediate marketing.

The drying mechanism which has a capacity of approximately 300 bushels of corn has been in operation for the past few weeks and will continue in operation for several days to come, Mr. Mitchell stated today. The dryer is being used on the Hybrid corn which was raised on the Mitchell and Bradley farms in and near Fulton county.

Heat from a large oversized, hot-air type furnace is forced by electric blowers through the various compartments and drying trays which are arranged in a series of tiers for a distance of approximately 30 feet, the height of the dryer cabinet being approximately 10 feet and the width 12 feet. The complete drying process requires from three to four days depending on the condition of the corn, it was stated.

While the new dryer is now in operation for the sole purpose of preparing Hybrid seed corn, Mr. Mitchell also plans to use it for the speedy curing of ordinary field corn for feeding purposes.

Several representatives from Purdue University agriculture department as well as county agents from various sections of the state have recently inspected the newly designed dryer and have pronounced it a most decided improvement over the old methods of drying corn. Corn growers or others interested in the drying of corn are invited to inspect this new system, which is in operation day and night.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 11, 1937]

J. M. KELLER INVENTS CERTIFICATE HOLDER

John M. Keller, the well known Lake Manitou fishing bait manufacturer, pottery maker and inventor, today announced that he is applying for a patent on an auto license certificate holder which does away with taping the certificate to the windshield of the auto or truck.

The new device, which is in the form of a wire spring, can be attached to any car in less than 3 minutes, does not mar or distract from the neatness of the car and shows nothing on the outside of the car but the certificate, while on the inside just a small strand of wire is visible inside the border edge of the certificate. The device, which is indestructible, may be used year after year and its original cost would be of a trivial nature, Mr. Keller stated.

A few years ago the Lake Manitou resident invented a chicken beheader and bleeder which proved most popular with hotel and restaurant owners throughout the state.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 5, 1938]

KENNETH MEREDITH, AKRON, INVENTS TUBELESS RADIO

Kenneth L. Meredith, aged 38, Akron, has received a notice from the United States Bureau of Patents in Washington that his application for a patent on a tubeless radio had been granted by the bureau. The patent is expected to revolutionize the radio industry.

Mr. Meredith received a letter from the patent bureau in which it was stated that engineers there had tested the radio and that it worked successfully and was the only radio of that nature which had ever been submitted to them which was successful.

Mr. Meredith is a graduate of the Akron high school and the Chicago Engineering School, Chicago, Ill. Meredith's former instructors aided him with his invention.

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Mr. Meredith has been employed in garages, electrical appliance stores and radio shops since his graduation from the engineering school. He has worked on his tubeless radio for six years before perfecting it.

The inventor will not let persons see the same until he receives his patent from Washington. The Meredith radio does away with tubes which always have been a source of trouble to radio fans. Meredith plans to manufacture the product and has received offers from several radio and tube manufacturers for his invention.

Mr. Meredith is the son of Henry Meredith, aged 87, who is the oldest resident of Akron. Mr. Meredith Sr. was a Fulton county commissioner for twelve years. He enjoys good health and spends his winters in Florida.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 26, 1938]

FRANK ALEXANDER INVENTS FALLEN AIRPLANE DETECTOR AND TWO OTHER DEVICES

Frank B. Alexander, Rochester's own inventor, has just received confirmation of copyrights on three varied, useful devices, a fallen aeroplane detector, an adjustable hinge and a hospital ambulance, which he is now offering to leading manufacturers.

In these days when much interest is focused on the airplane, his detector comes in for most attention. "Many deaths from airplane crashes would never have occurred if it had been possible to find the wreckage within a shorter period of time," said Mr. Alexander. "Actually, large air liners have been lost for months before being found. As these searches sometimes extend over a period of months, the expense and loss of time, as well as possible deaths of searchers, would have been obviated had there been any practical provision made for immediate finding of the plane. That's where this invention comes to work. . . . it provides a simple and effective means of marking the location of a fallen plane, whether it is in mountainous country, in thick forests, or in water.

Leaves Trail of Ribbon

"Briefly stated, the device consists of a long wide ribbon of bright red material which is rolled and contained in a box on the underneath side of a plane. When a pilot finds it necessary to make a forced landing he pulls a release and the ribbon floats out behind the plane for half a mile as the plane goes down. Searching planes can easily spot the long colored ribbon on the ground from many miles away and can know in an instant the exact location of the plane, which must be at either end of the ribbon. The ribbon is fireproofed and is made of durable material.

"The Fallen Airplane Detector will fill a long-felt need in aviation," said Mr. Alexander. Its simplicity and compactness make it adaptable to practically any type of plane.

Boon to Hospital Patients

The hospital ambulance for use inside a hospital, provides a means whereby a patient can be quickly and easily moved from a bed to an operating table, or vice-versa, by a single nurse or attendant. This is done with a minimum of disturbance and discomfort to the patient.

His adjustable hinge is designed to make it possible to raise or lower a door or gate vertically without removing the hinge, thus compensating for the sagging or settling of a door frame. An easy-to-make adjustment, with a small round tool will enable anyone to take the sag out of a door or gate.

Other Inventions

Other registered inventions of Mr. Alexander include an animal trapping device, a cue-tip drier and a rural mail receptacle that fits inside a rural mail box. The United States Postal Department has given him permission to make installations of this device in every rural mailbox in the United States.

Drawings or photo-line prints are on display in The News-Sentinel window.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 23, 1941]

LOCAL MAN INVENTS NEW AIRPLANE, CAR MUFFLER

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Tests are now under way at a western aircraft factory to determine proper alloys that will be used in manufacture of conventional airplane mufflers, designed by Harold Masterson, Rochester, sheet-metal worker. Copyrighted blueprints, protect the local designer until alloy tests are completed, after which time Masterson will be able to secure a complete protective patent. Interest in the muffler is also being shown by a leading automobile manufacturer, Masterson stated.

In explaining his invention, Mr. Masterson said, "The muffler is attracting attention because of its lightness and simplicity. When used on automobiles, the weight averages less than four pounds and can be manufactured at approximately half the price of present mufflers.

"On airplanes, the exhaust gasses and flames are entirely eliminated and the muffler may be attached directly to any fuselage without danger of fire. The only audible sound from an airplane at 1,000 feet, when fitted with this muffler, is the propeller flutter, and when used on an automobile, explosion impulses cannot be detected at a distance of three feet.

"Nothing can be disclosed as to design of muffler, as tests are now being conducted for defense interests. However, I might say that it is an old principal, slightly modified, and put into practical use."

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 23, 1941]

MILLER BROS. RECEIVE PATENT ON JACK PRESS

Otto and Hugh Miller, owners of the Miller Bros. Garage and Service Station, this city, today received a patent right, No. 2267662, from the Patent Office, Washington, D.C., on their recent invention which is known as "Miller's Universal Jack Press."

The device, designed primarily for use in garage and machine shops, practically doubles the present duties of the hydraulic jack press. The local inventors are building the new jack press in both bench type and floor type models.

Several of the new presses have already been sold and now that the patent rights are secure, the local garagemen plan to speed up production of the Universal Jack Press, providing, of course, if the steel needed in its construction can be secured.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 29, 1941]

Neffcovator, Inc. - Grave digging machine mfr. Machine patented by Dean O. Neff of Rochester.

Roger Neff, Dean's nephew, designated to handle marketing through distributors.

Thatchmaster - Machine to thatch lawns. Patent issued in 1973 to Dean O. Neff of Rochester. The machine, to be manufactured and sold by Brinley-Hardy Company in Louisville, Ky.

Samuel Heffley was not a mechanic but was more of a business financier. He obtained rights to an idea for a wagon axle skein and boxen (old plural for boxes) as well as an attached band box sand protection. He had this patented and it was called "Heffley's Truss and Sand Band Skein." Grandfather was still using the common skein same as Studebaker at South Bend, but Heffley's skein was really something in this sandy area. Locally Mr. Heffley was not too willing to let his competitors have his patent skein. In due time Mr. Heffley sold out to Snyder and Dillon. Mr. Snyder had been Grandfather's top woodworker and again Mr. Dillon was more of a financier than a mechanic, so eventually Heffley Wagon Works became known as John G. Hill and Son, manufacturers of fine handmade wagons, buggies, and sleighs, with full right to use the Heffley patents, however, the real estate and buildings remained a part of the Heffley estate until 1920 when my father and I bought it at 1014 Main Street.

[Hill Family, Clarence F. Hill, Fulton County Folks, Vol. 1, p. 187]

PATTERSON HARDWARE [Akron, Indiana]

William A. Patterson and his brother Martin L. Patterson opened a hardware store in 1886. It was located in a little frame building which stood on the site of Doering TV in 1974.

See Akron Exchange Bank.

PATTERSON, MARTIN L. [Akron, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Martin L. Patterson, one of the honored residents of Akron, and a Union veteran, was born in Henry county, Indiana, May 25, 1846, the third child in a family of six children. His parents were Daniel B. and Ruth Petterson, whose history is given elsewhere in this work. Of their children, Martin L., William, and a daughter, Mary P., wife of [Johnson E. Burdge], are residents of Akron. Following the completion of his work in the public schools, Martin L. Patterson took a training for the calling of a teacher at the Indiana State Normal School, Terre Haute, during 1871, and subsequently was a student of Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. It was in 1868 that he began teaching school, and he continued in that work for nine years, for three years of that period being principal of the schools of Gilead, Indiana, and the remainder of the time served as principal of schools in Henry county. Realizing then the importance of cultivating the soil to provide an adequate food supply Mr. Patterson turned his attention to farming, and in the course of time became the owner of 120 acres of excellent land in Miami county, but subsequently sold that farm and bought 169 acres in Henry township, Fulton county. For some years past he has not been actively engaged in the actual work of operating his farm, but he still continues to supervise it, and has never lost his interest in agricultural matters. A reader and thinker he has always combined his intellectuality with research. In May, 1864 he proved his patriotism by enlisting in the Union army, and was assigned to Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was under the command of General Milroy. His field of action lay in Alabama, where his command was engaged in pursuing General Wheeler. After the completion of his enlistment period he was honorably discharged, at Indianapolis, in April, 1865, returned home, and resumed his civilian garb. While he is a sound republican he is a man who exercises his right of franchise according to the dictates of his conscience. For six and one-half years he was trustee of Perry and Henry townships, and four school buildings were erected in his district during his term of service. In 1896 he was elected to the Indiana State Assembly, from Fulton county, and he served for one term with credit to himself and his county, and supported some very constructive legislation, part of which is now on the statute books of the state. He is a member of Akron Lodge, F. & A. M., and has served the lodge as secretary. In 1871 he was married to Miss Debbie Baker, who was born in Miami county, Indiana. After attending the common schools, she took a course at Wilbur College, a Quaker institution, but in religious faith she was a Methodist. Her death occurred, September 6, 1875. September 12, 1877, Mr. Patterson was married second to Viola E., daughter of George and Abigail (Davidson) Hakins, the former a native of Yorkshire, England, who was but fourteen years old when his family came to America, landing at Montreal, Canada, from which they traveled to Vermont. Still later they traveled overland in the historic "covered wagon" to Indiana, and located at Lafayette, but after some years moved to Miami county. It was in that county that Mrs. Patterson was born, September 17, 1847, and there her mother died, but her father died at Akron, Indiana. Reared in a Christian home by careful parents who were church members, Mrs. Patterson was given excellent educational advantages, attended Oxford College, Oxford, Ohio, and for about thirteen years was a public school-teacher of Miami and Kosciusko counties. Her interest in educational work continues, and she has served as president of the Carnegie Library board during the greater part of the time it has been in existence, and the beautiful brick building which houses the library, is a credit to the county and state. She was president of the county Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and is one of the officials of the local Eastern Star. Since its organization she has served as president of the Henry Township Chapter of the American Red Cross, and she belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps. In fact she is one of the leading factors in all of the constructive work of

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this locality. She and her husband travel considerably for their health and pleasure, and usually spend the winter in the South, but they continue to maintain their beautiful home at Akron where their many friends are always welcome. By his first marriage Mr. Patterson had one son, Charles W., and by his second, a daughter, Maud, now Mrs. Roy Jones of Akron. A sketch of Mr. Jones and his wife appears elsewhere in this work. Charles W. Patterson was reared in his native county and attended its common schools. He is now operating a hotel at Amarillo, Texas. By his marriage with Miss Addie Sibert, he has five children, one son and four daughters: Chloe, Pauline, Deborah, Herbert and Frances. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is a Republican, and fraternally he affiliates with the Knights of Pythias.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 255-258, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

PATTERSON, WILLIAM A. [Akron, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

One of the representative men of Fulton county and substantial citizens of Akron, is William A. Patterson, president of the Exchange Bank of this city, with which institution he has been continuously identified since its founding in 1891. He comes of an old English family that has been established in the United States for two centuries, and was born in Henry county, Indiana, February 25, 1851. His parents were Daniel B. and Ruth (Quackenbush) Patterson, and of their family of four sons and two daughters, but three survive: M. L., Mary P., wife of [Johnson] E. Burdge, and William A., all residents of Akron. The father was born in New York, February 15, 1813. Orphaned early, he had his own way to make in the world, and was eighteen years of age when he came to seek his fortune in Wayne county, Indiana, in which state he passed the rest of his life. At that time deer and other wild creatures of the forest were plentiful in Wayne county and many Indians yet remained. Although he never acquired great riches, he became widely known and esteemed as an aducator, teaching school for sixteen terms after moving to Henry county. In 1860 he removed to Wabash county and located near Roann, making his home there until his death in 1896. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in political sentiment was first a Whig and later a Republican. William A. Patterson lost his mother in infancy, her death occurring in Henry county. He attended the public schools until about seventeen years old, and from that time on became self-supporting. Work in a general store brought him a weekly salary of \$3, not an abundant wage even for that day but it was a beginning, and without doubt a part of it was thriftily laid aside. More responsibility and higher wages soon rewarded his industry and reliability, and he spent about seven years in a dry goods store in Wabash county, removing then to Roann, where in partnership with his brother Levi, he sold the first dry goods ever disposed of in that town, where he soon became an important factor in other business enterprises. He embarked in the lumber business and operated a sawmill and then became a contractor in building gravel roads in Wabash county for an interval of three years. In 1886 he came to Akron and for some years was associated with his brother in the hardware business and later, for a number of years, was concerned in the buying and shipping of cattle. While general development and improvement went on at Akron, there were, as yet, no general banking facilities, Mr. Patterson and his brother for three years acting more or less in a private financial capacity to relieve public necessities, and it was William A. Patterson who was the prime mover in arousing the sentiment that made possible the organizing of the Exchange Bank at Akron, in 1891. Mr. Patterson became the first president of the institution and has never lost interest in what has become one of the most prosperous banks in this section of the state, his name, as president, still being one of its best assets. In 1880 he was married to Miss Rose Loder, who died in 1911, the mother of five children, two of whom survive: Valura P., who is the wife of J. R. Emahiser, a stock buyer at Akron, and they have two children, Billie J. and Mary Rosalie; And Levi Loder, who is a third year student at Purdue University, in the scientific department. Mr. Patterson was married second, in October, 1916, to Miss Annabel Conrad, who was born in Cass

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county, Indiana, April 27, 1860, daughter of John Q. and Susanna (Eurit) Conrad, her maternal ancestral line reaching to Germany, and her paternal to England, in which country the Conrads and the Washingtons, from whom descended President George Washington, were kindred. Mrs. Patterson for many years prior to her marriage, was a highly valued educator in Miami and Blackford counties, Indiana, for twenty-one years being a resident of Hartford City. She was thoroughly prepared for her professional career, after graduating from the high school at Logansport attending the normal school at Ladoga and the American normal school at Logansport and two summers at Indiana University. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, belongs to the Eastern Star, and has many social interests. Mr. Patterson belongs to the Masonic fraternity. In political life he is a Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Ulysses S. Grant.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 258-260, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

PATTON, JOHNNY [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Colored citizens

JOHNNY PATTON DEAD

Uncle Johnny PATTON, colored, died at the County Farm, this morning, of senile debility at the age of more than four score years.

Uncle Johnny as he was generally known in this city, where he has resided since the Civil War, with the exception of one year which he spent in Indianapolis, [was] one of Rochester's characters which has a history. Mr. Patton joined the 87th Ind Co. at Triune, Tennessee, in the spring of 1864 and served as cook for that company during the remainder of the war, returning at its close with the 87th to Rochester. As a citizen he was always law abiding and was well known by many Fulton county people. [d. May 13, 1905, colored Patriot of the Civil War; bur Citizens cem, Rochester, Fulton Co Ind]

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 13, 1905]

JOHNNY PATTON'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Uncle Johnny PATTON, which occurred from the County Home yesterday, was one which called out unique honors for our aged colored citizen.

He was spending a time at the County Home while his own home was being renovated, and his death was unexpected by most people.

Messrs. M. L. ESSICK and Jonas MYERS, acting as a committee from the soldiers, purchased a lot in the Citizens cemetery and made all other provisions both for burial and a headstone. About 30 soldiers and friends gathered at the County Home for the funeral, which was conducted by Rev. W. F. SWITZER with addresses upon the life of deceased by Capt. LONG, James GAINER, M. L. ESSICK, Jonas MYERS, J. H. BIBLER, Thomas MERCER and A. T. BITTERS. Mr. Patton was not an enlisted soldier but served with the 87th Ind. Co. from 1864 to the end of the war. The funeral partook of the nature of a Grand army camp -fire and was a tribute, of respect to his faithfulness and integrity as a man.

In his early days as a slave he was married, but his wife and children were sold from him. He himself was sold three times, and once for the sum of \$1,400. The war gave him his liberty and soldier friends. He chose to come North and live and die among them. He possessed the noblest qualities of the colored race, and his memory will abide in Rochester for many a day.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 16, 1905]

THE STORY BEHIND A CURIOUS GRAVESTONE INSCRIPTION

Considered Comment

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In the extreme northwest corner of Citizens Cemetery, along West Ninth Street, there is a small gray granite gravestone that proclaims: "John Patton, Died May 15, 1905, Patriot of Civil War 1861-1865, Colored."

Behind this curious inscription is the unusual story of a Negro slave who escaped from his masters in the South, joined a Union Army regiment containing Rochester soldiers and ended his days as "Uncle Johnny Patton," a respected citizen of this community.

It is a tale that became a part of my 1997 book concerning the Civil War experiences of that regiment, the 87th Indiana, entitled "A Stupendous Effort." Not long ago a woman came to our office to inquire about the meaning of the headstone's lettering, thereby forcing me to accept the astonishing fact that not everyone has read that excellent book. Such dereliction will not, however, stand in the way of a repetition of this interesting bit of local history.

The 87th Indiana, which had 300 Fulton County men among its 10 companies, was encamped in Tennessee at Triune, south of Nashville, in the spring of 1863 when John Patton wandered into its midst. He had become aware of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation that freed all slaves in territories then in rebellion against the federal government. So he escaped from his slaveowning master and sought refuge with the nearest Union Army. Thousands like him were doing the same thing at the time.

As it happened Patton encountered soldiers of the 87th's Company F, whose commander, Captain Horace Long of Rochester, allowed him to stay as a personal cook and body servant. He remained with Long the company and regiment for the rest of the war, through the battle of Chickamauga, the overland campaign leading to the capture of Atlanta, the resulting March to the Sea and finally, the Carolinas campaign to war's end.

When that came in April of 1865, Patton was invited by Long and other soldiers from Rochester to return here and live out his life.

That he did and for the next 40 years he was a familiar figure on the local scene. He lived in a small frame house in the southeastern part of the town and performed all manner of useful work for his fellow citizens. They treated him generally as one of their own and described him as "willing, honest and genteel." Late in his life they bought him a peanut and popcorn stand which he operated for many years along Main Street.

Patton's age at his death was listed only as "over 80" and not much is known of his background before he appeared at Triune. He once said that he married as a young slave and that his wife and three children were sold away from him. He was sold himself to three different masters, he claimed, once for the handsome sum of \$1,400.

The true measure of John Patton's life as a free man in Rochester, Indiana, was the respect shown to his memory upon his passing in the spring of 1905.

His soldier friends quickly determined that "Uncle Johnny" would not be consigned to a pauper's grave. They agreed to share the expenses of a funeral and appointed two of their number to make the arrangements.

The funeral itself took the form of a campfire ceremony of the Grand Army of the Republic, the organization of Civil War veterans. Thus was Patton granted the ultimate compliment his soldier friends could give: recognition as a comrade.

The services held at the Fulton County Home were attended by 30 Civil War veterans. A local minister gave the sermon and seven of Patton's soldier friends each made brief remarks concerning his life.

The Evening Sentinel, finally and fittingly, published a substantial obituary of this former slave in which it was written that the funeral "was a tribute of respect to his faithfulness and integrity as a man" and went on to state that Patton "possessed the noblest qualities of the colored race and his memory will abide in Rochester for many a day."

And so it has.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 3, 2000]

PAULK, KENNETH [Rochester, Indiana]

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See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Kenneth Paulk)

PAULUS, EDWARD [Rochester, Indiana]

NOTICE

I have purchased the paint shop connected with Henry Warner's blacksmith and repair shop, and will do first class carriage Painting on old or new work. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction. EDWARD PAULUS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 15, 1904]

PEABODY & KINSELY [Rochester, Indiana]

WILL MOVE MILL HERE

Wabash Plain Dealer

"Peabody & Kinsely, who are operating a large sawmill at Chili, just over the Miami county line, will probably remove the concern to Rochester. The change would be made at once if an agreement as to freight rates were possible with the Lake Erie & Western road. The firm and the freight department of the road are now in communication with a view to making a long term contract."

It will be remembered that representatives of the Peabody & Kinsely company have been in Rochester and made arrangements for the site of mill, which will be just east of the Lake Erie track on the lot near the water tank.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 10, 1904]

PEABODY BROS. CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

Located N side of E 9th Street due N of lot #596 Robbins & Harter's 3rd Addn Out Lots. [427 E 9th]

Hard lumber, slab wood.

See: Downs Sawmill

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Peabody sawmill in this city located on East Ninth street, is being torn down and will be shipped to Adams county, where it will be set up by a Mr. Cotter, the purchaser. The mill was a paying institution for the owners until the past year when the scarcity of timber and the necessarily high prices caused it to fail to be paying.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 20, 1910]

PEARSON, JOHN G. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Pearson's Brass & String Band

See: Rochester Bands

PEARSON'S BRASS & STRING BAND [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rannells, William W.

See: Rochester Bands

In 1874 Prof. John G. Pearson and his brother-in-law, James Chapin, started this band, and Pearson tutored Vivian Essick, a child in short pants. Pearson was at one time rated 4th greatest cornetist in the United States. Pearson left Rochester in 1884 for Kansas City, Mo., where he directed the Kansas City band for several years, passing away there in 1940.

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After Pearson left Rochester in 1884, Levi S. Emrick who had been a student musician under Prof. Pearson, led the band. His son, Prof. Paul Emrick, became a renowned 50-year leader of the Purdue University Band.

Pearson's Brass & String Band was the first Rochester uniformed band, and attained state-wide recognition playing for the Harrison presidential parade in Indianapolis, numerous balls, fairs, shows, and minstrels.

The band engaged the services of James Nevota, noted Italian musical instructor of Peru, and at the peak of its activities, it was rated one of the best in Indiana. Members included George Van Scoik/Skike, bass; Levi Emrick, baritone, Ed Zook, trombone, Will Shelton, alto; Oscar Decker, alto; William Rannels, alto; John Pearson, cornet; Charles Hasslinger, cornet; Ovid Osgood, cornet; Dan Herman, bass drum; Bill True, tenor drum. Young Viv Essick, advertised as the boy cornetist, made his bow to the public with this band.

Interest in this band began to lag in the early 1880's, and a new band, GAR Band was organized.

See G.A.R. BAND.

PECK & GRUBBS [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Since Peck & Grubbs, the Swiss Dry Cleaners, have installed their machinery for cleaning garments for both ladies and gentlemen they have been more than pleasing their many patrons. Their steam dyeing department is also a new feature for Rochester and they extend an invitation to everybody to give them a trial on their garments and be convinced that their work is equal to any city work. Hats of all kind cleaned and reblocked. Their office is No. 109 [E] Ninth street, south side square.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 7, 1911]

PECK'S GROCERY [Rochester, Indiana]

New Store. Mr. E. Peck has opened up a New Grocery Store, one door North of I. W. Holeman's in one of Mr. Downey's rooms . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 16, 1866]

F. A. Peck is fitting up a new Store room in this place, in which he intends to carry on a regular Grocery & Produce trade.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 6, 1867]

City Clothing Store. . . . in Downey's Building (Peck's old stand). . . Lauer & Deichman. Rochester, Ind. Dec. 19, 1867.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, December 19, 1867]

PECK'S ICE HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Ice House. Elias Peck of this place is enlarging his big Ice House. He intends putting up 250 tons of ice this coming winter, and says he will deliver the ice to his customers at their houses for 50 cts per hundred weight . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 21, 1867]

PECK'S STANDARD SERVICE STATION [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - Just Like That - with Standard Red Crown. - - - PECK'S STANDARD SERVICE STATION, [SW] Corner Third and Main Sts. Phone 49.

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[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 8, 1938]

PECONGE MOTOR SALES [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv- Rockne Six, sponsored and guaranteed by Studebaker, \$585 - - - PECONGE MOTOR SALES, 501 N. Main St., Rochester, Ind. Phone 168.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 10, 1932]

PEEPLES, MINNIE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

PELICAN BARBER SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - - For a neat clean shave and the finest hair cut in the city. - - - - three dors south of the Baptist church.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 15, 1878]

NEW BARBER

What has been known as the Pelican Barber Shop, kept by Fred Hicks, has been sold to J. H. Milizer who will hereafter conduct the business of the shop at the old stand to the satisfaction of its numerous patrons. The new proprietor invites everybody to drop in and see him. Satisfactory work guaranteed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 5, 1882]

PELLENS DRUG STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Dawson, George V.

[Adv] Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Perfumery, Soaps, Brushes, Trusses, &c. - - - - -J. B. PELLENS, Successor to M. DANZIGER.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 26, 1878]

[Adv] SCULL DRUG STORE!

PAINT! The Best and Cheapest Paint in the Market is the Famous Steamboat Paste Paint - - - Pure Drugs and Medicines - - - Wall Paper that I am selling out at COST. - - - JAS. A. SCULL, Successor to J. B. PELLENS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 3, 1889]

- - - NEW FIRM but OLD BUSINESS. Having purchased the popular and old reliable Drug Store formerly owned by J. D. PELLENS, I solicit a continuance of public patronage and pledge all customers that Our stock shall always be complete, fresh and clean. Physicians' Prescriptions and family recipes carefully filled. WM. M. PERSCHBACHER, Lee Pyle, Clerk.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 28, 1892]

PENCE, JOHN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

PENDLETON, ARTHUR E. [Rochester, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Arthur E. Pendleton. - Mr. Pendleton, Trustee of Rochester township, Fulton county, Ind., is a native of Madison county, Ind., born July 28, 1830. He is a son of John B. and Maria (Edney)

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Pendleton, both natives of North Carolina, who in 1823 came to the Hoosier state and settled in Wayne county, where they resided until 1830, when they removed to Madison county, where the father died in 1839, and the mother at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. The subject of this sketch resided in Madison county until about thirty-five years of age and then removed to Henry county, where he lived for ten years and in the spring of 1875 he came to Fulton county and settled in Richland township, where the residence was continued for nine years. He then moved to Rochester township and for the last five years he has been a resident of the city of Rochester. The life of Mr. Pendleton has been that of a farmer and in politics he has always been an earnest supporter of the republican party. In 1883-84 he was township trustee of Richland township and in 1894 he was elected to the same position in Rochester township. In township affairs his policy is to enforce economy wherever it is possible. Mr. Pendleton was united in marriage in 1853 to Miss Mary A. Richwine, who was born in Wayne county, Ind., and died in Fulton county, Ind., in 1878. Born of this union were nine children, the following six of whom are living: Dr. C. B. Pendleton, of Mechanicsburg, Henry county, Ind.; Clinton V., Charles A., a merchant of Richland township, this county; Nannie J., now Mrs. McClure, who resides in California; Warren D., and Franklin O. Mr. Pendleton is a member of the Masonic fraternity and one of the highly respected citizens of this county.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 116-117]

PENSLAR DRUG STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

PENSLAR DRUG STORE SOLD

Mr. Everett Gilbert, a graduate pharmacist of the Des Moines University has purchased the Penslar Drug Store of L. B. Farrar. Mr. Gilbert comes from Marshfield, Missouri, where he spent several years as clerk in a drug store prior to studying pharmacy at Des Moines. He will move his family here as soon as suitable location can be found and expects to remain here permanently. Mr. Farrar has not made known his plans for the future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 21, 1923]

PEOPLES AUCTION COMPANY [Rochester, Indiana]

See Sale Barn

BASTOW AND COPLEN BUY SALES COMPANY

The Community Sales Company which has been under the management of Tom McMahan has been taken over by Ira Bastow, auctioneer, and Herman Coplen, cashier of the U. S. Bank and Trust Co. The new managers have rented the large barn on East Eighth Street and will conduct the sales on every Saturday. The name of the company from now on will be the Peoples Auction Company. It is the intention of Mr. Bastow and Mr. Coplen to make the local sales a regular bi-monthly event in the county.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 18, 1922]

[Adv] PUBLIC SALE, People's Auction Barn, Rochester, Ind. Saturday, Feb 18, '24. - - - - Bring any property you have for sale! PEOPLE'S AUCTION CO. I. A. Bastow, auctioneer. H. L. Coplen, clerk.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 15, 1924]

PEOPLES SALES CO. SALES DAYS DATE IS CHANGED

Ira A. Bastow, local auctioneer and a member of the People's Sales Co. of this city, announced today that in the future all of the public sales of the East 8th street sales barn will be conducted on Wednesdays instead of Saturdays.

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The reason for this change, he stated, was so that there would not be two sales being conducted on Saturdays, has has been the custom for the past few Saturdays. The first sale under the new schedule will be held on Wednesday, March 29th, at which time livestock, farm machinery and miscellaneous articles will be sold at auction. Col. Bastow has been conducting community sales in this locality for the past 11 years.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 25, 1933]

PEOPLES AUCTION CO. MAY BE RE-ADJUSTED

It was reported unofficially today that a refinancing project for the People's Auction Co., of this city, was underway, with the re-organization details being conducted under the this city, and his father, Charles E. Coplen, of near Talma. [sic]

Herman Coplen, head of the Peoples Auction Co., was reported to be in Indianapolis today on business matters. The company it was understood has been experiencing considerable financial troubles for some time and last week the Rochester man was detained in Kokomo to satisfy a check which the local company issued to Ross Hawkins, of Galveston, Ind. This check was reported to be in the sum of \$157.00 in payment for livestock which was sold at public auction in Kokomo. The Galveston claim was adjusted Thursday, of last week.

Those closely in touch with the People's Auction Co. expressed the opinion that Mr. Coplen's financial backing which was given to the now defunct Rochester Glove Corporation, once located in the building now occupied by the auction company, was indirectly the cause of the financial difficulties now being experienced by the auction company.

A more detailed statement concerning the future of the public auction concern, which has conducted sales in Rochester for a long number of years, will probably be available from Mr. Coplen within the next few days.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 6, 1936]

PEOPLE'S BAND [Rochester, Indiana]

The People's Band will give a free open air concert on Wall street Friday evening. All are invited to come and participate in a feast of good music.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, September 18, 1901]

PEOPLE'S CAFE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

See: Hotels - Barrett Hotel

PEOPLE'S CAFE SOLD TO SOUTH BEND COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bennett, of So. Bend, have purchased the Peoples Cafe, 707 Main street, this city. Mr. Bennett, a chef from the Clark's cafe, South Bend, comes highly recommended as does his wife, who was an employee of the LaSalle Coffee Shop.

An advertismment will be carried in Monday's issue of the News-Sentinel announcing the menu of the opening dinner which will be served Tuesday evening.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 23, 1932]

FRED ALEXANDER BUYS PEOPLE'S RESTAURANT

Fred Alexander late yesterday purchased the People's Cafe of Carl Bennett of this city. The new proprietor who is an experienced restaurant man took over active management of the cafe, Saturday morning.

The new owner stated he would operate the restaurant along the same policies as did the retiring proprietors and no changes in the personnel were contemplated at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have not announced their plans for the future.

Robert DuBois will succeed Alexander as manager of the Bowling Alley lunch room.

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[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 1, 1934]

PEOPLES CAFE IS SOLD BY FRANCIS CARLTON

Estil "Count" Carter and Miss Susie Gibbons today purchased the People's Cafe 15 707 Main street of Francis Carlton. The purchasers have taken possession.

Mr. Carter and Miss Gibbons are experienced cafe operators. Both have been employed in restaurants in this city for a number of years.

The purchasers plan some improvements to the cafe within the near future.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 13, 1935]

John Burl Hoover and wife Anna Joyce Belt operated People's Cafe at [E side of Main in Arlington Block]. They had previously operated Hoover's Restaurant at 804 Main Street for many years, which they purchased from Rinaldo "Nobby" True, and had been known as Nobby's Restaurant & Bakery.

[Hoover Family, Ernest Hoover, Jr., *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

ANNOUNCE SELLING OF LOCAL PEOPLES CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Estil Carter announced today that they have sold their restaurant, The Peoples Cafe, at 707 Main street, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark, of Rochdale, Ind., for an undisclosed sum.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark are experienced restaurant operators, and have two daughters who will assist them in the business.

The formal opening of the Peoples Cafe will be made Saturday, with Mr. and Mrs. Carter assisting them for a few weeks until they can get started.

Estil, better known as "Count," has been in the restaurant business most of his life. He established himself in the business here eight years ago with the opening of the Peoples cafe, which has been a favorite eating establishment for many local people. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have no immediate plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 10, 1943]

CARTER RE-PURCHASES THE PEOPLES CAFE

After enjoying a three-weeks retirement from the restaurant business in Rochester Estil (Count) Carter today announced that he has re-purchased The Peoples Cafe, 707 Main street, and will assume active control of the business, Thursday morning, Dec. 9.

Carter, three weeks ago sold the Cafe to Ralph Clark, of Roachdale, Ind. Clark experienced considerable difficulty in securing help and the resale was consummated today. The Roachdale man has not announced his plans for the future.

Mr. Carter and his wife have been engaged in the restaurant business in this city for approximately a score of years.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 7, 1943]

PEOPLES CAFE PURCHASED BY INDIANAPOLIS COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Estil Carter have announced sale of the People's Cafe to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kramer of Indianapolis. Possession will be given Wednesday, August 9.

Mr. Kramer, Indiana Motor Bus driver, holds highest seniority rights with that company. Mrs. Kramer is an experienced cafe operator and has been in charge of the Hook Drug Co cafeterias in Indianapolis for several years. Both are well known in Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter, operators of the People's Cafe for the last nine years, have no immediate plans.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, August 5, 1944]

PEOPLES' CHEAP CASH STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

The Peoples' Cheap Cash Store . . . on the North West corner of Main and Washington street, opposite I. W. Holeman's Drug Store.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

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]

Owned by Ernest Baxter, who at the same time, also owned and operated Baxter Drugs.

PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] The Leavitt Co, PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT STORE, has purchased the building and stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Carpets, Linoleums, Crockery, Tinware, Shoes and Clothing of the well-known firm of Geo. H. Wallace & Sons, THE BIG STORE, North Side Public Square, Rochester. - - - PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT STORE, The Leavitt Co., R. A. Leavitt, Manager. North Side Public Square - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 24, 1908]

PEOPLES DRUGS [Rochester, Indiana]

Located 800 Main, site of former Erdman Drugs.

PEOPLES GROCERY [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] NEW STORE. I have opened a new stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fruits, etc., in the room formerly occupied by what was the People's Grocery, 1st door south of M. Wiles. - - - L. E. DOWNEY, Prop., Telephone 51.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 27, 1899]

[Adv - Kiddie Knead Bread 1-1/2 pound loaf 10 cents; 1 pound loaf 7 cents. Sold only by Peoples Grocery, Marsh & Lackey.]

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 5, 1923]

[Adv/ - Please. Having dissolved partnership, we desire that all persons knowing themselves indebted to the Peoples Grocery will please call and settle promptly so that our books may be closed. MARSH & LACKEY.]

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 1, 1923]

PEOPLE'S NEW & SECOND HAND STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] FURNITURE TO EXCHANGE. I have new furniture to exchange for old. I want to buy all kinds of household goods, such as stoves, furniture, carpets, etc. Also watches, harness and anything of value. - - - You can also get cash for anything you have to sell at the PEOPLE'S NEW AND SECOND-HAND STORE, three doors south of Academy of Music. J. D. TURNER, Prop.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 9, 1900]

PEOPLES' STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

NEW STORE NOW OPEN

The Peoples' store, in the Holeman building, opposite the Arlington Hotel, is now open, and is a store Rochester may well be proud of, and give it patronage. The stock consists of a large assortment of dry goods, notions, shoes, mens furnishings, hats, caps, queensware and groceries, and in fact everything carried in an up to date general store.

The proprietors Messers Riggs and Day are both young men. The formerly conducted a similar business at Converse until the gas gave out. They are thorough business men and the SENTINEL is sure the general public will be courteously treated by them.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 28, 1904]

[Adv] [full page ad] THE PEOPLE'S STORE, Rochester, Ind. -- One door North Zook's Hardware.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 14, 1904]

[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]

PERFECT INSULATOR COMPANY [Rochester, Indiana]

Also see Rochester Insulator Company

SAMPLE ORDERS FOR PERFECT INSULATOR

Tom McMahan and Arch Grove, of the Perfect Insulator Company, have returned from Lafayette, where they attended the state telephone convention. While there they displayed the product of the local corporation, a new style insulator, which they state took exceedingly well with the telephone men. They took a number of sample orders from representatives of companies over the state from which it is expected a good business will be derived later.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 6, 1922]

PERKINS, PHILIP A. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Philip A. Perkins)

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See: Fruit and Produce Stands

PERRY, ARNOLD [Rochester, Indiana]

Another murder was that of Arnold Perry, an old bachelor residing on a farm east of the village of Rochester. A nephew followed Mr. Perry into the woods and shot him in the back hoping to secure the farm in order to marry a neighborhood girl.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Wednesday, June 10, 1959]

PERRY TOWNSHIP [Miami County]

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James Malcolm was the first white man to lead the march of civilization into what is now Perry Township. He came to the country as early as 1833, and obtaining a small log cabin from an Indian village soon after fixed his home on what is now known as the Jacob Wiles farm, not far from the southeast corner of the township. "He doubtless entered the deep forest, as did the majority of young pioneers, with exultant hopes, looking forward to the time when the dense woods should be cleared away, and when fine farms should appear in their stead." He lived to see all these changes take place, but, contrary to his expectations, instead of accumulating a competency and living to enjoy the same, was compelled to pass his declining years in the county poor house, where he died a common pauper. The next man who sought a home in the new country was William Akright, who located in the southeast corner of the township, where Ananias Harmon now lives, some time in the year 1834. Mr. Akright was in the true sense of the word a pioneer, and, like his predecessor, was doomed to bitter disappointment, so far as the accumulation of property was concerned, dying in indigent circumstances in the year 1884. His son, John Akright, came the same time, figured as an early school teacher of the township, and later sold goods for a number of years in the village of Gilead. The same year Matthias Moyer settled near the eastern boundary of the township, where he cleared a good farm and set out one of the first nurseries in the county. "Benjamin Musulman and Jacob Gill were early settlers in the same locality, but did not purchase land at that time, both of them leasing a part of Mr. Moyer's place."

During the year 1835, a number of substantial men were added to the population of the little colony, conspicuous among whom was John Rhodes, who entered a large tract of land near the central part of the township, upon which he lived the remainder of his life. Unlike the majority of settlers in a new country, Mr. Rhodes was a man of considerable wealth, by means of which he was enabled to secure a valuable property and live in comparative ease. His son, Adam E. Rhodes, accompanied him to this country and settled upon the present site of Gilead, of which village he was proprietor. He was a man of great energy and superior business qualifications, and ranked as one of the leading citizens of the county for a number of years. Another prominent settler of 1835 was Ira Mitchell, who located a short distance east of Gilead, on what is now the John Baker farm. John Close came the latter part of the same year and made an improvement near the eastern boundary of the township, and James Waddle is reputed to have been living on the Samuel Seidner place not far from Niconza, prior to 1836. Among others of 1835, were Peter Onstatt, two and a half miles southeast of Gilead; James Fiers, on the Tombaugh farm in the southeast corner of the township; Rev. Wesley Borders, a Methodist preacher and early Justice of the Peace, in the same locality; Joseph Wildman and his son Joseph, near the Kessler farm, southwest of Gilead; Alfred Doud, a half mile west of the village; Charles Cleland, in the vicinity of Dowd's place; James Cleland, brother of Charles, and an early trader, about four miles southwest of Gilead; James Biggs, northwest of Gilead; Benjamin and David Marquis, on the Sickafoos farm; Willis Hill, on the Graft farm, in the southwest part of the township; Jacob Richard, son-in-law of Alfred, near the central part of the township; John Walters, on the Joseph Grogg farm; John Anderson and Matthias Bird, near Gilead; and James Bunton, who purchased land owned at the present time by Jacob Kessler and Fred Kircher, where he died within a short time after coming to the county.

Prominent among the arrivals of 1836 was Peter Kessler, who, the previous fall, purchased the land where Willis Hill had settled, to which he moved his family the following spring. He was a prominent citizen of the township until his death in 1860, and can be appropriately classed with the early representative men of Miami County. His sons, Jacob, Titus, Peter, James and Jackson, came the same year, and Samuel a little later. They were all substantial citizens and left the impress of their characters upon the communities in which they resided. Jacob Kessler, the only one of the brothers here at the present time, is one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of the township.

Samuel Shoemaker settled in the southeast corner of the township in 1836, and before the close of that year the population had been increased by the following comers: Samuel Essick, on the Timothy Baker farm; Peter Sager, a short distance south of Gilead; Jacob Huffman, in the

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northeastern part of the township; William J. Keever, who purchased part of the Marquis land, and John Clifton, about three miles north of Gilead. During the interval from 1837 to 1839, the following settlers, with others, sought homes within the present limits of the township: John Grogg, where he is still living; George and Joseph Grogg, the former in the northern part of the township and the latter where his sons are still living; Hiram Butler, an early Trustee and County Commissioner, near the southern border; John D. Haken, father-in-law of Jacob Kessler, in Section 16, eastern part of the township; John Tombaugh, on land now owned by Noah Miller; John Bowers, where Michael Thomas lives; John Meyers, eastern part of the township, Section sixteen; Larkin Norman, southeast corner; John Chambers and sons, Pleasant and Elijah, in same locality; William Hester, first Justice of the Peace, near the center part of the township; Zera Sutherland, near Gilead; Henry and John Daggy, on land owned at this time by Andrew Yarian; Jesse Butler, on the road leading from Gilead to Peru; Robert Meek and John Tracy, in southern part of the township; Peter Shrig, a transient settler who lived in various places; Alexander Jameson, where Daniel Carns now lives; Allen Jameson, on same place; John Olds, Prior Wright, and Joshua Murphy, in southern part; Amos Ellison, central part; Caleb B. Ash, one of the first school teachers, ten miles north of Gilead, and James Chapen, northeastern part. Among others who came in from time to time, were the following: Charles S. Low, Thomas Carpenter, Daniel Keim, George Keim, Benjamin Keim, Calvin Tracy, Hezekiah Tracy, John Gilliland, Joseph Oldfather, Samuel Thompson, Vinal Thurston, Samuel Rank, Reeder Drake, William A. Sower, Barnes Dowd, James S. Love, Hiram Daines, Peter Mowry, Adam Daines, Jacob Barnheisel, John Gaerte, Jacob Myers, John Myers, Dennis Garber, Jacob Miller, Joseph Miller, John Fiers, Thomas Goudy, Henry Bidding, James Goudy, John Goudy, Henry Koffle and John Slagle, the majority of whom became residents as early as 1840. The following are the names of a few who came in after that date: Hugh Miller, James Tracy, Michael Smith, Philip Smith, William Garber, George King, Jacob Seidner, Samuel Seidner, Jacob Harmon, Robert Love, John Cregg, David Love, T. L. Hurlburt, Isaac Hester, Cyrus Kreig, William Smith and Fleming Smith.

Early Land Entries

Quite a number of the settlers enumerated purchased their lands directly from the Government, and obtained patents for the same within a short time after coming to the county. The following is a list of those who entered land during the year 1835, several of whom became residents of the township: Nathan Seavay and Andrw Onstatt, Section 13, Township 29, North, Range 4, East; Jos. Cox, John McCrea and Chas. S. Lowe, Section 22; Nathan Seavay, Section 24; John R. Wright, Section 27; Jerome Hoover, Section 3, Township 29, Range 5, East; Samuel Wallace, Section 4; Noah Webb, John Wiseman and Adam Weaver, Section 6; Ira Mitchell and W. H. Dubois, Section 7; James Adams and A. E. Rhodes, Section 9; William Akright, Philip M. Tabb, James Waddell and John Mowry, Section 15; Orion Taylor and Ann Huff, Section 17; John Rhodes, Section 18; Jonathan Science, Section 19; John Close, Jacob Flora and John Bailey, Section 21; Nathan Moyer, William M. Duff and Peter Onstatt, Section 22; Daniel Hawkins, Section 27; William Butler, Elihu Plummer and Thomas Plummer, Section 28; David Hiatt, Section 29; Hiram Butler and William Butler, Section 30; James Malcolm, William Clark and Samuel Essick, Section 33.

The following is a full list of those who purchased lands from the government in 1836, in Township 29, North, Range 4, East: Noah Noble, James Biggs and Chas. Cleland, Section 1; Daniel Gilchrist and Chas. Smith, Section 2; Samuel A. Manon and Samuel Hoover, Section 3; William Bake and Miles Craig, Section 10; E. Dowd, Section 11; W. H. DuBois, A. Dowd and W. H. Stubblefield, Section 12; Wm. Robbins, Section 13; W. Hill and A. Weaver, Section 14; Jos. Wildman, Sullivan Wait and Enos Wildman, section 15; Luther Wait, Section 16; Cyrus Taylor, Wm. Bain, and P. Smith, Section 23; L. W. Sale and Jos. Tarkington, Section 24; David W. Murray, Section 25; Township 29, Range 5, East; Isaac Smalley, Section 3; James Adams, Section 4; John Webb, Townsend Hoover, T. Summerton, A. E. Rhodes and T. Evans, Section 5; Daniel Stimel, D. Cambell and Chas. W. Catheast, Section 8; Henry Worst and John Mowry, Section 9; Jacob Flora, R. M. Buck, Moses Bunton, L. Newton and S. Newton, Section 20; John Webb and John Bailey, Section 22; D. Clark, Section 27; Wm. Hester, H. Daggy, James Fiers, B. F. Town

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and D. B. Forman, Section 29; John Daggy and David Marquis, Section 30; B. Hill, Jos. Beckner, W. Brown and David Mowlsby, Section 30.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. pp. 711-716]

PERRYSBURG, INDIANA [Miami County]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Perrysburg Horsethief detective association took in twenty members at a meeting last night.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 2, 1907]

FROM NEAR-BY TOWNS

A suit has been filed in the Miami county court by Attorneys Bailey & Bailey against the owners of the Perrysburg tile mill for foreclosure of several mortgages against the plant. The plaintiff is George S. Brubaker, who holds a first and second mortgage against the property. There are other mortgages against the mill, aggregating the sum of \$6,000.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 20, 1912]

BOLT HURLS BELL FROM THE PERRYSBURG CHURCH

Perrysburg, Ind., July 20 (By I. N. S) - The bell of a church was torn from the belfry and hurled to the street when struck by a bolt of lightning that demolished the steeple today.

Several passersby narrowly missed being struck by the heavy bell.

Fire apparatus from adjoining towns arrived in time to save the church from being destroyed.

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

PERRYSBURG SAID TO BE PLANNING EXPANSION

Peru may look well to her laurels and keep a "weather eye" on a little town called Perrysburg in Union township, Miami county.

"There's a hen on" up at Perrysburg and every effort is being put forth to prevent leaks, for folks up there don't believe in "counting the chickens before they're hatched," but someone has let the "cat out of the bag."

Two men, each worth a million "simoleons" have taken or will take up their residence there. These millionaires are represented by two very able real estate and promoting concerns which are planning an industrial boom for the capital of Union township, Miami county.

These concerns realize that Perrysburg is just 12 miles from Peru and just 12 miles from Rochester, the half way point on State Road No. 1, which when paved will be the equal if it does not exceed a railroad in the matter of passenger travel and the shipping of light freight such as will be promised in the proposed Perrysburg factories.

Plans, it is said, are now well advanced for the building of four business blocks of modern architectural beauty. The old tile mill property will be converted into manufacturing plant of pretentious magnitude but the nature of the product to be produced goes unannounced.

The old saw mill, that no one has "saw" saw, for many years, will be transformed into probably an extensive basket manufacturing plant that will furnish employment for many artisans, and some other industries are in the plan but are sufficiently submerged in secrecy just now as to prevent publicity.

There is going to be some new lots platted, because houses will have to be built to accommodate the influx of new citizens who will furnish the labor to run the factories and the patronage to run the stores.

In fact there's lot of things being told about the coming awakening of the old town and it is stated as a fact that capital is back of the project.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, September 8, 1925]

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CLARENCE PETERSON MOVES BUSINESS TO PERRYSBURG

Clarence Peterson, for years the owner and operator of the Peterson Tire Repair shop at 522 Main street, has moved his business to Perrysburg, where he will operate in the future. Peterson decided to establish elsewhere when his lease here was cancelled.

A new building will occupy the space where the tire shop building stood.
[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 16, 1945]

PERSCHBACHER, BARNEY [Rochester, Indiana]

PERSCHBACHERS WILL MANAGE FILLING STA.

Barney Perschbacher and his son Ed today took over the management of the Linco Filling Station at the northeast corner of Main and Fourth streets.

Messrs. Perschbacher will continue the station in operation and plan to make extensive improvements. In addition to the sale of gasoline and oils, tobacco and confectioneries are sold and a greasing rack is operated.

Barney Perschbacher has been the Fulton county court bailiff for several years while Ed Perschbacher is an experienced filling station operator. He managed service stations in both Chicago and Detroit for well known oil companies.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 4, 1937]

PERSCHBACHER, ED [Rochester, Indiana]

RELINQUISH STATION LEASE

Ed Perschbacher today relinquished his lease on the Marathon Oil Company filling station at the corner of Main and Fourth streets. Mr. Perschbacher was inducted into the Army on August 31 with 25 other Fulton county draftees and he will report at Fort Benjamin Harrison on September 14 for active duty. Mr. Perschbacher has operated the station for the past five years.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 8, 1942]

PERSCHBACHER, FRED, SR. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Erie Market and Grocery

PERSCHBACHER, GEORGE [Rochester, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

On the 18th day of January, 1794, in the Grand Dutchy of Hesse Darmstadt, German Empire, one John George Perschbacher made his advent into this world. He lived a humble life in his native country and received such an education as the schools of his native land afforded. April 23, 1825, he was united in marriage to Anna D. Grayer. This lady was born at Schaafheim, in the same country, July 1, 1802. They remained in their native country eight years, then set sail for America April 19, 1833. After a long and tedious voyage of seventy-seven days, they landed at Baltimore on the 5th day of July, 1833. They located near Baltimore, and the next year in York County, Penn. In 1839, they immigrated to Wayne County, Ind., thence in 1846 to this county. This at that time was a comparatively new country, and Mr. Perschbacher was compelled to endure many of the hardships of pioneer life, but he had learned before what it was to toil. After arriving at Baltimore and purchasing some of the necessities of life he had but 75 cents in money left; but by hard labor, industry and economy he had laid by enough to purchase a valuable tract of land in this county. This he improved and here he surrounded himself with comfortable and commodious farm buildings. They were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, with which they were identified from childhood. Mr. Perschbacher died March 23, 1866, in his seventy-third year.

Mrs. Perschbacher then lived with a son on the homestead until April 24, 1881, when she also passed over the turbid river, esteemed and regretted by all her acquaintances. This couple

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were the parents of nine children, of whom George, the subject of this sketch, was the fourth, born in the vicinity of Baltimore July 7, 1833, but two days after his parents arrived in that port. He made all the changes of location with his parents, being yet under thirteen years of age when they came to this county. His early life was spent on his father's farm assisting in the common farm duties. He improved his opportunities at school, excelled in his studies, and became one of the leading teachers of his day, occupying that position for four consecutive winter terms. Mr. P. was very industrious and economical, saving his earnings to apply on the purchase of a home for himself.

In his twenty-fourth year, he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Wright, April 2, 1857.

James Wright, the father of Mrs. Perschbacher, was a native of Maryland, born July 26, 1813. He immigrated, in childhood, with his parents, to Preble County, Ohio, where he received a common school education, and was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Reid, March 26, 1836.

William Reid, the father of Mrs. Wright, was a native of Virginia. He served his country in the war of 1812, after which he married Miss Sarah McClung, a native of Pennsylvania, whence they removed and settled in Preble County, Ohio, where their daughter, Mrs. Wright, was born December 12, 1818.

Mr. Wright, having been reared on the frontier, was a fit subject to become a pioneer of Fulton County. He immigrated to this county, arriving in the early part of March, 1837, when there was only two or three other families in Newcastle Township, and they arrived only a few days prior to himself. When he located on the Wright homestead it was an unbroken forest and his nearest neighbor was four miles distant. Here these sturdy pioneers began in life by first erecting a cabin to shelter themselves from the storms. In May following, three other families came and located on lands adjoining. Here in this humble pioneer cabin, surrounded by the dusky sons of the forest, was born on the 2d day of July, 1837, the first white child born in Newcastle Township, north of the Tippecanoe River, and, as far as the writer has been able to learn, the first in the township. This was the first child and only daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright, whom they named Jane, and who afterward became Mrs. George Perschbacher. She entered school at six years of age, in school taught by Robert Gordon, in the vicinity of her father's residence, where she attended school for several terms. She afterward attended school at Rochester for a number of terms.

Mrs. Perschbacher's father, James Wright, died at his residence, May, 1870, and her mother in May, 1881. They had long been consistent members of the Baptist Church and died in the hope of a blissful immortality.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Perschbacher, located on the farm on which they yet reside, consisting at that time of less than 120 acres, but to which Mr. P. has added until at present he is the owner of some 540 acres of land. With the industry for which he had always been noted, Mr. Perschbacher now set to work improving his home. There were many trees to fell, and much other hard labor to perform. Yet he felt himself adequate to the task and went at it with the determination to accomplish it. How well he has succeeded can easily be determined by those who pass by his premises, as he has one of the most beautiful farms in the township. For many years he has been an extensive dealer in stock, usually in the purchase and shipment of fat hogs, thus circulating thousands of dollars annually in the vicinity of his home. He is extensively and favorably known in this and adjoining counties. At the fall election of 1872, Mr. Perschbacher was elected County Assessor and Land Appraiser, which position he occupied for two years with general satisfaction to the people and with credit to himself.

He occupies a very prominent place in the Fulton County Agricultural and Mechanical Association, having been an active member ever since its organization. Mr. Perschbacher and family are members of and regular attendants at the Lutheran Church, he believing it to be the duty of the ministry to be punctual at services to minister to those who attend; and being the duty of the ministry it is also the duty of the membership in order that there be some to minister unto. Believing this to be right, Mr. P. allows nothing but sickness to keep himself and family from divine services.

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Mr. and Mrs. Perschbacher are the parents of seven children--Lavina E., Anna M., Nora B., Catharine, Alma J., Miles W. and Hattie E. Of these, Lavina and Nora are married and Catharine is deceased.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 50]

BIOGRAPHY

George Perschbacher is a self-made man, who began life empty-handed, but by marked business ability, industry, energy and perseverance has worked his way steadily upward to a position of affluence. He was born near Baltimore, Md., July 7, 1833. His parents, George and Anna D. (Grayer) Perschbacher, were natives of Hessen Darmstadt, the father born Jan. 18, 1794, and the mother July 1, 1802. They were married April 23, 1825, and on April 19, 1833, sailed for America. After a year spent near Baltimore, they located in York county, Pa., and in 1839 became residents of Wayne county, Ind., whence in 1845 they came to Fulton county. The father bought a tract of land in the forest near Tiosa, where he developed an excellent farm, reared his family, and spent his remaining days. He died March 23, 1866, and his wife April 24, 1881. George Perschbacher is the fourth of their nine children. He was reared on the frontier farm, and in early life fitted himself for teaching, which profession he ably followed for a number of years. His earnings went toward the purchase of a home, and then to its improvement. Abandoning school teaching, he engaged in farming and in the handling of grain and stock, and so well have his business interests been managed that he is today the owner of 540 acres of valuable land in Fulton county, together with extensive commercial interests in Tiosa, his investments there amounting to \$10,000. This includes the ownership of the elevator and leading stores of the village. On April 2, 1854, Mr. Perschbacher married Jane Wright. Her father, James Wright, was born in Maryland, July 26, 1813, and married Margaret, daughter of William Reid, a native of Virginia. Mrs. Perschbacher was the first white child born in Newcastle township, Fulton county. She died in March, 1887, leaving the following children: Ellen, wife of E. S. Bair, of Tiosa; Anna, wife of George Kiler, who lives on the Riverside farm; Nora B., wife of Obadiah Haimbaugh; Alma J., wife of C. D. Shobe, of Tiosa; Miles W., who operates the old homestead; and Hattie E. In March, 1891, Mr. Perschbacher wedded Mrs. Martha Plank, widow of Dr. A. K. Plank, of Rochester. In the fall of the same year he moved his family to Rochester, where he is now living retired, save for the superintendence of his investments. In 1872 he was elected on the democratic ticket as county assessor and land appraiser, filling the position with satisfaction to all. He was one of the promoters of the Agricultural and Mechanical society of Fulton county, and for many years has been a consistent Christian, a faithful member of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 117-118]

OVER THE ALLEGHENIES

By George Perschbacher

When a person is asked to write a story of his life, he usually begins back as far as he can remember, or farther if possible. Since I have been asked to tell something about myself, my thoughts have reverted to incidents and moments of my childhood; especially to a number of very old, yellow, time-worn documents that give me a fair idea of my ancestry. One of the documents, stamped with the arms of the Grand-duchy of Hessen, Germany, and also with the tax stamp, six kreuzer, I read record of my father's birth as follows: "An item from the records of the church in Schaaflheim. On the year of Christ, 1794, the 18th day of January, there was born to citizen Johann Conrad Perschbacher and his wife, Anna Maria (born Stelz), a son, and the 18th of the same month was baptized and received the name John George.

Another document tells how, in the year 1825, April 23d, my father, John George Perschbacher, and my mother, Dorothea Kreher, signed a marriage contract. Next is found the birth record of my three older brothers, and then a very important document, the passport from Schaaflheim to America. About May 7, 1833, my parents left Schaaflheim and May 13th they embarked from Bremen, Germany, on the sailing vessel "Columbus." After a tedious voyage of

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fifty days, they landed at Baltimore, July 2d. Having passed inspection, the emigrant agent asked my father where he was going. Father had no definite plan except he wanted to go to the country. The agent then asked him how much money he had and when Father showed him, he said: "That will take you just forty miles from Baltimore."

Father took passage on a freight wagon going west, along the old Baltimore pike. When the fortieth mile stone was reached the negro driver told father his journey was ended. There was no house or shelter of any kind, so the driver had some pity on them and took them to a clump of apple trees on a dilapidated farm, a little farther on. Here, with their belongings, they were dumped from the wagon. A search was made for shelter and after going to the top of a hill, father discovered some farm buildings at a little distance. Going to the house, he found a kind Pennsylvania German family. Telling them his trouble they offered him an abandoned log cabin. With the little worldly goods they had, and the help of the good Christian people, they situated themselves in this place. Here, four days later, I was born.

For two years they lived in Maryland then moved to York county, Pennsylvania. Here they bought a small, run down farm and improved it to such an extent that after four years they sold it for \$600, having paid nothing on it up to that time, but the interest.

Preparations were now made to move to Indiana. From a year before we left Pennsylvania, I can remember everything quite well. In Pennsylvania I went to school just one day and learned one English word, "yes."

Loading our household goods upon one wagon, we started, in company with the King family, for Indiana. By this time, there were two more children in our family. Only our mother and the babies rode on the wagon, and that only part of the time. Although I was not quite six years of age, I walked every step of the way from York county, Penn., to Indiana. We traveled at the rate of twenty-five miles a day. The first interesting thing on the trip, I think, was crossing the Allegheny mountains. Where we crossed, it was about seven miles from the foot to the top. Although the road was an excellent pike, it was too steep to go directly up, but angled back and forth, or zigzagged.

My friend, Nicholas King, and I took the opportunity to save a few steps and went through the woods straight to the top, or as near as possible. On the other side, the road went down the same way. Near the top was a fine spring, and a watering trough so arranged that horses could easily drink without being unchecked. Here the first sugar trees were pointed out to us, but we had no idea how sugar could be obtained or made from them.

The next important place I remember, was Wheeling, where we crossed the Ohio river on a ferry boat propelled by horsepower. A cable was stretched from bank to bank and hitched around a windlass turned by a horse.

After crossing the Ohio river, nothing of note transpired until we arrived at Dayton, Ohio. There we stopped to feed, near the only bridge across the Big Miami river, in front of a bakery. Here I saw the first colored person, an old "mammy." My brother Jacob, a mere baby at the time, was crying bitterly. The old mammy came out and called to him: "Here, poor baby, take this sweet cake with a hole in it." He took it and stopped wailing at once. I have always had a kind feeling toward black mammies ever since.

Nothing more of note happened until we arrived at Hagerstown, Wayne county, Indiana, May 28, 1839, after a journey of twenty-eight days. The day after arriving there, an animal show was given, and I saw elephants, rhinoceros and other animals for the first time. By that time father's purse was reduced to \$17.50 and we began to look around for a place to move into. Finally found an old dilapidated cabin which the good old man who owned it said we could have. On June 2d we moved into it. There was a patch of ground attached in which we were allowed to plant potatoes, father paying 50 cents for a half-bushel of seed potatoes. A cow was needed, as milk was necessary for the children. Father found one and paid \$17.00 for the same, which emptied his purse. Harvest time now arrived and father and mother being good reapers, got work in the field. Father got fifty cents and mother forty cents a day, and my oldest brother six dollars per month for grinding tan bark in a tan yard. With the help of good neighbors we got along pretty

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well, by all pulling together for good. Then came the exciting time of 1840. About all I remember of it is the hurraing for "Tippecanoe and Tyler too."

About that time Father bought a two-year old colt for \$25.00. With it and the old Pennsylvania horse, he commenced farming on a small scale. Later he got another horse and advanced by slow degrees until 1844, which was the campaign of Polk and Clay, which I remember well. They had what they called "fandangoes," and "rallies." There was one at Hagerstown and Gov. James Whitcomb was to speak. I was anxious to see a Governor, as I thought he would be an extraordinary personage, but to my great surprise he was just a man like other men, although said to be very intelligent.

By that time father had acquired a little money and began to look about for a permanent home. He heard of what was then called Tippecanoe country, so he came to Fulton county late in the fall of 1844. He looked around for a time and bought eighty acres north of Tippecanoe river, in Newcastle township half a mile west of where the Lutheran church now stands. It was a dense forest, covered with tall timber of beech, walnut, oak, ash and other varieties. One-half acre was cleared and had a brush fence around it. In 1845, about the middle of October, we started for our new home. We were five days on the trip, passing through Munceytown (Muncie), Jonesboro, Marion, through Indian reservation, which was then a thick forest, the road almost impassable, and arrived at Peru. That was the last pay day for the Indians, for their lands. Broadway, from the old bridge to Main street, was full of drunken Indians, both bucks and squaws.

The next day, being Saturday, we arrived in Rochester about dark. We were unable to find a place to stay on account of our stock, which consisted of five horses, four cows and six sheep, so we started north. Father being over the route before, remembered that there was a house just north of the river, then called the old Polk place, now owned by Wm. H. Deniston. No one lived there, but seeing a light still farther north, we went on and came to what is now known as the Scott farm. Wm. T. Polk lived there then. Here again they refused to keep us, but on explaining the situation, and expecting to become neighbors, he kindly let us stay and we became close friends. It was about nine o'clock by that time, and having had nothing to eat since noon, it is easy to imagine we were a hungry set. After supper we went to bed, or rather laid down to rest.

The next morning, being Sunday, about four o'clock, father and I started up the river to the farm of James Richter, across the road from my home farm, to ask them to prepare breakfast for the family and teamster. At about nine o'clock they arrived and all had breakfast. We were very anxious to land at our own place, so father, my older brothers and I started out. It was a mile and one-half, mostly through the woods. When found, it was as described before. We were well pleased for it was the first foot of real estate we ever owned. The next day we looked for a house, and found a log cabin just west of our land and moved in the same day. After procuring some feed for the stock for the winter, we began the building of a house on our land and employed a number of men for that purpose at 50c a day. The house was of hewed logs, 20x24 feet, one and one-half story, with clap-board roof nailed on, something quite new in those days. We had three rooms, two down and one up stairs. For a number of years that was the best house in the neighborhood. We moved into it some time in February, 1846.

After preparing the ground for spring crops, garden and orchard, we rented some fields a few miles south of us, where there was cleared land. By this time our money was again all used and we went to hunting ginseng which brought 28 cts. a pound. The same now brings about \$6.00 a pound. In this way we were able to procure some groceries and much needed clothing.

Our crops did fairly well, but one crop never failed for seven years, that was fever and ague. At times we were all down but mother.

Wild game was plentiful, consisting of deer, turkeys, squirrels and other animals. I have seen from two to three deer in a drove, but as there were no hunters in our family, they were of little use to us.

There were no laid out roads east of the Michigan road. If we wanted to go in any direction we blazed a road, cut the brush and bumped over stumps as best we could. With all these privations, people enjoyed themselves as much as they do now.

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Here it may be of interest to mention schools and schooling in early days. Although school districts had been laid out, there were no school funds and all teachers were supported by subscriptions. Our father's purse being badly depleted, he was unable to send us to school. However, I wanted an education and began to plan how to raise the required amount. I had a fine fur hat, which I had received as a gift some time before leaving Wayne county, and for which I had no use in the woods. As the teacher, David Shore, in our community, was running for sheriff, I thought he might be able to use the hat in his campaign, so I offered the hat to him for \$2.50, the same to be taken out in instructions. I received thirty days' schooling for this.

As Brother Jonathan Dawson mentioned the spelling schools in his story, those days are vividly brought back to my memory which were about the happiest days of my life. Whenever a spelling school was held, the young and sometimes the older people, would go for four and five miles to these great spelling matches, as they were about the only social events. The rooms were lighted by common tallow candles, fastened to the walls with the blade of a pocket knife. Although the buildings were crowded, the best of order prevailed.

With the education I received in return for the fur hat, I advanced to the rank of a county school teacher and taught four terms with marked success, as my pupils still inform me. Although I was urged to continue in the capacity of a teacher, and a number of schools were offered to me, I was aware that my pedagogy was no longer up-to-date, and I went to farming and stock raising. For thirty years I engaged in stock buying and shipping and then for four years I was engaged in the mercantile and grain business in Tiosa.

As others have given a description of Rochester in the early days, I shall not attempt anything in that line, except to mention James Moore's forge, or iron works. When we hear so much about the new steel city of Gary, and its steel mills, it may be of interest to many, especially the younger people, to know that a little over 50 years ago there was a flourishing iron mill at Rochester, employing from forty to a hundred men. The first plant was located just north of town, on the west side of the Michigan road, and afterward abandoned for a more extensive plant on the Tippecanoe river. The old plant was converted into a woolen mill for carding, spinning, manufacturing and fulling woolen goods.

The new plant was located on the north bank of the river, just east of the Michigan road, and part of the old dam, from which the power for the forge was procured, may still be seen. The ore was procured from the marshes in the neighborhood and was called "bog ore." The fuel was charcoal procured from the woods in the neighborhood of our farm.

With all the poverty and hardships of the pioneer days, the people had time for religion and although there were not as many churches to the number of people as today, the people, as a rule, were deeply sincere in regard to religious life.

We had occasional services conducted by Baptist and Methodist ministers but no organizations. The first church organization in that part of the county, was Saint Paul's Lutheran church, organized 1849, with five charter members. In the spring of 1852, five others and myself were confirmed in that church, and I have since been a member of that congregation.

Now as my story is getting somewhat lengthy, I shall close with a good word for the Hoosier state.

I have traveled through and over twenty-seven of the northern states of the union, and in late years especially in the northwestern states. I have seen beautiful scenery, fertile fields, large and flourishing cities, and found the United States a beautiful and grand country indeed. I have traveled most extensively in Indiana, and although some people have done very well by moving out and casting their lot elsewhere, it is my sincere conviction that whoever cannot make a living in Indiana need not try elsewhere.

[Marguerite L. Miller, *Home Folks*, Vol. I, 1910, pp. 104-109]

PERSCHBACHER, WM. M. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Dawson, George V.

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- - - NEW FIRM but OLD BUSINESS. Having purchased the popular and old reliable Drug Store formerly owned by J. D. PELLENS, I solicit a continuance of public patronage and pledge all customers that Our stock shall always be complete, fresh and clean. Physicians' Prescriptions and family recipes carefully filled. WM. M. PERSCHBACHER, Lee Pyle, Clerk.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 28, 1892]

PERSCHBACHER'S BUSINESS ROOMS [Tiosa, Indiana]

Destroyed by fire September 23, 1895.

PERSCHBACHER'S ELEVATOR [Tiosa, Indiana]

Owned by George Perschbacher.

Destroyed by fire September 23, 1895.

PERSCHBACHER & McMAHAN [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] OIL UP and STOP THE WEAR. What kind of Lubricating Oil will you use this summer? Notice our prices on some of the principle Brands: - - - PERSCHBACHER & McMAHAN, Druggists.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 23, 1893]

PERSHING, INDIANA [Rochester Township]

Located in Sections 28 and 29, on 400W at approximately 275N at the Erie R.R.

The town was originally called Germany, but during World War 1, it was renamed Pershing. It has also been called Loyal.

PERSHING, M. W. [Fulton County, Indiana]

The Tipton Advocate, owned and edited since 1878 by M. W. Pershing, formerly of Fulton county, has been sold to W. H. Barnhart of Terre Haute. Mr. Pershing is to be the new postmaster at Tipton.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 9, 1901]

PERSHING & RANNELLS [Rochester, Indiana]

Pershing & Rannells, Dealers in Fancy and Staple Dry Goods, Hats, Caps and Ready-made Clothing, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, &c. &c.

They also purchase Wheat, Corn, Hides, and all kinds of country produce at the Farmer's Store, in Wallace's Block, south east corner Main and Market Streets, Rochester, Ind.

Rose & Carpenter. Manufacturers and Dealers in all kinds of Furniture. Shop on North east corner of Main and Market sts., one door north of Pershing & Rannells Dry Goods store, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

Thos who wish to purchase cheap dry goods and groceries will do well to call at the store of Pershing & Rannells who are now receiving a large supply of choice Spring and Summer goods.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 31, 1860]

Mr. D. R. Pershing of the firm of Pershing & Rannells -- of the Farmer's Store, we understand has sold his interest in the establishment to T. F. Rannells, the Junior partner . . .

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[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, January 24, 1861]

PERSHING

See: Dawson, George V.

PERU CREDIT ASSOCIATION [Rochester, Indiana]

PCA TO MOVE OFFICE TO 705 MAIN STREET SOON

The local officer of the Peru Credit Association will move to the ground floor room in the Arlington hotel at 705 Main street, H. V. Shank, Fulton county field representative announced today.

The office is now located above the Shultz Bros. dime store at 700 1/2 Main street. Redecoration and remodeling is being carried on at the room at 705 Main street to provide office space. The Association is expected to move to their new headquarters about Dec. 15, Mr. Shank revealed.

The 10th annual meeting of the local stockholders is to be in the First Baptist church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The guest speaker will be Dr. A. W. Cordier, of Manchester College.

Two directors will be elected at tonight's meeting of the Association and stockholders will consider reports presented by Association officers.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 19, 1943]

PERU DAY [Rochester, Indiana]

See Flood [PERU DAY IN ROCHESTER]

PERU GARMENT FACTORY [Akron, Indiana]

Located over the Akron Locker Plant.

Mary Margaret Rittenhouse Leininger, [Mrs. Harold LeRoy Leininger], was branch supervisor of the Peru Garment Factory located over the Akron Locker Plant. They made women's blouses in this branch. In 1957 she purchased from E. E. Gerig his insurance agency which is now called Leininger Insurance Agency located on East Rochester Street in Akron.

[Leininger-Krause Family, Charles Daniel Smith, Faye Leininger Smith, Kate Morris Jennens, and Violet Titterton, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2*, Willard]

See McGlaughlin Garment Factory

PERU GROCERY COMPANY [Peru/Rochester, Indiana]

See Snapp, Cecil

PERU PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSN. [Peru, Indiana]

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.

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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]

PET WHOLESALER [Rochester, Indiana]

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

PETER BROS. [Rochester, Indiana]

LOCAL NEWS

The Peter Bros. have rented the room recently vacated by Shelton & Son's grocery in Centennial block, and will start a music store. The store will open next Monday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 29, 1901]

PETERS, ROBERT D. [Macy, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

PETERS, S. J. [Rochester, Indiana]

S. J. PETERS (Biography)

One of the energetic young men of Rochester who always has a good word for his town, a smile for his friends and a bargain for his customer is S. J. PETERS, the well known piano salesman. Mr. Peters was born in Illinois thirty-two years ago, but his parents moved to Ohio when he was six months old and remained there until he was eleven. They then came to Star City where Mr. Peters' father was a prominent physician for many years. From his youth Mr. Peters has been devoted to music and adopted that as a business, having been engaged in the sale of musical instruments for fourteen years. He is a special salaried agent for the W. W. Kimball Piano Company, and goes wherever the firm orders him. He is a successful business man and has a nice home on south Main street. His wife, formerly Miss Stella WALTERS, is also an enthusiastic and accomplished musician.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

PETERSBURGH [Leiters Ford, Indiana]

Nick-name for Leiters Ford.

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D. Biddinger has, generally speaking, the best lot of goods in Petersburg, and his trade is increasing.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, January 11, 1878]

Mr. Jas. Gray is our knight of the last at Petersburg, and all persons are invited to call and get their so(u)les repaired.

[Leiter's Ford Items, Rochester *Union Spy*, Friday, February 8, 1878]

PETERSON, BOYD [Rochester, Indiana]

PETERSON, DIST. MANAGER FARM INSURANCE FIRM

Boyd Peterson has been named district director of the State Farm Insurance Companies, after having served 15 years as local agent and adjuster. He now will be assisted by William H. Gray, Tom Marshall, Devern Brubaker and John Shanley, of Kewanna.

Mr. Peterson will supervise organization work in six north-central Indiana counties, and will maintain his office here.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 13, 1940]

PETERSON, RAYMOND S. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - - GASOLINE - - - - MOTOR OILS - - - - - Products of the Pure Oil Company, sold in Rochester, exclusively by RAYMOND S. PETERSON, 524 North Main St. General Tires and Tubes.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 27, 1928]

PETERSON, FREDERICK [Fulton/Rochester, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Frederick Peterson [also Petersen] - American customs and ideas are soon accepted by those who come from the old countries to seek fortune or fame, while race and descent form no particular barrier to honest worth.

The subject of this sketch is a native German, born, December 18, 1832, near the city of Flensburg, in the province of Schleswig, Germany. His parents, Christian and Margaret Peterson, are natives of the same province, both born in the year, 1800, and are now living on the old home farm.

Frederick is the second of the family of five children. His education, while no more than an ordinary German one, is above the ordinary American standard, owing to the German system of compulsory education. He assisted his father in the labor on the farm, yet, like all German youths, he must have some trade or profession, and he chose the miller's trade, at which he worked, under an apprenticeship, for a time, and at the age of twenty years the desire to seek fortune in a new country grew so strong that he bade adieu to home and friends and sailed for America. Landing at New York on the 9th day of July, 1852, he immediately started for Fulton County, Ind., where he had friends living, and where he took up a permanent residence. He had not come with a fortune, so was compelled to do any kind of work he could find to do. He engaged his services in a saw mill near Fulton, in the southern part of the county. His intention and purpose being to earn an honest living, and at the same time to acquire a knowledge of the English language, of which he was wholly ignorant, he labored and studied for nearly two years in this place, then procured a situation in a flouring mill at Logansport, where he remained for some time, and during all this time he was learning the English language and adopting the American customs. By strict economy and hard labor he had accumulated sufficient means in these years to enable him, in partnership with Mr. John Plunk, to purchase and build a saw mill, which they conducted for a few

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years. Having disposed of his interest in the saw mill, he, assisted by Theodore White, built a flouring mill in the town of Fulton, and followed his trade in connection with his interests in agricultural affairs up to March, 1881, when he disposed of his property and became a resident of Rochester, where he and Mr. M. S. Weills formed a partnership in the hardware and agricultural implement business.

On the 18th day of November, 1856, he was united in marriage to Caroline Madory, a native of Switzerland, born near Basle, on the 15th day of March, 1835. She had come to America with her parents, Peter and Anna Madory, in 1849, and was, at the date of marriage, a resident of Fulton County.

To these parents were born seven children--Frederick W., born August 26, 1857, deceased March 21, 1859; Loisa A., born August 25, 1859; Charles F., born March 22, 1861; Etta M., born March 6, 1863, deceased March 6, 1866; Sophia M., born on the 12th of March, 1866; Emma, born June 14, 1869, and Carrie, born October 12, 1871.

However successful a man may be, there comes a time in his life when the longing to see the home of his childhood can be satisfied in no other way than by going back to the scenes of bygone years. Coming as he had to a new country, without money, and after many years of hard and diligent labor, and being successful, he concluded to visit the Fatherland. Accordingly, in 1880, he, in company with the late Hon. J. F. Fromm, journeyed back across the ocean to their old homes, where they remained for several months.

Mr. Peterson has become a thorough American in thought and business. He is one of those men capable of adapting himself to circumstances and surroundings. His true worth is highly appreciated by a host of friends. As evidence of the high esteem in which he is held, he has been elected to the position of Trustee of Liberty Township for fourteen years, and also as Commissioner of the county for three years. He is now meeting with good success in his new enterprise, and enjoys the confidence and well wishes of a large circle of friends.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, pp. 24-25]

STORE HERE SHUT FOR NON-PAYMENT GROSS INCOME TAX

The first closing of a place of business in Fulton county because of non-payment of gross income tax took place Monday afternoon when a padlock was placed on the door of the Raymond Peterson auto accessory store at 524 North Main Street, after Peterson had surrendered the keys to officers. The place was closed because of Peterson's alleged failure to pay state gross income taxes for the years of 1935 and 1936.

C. J. Otis, Indianapolis, field representative of the Indiana Gross Income Tax division, has been in Rochester for the past three weeks making a check on persons who have failed to pay their gross income tax to the state.

Mr. Otis said he was able to make satisfactory adjustments in all disputed tax cases but that of Mr. Peterson. On his failure to reach an agreement with Peterson, Otis obtained the warrant to padlock the auto accessory store.

Unless Peterson satisfies the gross income tax for which he is said to be in arrears, his stock of merchandise must be inventoried and advertised for sale. Enough of the merchandise will be sold at the sale to cover the past due tax and the costs incurred in the legal procedure necessary to the conducting of the sale.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 5, 1939]

PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] U. S. Tire - - - - PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE STORE, 524 N. Main Street, Rochester, Indiana.

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

PETERSON & WHITE GRIST MILL [Fulton, Indiana]

In 1873 on the site of a previous mill, built by Judge Wright, which was torn down.

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Built in 1873 by Fred Peterson and Theodore White, and their machinery was moved from Marshstown.

Steam-powered by wood. Made flour which was put in barrels made in Fulton, and shipped via Erie Canal.

The mill machinery was modernized by Charles Patterson, whose father bought the mill in 1898.

PETERSON & WEBBER [Rochester, Indiana]

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between Weills, Peterson & Webber, in the hardware trade, has been dissolved by mutual consent, M. S. Weills retiring from the firm. The books and accounts are in the hands of the remaining partners for settlement. WEILLS, PETERSON & WEBBER, Dec 24th, '84.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 27, 1884]

PETING, FRED [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

PETITE GOLF COURSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Also See Tom Thumb Golf Course

[NOTE: This was located in vacant lot at 1112 Main. Several years later Harry Louderback built his residence on the lot. - WCT]

ANOTHER MINIATURE GOLF COURSE BEING ERECTED

Workmen started construction on Rochester's second miniature golf course today on the vacant lots located between 11th and 12th streets on the west side of Main. The course is being installed by Guy Alspach of this city, who stated that the layout would be one of the sportiest in this section of the state.

Huge flood lights will be erected for night play and as the location is situated on State Roads 31, 25 and 14, the proprietor is anticipating a heavy run of tourist patronage. Mr. Alspach, who operates the Hub shoe store in this city and a chain of other shoe stores throughout northern Indiana has not as yet announced who would be in charge of his new business venture. It is believed the course will be ready for patronage in about ten days time.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 8, 1930]

PETITE MINIATURE GOLF COURSE OPENS THURSDAY

The Guy Alspach miniature golf course which has been under construction for the past several weeks on a lot located between 11th and 12th on South Main street, will be open for play on Thursday evening of this week. It is said by those who are up on their "pee wee courses" that the Rochester lay out is one of the finest and most interesting of any of the numerous up-state courses.

The Petite golf course, unlike many others, will have natural fine-grade putting greens, water hazards and numerous other fascinating devices which will add to the lure of the game. Rustic seats have been arranged around the course for the comforts of spectators who may desire to witness the play. In event of rain Thursday evening the opening date will be postponed until Friday evening.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 6, 1930]

[adv] The Grand Opening of the PETITE GOLF COURSE, So. Main, between 11th and 12th Streets, will take place Thursday evening, Aug. 7th, at 7 o'clock. In event of inclement weather, opening will be postponed until Friday evening. Neither time nor money has been spared

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to give to the people of this community one of the most beautiful miniature golf courses in Northern Indiana. Natural grass greens. Everyone enjoys this fascinating game. It's for all ages from 8 to 80. Hours 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Chairs for spectators. Plenty of light and shade. New and exciting hazards.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, August 6, 1930]

BIG CROWD PRESENT AT PETITE GOLF OPENING

The opening of the city's first miniature golf course which was held Thursday evening at the Petite course, South Main Street, was attended by several hundred people most of whom were from this city or the lake.

Proprietor Guy ALSPACH stated that several times throughout the evening's play the 18-hole course was accommodating 80 players. Those who engaged in the new national pastime complimented the owner on the attractiveness of lay-out. Arthur BRUBAKER, former R.H.S. basketball star, has been engaged as manager.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, August 8, 1930]

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

PFEIFFER, DEVON [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Devon Pfeiffer)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Devon Pfeiffer)

PFEIFFER, DON [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Don Pfeiffer)

PFEIFFER, HENRY [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Workmen broke ground this morning for the elegant new residence to be built by Henry Pfeiffer between the J. E. Beyer and D. D. Ginther residences.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 26, 1905]

HENRY PFEIFFER IS HONORED

Henry Pfeiffer, of Rochester, was elected president and director of the Indiana Egg and Poultry Association, at the fourth annual convention of the organization at the Claypool hotel in Indianapolis. The meeting closed Wednesday with an address by Daniel J. Boehm, of New York,

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an assistant in the federal food administration. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Schmitt returned Wednesday night from attending the convention.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 28, 1918]

ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

Henry PFEIFFER of Logansport, formerly of this city, was elected first vice president of the National Poultry and Egg Dealers' Association, when that body met in their annual convention in Chicago this week.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 12, 1921]

LOGANSPORT PRODUCE CO. SHOWS GROWTH

In a recent issue of the Logansport Pharos-Tribune the following article was printed setting forth the accomplishments of Henry Pfeiffer, former resident of this city, as head of the Logansport Produce Company:

"Quietly, almost imperceptibly, there has grown up in Logansport an institution and an industry that is the greatest thing of its kind in Indiana and it is doubtful if any of the adjoining states can surpass it.

"This is the Logansport Produce Company, H. Pfeiffer president and treasurer, located at 554 and 556 Erie avenue, in the remodeled, rebuilt building at one time occupied by Wilson, Humphreys & Co., manufacturing stationers.

"The magnitude of this building, the entire four floors of which are occupied by the Logansport Produce Company, can be seen in the fact that the two top floors are 60 x 150 feet, the first and second floors are 60 x 110 feet, and back of the fourth floor, converging upon the hill at the rear, is a receiving room 40 x 50 feet. Every inch of this space is intensively utilized in the processes of receiving, preparing and shipping the products of the plant.

"The major product of the Logansport Produce Company is milk, feed, poultry and eggs, which are closely allied to the poultry business.

"Mr. Pfeiffer has prepared for further increase in business and controls frontage on Erie avenue of 240 feet, including the brick building formerly occupied by the Obenchain-Boyer Chemical Engine works and as this is needed it will be utilized. Mr. Pfeiffer has a wide reputation as an expert in his particular line and he is pretty proud of the institution he has developed in Logansport. He has interests in Monticello and Galena, Ill., but the plant at Logansport is the headquarters of the business under his personal charge."

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday November 3, 1921]

HENRY PFEIFFER IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Henry Pfeiffer, of Logansport, and formerly a resident of this city, who has been associated with the poultry, butter and egg business for many years, was elected president of the National Butter, Egg and Poultry Association in convention at Chicago on Tuesday, according to word received in this city. Mr. Pfeiffer also holds the presidency of the state produce organization and was formerly a director of the national association. This is the first time a western man has held the presidency of the national association for many years and is considered a great honor

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 18, 1922]

HENRY PFEIFFER DIED FOLLOWING ATTACK OF HEART

Henry PFEIFFER, 57, who gained the respect and admiration of the citizens of this community during his many years of residence in Rochester during which time he was associated with the BEYER BROTHERS poultry interests as general manager, died at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at his home, 136 Eel street, Logansport, following a sudden heart attack.

Mr. Pfeiffer has been in ill health for a number of months and he became stricken with a severe attack of jaundice, which is believed to have been aggravated by financial reverses when, immediately after he first was confined to his bed with the illness, his condition grew worse until last week, when he appeared to be slightly improved. Thursday evening he suffered a relapse and

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death came suddenly Saturday afternoon. The blow was a severe shock to the family, following so closely upon the heels of his business difficulties.

Short funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Monday morning from the residence at Logansport in charge of Rev. PRESTON, of the Broadway Methodist church of that city after which the body was brought to Rochester where funeral services were held from the Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock conducted by Revs. G. E. CRAIG, of East Chicago, former pastor of the church, and Rev. F. O. FRALEY. Interment was made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Henry Pfeiffer was born in Gensungen, Germany, February 19, 1866, a son of George and Marie PFEIFFER. In 1881, at the age of 15 years, he came to the United States, with his sister Eliza PFEIFFER, who died in 1919 in Iowa. He located in Warsaw where he engaged in the poultry business with his half-brothers in the firm of BEYER BROTHERS.

In Warsaw he entered the high school and later continued in business, moving to Rochester in 1885 where he became general manager and controlled the entire Beyer Brothers interests.

In 1888 he was united in marriage to Miss Rhoda FOGLESONG, of Kewanna, who with two daughters, Mrs. Gordon MARTIN, of LaPorte; Mary [PFEIFFER]; two sons, Lucius [PFEIFFER] and Edward [PFEIFFER], of Logansport; two sisters, Mrs. Maria CARLSON, of Rochester, and Martha PFEIFFER, of Gensungen, Germany, and five half-brothers, J. E. [BEYER], J. F. BEYER, of Warsaw; C. C. BEYER, of Kendallville; Albert BEYER, of German Valley, Ill., and August BEYER, of Gensungen, Germany survive.

In 1914 he left the Beyer Brothers when that firm was sold out to Armour and Company and engaged in the poultry and produce business in Logansport, operating from Rochester until 1919 when he moved with his family to Logansport where he had lived until the time of his death.

At Logansport he reconstructed the large building on Erie avenue which housed the LOGANSPORT PRODUCE COMPANY and the offices of the PFEIFFER SALES COMPANY, from where he operated the MONTICELLO PRODUCE COMPANY, of Monticello and the GILMAN CREAMERY AND PRODUCE COMPANY, of Gilman, Ill., and prospered in business until a few months ago.

A boycott on eggs and poultry in New York, which knocked the bottom out of prices caused what his friends believed would have been merely a temporary downfall financially and in order to protect his creditors, he made an arrangement of his affairs in the First National and City National banks of Logansport, where it was stated that his financial difficulties could be settled speedily. However, he was forced to his bed with a severe illness two days after the assignment and remained in a critical condition until death relieved his suffering on Saturday.

Mr. Pfeiffer, prior to his financial difficulties, had accumulated a fortune and was well thought of by his numerous associates and friends. He was president of the National Association of Produce Dealers, a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias and Elk lodges, a member of the Logansport Rotary Club and the Methodist church.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, December 31, 1923]

PFEIFFER CREDITORS MAY BE PAID IN FULL

Sale of the three-story building at Logansport, which for several years housed the Pfeiffer Produce company and the Pfeiffer Sales company offices, to Swift & Co., packers of Chicago, is expected to be consummated within the next few days. The price named in the contract is approximately \$30,000. Swift & Company plan to continue the produce business which the late Henry Pfeiffer built up, it is understood, the building to be put into use again as quickly as possible after the sale is completed.

Money realized from the sale of the Pfeiffer property assigned to the banks will be used to pay creditors of the Pfeiffer Produce company and the Pfeiffer Sales company. It is said that the creditors will be paid almost in full.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 20, 1924]

PFEIFFER BLDG. SOLD

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Sale of the Pfeiffer building at Logansport to Swift & Company of Chicago for \$25,000 was approved by the Circuit court yesterday. The transaction was made by the First and City National banks, to whom Mr. Pfeiffer assigned his assets some weeks prior to his death. The Chicago firm also paid \$2,500 additional for the furnishings and fixtures in the building and it is understood plans to operate a poultry and produce business from the location.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 31, 1924]

PFEIFFER ESTATE SUIT HEARD IN MIAMI COURT

Evidence in the case of the United States Bank and Trust Company of this city and the City National Bank and First National Bank of Logansport versus George F. Heinrich, a New York egg and poultry corporation, involving the estate of Henry Pfeiffer, formerly of this city, was introduced in the Miami county circuit court Thursday and Friday. Argument remains to be heard before Judge Hurd Hurst. The case was taken to Peru from Logansport on a change of venue.

Pfeiffer, during his life, was engaged in buying and shipping eggs and poultry. When at Logansport, where the family moved a number of years ago, Pfeiffer became obligated to the Heinrich firm in the sum of several thousand dollars. The banks have claims against the Heinrich corporation and are asking that their claims be first paid out of the Pfeiffer estate, while the corporation asks that any money derived from the estate be applied on its claim.

The City National Bank of Logansport is assignee of Henry Pfeiffer.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 14, 1925]

PFEIFFER BROTHERS [Logansport, Indiana]

PFEIFFER BROTHERS LAUNCH NEW VENTURE

The Pfeiffer brothers, Lucius and Ed, of Logansport, are establishing a poultry, produce and sales business in that city similar to that in which they were associated with their late father. The old knitting mill building at the junction of the two rivers and just off of Eel River avenue has been remodeled by the two young men and made ready for the opening of their business Monday, March 24.

The poultry and produce business will be a branch of the E. Brands company that has been in operation at Silver Lake and Wabash, Indiana, for the last 16 years. The unit in Logansport will be handled separately from the other business and shipments made in carload lots direct from that city. The sales department to which the sale of products handled by the Pfeiffer Sales company will be established in the same building as the poultry plant but operated independently and under the name of Pfeiffer Brothers.

The Pfeiffer boys are known as industrious young men, well qualified for the business they are establishing.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 19, 1924]

SELL OUT BUSINESS

Lucius and Edward Pfeiffer of Logansport have sold out their poultry and packing business in that city and within a short time will close up their affairs there. Edward has accepted a position with a Chicago firm while Lucius will remain in Logansport for a time clearing up business matters there. The family will continue to make their home there.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 30, 1925]

PFEIFFER & CO., G. A. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Staple and Fancy GROCERIES, China, Glass and Woodenware, Produce &c. - - - We have opened at M. L. Killen & Co's old stand with an entirely new and the best and most complete stock of Groceries of any house in the city - - - Buying for Cash and conducting our business on a strictly Cash System, we save two profits, which benefit the public will have. - - - THE CORNER GROCERY, A. Pfeiffer, L. C. Holtz. G. A. PFEIFFER & CO.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 18, 1880]

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REMOVAL

Early next week we will remove our stock of dry goods and groceries to the north room in Commercial block, formerly occupied by Caldwell Bros., where we invite all our old patrons and many new ones to call and see us. PFEIFFER & CO.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 10, 1883]

PFEIFFER & KEWNEY [Rochester, Indiana]

See Bee Hive Store

[Adv] Bargains in Boots and Shoes. During the next forty days we will sell boots and shoes at cost. PFEIFFER & KEWNEY, Alley room, Fromm's block.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 10, 1883]

[Adv] THE GREAT BANKRUPT SALE! Pfeiffer & Kewney's Dry Goods, Groceries - -
- C. A. MITCHELL, Superintending Sales.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 16, 1884]

PFONES, CLINTON [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

PHILLIPS, C.C./C.O. [Rochester, Indiana]

FORMER ROCHESTER MAN BUYS TOWN

A clipping from an Oroville, Cal., paper, states that two men have purchased a whole town for 12,000 dollars, one of them being a former resident of this city. The clipping states that the whole town of Keddie, Cal., has been sold, Robert F. KOONTNER having disposed of his store, blacksmith shop, postoffice, justice of peace office, butcher shop, numerous cottages and a controlling interest in the Oom Paul gold mine near there to C. C. PHILLIPS and Oscar SAGESE, of San Mateo county. These buildings, with the Western Pacific depot, comprise the whole town. The consideration is said to have been \$12,000. C. O. Phillips will be remembered by many Rochester people, having taught the eighth grade at the South school building for many years. He moved to California about fifteen years ago, and has been prospecting since then.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, December 22, 1913]

PHILLIPS, CHARLOTTE BLASSINGHAM [Rochester, Indiana]

FORMER ROCHESTER LADY HAS STORY IN LIBERTY

A former Rochester resident, Mrs. Charlotte Blassingham Phillips, now of San Diego, Calif., has a short story appearing in this week's issue of the Liberty magazine. The title of the story is "Painless Extraction."

The story, which is a humorous one, concerns the manner in which a white woman scared some Indians. Older residents of the city will remember the story as it was one of the favorites of the late C. C. Wolfe, pioneer resident and jeweler of Rochester, who was an uncle of Mrs. Phillips.

Mrs. Phillips is both a writer and a painter. She was reared in Rochester and graduated from the Rochester high school. At the present time she is a feature story writer on the staff of a San Diego newspaper and also does freelance short story writing for magazines and other publications.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 2, 1941]

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PHILLIPS, HICKMAN [Union Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Hickman Phillips, a prominent and enterprising merchant of Kewanna, is a native of Virginia. He was born February 15, 1834, in what is now Barbour County, W. Va., but which was then Randolph County, before the State was divided. His father, Phineas Phillips, was a native of the same county, and was there married to Susan Hudkins. He was a farmer, and was engaged in that pursuit in connection with the wheelwright's trade.

Hickman, the subject of this sketch, remained at home until eighteen years of age, working on the farm and attending school. In 1852, he came to Fulton County, Ind., and located in Union Township, whither he had been preceded by relatives. In the fall of the same year, his father came with his family and purchased a farm in Union Township, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until death. For six years the subject of this sketch remained with his father on the new farm, but in 1858 removed to Missouri, where he taught school during the winter of that year. In the following spring he was one of a company who set out upon a journey to Pike's Peak, and was, perhaps, the most persistent one of the party in the determination to brave the dangers and surmount the obstacles in the way. Before they had quite reached Fort Kearney, they met a great many people who had tried the journey, and were turning back discouraged. Something of their dampened ardor took possession of the party from Missouri, and they, too, were in favor of turning back, but Mr. Phillips insisted upon their taking him through to Pike's Peak, as he had paid his passage, and held them in camp for two days insisting upon going ahead, but finally reluctantly yielded to the pressure brought to bear upon him to return. At Memphis, Mo., Mr. Phillips entered the mercantile house of J. & J. Duncan, and about three months later was placed in charge of a branch of this house at Uniontown, Mo. At the end of about two years, he returned to Memphis, and in the summer of 1862 went with the Messrs. Duncan to Birmingham, Iowa, and after a sojourn of about three months in that town, returned to his old home in Indiana, and embarked in mercantile pursuits at Kewanna. By nature and experience he is eminently qualified for this vocation, and by industry and good management has made it a success. He ranks among the leading merchants of the county, and as one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of the locality in which he resides. He was one of the first who began to agitate the railroad interests of Kewanna, and has been one of the most active in laboring to secure railroad communication with the outside world from that point. To all public improvements he has extended his encouragement, doing all within his power to build up the material interests of the county. He is an active and enthusiastic member of Kewanna Lodge, No. 546, A., F. & A.M., and although not identified with any religious sect, his upright and honorable life entitles him to recognition as one of the best citizens--a title unanimously accorded him by those who know him.

Mr. Phillips has been twice married. First, in the spring of 1861, to Miss Adelaide Huston, of Iowa, daughter of Samuel Huston, a former resident of Washington County, Ind. She accompanied her parents to Iowa, where she resided at the date of her marriage. She died in December, 1874, leaving seven children to mourn her loss, viz.: Norma Belle, Albert H., Erwin, Myrmetta, Sadie, Leslie and Addie, of whom all now survive save Addie. On the 4th of July, 1876, Mr. Phillips was united in marriage with Miss Jennie E. Calvert, at Rochester, Minn. This union has been blessed by two children, named, respectively, Avie and Calvert.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, pp. 58-59]

PHILLIPS, JOHN C. [Kewanna, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

The subject of this sketch was born in Barbour County, W. Va., July 30, 1845. His parents, Phineas and Susana Phillips, were natives of Virginia, and came to Fulton County in 1852. He was a wheelwright by trade, but followed farming most of his life. Their family consisted of six children, five of whom are now living and married. He deceased in 1864, at the

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age of fifty-seven years, and she in 1868, at the age of fifty-two years. He was a faithful member of the Baptist Church for years, and was, at the date of his death, a deacon of the church.

The subject of this writing is the son of a farmer, and spent his younger years in the labors of the farm in connection with his attendance in the common district schools, where he received a very good education.

In 1868, he was married to Miss Amanda Jackson, a native of this county, and the daughter of Capt. A. T. Jackson, a native of Kentucky. Soon after marriage, he engaged in the dry goods business, in Kewanna, under the firm named Phillips & Leiter. Six months after marriage, Mrs. Phillips deceased, at the very early age of twenty-one years. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and was universally respected by her many friends.

On October 29, 1871, Mr. Phillips again married, his choice being Mary A. Apt, a native of Ohio, and daughter of Peter and Leah Apt. By this union they have three children, Leonard C., Jay P. and Mabelle.

Mr. Phillips, as before stated, was a farmer for several years. He was also a teacher of some note in the district schools of the county, and was for some time a clerk in a dry goods house at Kewanna. He has been very successful in business; conscientious and strictly honest in all his dealings, kind and affable, he has made many friends.

He is a member of the F. & A. M. Lodge, No. 546, of Kewanna.

In the election of 1882, he was chosen by his party as Auditor of the county, and is now acting in his official capacity, and has the best wishes of his many friends for a successful career.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 25]

PHILLIPS, L. V. [Rochester, Indiana]

L. V. PHILLIPS TO HEAD STATE TEACHERS ASSN.

Through failure to conform with the rules of the Indiana State Teachers Association, President-elect Miss Harriott Clara Palmer, of Franklin, was deposed by the executive committee of the association at a meeting held in Indianapolis Saturday.

Supplanting Miss Palmer to the presidency of the State Teachers Association is L. V. Phillips, principal of the Vincennes High School. Mr. Phillips was formerly principal of the Rochester High School, he serving seven terms from 1923 to 1929 inclusive. During his tenure in the local school system Mr. Phillips took an active interest in various forms of high school athletics during which time the R.H.S. basketball squad was competing in the State H.S. big ten schedules with a marked degree of success.

The following story, which appeared in Monday's issue of the Indianapolis [sic] will be of interest to local residents: ----- [long story] -----.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 3, 1934]

L. V. PHILLIPS, FORMER R.H.S. PRINCIPAL, TO BE STATE B.B. CZAR

Indianapolis, Dec. 7, (INS)- A board of control of the Indiana High School Athletic Association today elected L. V. Phillips, of Vincennes, to succeed the late Arthur L. Trester as association commissioner.

Phillips, a native of Bloomfield, has served as principal of Vincennes high school since 1929. The former president of the Indiana State Teachers Association, he also has been a member of the Athletic Association's board of control and athletic council.

President Morris E. McCarty, of the IHSAA board of control, said that Phillips will serve for a three-year period beginning Jan. 1st.

Well Known Over State

The new commissioner also has been a principal at Rochester and Linton high schools and was a teacher in the Kokomo high school. He was principal and coach for six years in Green county township schools after being graduated from Indiana university. He also holds an AM degree from Columbia university.

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His sports experience includes serving as a center principal for seven semi-final basketball tournaments in addition to being a member of the IHSAA athletic council, he is at present, a member of the board of directors of the National Education Association.

Phillips was understood to have been one of the nine candidates who were considered by the board of control as successor to Mr. Trester, who at the time of his death, several months ago, was widely praised as responsible for the strong position of the IHSAA in the state. The organization has been used as a pattern by other states.

Mrs. Phillips is a former New Albany school teacher.

Served Here Six Years

Mr. Phillips has a host of friends throughout Rochester and Fulton county who will be pleased to know that he has been thus honored by the appointment to this responsible position. The former R.H.S. instructor was principal here from the fall of 1923 to the spring of 1929. In the fall of '29 he accepted a position as principal of the Vincennes high school.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 7, 1944]

PHILLIPS, MARSHALL [Rochester, Indiana]

SOLD OUT

[Adv] The undersigned has sold his meat market and everything pertaining thereto to Mr. Marshall Phillips and hereby notifies all persons who have unsettled accounts with me that the same must be closed up at once. Settlements may be made at my old meat market stand, south of Mercer's hardware store. WM. BURCH.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 28, 1882]

[Adv] Fresh Meats, Smoked Meats, Bologna, &c - - - MARSHALL PHILLIPS, on the corner south of Mercer's hardware store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 6, 1882]

PHILLIPS, NELS [Rochester, Indiana]

SAY, PEOPLE! If you want to go to the lake in a hurry, get back on time, go by yourself or take a party with you, leave your order at the Blue Drug Store for Nels. Phillips' new fast-line hack. Gentle horses and careful driver.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 1, 1892]

NELS PHILLIPS (Biography)

Nels "Standard Oil" PHILLIPS grew to manhood in Plymouth. He chose railroading as his vocation and followed it several years as a brakeman and conductor on the Ft. Wayne road. Ten years ago he came to Rochester in the employ of Beyer Bros. and three years later accepted the local agency for the Standard Oil Company and has pushed the business industriously and to the eminent satisfaction of his patrons ever since. He also does an extensive hack and transfer business and is always "up with the birds." He married Miss Ruth FORESTER, of Toledo, and their family consists of two children, Hortense and Lester [PHILLIPS].

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

PHILLIPS & SON [Rochester, Indiana]

POULTRY FIRM CHANGES NAME

The Eagle Poultry company at the corner of Main and Fifth streets has changed its name to that of J. H. Phillips and Son. The Phillips have been operating the firm for the past two years.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 16, 1920]

PHILLIPS DRY GOODS, OCTAVUS [Rochester, Indiana]

HOLMAN SHOE STORE PURCHASED BY GREEN

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John Holman, who has been in business in Rochester for 31 years and has occupied the same location for 21 years has sold out his shoe business located in the Phillips Dry Goods Store to Dwight Green, who came on from Chicago Friday evening to take possession Saturday morning. Mr. Green states that for the time being he will sell on a very close margin in order to establish a good trade and he will go to Chicago Monday where he will purchase a complete line of spring footwear. Mr. Holman plans to build a cottage at Winona and live there during the coming summer and then motor to California in the fall.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 2, 1921]

[Adv] We Beat the Band For Low Prices! - - - Octavus Phillips Dry Goods.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 11, 1922]

JOHN D. HOLMAN BUYS THE GREEN SHOE STORE

John Holman, partner of I. H. Onstott in the dry goods business at 824 Main street, has purchased the Dwight Green Shoe store which has been housed in the same room. An invoice will be made Monday, February 1, after which Mr. Holman will take possession.

What is known as the Perschbacher house, owned by Mr. Holman and situated west of his residence at Pontiac and Ninth street, was transferred to Mr. Green in the deal.

For two months Mr. Green will be employed in the store. Mr. Holman will continue to handle the high standard of merchandise Mr. Green has carried.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, January 29, 1926]

PHILLIPS 66 SERVICE STATION [Rochester, Indiana]

SELLS TAXI LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kofron have announced the sale, Friday afternoon, of the Rochester Taxi Service, which they have operated for the past two years, to McConkey Bros., and John W. Cox. Mr. Cox recently purchased the Phillips 66 Service Station of McConkey Bros. Mr. Kofron has not as yet announced his future plans.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 3, 1945]

LEASE STATION

McCall & Pontius have announced lease on their filling station at Fourth and Main streets to The Phillips Petroleum Co., who will soon open another Phillips 66 station at that location.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 13, 1945]

PHILOMATHIENS [Rochester, Indiana]

LOCAL NEWS

The Philomathiens will give an entertainment at the college tonight.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 30, 1903]

PHOTOGRAPHERS [Akron, Indiana]

Akron used to have a very good photographer, P. M. Kinder. He passed away a few years ago and no one has taken his place.

PHOTOGRAPHERS [Rochester, Indiana]

DAGUERREIAN GALLERY. Mr. R. Gould respectfully announces to the citizens of Rochester and vicinity that he has again opened rooms at the Old Stand, over the store of A. E. Taylor, and is now prepared to execute in the Highest Style of Photographic Art . . . Rochester, March 22, 1860.

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[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday March 29, 1860]

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]

Robert Gould takes pleasure in announcing to the public that he is now better prepared than ever to take Ambrotypes, Ferrotypes, Photographs, &c. . . . Room over Levi Mercer's Hardware Store, opposite the Court House Square.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 10, 1862]

Picture Gallery opened by "our young friend" Norton E. Alexander, Mammoth Bldg., over Ernsperger & Keeley's store.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 18, 1863]

Wanted. A room for a picture gallery on Main St. I desire a good room on 2nd floor of some building suited to my business. Persons having such to let should address S. D. Christner, Akron, Ind.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, October 12, 1865]

PHYSICIANS [Fulton County]

See Ambulance Service

See Public Health Service

See Woodlwan Hospital

John J. Shryock and Lyman Brackett were the county's first physicians.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Tuesday May 12, 1959]

Akron: Dr. Joseph Sippy, first in Akron.

Fulton: Dr. Clevenger; Dr. Fairbanks; Dr. Barr; Dr. Thompson; Dr. O. P. Waite; Dr. Franklin C. Dielman; Dr. John Richards

Dr. M. M. Rex will leave Rochester next Wednesday. Persons wishing his services should call previous to that time; they will find the Doctor a skillful dentist and a perfect gentleman. Office at the Elam House.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 22, 1859]

Dr. W. Davis, of Fulton, will attend to the treatment of all diseases pertaining to the eye.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 12, 1859]

Dr. J. Q. Howell, Eclectic Physician . . . Office in the *Sentinel* Building, over Stradley's store, in the room formerly occupied by Dr. Mann. Residence on Jefferson street, second house south of K. G. Shryock's residence. Dec. 2, 1859.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 3, 1859]

Dr. W. Davis of Fulton attends to the treatment of all Diseases pertaining to the eye. Fulton. Mar. 2, 1858.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 7, 1860]

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Dr. W. Davis will attend to the treatment of all diseases pertaining to the Eye, both chronic and acute; Embracing both operative Surgery and Ophthalenic Medical treatment of the eyes. W. Davis, Fulton Ind.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

A. H. Robbins, C. L. White, Physicians and Surgeons, Office on Main Street, two doors south of the Bozarth Building, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Merciry*, Thursday, March 22, 1860]

Dr. E. N. Banks, of Millark, has been appointed by Hon. E. G. English, Deputy United States Marshal, to take the Census of Fulton County. Mr. Banks is a sound Democrat and well qualified for the position.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 26, 1860]

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Dr. Harvey LeSuer in today's issue. This gentleman has been in our town for several months, during which time he has treated several cases of chronic sore eyes with great success. Those afflicted with this painful disease cannot do better than to give him a call.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 14, 1860]

Dr. B. F. P. Schofield, Physician and Surgeon . . . Office at his residence, 2 miles east of the Centre School House in Newcastle Township. Rochester, Aug 2nd.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, August 2, 1860]

I would say to those interested that by seeing me in person at Millark, six miles east of Rochester, I can put them in a way of having the deaf, dumb, blind, and insane cared for at our Institutions at Indianapolis free of charge. E. N. Banks, Assistant Marshal.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, October 6, 1860]

Dr. B. A. Grover, having located at Ralstin's Mill, six miles north of Rochester, on the Michigan Road, solicits a share of public patronage. References: Dr. C. Brackett, Dr. V. Gould, Rochester, Ind., Dr. S. Everts, Dr. T. H. Everts, Valparaiso, Ind. Prof. Dan'l. Meeker, LaPorte, Indiana

Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, December 13,, 1860]

Dr. Robbins gives notice in today's paper that he is again in the field to minister to the numerous ills that human flesh is heir to . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 30, 1861]

Dr. C. L. White, of the late firm of Robbins & White, has opened an office for the practice of medicine opposite our office. The Dr. is too well known to require praise from us.

--- Dissolution. The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned in the practice of medicine, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Dr. A. H. Robbins will continue to practice from the old stand, while Dr. C. L. White has taken an office on the opposite side of the street, first door south of the Milliner Shop. A. H. Robbins. C. L. White

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 22, 1861]

C. L. White, Physician and Surgeon, Rochester, Indiana. Office on Main Street, two doors North of J. Shield's store.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, July 25, 1861]

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Dr. Wm. Hill Respectfully offers his professional services . . . Office on Main Street, upstairs, over the Post Office. Rochester, Oct. 17, 1861.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, October 17, 1861]

C. L. White, physician & surgeon, Main street, two doors north of J. Shields' store, Rochester.

--- A. H. Robbins, Doctor, resumes his practice alone in the former office of Robbins & White, where he now resides. "Prompt attention given to calls at all hours."

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 4, 1862]

Wm. Hill, Physician and Surgeon. Office up stairs, over the Post Office, Rochester, Indiana. Residence first door south of Holmes & Mann's Harness Shop.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, April 10, 1862]

C. L. White, Physician and Surgeon, Rochester, Indiana. Office one door south of A. D. Hoppe's Jewelry Store.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, April 10, 1862]

Dr. M. M. Rex, dentist, Office in Mammoth Building, (up stairs) over B. S. Lyon's store. Dr. Rex would respectfully inform the citizens of Fulton county and vicinity, that he has taken up his permanent residence in Rochester. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 10, 1862]

W. Jones, M.D. Physician & Surgeon, Sidney, Ind., office in Dr. Stevens' old office, half a mile north of Y. Ralstin's Tavern.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 21, 1862]

Dr. A H. Robbins would say to his old patrons and friends . . . that he has again resumed the practice of medicine along. . . He lodges in his office, (the old office of the firm of Robbins & White) . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 5, 1863]

The second story [of Stradley Building] will be occupied by Dr. M. M. Rex, as a Dentist's Office.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 26, 1863]

Dr. M. M. Rex has removed his Dental Office into the new Post Office building . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 4, 1863]

The numerous friends of Dr. Howes will be pleased to learn that he will hereafter practice his profession to a moderate extent.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 6, 1863]

Notice. Complaints having been made that T. H. Howes, M.D. was practicing without a United States license, notice is given of his application for same to the Asst. Assessor.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 8, 1863]

Dr. T. H. Howes resumes practice; office at residence one door south of A. Chamberlain's hotel.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 22, 1863]

Attention is called to the card of Dr. B. A. Grover, in our advertising columns. The doctor has recently returned from Vicksburg, having resigned his commission as Captain of Company K,

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46th Indiana Volunteers, and now resumes the practice of his profession. He is well known in the north part of this county, and the south part of Marshall, as a skillful physician, and his numerous friends will be glad to learn that he is again ready to resume his practice.

--- B. A. Grover, Physician and Surgeon, Rochester, Indiana. Office with Dr. Rex over the Post Office. Residence two doors South of K. G. Shryock's.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, September 3, 1863]

Dr. C. L. White moved last Thursday from residence in Rochester to “. . . place which he has purchased about 6 miles south of Rochester, not far from the residence of Judge Miller. . .”

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 5, 1863]

Dr. C. L. White has removed to a farm near the residence of Hugh Miller. Dr. White is well known as a skillful physician; he is said to be one of the best in the county . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, September 10, 1863]

Miller & Thompson, physicians & surgeons, Mammoth Bldg., upstairs over D. W. Lyon's Store

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, October 24, 1863]

Dr. A. H. Robbins gone to Cincinnati for the winter. Accounts to be paid to A. L. Robbins.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 12, 1863]

Dr. A. H. Robbins has returned from Cincinnati where he attended the medical college, and has brought back “a fine lot of surgical instruments, splints for broken and dislocated limbs, and an excellent and costly library of the latest medical works.” Drs. Robbins and Harter have entered into partnership.

Doctors. A. H. Robbins & C. F. Harter, partners in practice of medicine and surgery. “Special attention given to surgery, chronic diseases and diseases of women and children.” Office in the previous office of Dr. Robbins.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 30, 1864]

A. H. Robbins, M.D. & C. F. Harter, M.D. . . . formed a partnership . . . Office, the same previously occupied by Dr. Robbins. Rochester, Feb 4, 1864]

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 4, 1864]

The friends of Dr. C. L. White will be pleased to learn that he has resumed practice, and is ready at all times of both day or night to answer any calls for his professional services.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 30, 1864]

Our friends will be pleased to learn that Dr. M. M. Rex, our excellent Dentist, who has been absent for the last two months on a trip to Iowa, has returned, and is now prepared to serve all who need his professional skill.

He brings with him the necessary apparatus for inserting teeth on Rubber, known as the Vulcanizer, and will be happy to receive the calls of all who want good work in the line. Office over the Post Office

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 7, 1864]

Dr. Hill would inform his friends that he has gone to Philadelphia, to spend the winter. His books and accounts are in the hands of E. B. Chinn who is authorized to settle with all persons indebted to him. Rochester, Nov 3d, 1864.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 3, 1864]

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James Russell, M.D. resumed practice having had sixteen years experience in treatment of chronic diseases. "Particular attention will be paid to the treatment of Cancer, Chronic sore eyes and the disease called Big Neck." Residence eight miles east of Rochester, on the direct road from Rochester to Akron.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 27, 1864]

EDITORIAL. [Reporting that the case of the United States vs Christopher Harter [Dr. C. F. Harter], at that time residing in Akron but now residing in Rochester, was dismissed on March 18, 1864 according to records of the United States District Court.]

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 2, 1864]

Dr. E. Pegan. This Physician and Surgeon came to our village about eight months ago. He was connected with the army for some time . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 2, 1865]

Wm. Hill, M.D. This Physician and Surgeon would respectfully inform his old friends and patrons, and the public generally, that he has returned from Philadelphia, where he has spent the past four months in attending the Medical Colleges and hospitals . . . Office on Main St., 3 doors north of J. Shields store.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 9, 1865]

Photo [1919] of American Railway Express employees and delivery vehicled in front of their office at 802 Main. Dr. Loring's office was upstairs.

[Earle Miller, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co. Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard]

C. L. White, Physician and Surgeon. Office at his residence five miles south of Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 31, 1865]

Doctor J. W. Brackett tenders his Professional services to the citizens of Rochester and vicinity. His services may be appreciated from the fact of having an experience of thirty years in the Wabash and [Mississinewa] Valley . . .

His Office is in rear of Post Office, in Shryock's old law office, where consultations are free to the poor.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, September 7, 1865]

Hill & Brackett, Medicine and Surgery . . . Office same as occupied by Dr. Hill. W. H. Hill, M.D., J. W. Brackett, M.D., Rochester, Ind. Nov 20th, 1865.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 23, 1865]

The Medical Co-partnership heretofore existing between Drs. Hill & Brackett, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. . . Wm. Hill, M.D., J. W. Brackett, M.D., Rochester, Jan. 29th 1866.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 1, 1866]

Wm. Hill, M.D., Physician & Surgeon . . . Office on Main St. 3 doors north of J. Shields' store. Rochester Jan. 28, 1866.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 1, 1866]

He is in Town. Dr. C. L. White has recently moved to this place from his residence in the country . . . in the room occupied by M. M. Rex Dentist and deputy Dis. Assessor, over the Book Store.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 24, 1866]

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Dr. A. G. Holloway would respectfully announce to the citizens of this and adjoining counties that he has located himself at Mr. Jacob Null's (formerly the residence of Daniel Jones) near Young Ralstin's Tavern . . . Particular attention paid to the treatment of Chronic diseases.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 28, 1866]

Removal. We notice that our Medical man, Dr. Wm. Hill has fitted up and moved into a very nice office with two rooms, one door north of his old office now occupied by Keith & Calkins.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 2, 1867]

Dr. H. J. Turner has returned to Rochester, from New York, and may be found at the residence of E. R. Powers, near the School House; or at the Millinery Store of Messrs. Browns. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 20, 1867]

Dr. J. M. Miller, Physician and Surgeon, office Second Door south of Ernsperger & Lyon's Hardware Store, upstairs, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 27, 1867]

Partnership. By reference to our columns, it will be seen that Drs. White and Hill have formed a partnership, and have their office in the building formerly occupied by Dr. White. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, September 12, 1867]

U. A. Ager, Physician and Surgeon. Office with M. M. Rex, Rochester, Indiana where he may be found during the day or night. All calls promptly attended to.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 21, 1867]

Dr. Ager. This gentleman of fine culture moved to this place recently from Huntington, Indiana. . . The Doctor's office is over the Book Store in M. M. Rex's Dentistry Rooms.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, December 12, 1867]

Doctor Hector, of Gilead, Miami County, has purchased a residence in our town, which formerly belonged to Joseph Beeber. He intends moving to this place the last of the present month.

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[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, December 12, 1867]

The New Building. Doctor Hill has just completed his new business building. Himself and partner, Doctor C. L. White, have moved their Office into the North room of Hill's new building. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, December 19, 1867]

Drs. W. J. Thompson & Son would respectfully inform the citizens of Fulton county that they have commenced the practice of the medical profession . . . Particular attention given to the diseases of women and children. Office two doors South of Holmes & Miller's new building.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, January 30, 1868]

Dr. C. Hector, Physician and Surgeon, office in Holmes and Miller's building, 2d floor, Rochester, Ind. . . at night at his residence on Madison street two doors south of Public Square . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 20, 1868]

Dr. Spohn, late of Warsaw, has recently located himself in Rochester, and is prepared to wait upon all who desire his services. Office in Mrs. Mann's building.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 14, 1868]

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Drs. Hill & Hector, having formed a partnership in the practice of medicine and surgery . . . Office in Dr. Hill's new building. Wm. Hill, C. Hector.
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 28, 1868]

Dr. C. L. White, Physician and Surgeon. . . Office one door north of Jesse Shield's Store. Residence east side South Main street, near the corporation limits.
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 28, 1868]

Notice of Dissolution. The partnership heretofore existing between Drs. Hill & White is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Dr. W. Hill, Dr. C. L. White, Rochester, May 20, 1868.
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, May 28, 1868]

Drs. White & Spohn, Physicians & Surgeons . . . Office up stairs in Jesse Shields' new brick. Dr. White's residence east side South Main St., near the corporation limits. Dr. Spohn may be found at the office at all hours when not professionally absent.
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, November 19, 1868]

Dissolution. The partnership heretofore existing between Drs. Robbins & Harter is this day dissolved by mutual consent. . . . A. H. Robbins, D. S. Harter, Rochester, Ind., Nov. 5, 1868.
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 24, 1868]

Dissolution. The partnership heretofore existing between Drs. Spohn & Waite, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. J. C. SPOHN, O. P. WAITE, Rochester, Ind., May 1st, 1884.
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 10, 1884]

Dr. E. SCHENCK. Office at Dr. Pellens' drug store, makes all chronic diseases a specialty. Calls promptly attended.
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 27, 1884]

Settle Up. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to me that settlement, by cash, must be made on or before October 10th, 1884. I am closing up my business preparatory to going to the far west and I mean what I say about settlements. Call at my office in Millark. Dr. A. C. ORR.
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, October 4, 1884]

ENTITLED TO PRACTICE

Although the law requiring all persons engaged in the practice of medicine to take out a license, from the county clerk, has been in force for some time, only eighteen of the thirty physicians in this county, up to Monday morning of this week had complied with the law. The following list embraces those who have taken out their license and are practicing under the forms of law. It also shows by what authority the licenses were issued:

Frank M. HECTOR, diploma, Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Cornelius HECTOR, diploma, American Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.
William HILL, diploma, Pennsylvania Medical University and the Lying in Charity, both of Philadelphia.
Vernon GOULD, diploma, Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois.
George M. CALVIN, Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois.
Winfield S. SHAFER, diploma, Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois.
Christopher F. HARTER, diploma, Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.
A. H. ROBBINS, diploma, University of Buffalo, N. Y.
Alfred Z. CAPLE, diploma, Indiana Medical College, Indianapolis, Ind.
John T. DOKE, diploma, Rush College, Chicago, Illinois.

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Charles E. GOULD, diploma, Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Alfred M. SHIELDS, diploma, Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

James M. MORRIS, under ten year's clause.

John H. PETERS, under ten year's clause.

E. T. RHODES, Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois, under three year's clause.

John Q. HOWELL, under ten year's clause.

Benjamin F. OVERMYER, Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio.

Cyrus W. CHAMPBELL, Indiana Medical College, Indianapolis Ind., under three year's clause.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 19, 1885]

NEW PHYSICIAN

Dr. J. E. Rogers, of Portsmouth, O., who recently secured the Dr. Wilson A. Smith farm west of the city, is soon to become a resident of this city. He is a physician.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 18, 1918]

TO BUILD OFFICE

Dr. C. J. Loring is making alterations at his home on South Main street and in a short time will establish his office there. The new office will be located on the south side of his house and will have an entrance off of Eleventh street. He will change to his new location sometime next month.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 8, 1923]

NEW PHYSICIAN TO START PRACTICE HERE

Rochester will soon have a new physician practicing here, he being Dr. W. R. Markely, formerly of Lafayette, who will open his office November 1st. Dr. Markely will bring his family here with him. He has been practicing in Lafayette for about 13 years. He will open offices in the A. B. Shore building.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 24, 1924]

YESTER-YEAR PHYSICIANS ENDURED MANY HARDSHIPS

The advent of the hospital in Rochester is included within the memory of a majority of our citizens. It was started back in 1905 when Dr. W. S. Shafer saw the need for it, and acted upon the decision that we should have it.

It has been one of the most valuable of all community assets, though its road to success has been strewn by many hurdles. Public and professional skepticism was the first and most difficult problem to be solved, but with that solution, worked out chiefly by the process of successful practice, opposition gradually diminished. Today the evolution of the hospital from primitive practice is almost complete. The public health, like almost everything else is watched from a centralized point, and Rochester is indeed fortunate to have a corps of trained physicians, surgeons and nurses to keep that service effective.

Before Hospitals

The practice of medicine in Fulton county bears inception with the arrival in this locality of Dr. John J. Shryock in the early 30's, and his professional career in this county until his death 1855.

In those pioneer days materia medica was reported as a general idea of anatomy, a grist of remedies, and a never yielding spirit. Sulphur and lard, goose grease, native herbs, barks and leaves, and a long list of teas were the catholicons used. The gentle art of bleeding a patient for any ailment not understood was the vogue. Instead of building a sick man's resistance, he was helped along the journey to oblivion by simply removing such strength as he might have had, by a simple puncture of the blood-streams.

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And in that early day, a country doctor's life was one of hardship. Night and day, on horseback, he made the rounds, attending the physical needs of his patients, while a few days behind came the circuit preacher, administering the last solemn rites to the hapless victim of experiment.

But as science progressed, the practice of medicine advanced. Its evolution has been one of the most gracious services for good ever devised.

Early Practitioners

Early practice of medicine in Fulton county includes the names of Henry W. Mann, Charles Brackett, James W. Brackett, Thomas H. Howes, A. H. Robbins, Vernon Gould and Angus Brown. Others who practiced about the same time, or perhaps later were: Doctors Harter, Fish (Talma), White, Terry, Surguy, Shields, Orr, Goucher, Irons, Sutton, Hector and Spohn.

And still later, we find the roster includes the names of many physicians their memory still cherished by the local citizenry. They were: W. S. Shafer, J. N. Rannels, C. E. Loring, E. E. Rhodes, C. E. Gould, Frank Hector, J. M. Clymer, J. L. Crosby, George Hill, I. L. Babcock, H. O. Shafer, Arch Brown, Harley W. Taylor, Rochester; John Peters, Macy; A. L. Bowman, Talma; B. F. Overmyer, Leiters; E. E. Hosman, Akron; Arthur Kelsey, Delong; P. L. Ferry, Akron; Russell Miller, Akron; John Washburn, Kewanna, and others.

Their records frame one of the outstanding chapters of achievement in Fulton county history.

Present Roster

But probably at no time has this county been more capably represented by the medical profession than at present. The roster up-to-date, includes the names of: M. O. King, G. E. Hoffman, A. E. Stinson, H. W. Markley, Milton E. Leckrone, Dean K. Stinson, Chas. L. Richarson and Mark Piper, Rochester; L. C. Meeks, Tiosa; F. C. Dielman, Fulton; E. J. Saunders, Grass Creek; K. K. Kraning and Lawrence Kelsey, Kewanna; C. L. Herrick and H. C. Bowers, Akron.

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

DR. VIRGIL MILLER OPENED OFFICE IN AKRON TODAY

Dr. Virgil C. Miller, son of Mrs. Rose Miller of this city and a brother of the late Dr. Russell Miller, who died one month ago, started the practice of medicine in Akron Friday morning.

Dr. Miller is located in the Hotel Akron and will make calls from that place until he can locate an office and equip the same.

Dr. Miller is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine and has been an interne in the Epworth Hospital in South Bend since his graduation last spring.

Dr. Miller attended Rochester High School, where he starred in basketball, football and track. He is married. Mrs. Miller is a registered nurse.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 28, 1936]

PICKET BARBER SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

New Barber Shop. G. W. Picket . . . has just opened up a First Class Barber Shop over D. S. Gould's Star Store, in Angerman's Block, Main Street, Rochester, Ind. . . Rochester, Ind. Feb. 20, 1868.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 20, 1868]

PIERCE JEWELRY STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

JEWELER READY TO OPEN NEW STORE, HERE SOON

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

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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]

NEW JEWELRY STORE TO OPEN ON SATURDAY

A. J. Pierce, proprietor of Rochester's new jewelry store, which will open on the north side of the public square next Saturday, has announced that all visitors on the opening day will be given souvenirs. Every baby under two years of age that is brought into the new establishment will be given a solid gold ring. Mr. Pierce who has been in the jewelry business for 30 years, will carry a full line of jewelry, watches, clocks and silverware.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 14, 1922]

BUSINESS REVIEW OF ROCHESTER MERCHANTS

The gift season is always on hand; the jeweler does his share in making possible the wisest selection of presents for all occasions. An up-to-date jeweler is indispensable in every community of taste and refinement and one whose work shows marked skill is sure of a liberal patronage. The people in this community are in no way behind in this respect and the generous patronage extended to this store shows the appreciation of his efforts.

The stock has been selected with rare judgment and includes everything necessary to conduct a modern jewelry store and consists of the leading makes of watches, clocks, silverware and an extensive variety of jewelry. Although a somewhat new store here, it is an asset to the community and is well deserving of your patronage.

Particular attention is paid to fine watch repairing and there is no watch too complicated for them to repair or adjust. They also do general jewelry repairing and if you have any piece of jewelry that you thought worthless because a clasp had been broken or a missing part, take it to them and it will be repaired to your satisfaction.

We take particular pleasure in directing our readers to this establishment and point to it as one of the business enterprises of the community that is aiding in making this a more progressive place in which to live. The proprietors are well known men in which the public have every confidence. We are more than pleased to compliment them and the quality of merchandise which - - - [omitted words] - - - the public.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 17, 1922]

BUYS OUT HEIRS

Homer Pierce is now sole owner of the Pierce Jewelry store, established here some time ago by his father, the late A. F. Pierce. The son has purchased the interests of his co-heirs.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 14, 1924]

TO SELL STOCK

Alfred M. Clark of Minneapolis, has purchased the Pierce Jewelry Store, and will close out the entire stock at bargain prices during the holidays.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 2, 1925]

[Adv - Going Out of Business - H. F. Pierce Closes out his entire stock - - - --Pierce Jeweler, 718 Main St.]

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, December 3, 1925]

TOM McMAHAN ACQUIRES PIERCE JEWELRY STORE

The stock of the Pierce Jewelry store, closed out in part during the holidays, has been acquired by Tom McMahan it was announced Friday. The arrangement has been in progress for more than a week.

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Mr. McMahan has not decided what to do with the stock. An auction may be held, or someone may be placed in charge and the business continued. Mr. McMahan expects to return soon to Florida.

For several days Mr. McMahan had been trying to open the big Yale safe in the store, but finally had to call on Bill Loy, who Friday morning opened the safe, a difficult type.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, February 26, 1926]

PIGGLY-WIGGLY GROCERY [Rochester, Indiana]

MAY HAVE PIGGLY-WIGGLY

A Chicago representative of the Piggly-Wiggly serve-yourself grocery concern, with establishments all over the world, was in Rochester today inquiring about a location in which to put one of the stores. He had an eye to the building owned by Mrs. A. H. Robbins and now occupied by Harry Thalman, who conducts the Little Italy Pool Room.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 19, 1924]

PIKE LUMBER COMPANY [Akron, Indiana]

Located E edge of Akron N of Erie Railroad.

[NOTE: See Ann Ellen, *From Ties To Technology*, 1997 for further]

See: Akron Lumber Co.

See: Lidecker Mill

AKRON SAW MILL DESTROYED BY FLAMES

One of the most destructive fires in the history of Fulton county occurred shortly after midnight Saturday morning in Akron where the D. A. Pike sawmill and lumber company building was completely destroyed. The loss which was not covered by insurance will exceed \$10,000.00. It is the belief of inspectors who made a thorough investigation of the ruins that the blaze resulted from an incendiary origin.

The fire was first noticed about 12:20 Saturday morning by George Harper, who is employed as night watchman for the Genrick foundry which is located about 30 rods south of the saw mill on the south side of the Erie tracks. Harper immediately tried to telephone an alarm to the Akron fire department, but owing to the fact that the flames had destroyed the telephone lines, it was necessary to dispatch a negro employee of the sawmill, who resided near the foundry, to spread the alarm.

The Akron fire fighters reached the scene at about 12:30 a.m., but by this time the entire structure was a roaring mass of flames and their efforts were centered in saving adjacent structures, among which was the basket factory which is located but a few rods northeast of the sawmill. A terrific explosion which awakened the entire populace of Akron occurred soon after the fire fighters' arrival. This blast was believed to have been caused when the flames spread to a large gasoline storage tank which was used in the supply of the sawmill's motor trucks. The company's four motor trucks were successfully removed from the building they being the only property which was salvaged.

Soon after the fire was underheadway the entire town was in pitch-black darkness, excepting for the light from burning structures, as the electric light wires which furnished power to the mill were quickly consumed by the intense heat, and short-circuited the town's lighting system. A box car loaded with saw dust which was sidetracked near the mill was also completely destroyed by the flames. Besides the complete loss of the mill's structure, which covered three-

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quarters of an acre, and its equipment of costly machinery and electric motors, Mr. Pike suffered the loss of over a thousand cords of wood which was stored next to the building.

The sawmill, which employed between 25 and 30 men, had been operating at full capacity during the past two years and loss will not only be a severe one to the owner, but to the entire community and county. D. A. Pike, sole owner of the mill, who resides on East Rochester street in Akron, has not as yet announced whether he will attempt to rebuild the mill.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, August 31, 1929]

REBUILD SAW MILL

D. A. Pike of Akron, owner of the Pike Lumber Company at Akron which was burned last Saturday morning causing a loss estimated at \$60,000 with no insurance, stated today that he will rebuild his saw mill. He will install a band mill instead of circle mill as the old one was. Steam will be used in the future to power the mill.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 7, 1929]

SAW MILL OPENED

The D. A. Pike saw mill in Akron, which was destroyed by fire several months ago, has been re-built and operation was resumed Monday. Thirty-two men are employed.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 19, 1929]

AKRON GIRL RUNS OWN SAWMILL

JUST LIKE HER FATHER DOES - FEATURED IN NEWS

A feature story of an Akron girl who has made good in business in her own way recently appeared in The Michigan City Dispatch. The young lady is Miss Helen Pike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pike, well known in the Akron and Rochester communities. A picture of Miss Pike was carried with the story and the same write-up later appeared in The Plain-Dealer at Wabash where the Pikes formerly lived. The story follows.

"I told my daddy I wanted a sawmill of my own, and I no sooner said it than I got it - just like that."

The words are those of buxom Miss Helen Pike, young woman from Akron, Ind., who has the distinction of being the only woman operating a sawmill in LaPorte county and possibly in the entire state. She also manages another mill for her father now operating near North Liberty.

"We have been working in the woods about three miles west of the prison farm - about seven and a half miles from Michigan City, but we had to shut down because we ran out of wood," she explains.

Runs Mill Herself

Yes, she actually operates the sawmill herself. She's the boss of the works and the 20-odd men she employs regard her as such. She knows her business, too. She should, for she's been helping her father run his business since she was old enough to add and subtract.

Her dad's a sawmill man, too. Helen says he has a big one at their town of Akron and several other smaller ones like her's scattered over Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. He is head of the D. A. Pike Lumber Company.

The Pike family were for many years Wabash residents and are well known there as well as in Fulton County.

"Gosh, you ought to see my mill when it's running," Miss Pike said enthusiastically. It's the slickest little thing you ever want to see. I tell you, I'm mighty proud of that sawmill and so are my men. They work like beavers for me when there's wood to saw up, and I'm just more than sorry we're not going right now, only we ran out of wood."

Would Buy Timber

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Miss Pike said she was in hopes of buying up some timber in this immediate locality so that she would be able to stay here. She likes the Lake Michigan country, loves to bathe at the beach and has an eye for the possibility of enjoying all of her favorite sports in this region. She is particularly fond of swimming, tennis and golf, she confided.

And she has her hobbies, too, chief of them being the making of porch and lawn furniture from bits of wood left over from sawing trees into lumber and railroad ties. She has presented many of her friends sets of porth furniture since she started her hobby.

Looks Like Tom-boy

A regular tom-boy in riding breeches, boots, man's shirt and her hair curtailed in less than a boyish bob with what's left of that concealed under a cap - that's Miss Pike. Attractive though she is with just a trace of a dimple when she beams her broad smile, she could easily be mistaken for an up-and-coming young man of the woods.

And that, in a sense, is just what she wants to be. For she is going to attend the University of Wisconsin next fall just so she can study forestry along with the men students and get the kind of a course in forestry that men get. Her classes will all be under the supervision of men supplied by the federal government from the department of the interior - another reason she is going to Wisconsin.

Miss Pike attended Manchester College during the past two years. She enjoyed small college life a lot but feels that she should take up the study of her life work next fall.

"I've been in the woods all my live," she says. "I don't know of any more natural thing than for me to want to take up forestry."

Suspecting that she was a pampered only child, we asked her if there were any other children in her family.

"Yes, I have two other sisters, one older and one younger than I," she replied briskly, "but my dad says I am the boy of the family."

And in the endeavor to seek out the distinctly feminine side of this remarkable came out without thought, an intimate question which brought a blush. [sic]

No Time For Boys

No, there were no boy friends.

"If they're right, the men are all right with me. There's no particular one yet and I'm not of the opinion there ever will be. Anyway I'm too young to think about that now," she said simply.

Miss Pike drives her own car, comes and goes as she pleases with all of the liberty of a modern business woman. The only thing that belies her position is her youth, but in spite of that she appears able to take care of herself under any conditions.

She is distinctly sociable, loves human contacts and is most interesting as a conversationalist. "Boy, howdy," is one of her favorite expletives.

Started In May

She's just the type of wholesome young woman who typifies American life at its finest, the kind of real feminine personage to be found in no other country today.

Her sawmill has been going steadily since she assumed ownership in May. Men with families have been working every day making railroad ties which she has a market for as rapidly as they can be hewn out of timber.

But she will have to find more timber before operations can begin again. She hopes to be able to buy up a tract of woods near Michigan City so she can work in this vicinity.

And in view of the fact that she likes her sawmill so well, it wouldn't be surprising if she moved it to Wisconsin's woods so she can keep on operating while attending school next winter.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 26, 1933]

ORGANIZE CORPORATION

A new corporation has been organized by D. A. Pike with Akron as the headquarters. It is to be known as the D. A. Pike Lumber Company and is incorporated for \$15,000. The

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corporation recently purchased the V. J. Lidecker Lumber Yard at Akron and plan making many repairs and alterations. The firm will deal in a complete line of building materials.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 7, 1935]

LUMBER COMPANY OPENS

The Pike Lumber Company at Akron today opened a store in that city where builders' supplies will be retailed. The company has engaged in the wholesale lumber business for a number of years at Akron. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Utter will be in charge of the store.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 14, 1936]

NEW BUILDINGS ADDED AT PIKE LUMBER CO.

The D. A. Pike Lumber Company has opened a new saw mill in Akron during the past few days, and began work Thursday morning on a building to house another branch of their growing business.

The new mill is one of the most modern sawing outfits in the middle west and is housed in a 33 by 81 foot building. At present a 100 horsepower motor is being installed and the mill will be in operation in a few days. They plan to do general mill work.

The new building which was started yesterday morning will be 47 feet wide and 132 feet long and is to be located on the lot just west of the present retail department of the company. This lot, formerly owned by Ralph Shafer, has recently been purchased by the Pike company and this building will house dressed lumber, a new department.

Ten car loads of finished lumber have been ordered and are now beginning to arrive, so it will be necessary to complete this building as soon as possible.

The Pike company has recently purchased several lots adjoining their property for the purpose of storing lumber and for building purposes. Five trucks have recently been added to the company's fleet.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 26, 1937]

PIKE LUMBER COMPANY TO INSTALL DRY KILN

The D. A. Pike Lumber company of Akron will install a new dry kiln at their saw mill during the next few weeks. The new kiln will be located between the two saw mills of the plant and will be one of the most modern outfits of the kind on the market today.

It will include new drying equipment, fans, radiators, automatic testers, and a new 60x80 foot building to house the dried lumber.

Mr. Pike has announced that the increased demand for kiln dried lumber has forced him to install this expensive machinery and to build this additional building at his mill.

Work will begin next week on this new project and it will probably require six to eight weeks to complete the installation. When completed the Pike company will have one of the most modern and up to date mills in Northern Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 2, 1937]

PIKE RETIRES FROM LOG MANUFACTURING

Akron News:

D. A. Pike has retired from the saw mill business, and does not plan to rebuild his saw mill which was completely destroyed several weeks ago by fire at a loss of \$30,000. He will continue in the retail lumber and coal business, however, and will also buy green lumber for drying. In this manner he will be able to supply his usual customers.

A new dry kiln, with a 350,000 foot capacity, will be used to season the lumber as it is purchased.

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Under the new arrangement, Howard Utter will continue his saw mill, while Mr. Pike will also keep nine trucks in his employ.

Complications resulting from excessive taxation was given as one of the main reasons by Mr. Pike for his retirement from the manufacture of lumber. He stated that his tax bill to the government last year amounted to \$7,200.

Mr. Pike came to Akron ten and a half years ago from Wabash, where he began in the lumber business on November 29, 1904. During that time he has sold 126 million feet of lumber.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 17, 1938]

COUNTY MAN SERVES ON ADVISORY BOARD

Howard M. Utter, Akron man, left Wednesday for Washington, D. C. where he will assume a position on the Lumber Advisory Committee of the WPB.

Mr. Utter will represent the D. A. Pike Lumber Co. of Akron. He is one of eight members from various areas in the United States serving this capacity. He will return to Akron next week.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 10, 1943]

Jonathan [John S.] Pike acquired a sawmill at Dora. He worked it with a team of oxen. John S. Pike acquired ownership of a water power sawmill at New Holland in 1853, and the mill, beginning with 1874, was operated by Mr. Pike's sons, Albert and Irwin, and still later by Asa Kindley, son of the builder. In 1865 John S. Pike established a tile factory in New Holland, and its machinery was operated by horse power. This was the pioneer tile factory in Wabash County, and so far as records are obtainable it was the first in the state. Then came D. A. Pike, his grandson, a third generation lumberman, and he incorporated under Indiana laws in 1904.

In 1927 when the crash came, Mr. Pike was building asphalt roads and operating pine mills in central Florida. He then moved to Akron and re-entered the sawmill business, obtaining the old Bill Bright sawmill.

In 1933, his daughter, Helen, while only a sophomore at Indiana University, operated a portable sawmill at Hanna, Indiana, and became the fourth generation of Pikes in the sawmill business.

Howard Utter married Helen Pike, daughter of D. A. Pike, in January, 1934. Howard had been learning the lumber business as a lumberjack "in the big north woods." Together they operated small portable tie mills in northern Indiana and southern Michigan, while D. A. Pike continued operating D. A. Pike Lumber Co. at Akron. Both businesses were under the same name but were separate. In time D. A. phased his business out, and Howard and Helen returned to Akron where they continued to build the company.

"Our company now has over 100 tree farms," Howard said in an interview with Ann Kindig. "We plant more trees than we cut."

Howard Utter died January 10, 1995. and the business is continued by Howard and Helen (Pike) Utter's son, Channing Utter, the fifth generation of the Pike family to be in the sawmill business.

[Ann Kindig, Rochester *Sentinel*, Wednesday, December 28, 1994]

SHAMBAUGH'S DEATH ENDS LONG LINK TO AKRON'S PIKE LUMBER COMPANY

By Ann Allen

"Them were the good old days," Jack Shambaugh said in 1995 when asked about his 60-year association with Pike Lumber Company.

It was a statement that carried his memory past sophisticated, state of the art sawmills at Akron and Carbon to crude Michigan lumber camps where he hewed ties for D. A. Pike Lumber Company, a firm Helen Pike established in 1933. As the fourth generation of her family to work in the lumber industry, Pike and a small crew operated a portable sawmill powered by a Rumley

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steam engine across northern Indiana. By the time she married Howard Utter in 1934, the sawmill had moved to Jones, Mich., where Shambaugh joined them in 1935.

Shambaugh's grandparents had been neighbors of John S. Pike, the man who introduced the Pike name to Indiana's lumber industry in 1853. His father had used horses and wagons to haul logs for D. A. Pike, Helen Utter's father, and later became a skilled tie hewer.

It was only natural that young Lewis Shambaugh, called Jack by everyone who knew him, should follow his father's footsteps by becoming a hewer affiliated with the Pike firm

"They paid me 23 cents an hour," Shambaugh recalled. "The work was hard, but we had fun."

He remembered sleeping in bunk houses built on skids that were pulled by horses from camp to camp. Asked what they did for relaxation, he confided, "We used to go out in the woods at night and brew wine from berries and wild cherries."

When the Uترز decided to locate in Akron in 1937, Shambaugh was one of a three-man crew that accompanied them. The others, Ernest Tucker and Lester Wood, along with Howard Utter, preceded him in death. "Howard Utter used to tell me he'd push me around in a wheelchair as long as I wanted to come visit," Shambaugh said. "Only problem is, I outlived him."

He never outlived his pride in the company he helped establish and that he saw evolve from a tie-cutting operation to one propelled by 21st century technology that sells kiln-dried lumber to an international market. "Rode the carriage there for 23 years, then I sawed and filed for 24 years," Shambaugh said. "Working there was a good life. You had to know what you were doing, but you were never alone. Everyone was like family."

After Shambaugh retired he liked to boast, "I get a check (his pension) from Pike every Friday and I go visit every Saturday." That, plus daily trips to Rochester's Burger King for lunch, provided the nucleus of his life until illness sidelined him.

Shambaugh died last week at the age of 83, leaving Helen Utter as the only surviving member of Pike Lumber Company's original team.

"Jack was the last of a dying breed and certainly one of the last tie hewers," said the Uترز' son, Channing. "He saw sawmilling come into the modern era and he had very essential skills and crafts. His was a rare talent, now long gone, a skill passed from father to son."

While the old hewer is gone, the Shambaugh name remains on the Pike payroll. His son, Fred, is employed there as a material handler. Another son, Jack, is a former employee.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 3, 1997]

PIKE MEMORIAL PARK [Akron, Indiana]

Located NE part of Akron. Founded by Howard and Helen Utter.

PILLOW FACTORY [Rochester, Indiana]

PILLOW FACTORY TO OPEN SOON

By next week Rochester is to have a new industry - a pillow factory - in full operation at the corner of Main and Fourth streets.

Ab Berebitsky and E. Van Houten have fitted up a room 24x40 in the rear of the building now used by Berebitsky and Marsh Hill as an office, and will start operations at once. The men will secure their feathers from Beyer Brothers and Hasletts, will employ a few people at the start, and make all sizes of pillows for all purposes.

The men intend to enter into an extensive advertising campaign in various towns and cities, and if the business warrants, a new two-story building will be erected for it by Marsh Hill next spring.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 22, 1913]

PINHOOK [Union Township]

Early name for Kewanna, Indiana

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PINHOOK GRANGE HALL [Union Township]

Located on the South side of Division Road [SR-14] at approximately 800W.

PIONEER BOARDING HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

BOARDING

Having purchased the Pioneer Boarding House, I desire to call the attention of the public to the fact that I am prepared to furnish boarding by the meal, day or week at reasonable rates. All my former customers and the patrons of the Pioneer are invited to call and see me and get rates for first-class boarding. Respectfully, JOHN W. DELP.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, September 1, 1886]

PIONEER CLUB [Rochester, Indiana]

There will be a meeting of the Pioneer Club at Essick & Montgomery's office next Saturday at 2 p.m. It is earnestly desired that all members of the club be present, as arrangements for the completion of the log cabin at the fair grounds are to be made.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 1, 1900]

PIONEER RESTAURANT [Rochester, Indiana]

TO THE PUBLIC

Having recently purchased the Pioneer Restaurant formerly owned by Mr. Eli Curtis, one door north of old P.O., I will say to the public that I am prepared to accomodate the public with meals or board by the day or week at as reasonable rates as any restaurant in Rochester, also keep a regular feed stable at which I will furnish feed reasonable as any stable in town. WILLIAM MOSS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 25, 1888]

PIONEER WOOLEN MILL [Rochester, Indiana]

See Johnson Woolen Mill

PIPER, MARK, DR. [Rochester, Indiana]

JOINS CLINIC STAFF AT NEW CASTLE, IND.

Dr. Mark Piper, one-time Rochester physician, announced today that he has joined the staff of the New Castle, Ind., clinic. Dr. Piper had previously been practicing medicine in New London, Iowa.

The former local physician has served 13 months in the army medical corps with the detached service in Chicago. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa school of medicine and served his internship at the Methodist hospital in Indianapolis.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 28, 1944]

PIPER BOOK STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

Book Store. Mr. Piper has just opened a new Book Store north of A. C. Hickman's Store on Main Street in this place. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 27, 1865]

PITCHIN POSTMASTERS [-----]

John M. Hoover, May 3, 1898. The order of May 3, 1898 was rescinded on Aug 20, 1898.

[F.C.H.S. Files]

PLAIN DEALER, THE [Bristle Ridge]

The Debating Society is still alive. They have a literary paper called *The Plain Dealer*, which is well edited, well supported and well named.

[From Bristle Ridge, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Friday, March 5, 1875]

PLANK, A. K.

See: Plank & Brackett

See: Dawson, George V.

PLANK, C. K.

See: Dawson, George V.

PLANK & BRACKETT

See: Dawson, George V.

PLANK & DAWSON [Rochester, Indiana]

See: First National Bank

PLANK & SHEPHERD

See: Dawson, George V.

PLANING MILL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located N side of Eighth Street at the railroad. [320 E. 8th]

See: Electric Planing Mill

PLANING MILL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located N side of E 9th Street due N of lot #596 Robbins & Harter's 3rd Addn Out Lots. [427 E 9th]

See Peabody Bros. Co.

PLANING MILL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located 535 Monroe.

F. R. Myers, proprietor.

See Rochester Planing Mill

PLANING MILL [Rochester, Indiana]

If any of our readers want anything in the sash, door, blind, or furniture line, we would recommend them to call on our fellow townsman, J. F. Loomis. . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 2, 1859]

Notice of Dissolution. Copartnership between J. F. Loomis and T. W. Loomis, under the firm and style of J. F. Loomis & Bro., . . . will remain in the hands of J. F. Loomis.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 23, 1859]

PLANK, A. K. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester, Indiana [Historical Review]

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The undersigned, bound for Salt River, for a little of the needful on the trip, and therefore earnestly asks of those indebted to him to call soon and settle their accounts, as I want to pay all my debts before leaving, and I cannot do it unless those owing me come forward and help me to do so. Now don't be backward about calling, for I am in earnest, and money I must have. A. K. Plank Rochester. October 28, 1858.

[Rochester *Gazette*, Thursday, December 9, 1858]

Physician, and dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Oils, Paints, Dyestuffs, Perfumery, Groceries, &c. Store one door north of D. W. Lyon & Co's. Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

. . . Largest and Best Assorted Stocks of Drugs and Groceries . . . A. K. Plank, Rochester, April 19, 1860.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, May 3, 1860]

A. K. Plank, Physician and Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Oils, Paints, Dyestuffs, Perfumery, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, &c &c. Store in the Mammoth Building, Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, April 10, 1862]

Dr. A. K. Plank and J. Dawson have formed a partnership, and hereafter the business will be conducted at the old stand of Dr. Plank, under the name of Plank & Dawson.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 22, 1862]

[Adv] Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Perfumery, Brushes, Lamps, &c - - - A. K. PLANK, Old stand, Central Block.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 30, 1881]

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. A. K. Plank. - The ancestors of the subject of this sketch were of Holland-Dutch descent. They were among the early settlers of the territory bordering on the Great Lakes, particularly the part now comprised in the State of New York. They came to America, as many others did, to avoid religious intolerance and persecution then practiced in their native country. They found a home in the wilderness, but industry and sturdy habits soon made farms, built towns and cities.

His parents, Abraham and Sallie Plank, were American born, being residents of New York State. They lived on a farm in Schoharie County, with their family, consisting of eight children, of whom the one whose name appears at the head of this writing was the seventh in relation of age. He was born February 22, 1827, and was only seventeen months old when his father died, leaving his mother in charge of the whole of family affairs. He attended the common schools of New York State till 1835, when the family moved to LaPorte, Ind., where he continued in school to his thirteenth year; then he was bound to Dr. Teagarden, a prominent physician of LaPorte, until he should become twenty-one years old. At the age of nineteen years he commenced the study of medicine with his preceptor; he attended medical lectures at Cincinnati, and in 1850 graduated, receiving the degree of M.D. He immediately located at South Bend, where he practiced for three years with good success; he then came to Rochester; followed his profession in connection with the drug business. This was in the early history of Rochester, and he may be justly styled the "pioneer druggist" of Rochester.

On May 9, 1854, he was married to Mrs. Ann E. Sippy, then a widow, resident of Rochester. Two children resulted from this union, the elder, Charles K., now a prosperous boot and shoe merchant, located a few doors south of his father's drug house; the younger, William S., at present attending school in the Pharmic Department of the Ann Arbor University.

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When the war of the rebellion commenced, he was appointed recruiting officer, and became Captain of Company F, of the Eighty-seventh Indiana Regiment of Recruits. He served four months, then returned home to continue his business. His services, though not of long duration, were sufficient to show the interest he felt in the welfare of his country.

Death first entered his household in 1871, taking from him his wife, and leaving a shadow hanging over his once happy home, and thus leaving him the whole care of his two sons. Finding that a vacancy must be filled, he married again, in 1873, his choice being Miss Martha J. Trimble, who still superintends their elegant house in a true womanly manner.

The Doctor is known as one of the best business men of the town, and, true to the line of his descent, he sustains an important place in the business prosperity of the community as well as holding a high place in the social circle.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 25]

PLANK, A. K., MRS. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Austin & Plank

PLANK, CHARLES K. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Hoosier Shoe Store

See: Rochester, Indiana [Historical Review]

PLANK & CHINN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Academy of Music

[Adv] Plank & Chinn's Academy of Music Drug Store is Now Open for Trade and Inspection! - - - A full and assorted stock of everything kept in a First Class Drug Store - - - - PLANK & CHINN, Under Academy of Music, Commercial Block.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 8, 1879]

PLANK & DAWSON [Rochester, Indiana]

Dr. A. K. Plank and J. Dawson have formed a partnership, and hereafter the business will be conducted at the old stand of Dr. Plank, under the name of Plank & Dawson.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 22, 1862]

Quartermaster A. C. Sheppard, of the 29th Regiment Indiana Volunteers, arrived here last Friday evening. He will leave here on his return tomorrow, and will cheerfully take letters or small packages to soldiers in any of the following regiments: the 6th, 29th, 30th, 32d, or 39th. Parcels or letters may be left at the Drug store of Plank & Dawson.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 24, 1862]

New Arrival. Plank & Dawson, at the Drug Store in the Mammoth Building, have just received a large and splendid assortment of Boots, Shoes and Gaiters, Gilt molding for picture frames, Drugs, Medicines, Groceries, Perfumery, notions &c, &c., all to be sold cheap for cash or produce . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 4, 1863]

New Harness Shop . . . over Plank & Dawson's Drug Store . . . George Ingraham. Rochester, Ind., April 16, 1867.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 2, 1867]

Dissolution. The partnership formerly existing between A. K. Plank and Jonathan Dawson has been dissolved by mutual consent.

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[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, November 5, 1868]

PLANK & SHULER [Rochester, Indiana]

LOCAL NEWS

The Robbins grocery stock, which was recently purchased by Plank & Shuler, will be moved in to the rear of the Hoosier, Monday. Sard Robbins will be retained as manager of the grocery department.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 15, 1901]

PLANK SHOESTORE, CHARLES [Rochester, Indiana]

Located 808 Main.

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]

PLANK'S DRUG STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

A. K. Plank, Physician, and Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Oils, Paints, Dyestuffs, Perfumery, Groceries &c. Store one door north of D. W. Lyon & Co.

[Rochester *Gazette*, Thursday, December 9, 1858]

Shryock & Shaffer, Attorneys at Law, Rochester, Indiana, will promptly attend to all business intrusted to their care, in the counties of Fulton, Marshall, Kosciusko, Cass, Miami and Pulaski. Office in the Mammoth Building, over A. K. Plank's Drug Store.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 10, 1862]

C. J. Riddle has opened a Barber Shop over A. K. Plank's Drug Store, opposite the Continental House.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 30, 1868]

An Artist. Doc. Collins, whose tonsorial establishment is over Plank's Store, is an artist of acknowledged excellence.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, July 23 1868]

[Adv] For Drugs and Medicines, Go to the BLUE DRUG STORE (Plank's Old Stand) AGER & RUH.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 18, 1888]

PLANTZ, SAMUEL [Richland Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Samuel Plantz. - Jacob Plantz, the father of S., was a native of Pennsylvania, born March, 1794. He married Rhoena Rhode, born 1797; they settled in Ohio. Frederick Huffman, the father of Mrs. Plantz, was born in Germany. He married Elizabeth Snyder; they settled in Ohio. The subject of this sketch was born June 16, 1825, in Lancaster County, Penn. He went with his parents to New York, thence to Ohio, and finally settled here at an early date. He was married, March 21, 1848, to Margaret Huffman, a native of Germany, who came to America with her parents in 1893. Mr. Plantz has an interesting family of children--Sarah, born January 24, 1849; Elizabeth, born April 5, 1851, married to B. Harpster; Mary, born October 20, 1853, married

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to R. Beeler; Mahala, born June 7, 1856; Amanda A., born July 10, 1859; John J., born December 27, 1862, and Samuel P., born February 15, 1869. Mr. Plantz is a minister in the Evangelical Church, and has stood upon the walls of Zion for fourteen years. He is a forcible speaker, and has done much good in his Master's vineyard.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 53]

PLATFORM DANCE [Fulton County]

There is some talk of another platform dance in the grove.

[Sprinkleburg Items, Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, July 16, 1874]

PLEASANT GROVE, INDIANA [Union Township]

Name of unincorporated town, later incorporated and name changed.

The town of Pleasant Grove was platted in June, 1845 consisting of two blocks lying south of Main Street. The block on the east side of Logan Street was platted by Eli Troutman and the block on the west side by John Troutman.

See Kewanna, Indiana

PLEASANT VALLEY DAIRY [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] MILK! MILK! Fresh from the PLEASANT VALLEY DAIRY. Delivered at your door daily at 6 1/4 a quart, or 25¢ a gallon. Delivery to start Monday, Oct. the 7th. Phone your order to JOHN HANSON, Prop. Phone 2 - 40.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 3, 1912]

PLEASANTS, VIRGINIA [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Wile Department Store

PLETCHER BROS. FLORISTS [Rochester, Indiana]

Located 318 W 7th [today at the Fulton County Public Library's parking lot W 7th]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Pletcher Bros' Greenhouse has just received a full line of garden seed onion sets, bulbs for bedding clinging roses, flower seed and a large stock of bedding plants. Visitors are always welcome.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 6, 1905]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Estep greenhouse formerly owned by Pletcher Bros. is being gone over by the new management and a new stock put in so that it will rank among the best floral stations of northern Indiana.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 15, 1907]

PLOWBOYS CORNET BAND [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Day, John

POENIX, DALE [Rochester, Indiana]

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DALE POENIX, STATE'S YOUNGEST PROSECUTOR, TAKES OFFICE

When Dale Pownix, aged 22, took over the prosecuting attorney's office yesterday, Fulton county had the honor of having the state's youngest attorney. As Poenix stepped in, George Buchanan, also a man early in age, stepped out.

New Year's day will probably be one long remembered by Prosecutor Poenix. Not very often does a young man 22 years of age get the chance to act in the county's attorney's chair at such an age. Not only that honor has he to remember, but also to recall the successfulness of his young political career and what lies ahead of him.

Dale Poenix is a Fulton county product, born at Grass Creek and graduating from Grass Creek schools. He entered this world on September 1, 1912, and received his High school diploma in 1930. After two years at DePauw University, Poenix decided to enter Indiana Law School at Indianapolis. Then after two years in Indianapolis, Fulton county's prosecutor decided to come back home and make a "try at it."

Hopes Are Realized

The try was a success in every respect. The result of the primary gave Poenix added encouragement and when Nov. 6th rolled around, Dale Poenix was all set to do what he had hoped to do for many years.

Poenix scored an undisputed victory over his opponent and was swept into office on the Republican ticket along with many other of his political cohorts.

Yesterday he took office.

What will happen between that day and the time his term expires no one knows. Poenix seems anxious to know.

Along with the honor of being the state's youngest attorney, Poenix gained considerable notice when he passed the bar examination in Indianapolis in recent months. Attempting the examination were 108 law students, 41 of whom were successful.

Although he was brought up on a farm, the new attorney is not a "farmer lad," and usually had his nose in a book instead of helping in the field. "He wasn't worth a dime around the farm," said his father, Russell Poenix.

Instead of having to spend no little time in buidling up a clientele, Poenix has stepped right into the middle of the puddle. What an interesting life lies ahead of him.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 2, 1935]

OPENS OFFICE

Prosecutor Dale Poenix is opening a law office in the Stinson building on the west side of the public square. The office of Attorney Poenix will be on the second floor of the building.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 4, 1935]

DALE POENIX FILES FOR JUDGESHIP NOMINATION

Dale Poenix, County Prosecutor, has filed his petition for the nomination for Judge of Fulton County on the Republican ticket. -----

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 3, 1936]

POET'S POINT [Lake Manitou]

Located in Lilly Park.

POLAY JUNK YARD [Rochester, Indiana]

OBJECT TO NEW JUNK YARD

That the city council is likely to receive more than one petition when it meets next Tuesday evening, is evident from opposition being voiced to the establishment of a junk yard at the corner of Main and 3rd Sts.

Jake Polay has recently rented a vacant lot at that location of E. von Ehrenstein, and has already dumped several loads of junk thereon. Property owners in the neighborhood are much

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enraged and are passing a petition asking that the project be restrained and enjoined by the city council, in as much as it will be constitute a nuisance, depreciating the value of nearby property and giving visitors a bad impression of the city. It is also pointed out that the location lies on the main thoroughfare to the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

At noon Thursday, about 25 property owners had signed the petition, which is addressed to the mayor and council. More names would be secured, it was said.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 6, 1919]

POLAY & HASLETT [Rochester, Indiana]

POLAY JUNK BUSINESS MOVING ACROSS STREET

Jake Polay, who recently dissolved partnership with Foster Haslett when Haslett sold the building they occupied to Klein Brothers, has leased the building formerly occupied by the Eagle Poultry Company, and is moving his stock and equipment to the new location, where he will soon be ready for business again.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 11, 1921]

POLK OIL COMPANY [Rochester, Indiana]

POLK OIL COMPANY WILL OPEN FILLING STATION

Local automobile owners will be afforded another opportunity to fill their cars with a new brand of gasoline and oils when it became known here today that the Polk Oil Company of Warsaw had purchased the building on north Main street at the Erie railroad, for so many years occupied by the H. and H. Lumber Company. The Polk Company which operates a number of stations in Northern Indiana is one of the largest independent companies in the state. They plan to erect a modern filling station on the north Main street property. The station is so located that it will be the first opportunity motorists from the north on Federal Road 31 will have to fill their cars as they enter the city. The Polk Company in addition to operating the filling station will erect large tanks on north Main street so that they will be able to enter the wholesale gas and oil business in the county.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 15, 1929]

POLLEY, OLIVER C. [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

BIOGRAPHY

This man, now a resident of Fulton County, was born in New London County, Conn., March 17, 1821. His father, Oliver C. Polley, Sr., was born in the same county and State January 8, 1794. He married Abigail Payne November 30, 1815. She was a native of the same State and was born July 2, 1790, and deceased June 10, 1826. They were both of English descent. His business was cloth dresser. On February 27, 1828, he was again married, this time to Lura Abell; she was a native of Lisbon County, Conn., born September 28, 1808, and deceased April 15, 1869. Soon after his second marriage, he emigrated West and settled in Ohio in 1830, where he deceased on September 6, 1842. The subject of this sketch came from his native State and settled with his parents in Huron County, Ohio, when he was about eight years old. He was educated in the common schools and grew to manhood years, and was married to Eliza M. Mehrling November 1, 1846. She was the daughter of Peter and Mary Mehrling, natives of Pennsylvania, the former born December 2, 1801, the latter May 31, 1804. They came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1832, and thence to Indiana in 1849, where he deceased January 14, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Polley have had five children, only one of whom is now living. Mary E., was born February 20, 1848, deceased March 21, 1849; Oliver P., born November 25, 1852, deceased December 19, 1853; Andrew, born February 19, 1854, deceased June 17, 1854; an infant daughter, born August 31, 1853, died the same year; the only living child, George W., was born August 30, 1858, and is now a very industrious young man and tends his father's farm. Mr. Polley came to this county in 1849 and bought land in the heavily wooded district along the river. There were no improvements upon the land, for which he paid \$3.50 per acre. By hard work and determined efforts, he has made a fine

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farm and a beautiful home, where he now spends his old days. He is one of the highly influential men of this neighborhood, and justly deserves the high place he holds in the estimation of his many friends. Both he and his companion are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but formerly belonged to the Protestant denomination. He, though quite an old man, is hale and robust, and has promise of many years in which to enjoy the fruits of his early struggles.

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

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[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, p. 118]

POLLOCK, GEORGE [Rochester, Indiana]

See Skating Rink

PONTIOUS, ABRAHAM [Henry Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Abraham Pontious. - This gentleman is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born November 20, 1831. That being a comparatively new country, the schools were, of a necessity, primitive, and his educational advantages meager, yet by industry he obtained a very good common school education. Upon attaining his majority, he went to Elkhart County, Ind., where, in the spring of 1853, he was united in marriage to Miss Christina Kreighbaum. Mr. Pontious and lady then came to this place, and immediately set about clearing a piece of ground on which to build a cabin, which in a short time was completed. Having thus secured a shelter, they did what they could to reduce the forest to cultivated fields and to procure the necessaries of life. But they were not long permitted to enjoy each other's society, for in the autumn of 1854 an All wise Father saw fit to call Mrs. Pontious away from earth and her husband's embrace. However, through the energy of Mr. P., the forests yielded, and cultivated fields and a good orchard appeared in their stead. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pontious was born one daughter, Sarah, now a resident of Kansas. In the fall of 1856, Mr. P. was again married, this time to Miss Rachel Pontious, daughter of Isaac and Magdalena Pontious, who are mentioned elsewhere in this book. She was born in Stark County,

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Ohio, November 25, 1838. Of this union were born eleven children--Francis M., William A., John F., Alwilda A., Ira E., Noah A., Ida E., Milo M., Amos A., Elsie E. and Lily D. Of these, Francis, Alwilda, Ida and Milo are deceased, and William is married. Mr. Pontious and lady are members of the Advent Church, with which organization they have been connected for a number of years. Mr. Pontious' father, Nicholas Pontious, was united in marriage to Eve Buchter. Both were natives of Pennsylvania, but came to Stark County, Ohio, in the early settlement thereof, where he reared a large family, the subject of this sketch being the third child.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 39]

PONTIOUS, DALLAS [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] I am prepared to do all kind of paper-hanging, calsomining and plastering as cheap as the cheapest and as good as the best. Orders given me or left at Elliotts Ware rooms will receive prompt attention. Special attention given to city or county work. DALLAS PONTIOUS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 17, 1884]

PONTIOUS, ISAAC [Henry Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Isaac Pontious was born in Stark County, Ohio, October 20, 1820, and was the son of Solomin and Magdalena Pontious, natives of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. He attended the common schools in Ohio, receiving a fair education and remaining at home with his father until his twentieth year; he was reared as a farmer.

On September 20, 1840, he married Miss Magdalena Wollheter, born in Pennsylvania, and in a few months following he came to Indiana and settled on 80 acres of land his father had given him, and upon which not a stick or shrub was amiss, he clearing the first opening in which to build his cabin, situated one mile from the nearest neighbors, who were Dr. Sippy and William Bower on the north, William Whittenberger on the west, and five miles to the nearest neighbors on the east and south.

His capital consisted of a yoke of young oxen and one old horse, in connection with his young manhood and unimpaired strength. With the aid of this capital, he was soon enabled to enjoy the benefits of civilization, and after buying and selling several different pieces of land, is now the possessor of 115 acres of arable soil, with a fine house and barn situated on the same.

This couple are the parents of eight children, seven of whom--Rachel, Louisa, Jefferson, Harriet, Isaac P., Mary and Lucretia--are living, and of whom five are teachers.

Mr. Pontious is a Democrat in political faith, and has served as Justice of the Peace for four years, as Commissioner six years, and as Trustee for two years.

His father, Solomon Pontious, was born in Armstrong County, Penn., July 4, 1794, and married Magdalena Kreighbaum, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1800.

Mrs. Pontious was born in Lancaster County, Penn., September 24, 1812, and her parents, George and Mary Wolheter, came to Stark County when she was sixteen years of age.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 40]

PONTIOUS, MOSES [Henry Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Moses Pontious. - This worthy citizen was born in Stark County, Ohio, March 13, 1832. He is of German lineage, being the son of Solomon and Magdalena (Kreighbaum) Pontious, who were natives of Pennsylvania.

Receiving a limited education, he worked on the farm until he reached his sixteenth year, when he commenced work at cabinet-making, which he followed as a journeyman for seven years, after which he successfully conducted a shop at Hartsville, Ohio, for a number of years. On June 15, 1852, he married Miss Sarah Ann Eberhardt, born in Stark County, Ohio, 1832.

Mr. P. purchased a farm in Hancock County, which he conducted jointly with work at the carpenter's bench for about one year.

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Thinking that he could find a better opening in Indiana, he came here in 1869 and purchased the 100-acre farm on which he is still living.

Mr. Pontious built his log cabin in the woods and began improvements. At the time of writing, he has sixty out of the 100 acres under cultivation, and a fine orchard and waving wheat-fields can be seen where the forest trees tossed their giant arms to the breeze only a few short years ago. He has just finished a fine barn and family residence. His success in life has been due to his industry, good management and integrity as a business man. To this couple have been born five children, of whom Josephus, Alpheus and Jemima are living. Mr. and Mrs. Pontious are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, pp. 39-40]

PONTIOUS, NATHAN [Henry Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Nathan Pontious is the son of Nicholas and Eve Pontious. His father and mother were born in Pennsylvania and married in Stark County, Ohio. Came to this State about 1867, living part of the time in Miami and the rest of the time in this county. His mother died in September, 1874, and his father in the early part of the following year.

Nathan was born October 24, 1834, and reared in Stark County, Ohio.

He married Lydia Sell April 15, 1858, and in September of the same year came and settled on the farm they now occupy, which had been purchased previously. They have had seven children, of whom Calvin and Clarence are the only ones living.

Mrs. Pontious is the daughter of David and Marguerette Sell, natives of Pennsylvania, now living in Portage County, Ohio.

Mr and Mrs. Pontious are members of the Church of God; he is and has been a hard-working man, and now enjoys a pleasant home, the fruits of his honest endeavors.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 40]

PONTIOUS & BLAUSSER [Rochester, Indiana]

PLASTERERS

We announce to the citizens of Rochester and the public generally that we are prepared to make contracts for plastering in all its branches and guarantee the most satisfactory work at the most reasonable prices. We also do calsomining, white-washing, and all work in that line. Give us a call if you desire first-class work at fair prices. PONTIOUS & BLAUSSER.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 7, 1884]

PONTIUS, GENE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Gene Pontius)

PONTIUS, ROSCOE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

ROSCOE PONEIUS HEADS TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION

Roscoe Pontius, Rochester Telephone Company, was re-elected president, and Theodore Stoops, Nappanee, secretary-treasurer of the Northern Indiana Telephone Association at the closing business session of the annual summer meeting held this week at the South Shore Inn, Lake Wawasee.

Three new directors elected are Charles R. Hermence, of the Home Telephone Company, Elkhart; Samuel Tomlinson, Plymouth; and Charles Koontz, Bremen.

The fall meeting of the association will be held at Rochester in September. The 1930 summer meeting will again be held at the inn.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 29, 1929]

PONTIUS, TULLY [Rochester, Indiana]

T. PONTIUS, FIRST "TROUBLE SHOOTER" OF PHONE COMPANY

In an interview with Tully Pontius, present vice-president of the Rochester Telephone Co., many interesting facts concerning the company's establishment and growth were related to a representative of The News-Sentinel today. Mr. Pontius has been connected with the telephone company since its foundation in the year 1895, and is thoroughly familiar with both the mechanical and business departments of this industry.

Some of the highlights of this veteran 'phone man's reminiscing follow:

The first switchboard of the company, Mr. Pontius stated, was located in what is now the terminal room which is situated at the rear of the plant's present home. Active operation of the switchboard was started during June, 1896.

100 Original Subscribers

At that time, Mr. Pontius stated, the company had 100 subscribers. Miss Belle Bernetha and Charles Davis, both of this city, were the day and night operators, Mr. Pontius taking the multiple roles of "trouble shooter", line builder, collector and relief operator. The late Dr. Howard O. Shafer was one of the company's earlier switchboard operators, Mr. Pontius recalled.

The total number of employees during the early days of the local telephone company was three. Today Mr. Pontius states, there are 23 employees on the company's payroll and the company services 1,761 phones in Rochester and adjacent territory.

First Toll Line to Argos

The first toll line was connected with the town of Argos on March 17, 1897, with the long distance booth being located in the old Sentinel newspaper office, which was located in the Barnhart building now occupied by the Crownover music store. The next extension of toll lines, Mr. Pontius recalled, were those to Akron, Kewanna, Macy and Logansport. In the third year of the company's operation it purchased what at that time was known as the "old line" which ran from San Pierre, with service connections to Wabash, Monterey, Winamac and North Judson.

Tully stated that the west end of this "old line" which extended through the then undrained prairies, caused the company and the "trouble shooter" no end of trouble during unfavorable weather conditions. It was not uncommon to start out with a team of horses and light wagon and be away two days "shooting trouble in this line."

Mr. Pontius states he can now point with a great deal of satisfaction to the fact that the company's lines in the city, to the lake and on the principal lines leading out of Rochester are all encased in underground cables, and are practically storm proof.

In later years the company installed direct lines to all the central and northern Indiana cities and connections, today, Mr. Pontius concluded, can now be made with cities like Chicago and Indianapolis, almost as speedily as a local call.

Mr. Pontius, who at the present time is vice-president of the Rochester Telephone Co., is also plant superintendent.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 26, 1938]

TULLY PONTIUS RESIGNS FROM TELEPHONE COMPANY

Tully Pontius today announced his retirement as plant superintendent of the Rochester Telephone company after 44 years of continuous service with the local plant.

Mr. Pontius started work with the company in the spring of 1896, when the idea was first conceived to build a telephone system in this community. In the early days he not only served in the plant department but in addition performed the multiple duties of night operator and collector. As the business expanded and the plant was developed Mr. Pontius became the plant superintendent and was active continuously in this capacity until the time of his retirement, as of January 1st.

Mr. Pontius it was stated, still retains his financial interest in the company and in addition to being a member of the board of directors, holds the office of vice-president.

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[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 21, 1941]

POOR MAN'S FRIEND [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - CLOTHING - - - POOR MAN'S FRIEND, Next Door to Fromm's.
[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 6, 1878]

BOUND TO CLOSE

We have conducted our north end clothing store longer than we expected and are now determined to close out the entire stock in a short time. In order to do so, we offer you clothing of all kinds at your own prices. You are certain to get bargains if you call the Poor Man's Friend clothing establishment in the Commercial Block. FEDER & SILBERBERG.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 27, 1879]

[Adv] AUCTION! \$7,000 worth of ready-made CLOTHING, - - - Gents' Furnishing Goods, Trunks and Valises - - - Monday, December 29, 1879 - - - Commercial Block next door to Fred Fromm's.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 27, 1879]

POPCORN WAGON [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Will True has purchased a fine new confectionery wagon from Sullivan & Eagle at Peru, and he and his brother drove home with it last night. It is a nice large wagon being twelve feet long, six feet wide and six feet high and has glass on all three sides. He will begin in the spring to sell peanuts, popcorn and candy on the streets.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 13, 1906]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Billy True will go with his pop corn machine to attend the big doings at Akron, Thursday. A base ball game and two balloon ascensions will take place. Akron plays Nappanee for one hundred dollars on the side.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 18, 1906]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Will True has moved his peanut and popcorn building from the north end to the Robbins lot, south of the Cycle Exchange.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 17, 1911]

\$1,000 WAGON

Martin Reeder has received his new \$1,000 peanut and popcorn wagon from Creators Co. of Chicago. He will have it on the street within a few days.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 16, 1915]

BUYS OUT REEDER

Ike Emmons, who for several years has operated the Martin Reeder peanut and popcorn wagon at the corner of Dawson and Coplen's drug store, has purchased the outfit from Reeder. The new proprietor moved his wagon to the old location this morning.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, April 22, 1926]

HOME TOWN TALES

By "Pioneer"

Who remembers SILAS NYE'S little "Pea Nut" shack that hovered under the shadows of the Dawson Drug Store building, more than fifteen years prior to December 15, 1889?

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Roasted over a charcoal fire, to a crisp brittle brown, Nye's Fresh Roasted Pea Nuts, became famous, and remembered, to the extent that no one, since, has turned out roasted peanuts - like Nye's.

Two big glasses, heaping full, for five cents was the price and every day was "Circus Day" as far as the regular daily demand was concerned.

Aside from roasting peanuts, caring for a family of four, visiting with customers requiring special entertainment, Silas Nye found time to write poetry. His poem, "I Like Gravy on My Tatters", first published in The Rochester Weekly Sentinel, at that time under the editorship of A. T. Bitters, was copied and recopied by newspapers and magazines throughout the United States. A copyright, with royalty attached, would have bought Uncle Silas a new suit of clothes, hat, shoes and suspenders - and enough raw peanuts for a year's run.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 13, 1935]

POST OFFICE [Rochester, Indiana]

[See Rochester Post Office]

POST OFFICES

Akron
Aubbeenaubbee
Bearss
Big Foot
Bloomingsburg [Talma]
De-Or [see Lucetta]
Desolation
Fulton
Grass Creek, located in J. C. Hizer general store.
Indian Field
Lake 16 [today known as Lake Chippewa]
Leiters Ford
Lucetta (De-Or)
Owen [see Sidconger]
Richland Center
Rochester
Sidney
Sidconger (Troy; Owen)
Showley
Tiosa
Troy [see Sidconger]

POTAWATOMI/POTTAWATOMIE INDIANS [Fulton County]

See: Brackett, John E.

When the first white settlers came to the territory which now makes up Fulton County, they found it inhabited by the Pottawatomie Indians. They had migrated from Michigan. This land was owned by the Miami Tribe. The Pottawatomie Indians had much to do with the early history of Fulton County. This tribe was also very active in the French and Indian Wars.

POTTAWATTOMIE GRIST MILL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

POTTAWATOMIE INDIAN MONUMENT [Twin Lakes, Marshall County]

The Pottawatomie Indian Monument will be erected on a site near Twin Lakes, Marshall county, three quarters of an acre being donated for the purpose by John McFarlin. The site is not what was originally contemplated but is within the Indian reservation and many think it the most desirable location, as it can be seen from both the railroad and the wagon road.

Bids were received by the Marshall county commissioners Monday, and the contract was awarded to Southworth and Son, the Plymouth Marble men.

It will be remembered that the last legislature appropriated \$2,500 for the erection of this monument, the bill for the same being introduced and fathered by Hon. Daniel McDonald, who has long interested himself in the perpetuation of the Pottawatomie Indians in the memories of succeeding generations. It was this tribe of Indians that made their home in Marshall county prior to the coming of the white men.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 2, 1908]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Chief Menominee, the statue which is to be placed at Twin Lakes, arrived in Plymouth yesterday and will be placed by Southworth & Son, of that city. It and the die upon which it sets weigh 40,000 pounds. The statue will be set this week.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 12, 1909]

POTTOWATTOMIE MONUMENT

Mr. Charles T. Mattingly and Col. A. F. Fleet, two of the trustees of the Pottawattomie Monument, met at Culver Military Academy one day last week, and selected September 4, 1909 as the day for the unveiling and dedication ceremonies of the monument, that being the 71st anniversary of the removal of the Indians from the reservation. Mr. Daniel McDonald was selected by the trustees to arrange the program and take charge of the unveiling ceremonies on the date named. Messrs. Southworth & Son, the contractors, are having the monument cut at Barre, Vermont, the material to be Barre granite, the pedestal 10 feet high, with the statue of an Indian of the same material 7 feet high, making the monument in all 17 feet high. The work is progressing finely and will probably be completed and ready to set up some time the first part of August. It is to be erected on an acre or more of ground at Twin Lakes station on the Vandalia railroad, donated by John A. McFarlin. It is about the center of the Menominee reservation of 22 sections of land from which the Pottawattomie Indians to the number of nearly 1,000 were driven away September 4, 1838. It is an ideal spot for the monument, easy of access by railroad or wagon road, and can be plainly seen from the cars. It is intended to make the unveiling ceremonies the most important historical event that has ever occurred in the county.

Congressman H. A. Barnhart, of this city, will be one of the speakers of the day.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 21, 1909]

POTTAWATOMIE MILL [Rochester Township]

[See LAKE MANITOU, LAKE MANITOU'S EARLY HISTORY - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 11, 1922]

Located at the dam at the outlet of Lake Manitou.

Built to fulfill a term of Treaty of Oct. 16, 1826 between the United States Government and the Potawatomie Indians, whereby the Government, among other things, ground corn for the Indians in return for land 100 feet wide for a road from Lake Michigan to the Wabash River.

MANUFACTURING AND COMMERCE

The commercial and manufacturing history of Fulton County is not one of great achievements or startling rise of industries. Agriculture has, and probably always will be, the chief industry of the county. The commercial history of Fulton County rightfully begins with the

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establishment of the Indian mill that was built in accordance with the treaty with the Pottawatomies to grind the corn that they should bring to the mill. For years, this mill was a landmark of Fulton County. In 1835, a saw mill was built just below the Indian Mill on Mill Creek and in the following year a grist mill was attached to the saw mill. In 1840 the "Old Flouring Mill" was built. It was a two stone plant and was run by a spiral water wheel, a type that was very popular at that time. This mill was remodeled in 1846, an overshot wheel being substituted for the other. In the fall of 1858, the Pottawatomie Mills were built on land adjoining this mill and for many years this was one of the most flourishing businesses in the county. The mills fell into disuse for several years, but in 1875, they were remodeled and conducted successfully until they were destroyed by fire in the nineties.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *An Account of Fulton County From its Organization*, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1922 - Indexed and Reprinted by Wendell C. Tombaugh, 1981]

WATER MILL IN ASHES

Just after midnight, Wednesday morning a train crew on the C. & C. discovered a bright light in the second story of the Pottawatomie flour mills, at the north end of Main street, and their engine screamed a signal of distress. This attracted the attention of the electric light crew and they too saw the flames and pulled their steamboat whistle wide open. This soon aroused the town and the fire company was rushing pell mell to the fire.

By the time the hose carts arrived the flames were all through the second, third and fourth stories and far beyond control. But the "laddies" turned the streams on and tried to save the engine house, located near the mill and the C. & E. bridge and pump station, but the heat became so intense the firemen were driven back, and mill, enginehouse and pump station all went up together, the railroad bridge being saved by liberal dashes of water. The heat was something frightful and houses in the vicinity were so hot it seemed they surely would take fire, but they were carefully guarded and none were damaged.

In a talk with Mr. W. J. Leiter, of Leiter & Petersen, owners of the mill, we learn that there was about ten thousand bushels of wheat in the mill, fully seven thousand of which was stored and nearly all uninsured. Besides this there were two car loads of middlings stored in the mill ready for spring delivery and considerable custom wheat and chop feed. The firm carried \$10,000 insurance on the mill and machinery and \$3,000 on stock, which is scarcely half the value of the mill and its contents.

The Pottawatomie mill was built 37 years ago, and was the most extensive flour mill in all this section of the country. The history of Fulton county says "Hamilton & Taber and Anthony F. Smith, in 1857, commenced preparations for the erection of a mill in Rochester on a more extensive scale than had ever before been attempted in this section of the state. The land for the site, the mill race and dam and the building and machinery cost \$30,000 and the new mill was named the "Pottawatomie." The investment, however, was not a profitable one, and the doors were locked and the mill stood idle for several years until W. J. Leiter and Clark Hickman purchased the property in 1875, and remodeled it and opened it for business." They did a successful business for about twelve years, when Fred W. Petersen purchased Mr. Hickman's interest, and three years ago the mill was again refitted with new process machinery throughout, and did a large business.

The firm has not yet decided what they will do, but it is likely another mill will be built on the site as the water power is very valuable.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 15, 1895]

POTTOWATTAMIE MILLS [Rochester, Indiana]

[See LAKE MANITOU, LAKE MANITOU'S EARLY HISTORY - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 11, 1922]

Flouring mills, built in 1858, located at SE corner of Erie RR and Main.

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This mill is both an honor and an ornament to our town and county. It is decidedly the best Mill in this part of the country, and no better water power in the State. The mill property with the improvements cost about \$22,000. Had we a few more such enterprising gentlemen as Mr. A. F. Smith our Town and County would present a different aspect.

Mr. Smith has of late made some additional improvements to his merchant mill, and is now ready to grind, for toll, Wheat, Corn, Rye, Buckwheat, &c.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 29, 1860]

The undersigned has rented the Pottowotomie Mills . . . Solomon Wagoner.

[*ibid*, Thursday, August 16, 1860]

Jas. A. Smith has rented the Pottowattomie Mills.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday December 6, 1862]

The race, or canal, which supplies the Pottowattomie Mills with water, had a break last Sunday morning, which will stop the mills for a few days . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 3, 1862]

F. W. Stock, the new proprietor of the Pottowattomie Mills, commenced work on Monday last.

[*ibid*, Thursday, August 13, 1863]

Pottowattomie Mills rented by F. W. Stock.

[*ibid*, Saturday, August 22, 1863]

Mr. F. W. Stock, the new proprietor of the Pottowattomie Mills, commenced work on Monday last. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 13, 1863]

Mr. F. W. Stock's health has improved very much since leaving us. He will be welcomed home by hosts of friends, and will soon be found at the Pottowattomie Mills.

[Rochester *Union Spy*, Thursday, August 27, 1868]

Coming Home. We have information that Mr. F. W. Stock and family, of this place, who have been for the past three months visiting their friends in the Faderland, sailed from Hamburg, on the steamer *Germania*, the 19th inst. They expect to arrive at New York on the 1st proximo, and will reach Rochester a few days later. Mr. Stock's health has improved very much since leaving us. He will be welcomed home by host of friends, and will soon be found at the Pottawattomie Mills . . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, August 27, 1868]

The Pottowattomie Mill property has been purchased for the sum of \$20,000 by parties residing in Kosciusko and Huntington counties.

[*ibid*, Thursday, October 29, 1868]

Wheat, Corn and Rye. F. W. Stock, the proprietor of the Water Mill at this place, took us all through his Mill on Saturday last. He has now on hands about 8000 bushels of No. 1 wheat; he is paying for No. 1 wheat \$2.30, No.2 \$2.15, Corn, 50 cts; Rye No. 1 \$1.00; Buckwheat 75 to 80 cts per bushel. Mr. Stock is doing good work for his customers, and is sending off great quantities of No. 1 brands of flour. The Mill needs a great many repairs; if the race and Mill were repaired, they could run about three more burs of stone; the water is abundant; but Mr. Tabor the owner, is very careless of his property and does not see fit to keep it up as he should. Mr. Stock has also between 200 and 300 head of fat hogs in his pens near the mill, which will average about 300 lbs each.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 21, 1867]

We paid a visit the other day to the mills above mentioned that we might note the recent improvements consequent upon the extensive repairs being made by the proprietors, Messrs Long & Miller. Mr. Jonathan Mills of the Globe Iron Works, Dayton, Ohio planned the repairs of the old, and the construction of the new machinery. The millwrighting was done by Mr. S. W. Lockland, of Fort Wayne. He was assisted by Geo. Winters, of Goshen, Ind., and Mr. John Maddox, of Fort Wayne. The new burrs were put up "in face" and condition for grinding by Mr. John Plank, of Constantine, Michigan, who is engaged as first miller.

[Rochester *Standard*, Thursday, December 30, 1869]

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The undersigned having rented the well-known Pottawattamie Mills capacity of 1,000 bushels per day, and having been recently thoroughly refitted by the proprietors James S. Chapin & Co.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 29, 1871]

POTTOWATOMIE FLOURING MILLS

Going down the race (it is a water mill) we popped into an open window and inquired of the first man we met who owned the mill, he replied, "Well, indeed I can't tell you, that matter has not been settled." After a number of inquiries concerning the mill, we dotted down the following: Worth \$20,000; five stories high; five run of four feet birs, can grind five hundred bushels daily; two bolting chests; four sets of cloths; manufacture all grades of flour; do custom work, and ship flour to all parts of the country. We left the mill under the conviction that if some good, energetic man would get possession of that mill who would, as Grant says, push things, he could certainly make money. It being a water power the expense is comparatively small, the capacity of the mill is good and everything goes to show that a very good business might be done.

[Rochester *Union Spy*, Thursday, November 20, 1873]

Sheriff's Sale, Pottowattomie Mills, Feb. 1, 1875.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 19, 1874]

The Pottowattomie flouring mill was sold at Sheriff's sale on Monday, and was bid off by Stephen C. Taber at \$20,000. . . It was perhaps, the largest sale ever made in the county.

[*ibid*, Saturday, February 6, 1875]

During the whole summer not a wheel has been turned in the Pottowattomie Mills, and consequently not a pound of flour or feed turned out. The mill is out of repair, the race dry and the dam broken. . . . negotiations are now pending between the owners of the mill and Jacob Van Trump for the rebuilding of the dam and repair of the race and mill.

[*ibid*, Saturday, October 2, 1875]

J. B. Elliott of this place, and Jes. Jessen of Logansport, have leased the Pottowattomie Flouring Mill, and now have a force at work repairing the mills, building a new dam and patching up the race banks. . . . Mr. Elliott is well known in this county as a thorough business man. Mr. Jessen has long been the chief miller in the Uhl's Mills at Logansport . . .

[*ibid*, Saturday, November 13, 1875]

Ben Elliott says that he will give employment for a short time to 400 men and as many women if they will apply to him at the Pottowattomie Mill before a heavy rainfall.

[*ibid*, Saturday, December 11, 1875]

It is rumored that the dam at the outlet of the lake Manitou will not be rebuilt. There is some talk of either cutting the race deeper, or else putting steam works to the Pottowattomie mill.

[Rochester *Union Spy*, Friday, April 2, 1875]

A company composed of Messrs. Fred Fromm, Jas. B. Elliott and J. Jessen have leased the Pottowattomie mill, known generally as "the water mill," and expect to be ready for business some time during the coming month of December - probably within thirty days.

[*ibid*, Friday, November 12, 1875]

The water in Lake Manitou has risen, and rushing down the race, has set the wheels of the Pottowattomie mills in motion.

[*ibid*, Friday December 31, 1875]

The Pottowattomie Mills are shipping from three to five car loads of flour per week.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturddy, December 23, 1876]

The *Sentinel* is informed that a new milling firm has been organized in the north part of town by which the Pottawattamie Mill is to be operated more extensively than ever. The firm will consist of J. B. and B. M. Elliott, Clark Hickman and Wm. Leiter. . . The Pottawattamie Mill has a flouring capacity of one hundred barrels per day . . .

[*ibid*, Saturday, January 20, 1877]

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Notice of order of sale by Cass Circuit Court, appraised \$10,085, belonging to Jessie Taber.

[[*ibid* Saturday, March 24, 1877]

At last the Pottawattamie flouring mill property has come into the possession of our townsmen. It was formerly owned by the Smiths and Tabers, of Logansport, but last week the enterprising firm of Elliott, Leiter & Hickman purchased it for the modest sum of twelve thousand dollars

[*ibid*, Saturday, September 15, 1877]

Sale of Mill Property. The Pottawattomie Mill property has been purchased for the sum of \$20,000 by parties residing in Kosciusko and Huntington counties.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, October 29, 1868]

[NOTE: Listed as William J. Leiter, Erie elevator, 185 Main, in Directory of Rochester, Ind., 1907.]

Presently owned by Fulton-Marshall Co-op.

See Hickman & Leiter.

POTAWATOMI TREATY OF 1826

The tribe of Indians inhabiting Fulton County when the white men arrived was known as Potawatomi. They were a division of the larger tribe of Algonquins, but had separated themselves on the southern shores of Lake Michigan. The name "Potawatomi" means "Keepers of the fire."

The first treaty that directly affected Fulton County was concluded October 16, 1826, at Wabash at the mouth of the Mississinewa. This treaty ceded much Potawatomi land north of the Wabash River to the U.S. government and ceded a strip of land 100 feet wide from Lake Michigan to the Wabash River for a road.

The treaty obligated the United States as follows: In consideration of the cessations of land, the U.S. agreed to pay to the Potawatomi tribe \$2,000 in silver for 20 years, to appropriate \$2,000 a year for their education, to provide and support a blacksmith for them at some convenient spot, to build them a mill for grinding corn, to provide and support a miller, and to pay them annually 160 bushels of salt. These were to be paid by the Indian agent at Fort Wayne, General John Tipton.

[Potawatomi Treaty of 1826, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

POTAWATOMI TREATY OF 1836

The village of Chippewanong, about a mile east of the Old US-31 bridge on the Tippecanoe River, was the site of several more treaties in March, April and September, 1836. As a result all the Potawatomi territory from Chicago to the Tippecanoe River was ceded to the United States, and the Indians were to be moved to lands west of the Mississippi River. To persuade the Indians to accept the treaties, liberal amounts of whiskey were frequently used.

Payment for the land was in gold or silver, brought by wagon from Fort Wayne and distributed by the Indian Agent, Abel C. Pepper. There was a riot during the payment of September 25, 1836, at Chippewanong. The treaty was concluded September 23 and \$63,000 in gold arrived two days later to pay the Indians for the land they had ceded.

But two white traders, Ewing and Tabor, who operated a trading post at Chipeway (where old US-31 crosses the Tippecanoe), claimed that the Indians owed them \$24,000. There were several other claimants too, and violence broke out among the white men. Col. Pepper called all the money back in, but \$14,000 could not be found. The money was redistributed, and in the end the Indians got only \$16,000 out of the \$63,000.

Even this amount the Indians did not keep long, as the white men sold him fire-water, and while he was drunk, took the gold from his box and filled it with sand. Or he sold the Indian a blanket and then stole it back while the Indian was drunk and sold it to him again and again.

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Some sources place the riot at Chippeway on the Tippecanoe River north of Rochester and others say it took place at the Potawatomi mills on Lake Manitou. Because of the riot in 1836, the next payment in 1837 was made in goods rather than gold.

POTAWATOMI TREATY OF 1837

Several treaties were made with the Miamis and Pottawatomis between 1818 and 1834 when the last named were removed from this locality to the reservation set aside for them in northern Missouri. Through a misrepresentation or a reconsideration by the Indians over the treaty of 1837, in which they were to vacate this territory and move to their new home, a dispute arose and the Indians refused to leave. An Indian agent, Col. Abel C. Pepper, and Gen. John Tipton were appointed moving agents or given full power to mass the Indians and move them peaceably or otherwise. After several attempts to peaceably move them, several companies of soldiers were ordered to surround the Indian villages and nearly 2,000 were brought together where Logansport now stands. This was about the year of 1838

[Moore Family, Reba Moore Shore, *Fulton County Folks*, Vol. 1, by Shirley Willard.]

See Potawatomie Treaty, 1826; Potawatomie Treaty, 1836.

See Trail of Death

POTTER, MILDRED [Akron, Indiana]

NATIONAL MAGAZINE FEATURES EX-AKRON GIRL IN ARTY ARTICLE

A former Akron girl, Miss Mildred "Janie" Potter, daughter of Mrs. Rose Potter of the Henry township hub, and sister of Mrs. Dean Newcomb of this city--now, Mrs. Harvey Hanson of Evanston, Ill.--has carved a niche in the interior decorating arts in the Chicago suburb, according to Elinor Hillyer, conductor of the Design for Living department of *Mademoiselle*, a national magazine for women. She writes in the November issue:

"When Janie and Harvey Hanson married four years ago, they leased a run-of-the-mill, Evanston, Ill., apartment, but teamwork and talent have made their four rooms into something special. Janie paints as a hobby, and it is no time at all before she's waved her husband off to work, done her morning chores, and settled down with her bottles and brushes. She is such a gifted copist that her reproductions of Victorian trays inlaid with red mother-of-pearl, for example, can scarcely be told apart from the originals. Consequently they are in great demand with collectors and shops.

"Between orders, Janie has found time to do over almost every stick of furniture in the apartment--she feels there's almost nothing an expert paint job can't improve. . . ."

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, November 27, 1945]

POWELL, DICK

See: Hotels - Fairview

POWELL A DIRECTOR

Dick Powell, a former Fairview Gardens dance orchestra favorite who has been appearing for the past two seasons with Charlie Davis' stage band as tenor and banjoist, has succeeded Eddie Pardo as director of the stage band and master of ceremonies at the Circle Theatre at Indianapolis. Pardo's contract with the Circle was terminated on Monday by mutual consent. Since last September Powell has been a weekly feature at the Indiana theatre.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 23, 1928]

POWELL TO GO EAST

Dick Powell, soloist with the Charles Davis orchestra when it appeared at a local dance pavilion several years ago and who during the past year has been master of ceremonies at the

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Circle Theatre and the Indiana Ballroom in Indianapolis, has accepted a position as master of ceremonies at the Enright theatre in Pittsburgh.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 2, 1929]

DICK POWELL TO APPEAR IN WARNER BROS. MOVIES

Friends in this city have received word from Dick Powell that he has signed a contract with Warner Bros. to go into the movies. Mr. Powell for several years appeared with an orchestra at various dance halls at Lake Manitou. He was the soloist with each band with which he appeared. For the past three years Powell has been master of ceremonies at Stanley Theater in Pittsburgh. He established quite a reputation in Pittsburgh both as a master of ceremonies and as a radio crooner. While he was appearing in the Stanley theater a scout for Warner Brothers heard him and after tests signed him to play the leading part in a new picture called "Blessed Event" in which Powell will play the role of a radio crooner. Powell leaves soon for Hollywood to make the picture.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 18, 1932]

THREE MOVIE STARS AT LOCAL THEATRE WELL KNOWN HERE

Three movie and radio stars, well known in this community, are being featured in the Varsity Show picture which is being shown at the Char-Bell theatre, tonight.

The celebrities are Dick Powell, who played two seasons at the Fairview Gardens, and Misses Priscilla and Rosemary Lane, whose father was raised in the vicinity of Macy, Ind. The Lane girls' family name is Mullican. They are nieces of Ben and Charles Mullican of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 25, 1937]

POWELL, FERMAN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

POWELL, FRANK [Akron, Indiana]

AKRON

From the News

A deal was opened last week and consummated this week by which Frank Powell retires from business in Akron. Mr. Charles H. Haldeman, the jeweler, bought Mr. Powell's interest in the hardware and implement stock.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 12, 1903]

POWELL, JULIAN A. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Julian Powell)

POWELL, OLIVER MORTON [Rochester Township]

Bur Akron Cemetery, April 16, 1865 - February 3, 1952 "A Nationally Known Race Horseman".

Raised race horses that set speed records and brought fame to Mt. Zion 1900-1930.

He was internationally known as one of the finest breeders of race horses in the Mid-West. He had reared two pacers on his farm a mile and a half east of Green Oak which were and are holders of world records. These horses were known as Royal Lady and Lady Patch. He retired from the business less than a year prior to his death.

In his earlier days Mr. Powell raced his horses at the old Fulton county fairgrounds [now the Rochester City Park] and other circuits throughout the midwest. One of his world record pacing marks was established on Rochester's last race track which was located at the east end of the Fansler addition. [probably where auto races used to be held - WCT]

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[NOTE: See Thomas Powell Family, Maxine Heckathorn et al, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard, pp. 441-450 for definitive story of O. M. Powell]

[Adv] INDIANA DAN PATCH, Reg. No. 39605. Sired by Dan Patch (1.55) the greatest horse the world has ever known, who raced two full seasons in contested races and never lost a race. ----- O. M. POWELL.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 3, 1913]

\$1,000 STALLION DIES

Oliver Powell, of Wagoner, had the ill luck to lose his stallion, Indiana Dan Patch, Saturday morning, death being caused by hernia. Drs. Ward and Cook were called but could not save the animal. Mr. Powell paid \$1,000 for the horse as he was a colt of the Dan Patch which holds the world's trotting mark of 1:55. This is the 4th stallion which Mr. Powell has lost within the last six years.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 8, 1915]

WORLD'S PACING RECORD FOR ONE YR. OLDS BROKEN

Rochester saw its first world's record broken Saturday, when William Patch, descendant of the famous Dan Patch, driven by his owner, Oliver Powell, circuited the local half mile track twice in 2:33-1/4, which lowered the previous mark of 2:36.

At any rate, Wm. Patch paced a beautiful mile and was accorded a great ovation by the crowd when the time was announced. It is said that Powell refused \$1,500 for the horse immediately after the trial, which netted his owner \$100, given by the fair association. The performance was regarded as remarkable on the local track, which is slow.

Powell stated Monday morning that he was shipping the colt to Huntington this week, to give him a trial over the half-mile track there, having been promised another \$100 if he lowers the mark made here. Immediately following the state fair, Powell will put the horse on the Indianapolis fair grounds to try for the world's mark on a mile track. He said this morning that he had satisfied himself that 2:36 was the mark previous to Saturday and that he refused offers of \$1,000 by Ike Wile and \$1,500 by Curt Robinson, of Chicago, immediately after the trial. Powell is not ready to sell.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, September 6, 1915]

OLIVER POWELL'S COLT BREAKS THE WORLD RECORD

Lady Patch, Oliver Powell's sensational pacing yearling mare, Friday afternoon clipped four seconds off the world's record on the local track for horses of this size when she stepped the mile in 2:18 1/4 with ideal racing conditions prevailing and with Lady Patch, Driver Beattie up, and Martha Direct, Cobb driving as pacemakers. Powell's mare did the first quarter in 35, the half she reached in 1:10, the third quarter was made in the very fast time of 34 and she breezed in for the final quarter in 34 1/4 for a total of 2:18 1/4.

The world's record for a mile by a yearling pacer on a half mile track 2:22 1/4 has been held by Helmet Queen, a California horse since 1916. Lady Patch's record will go into the files of the American Trotting Association as the local races were held under the supervision of a licensed starter, Walter Knisely, of Kokomo. Powell's horse is a Walter Cochain colt which has long been a famous racing strain. Powell, it is said, refused an offer of \$8000 for the yearling Friday afternoon after its wonderful performance. . . .

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 11, 1924]

LADY PATCH, OLIVER POWELL'S YEARLING GETS HIS STORY IN HORSEMAN MAGAZINE

The remarkable feat of Oliver Powell's yearling colt, Lady Patch, in breaking the world's record for a mile on a half-mile track during the fall race meet here is being given national

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prominence by The Horseman, the official racing journal of America. In the issue of October 15 there appears a story written by A. S. Beaulieu, of Logansport, president of the Logansport Driving Club, concerning Lady Patch's performance, which is coached in horseman terms. Following is Mr. Beaulieu's letter:

Logansport, Oct. 10 -- On the closing day of the fall meeting given by the Rochester Driving Club at Rochester, Ind., the brown yearling filly owned and driven by O. M. Powell, also of Rochester, made a very successful attempt to lower the world's half-mile track record of 2:22 1/4 for pacers of that age made in 1916 by Hemet Queen.

The day was ideal for such an attempt and at 4:00 o'clock Powell appeared on the track, accompanied by two record pacers. After scoring past the judges' stand once, the three horses went up the stretch, turned and as the wire was reached the word was given. At the wire the filly was between the two aged horses, but before the turn was reached she went into the trailing position with the third horse in second position. The first quarter was reached in 35 seconds and the half in 1:10 1/4; the three-quarters was reached in 1:44 1/4 with the filly still in the trailing position. At the seven-eighths pole the horse setting the pace was pulled out leaving room for Powell to come through at the rail. The last quarter was in 34 seconds, making the mile in 2:18 1/4, with the filly finishing strong.

This filly is known as Lady Patch and is by Walter Cochato. She was bred by Mr. Powell. Her first dam is a mare with no record, by Indiana Dan Patch; her second dam, also a no record mare is by Raindrop; her third dam, also of no record was by Prodicar, and the fourth dam was by Deck Wright.

This filly conformation, gait and manners would be hard to improve upon. She goes in an open bridle and a light set of hobbles, not even wearing a set of quarter boots. She was broken this spring when Mr. Powell took the Farmer to the early meet at Fremont, Ohio, she was turned out and was not again taken up until after he sold the Farmer at the July Grand Circuit meeting at Cleveland.

This event was given much publicity and a large crowd was on hand to witness the trial. Motion pictures were made of this filly, but I am sorry to say none was made of her either while she was leaving the wire or at the finish of the mile. However after she had gone the mile a film was made while in motion and another of her standing and which will show her, Mr. Powell, Mr. Maple, owner of the sire, and the writer. I understand that the films made are to be sent to the International News Co., and that they will be shown throughout the land in the motion picture houses, using this company's service.

I saw the mile and can vouch for the time; also that this event was staged under the rules of the American Trotting Association, which makes it a bona fide record.

-A. S. Beaulieu.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 27, 1924]

OLIVER POWELL SELLS LADY PATCH FOR \$3,600

Oliver POWELL, well known race horse breeder and driver, who lives south of Rochester, on Saturday sold his famous brown filly, Lady Patch, to William Leber of Ephrata, Penn., at a private sale in New York City. The purchase price was \$3,600. Lady Patch is a three year old pacing mare that won eight firsts and four seconds on the Grand Circuit in the summer just passed and won six firsts and three seconds in 1925. She won \$4,000 in prize money during the 1926 season. She held a track record of 2:05 1-4 on the Cleveland track.

Lady Patch holds several world's records which are: for a yearling 2:18 1-4 made on a half mile track at Rochester; for a two year old 2:11 1-2 at Montpelier, Ind.; two fastest consecutive heats in the world for a three year old on a half mile track at 2:07 3-4 and 2:07 1-4 at Louisville.

Mr. Powell it will be remembered sold another horse, The Farmer, two years ago for a record price of \$8,000. He now has seven horses in training for the season next year, one of them being William Patch a full brother of the mare he just sold and Powell says he will be even faster.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, December 6, 1926]

POWELL FEATURED IN SKETCHES

A group of pencil sketches done by MacArthur for the Chicago Daily News and featuring scenes from the opening of the harness racing season in Chicago appeared in a late issue of that paper. Among the pencil sketches was a picture of O. M. Powell, grand old man of the trotting track who lives near Macy, Ind. Powell is the owner of Ima Patch, a horse which will race in Chicago soon. In the Friday issue of The News-Sentinel there appeared a story concerning Mr. Powell and written by Ted Damata of the Daily News Sports staff.

Harness racing is staging a comeback, according to Damata, and it will soon be one of the popular sports again. An entire season of such racing recently opened in Chicago.

O. M. Powell is a well known horse breeder all over the mid-west. He has been in the business for years, and his filly, Ima Patch, entered in the Chicago races, is a direct descendant of Dan Patch, famous racing horse.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 8, 1934]

OLIVER POWELL'S COLTS PRAISED BY TURFMAN

Oliver M. Powell, veteran race horseman, and breeder of record-breaking trotters and pacers, who resides on a farm east of Green Oak, Ind., again receives most favorable comment in the sports columns of the Indianapolis Star.

In Wednesday's edition of the Star in the column of "Hoofbeats" edited by Geroge M. Gahagan, was a story concerning the annual auction sale of young racing stock. In commenting on Mr. Powell's offering at the sale Mr. Gahagan stated:

"Another group of youngsters which are here, and headed for the auction, is that owned by O. M. Powell, the Rochester, Ind., horseman, who probably has produced more extreme speed from the juveniles he has bred than any other horseman of the state with as limited a number of mares. The great production that came from the fountain head of Maude, the Powell background of speed, is astonishing and it seems to prove that the maternal contribution is great in this case, at least, because when he changes sires, the speed production keeps up.

"This time his offerings for the auction are all by the young trotting sire Preakness, 2:07, and horsemen say that the Powell youngsters by him can step just as fast as any of those he has brought through before, by other sires. One thing is assured, when the Rochester man brings any youngster into a sale ring these days there will be plenty of attention directed that way, because buyers have learned that there is such a small percentage of blanks from his breeding that whatever is offered is nearly assured speed."

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, October 16, 1941]

POWELL TRAINING PACER ON GOSHEN, N.Y. TRACK

An item on the sports page of The Independent Republican, Goshen, N.Y., of June 9th reads:

"Two Year Old Pacer Arrives From Indiana

"Oliver M. Powell, veteran horseman, of Rochester, Indiana, has arrived in Goshen with his two-year-old pacer, Miss Almeda by Preakness-Guyetta, and the youngster is now quartered at the mile track."

The veteran local horseman has trained a number of record-breaking pacers and trotters on a small half-mile track built on his farm in the Green Oak neighborhood. Mr. Powell, who is widely known throughout the big harness race track circuits of the U. S., has been engaged in this business for well over two score years.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 12, 1942]

O. M. POWELL'S RACING CAREER FEATURED IN RACING MAGAZINE

Oliver Powell, veteran race horse breeder and trainer, furnished the "copy" for an interesting article which appeared in the October issue of "The Harness Horseman," official journal for the harness horse racing association.

The story deals with the entire racing career of the Green Oak farmer and will give the reader a clear conception of the high esteem which the horse-racing world holds for the Fulton county harness horse breeder.

THE PACING FARMER

“Almost every two or three years for the past thirty seasons, there has been a farmer trainer ship in from his sandy farm near Rochester, Ind., with a pacer that as Bob Brawley remarked one time, ‘Could buhn up the tracks.’ The farmer’s name was O. M. Powell, and his home village was Rochesetr, Ind., his outfit was generally pretty plain, of the home-made type. But when he shipped to a Grand Circuit meeting at Cleveland, Toledo, or any other first meeting of the year, he always had something that could step about, practically always a pacer that emanated from some mare of obscure breeding.

“About a quarter century ago Mr. Powell entered and shipped up to the early Michigan short ship circuit. His principal campaigner was a roan mare named Dora D by RainDrop 9546, he by General Wilkes dam Daisy W by Young Jim, breeding of an earlier day. A frugal man by instinct, he camped out with his horses, carried a skillet and may have brought along from is Indiana farm a side of bacon and some eggs, more than one early day campaigner, carried a portable hotel and the writer thinks instinctively of some leaders in the sport today, who give orders to their butler, his chauffeur and a few other servants, that then rode the rods in their early days, often shipped by hand - or over the road from town to town, also lived comfortably out of a portable, fair grounds frying pan.

Boots Dora To Victory

“On one occasion Mr. Powell was having a tight fit race at Jackson, Mich., and in the heat of finish battle lost his whip. So to encourage Dora D he proceeded to kick Dora D vigorously on the rump thereby winning a race. As has been his custom for I presume forty years, Mr. Powell is now 78 years of age, but a frugal farm life has kept him healthy and young looking, still able to farm, and train a colt or two on the side. Dora D was retired to the farm and to the brood mare ranks, and it seemed only overnight until he appeared at the North Randall track with a roan pacer appropriately named The Farmer. Mr. Powell was not forgotten when men were endowed with native keenness, as one day about noon when the talent was crossing the track, Mr. Powell aird The Farmer a glib mile.

“Farmer” Sells High

“It happened at a time when a soon mile would sell a horse quickly and if the owners outfit seemed a little passe, and the trainer was not recognized as one of the leaders of the profesh, then scouts began scouting the horse immediately, often there was a regular foot race to buy the demon pacer. That was especially true on the case of The Farmer. In other hands The Farmer took a record of 2:05 1/4 and Mr. Powell carried home a bundle of money.

“A little later the Indiana farmer came on the stage with a brown pacer, named Colonel Strong, whose dam was Maud, a daughter of Dora D 2:12 1/4 by Rain Drop. Old fashioned blood of course, but somehow some of that old blood when crossed with something near-up to the elite blood of that day and age, there came forth a pacer that could mizzle. Colonel Strong was just that sort exactly as when Maud was crossed with Colonel Armstrong 2:05 1/4, a good horse for Mr. Powell and a better one for Charley Valentine, when the Ohio man was one of the best trainers in the harness horse pastime. Maud was not so plebian bred as she was by Indiana Dan Patch 39605, son of the champion Dan Patch 1:55 1/4, also an Indiana bred freak pacer. Maud went back along the old beaten breeding path to Deck Wright 2:09 3/4, a pacing hero in Indiana many years ago. Bred to Hal Dale 2:02 3/4, and let it be known that farmer Powell, when he liked a stallion, he layed down his corn money to patronize him. When Maud was mated with Hal Dale 2:02 1/4 sire of Adios II 2:02, leading money winning pacer of 1942, and the \$9,000 Good Buy she produced Lady Hal. When Lady Hal was bred to Walter Cochato 2:02 1/4, the northern Indiana farmer came out two years later with a filly named Lady Hal, which set a new world’s record for yearling pacers of 2:14 3/4, going farther along the road to fame by taking a record of 2:06 1/2 at two years,

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completing her chain of life under Mr. Powell's tutorship by passing through the auctions for more money than the corn on one of the Powell farms would bring in the open market.

Top Pacer Injured

"Just before the meeting over The Historic, half-mile track at Goshen, N.Y. opened last June, Mr. Powell came east with a filly of his own breeding and training named Miss Almeda by Preakness 2:07, son of Mr. McElwyn 1:59 1/4 - her dam was Guyetta by Arion Guy 1:59 1/2, modern breeding as compared with Maud by Indiana Dan Patch, or Dora D by Rain Drop, but as fast in her training as some of the sensational pacers she made at his Indiana Speed Foundry. He had worked Miss Almeda over the farm track early in June, a mile in 2:12, half in 1:02 1/4, quarter in 30 seconds, unbelievably fast if you did not know O.M. Powell, whose word is good any place he ever set his foot down.

"Mr. Powell said when he reached Goshen that Miss Almeda was the fastest colt he had ever raised.

"Unfortunately his luck in bringing sensational great ones to a track to market them, failed him last spring, as after a mishap by express in an unseaworthy crate, Miss Almeda awoke with a nasty splint which prevented her Indiana owner training or racing her a single time.

"Miss Almeda was on the road to fame for the Pacing Farm when splints stopped her training last summer. There isn't much style, or dog, put on around the Powell stable, but there are two truths about this plain Indiana farmer horseman, the first, that for number of colts bred he has raised and sold more speed than any man in the United States. The second truth is that O. M. Powell of Rochester, Ind. can make race horses and stick as firmly to the truth about them as any living man."

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 16, 1942]

IN THE SPORT OF HARNESS RACING, O. M. POWELL WAS A MASTER

Considered Comment
Jack K. Overmyer

Together we now shall revive and burnish the memory of O.M. Powell, for he is among the best and the brightest of those Fulton County citizens who have gained national recognition and ultimate fame.

For 58 years Powell bred and trained harness horses at his county line farm on the Green Oak road, now 400S. He raced them yearly at countless fairgrounds tracks and on the Grand Circuit of harness racing at major fairs east of the Mississippi River, often in the driver's sulky himself.

The results were astonishing: Powell's horses established six world's records, won countless first places in other races and earned for their owner universal respect for his breeding and racing capabilities. Not until the year before his death in 1952 did he yield to age (86) and health and give up his racehorse obsession.

O.M.'s horses were pacers, a racing gait in which both legs on one side of the horse hit the ground at the same time. There also are trotters, whose diagonal legs strike at the same time. Harness races are run by Standardbreds, so-called because all speed records are based on a "standard" distance: one mile.

Powell was born in Miami County in 1865 and named for Indiana's Civil War governor, Oliver Morton. His father, William, arrived in the Macy area as a child in 1846 and eventually sired 12 children with wife Sarah Biddle. The Powell name has been a familiar honored one around here ever since.

O. M. began racing in 1893, when at the age of 28 he drove Florie Woodburn to victory at 2:19 for the mile at the Lincoln fairgrounds track west of Macy. With that triumph Powell was hooked on a harness, so to speak, and dedicated the rest of his life to the breeding, training, racing and selling of Standardbreds.

He became such a familiar figure on the harness race circuit that he was called "The Pacing Farmer." Yet farming as an occupation he mostly hired others to do while he pursued his

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zest for the sport of horse racing. At one time he had 27 horses in various stages of training. He built a practice track and a 10-stall horse barn at his farm southeast of Rochester, located just west of the railroad crossing on the Miami-Fulton County line road. When not racing, O.M. worked his horses every day that was fit and, recalled son Ferman, on days others would not consider fit.

But never on Sunday. That was a day of rest both for O.M. and for his horses, which would be petted and fed apples by a steady stream of visitors attracted to the Powell stables.

O.M.'s horses set world records over a period of 25 years, beginning on the half-mile track at Rochester's City Park fairgrounds that for many years was a popular site for harness racing. There, in September of 1915, he drove the yearling colt William Patch to a 2:33 1/4-mile, breaking the existing mark by almost three seconds. He won \$100 and refused an offer of \$1,500 for the colt immediately afterward.

The second came in October of 1924 also at the City Park track.

Powell, again in the sulky, drove a yearling filly, Lady Patch, to a 2:18 1/4 mile that broke an eight-year-old record by three seconds. Lady Patch went on to win 14 firsts and seven seconds in two seasons of Grand Circuit racing, establishing two more world's records in the process, one for two-year-olds and another for consecutive heats.

Powell sold Lady Patch in 1926 for \$3,600, but two years before had received \$8,000 for another of his horses, The Farmer, which was a record price at the time.

In 1939 another Powell yearling filly, Royal Lady, paced the Indianapolis mile track in 2:14 3/4 to break a 28-year-old record.

And then came Ferman Hanover, named for his son, a three-year-old that was bred and trained by Powell but sold as a colt. In 1950 he broke the two-minute barrier with a 1:59.2 time trial and went on to compile lifetime earnings of \$161,800.

Many of Powell's successful horses were sired by Indiana Dan Patch that was bought for stud in 1909. He was the son of the famous pacer Dan Patch that in 1905 established the 1:55 1/4 mile record that stood for 33 years. For Powell, Indiana Dan Patch produced a formidable line of winners until his death six years later.

O.M. competed in the sport before the big purses arrived and often claimed that he just about broke even after taking out travel expenses and feed. Powell's horses were known for their speed and their exploits were reported in glowing terms by the newspapers and magazines covering the sport.

Powell's horses were regularly presented at the major sales and brought good prices. The most prestigious of these and the largest horse auction in the world at the time was held at Harrisburg, Pa. Every year Powell presented two or three truckloads for sale. After O.M.'s death in 1952, son Ferman also took some of his father's horses there. While he was holding one in the sale ring the auctioneer halted proceedings to speak a 10-minute eulogy of O.M., during which he remarked that "more of Powell's horses sold here went on to be race horses than did any other man's."

Everyone in that hard-bitten crowd of horsemen had removed hats in respect during the eulogy and when it ended, Ferman took off his own hat and hung it on a post. The crowd cheered "so you had thought it was President Roosevelt," said the son.

A more fitting tribute to this unusual Fulton County dirt farmer is hard to imagine.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 13, 1999]

POWELL, RONALD [Rochester, Indiana]

BUYS GROCERY

Ronald Powell, of this city today purchased and assumed active management of the Harold Reece grocery store, located on West Third street, this city. The business was formerly known as the Brower grocery. Reece has not announced his plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 6, 1935]

POWELL, SAM [Rochester, Indiana]

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GROCERY SOLD

The Perry Jones grocery in East Rochester has been sold by Cecil Snapp to Sam Powell, better known as Sam Kime. Mr. Powell will operate the store under the name of the "Perry Jones Grocery."

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, March 8, 1926]

SAM POWELL OPENS NEW MEAT MARKET TUESDAY

Sam "Kime" Powell has opened a new meat market in the room at 525 North Main street. The room for many years has been the site of meat markets and the fixtures in the same were purchased by Mr. Powell at receivers sale after the failure of the Hoesel Meat Market. Mr. Powell, who has named his new store the Rochester Meat Market, will handle all kinds of fresh and smoked meats, pastries and groceries. Mr. Powell is well qualified to conduct a meat market through many years of experience gained in other establishments of the kind.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 8, 1928]

MOVES MEAT MARKET

Sam Powell has consolidated his two meat markets at the Jones Grocery Store in East Rochester. Mr. Powell is moving the stock of goods which he carried in the North Main Street market to the Jones Grocery.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 21, 1932]

POWELL, WILLIAM [Macy/Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] MONEY picked out of the air by the peck. POWELL - The Magician. WILLIAM POWELL, Artistic Master of Coin Manipulation. Performs this and other feats to the thorough satisfaction of the audience at the CHAR-BELL THEATRE, Thurs & Fri, Oct. 18-19 - Night Only. On the screen Buck Jones in "The Big Hop" Regular Prices. 10¢-30¢

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 15, 1928]

POWELL & LOVE [Macy, Miami Co]

Lemuel Powell had a butcher shop, then a restaurant and then a general store in Macy. The store became Powell & Love general store when he took his son-in-law as a partner.

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

POWELL BUS LINE [Rochester, Indiana]

POWELL BUS LINE SALE APPROVED BY P.S.C.

Sale of the bus line of Charles Powell, between Rochester and Logansport, to the Hiner Red Ball Lines, Inc., was approved Friday by the public service commission.

The Inter-City Coach company's application for operation of a passenger line between Peru and Indianapolis was approved.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, July 25, 1925]

POWELL-MYERS SAW MILL [Rochester, Indiana]

MILL SHUTS DOWN

The Powell-Myers saw mill on E. 9th St., Tuesday afternoon finished work on logs in the yard and temporarily shut down for repairs, as the condition of the roads will not permit hauling of logs in from the country.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 16, 1919]

ANOTHER LOCAL INDUSTRY WILL CLOSE ITS DOORS

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The Powell-Myers saw mill, located at Ninth street and the Lake Erie tracks, will close down within the next day or two, according to a statement made by Manager Sidney Wilson, and there is a strong possibility that the plant may be moved from Rochester.

This concern, which employs from 20 to 40 men the year round, located in Rochester four years ago, taking over the interests of H. G. Young.

This firm, which has its home office in South Bend and a large plant at Argos, has purchased many feet of lumber in Fulton county, but a lack of a market for its product is directly responsible for the present shut-down.

It was stated by Manager Wilson that at one time the company had made a proposition to the city of Rochester whereby it would move the Argos plant to Rochester if the city would furnish a building, the company to pay the rent equal to seven per cent interest on the city's investment and to erect outbuildings for storage purposes and present them to the city when they were finished with them.

Action of other interests, it is said, put a halt to this step almost before it was gotten under way. In the meantime the company has had trouble with local residences of various kinds, but these difficulties have practically all been settled.

The company last year paid to its employees \$54,000 besides purchasing feed for 12 horses, all supplies that could be bought locally and purchasing many feet of lumber in the county.

Just what action will be taken by the directors of the firm could not be ascertained Monday, but there is a strong possibility that the plant will be moved into Michigan. It was stated Saturday that the plant would be closed down then, but it will remain open for a few more days to clean up a half million feet of timber yet on hand.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, December 20, 1920]

POWELL-MYERS MILL PERMANENTLY CLOSED

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Powell-Myers Lumber Co., of South Bend, a decision was reached whereby the local mill operated by the company will be shut down for all time, so far as the South Bend men are concerned. Manager Sidney Wilson stated that if the company is unable to close out its interests here the plant will be moved to Michigan, but an effort will be made to sell.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 22, 1920]

POWNALL, H. C. [Liberty Township]

BIOGRAPHY

H. C. Pownall was born March 25, 1838, in Shelby County, Ohio. At the age of seven years, removed with his parents, Joshua and Nancy (Carter) Pownall, to Marion County, ten miles north of Indianapolis, and four years later to this county. He served three years in the civil war, in the Army of the Cumberland, a private in Company E, Twenty-ninth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers; was at the battle of Shiloh and Stone River, in the former receiving a wound which fractured one of the bones of the fore-arm. He was mustered out of the service September 26, 1864, at Chattanooga, Tenn. He married Milla J. Conn, eldest daughter of V. C. and Angeline Conn, born October 3, 1843, in this county, on January 26, 1869. To them has been born one son-Vachel J. He owns 80 acres of land, forty-five of which are under the plow. His father was born April 17, 1807, in Hampshire County, Va. His mother in Clermont County, Ohio, March 31, 1811. They were married June 15, 1837, and she died December 10, 1879. Isaac W., was born March 11, 1840, died March 20, 1863, at Nashville, Tenn. George H., born April 12, 1844, died December 9, 1864; Thomas J., born August 12, 1848; Mary E., born October 18, 1850, died October 29, 1852. Thus four out of a family of seven have passed away.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 44]

POWNALL, JOB V. [Liberty Township]

TRAGEDY IN LIBERTY

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By Job V. Pownall

In March, 1844, in company with my parents, I came to Fulton county by wagon from Ohio, stopping for a time at Adamsboro, Cass county, where we moved into a log cabin on the banks of Eel river. The same fall pap came on to Fulton county and entered a small tract of land on the west line of Liberty township, within one mile of what is now called Marshtown. Here he erected a round log house, twenty feet square, with a large fireplace built of stone and a stick chimney. There was the customary clapboard roof laid on ridgepoles, a hewed puncheon floor, and door hung on wooden hinges. There was a wooden latch on the inside, with a string to it, which passed through a hole in the door and hung on the outside. Kitchen, parlor, bedrooms were all in one, and we had no difficulty in making choice of place.

At the huge fireplace mother did the cooking. Our bread was baked in an oven which she set on the coals, covering the lid with more live coals. It was mostly corn bread, quickly baked, but on Sunday morning we always had warm biscuit.

The country was new, therefore a wilderness and swamps. We therefore contracted ague, and had it to our satisfaction. It was an easy matter to kill squirrels, turkeys, pheasants and ducks. I once killed a deer and immediately took a chill. Was told by Oliver Bryan that I had "buck fever." Where we once pulled cattle out of the mud and shot ducks and geese, is now the finest corn land in the township.

One morning mother was salting the cows, not over ten rods from the house. Soon afterward a deer was observed licking salt with the cattle. Mother stepped behind the house and called to David BanBlaricom, who had just passed, going to the home of Uncle Erwin Barker's. Having his gun with him he came quietly to the front of the house, waited until the deer was separated from the cattle, then fired and down came the deer. A dog belonging to VanBlaricom was anxious to finish killing the deer, but his master would not consent, so began to reload his gun, when up jumped the deer and ran away, and that was the last Dave saw of him.

Pap built a calf pen, joining it to the cabin, and in it was a young calf. One night when pap happened to be away from home the wolves put in their appearance, apparently intent on having a meal on fine veal. They made the air ring with their growling, but mother kept them away by throwing fire brands out of the window. Thus the calf's life was saved by the fire. Our neighbors kept a few fine sheep for the purpose of raising wool, from which to make their clothing. Strong pens had to be built, and the sheep put therein every night, to protect them from wolves. From spring until fall was a busy time, especially during sheep-shearing time. Pap would catch the sheep and lay them on a platform, where they were tied down, and mother would take a common pair of shears and cut the fleece, which was washed, then picked to remove dirt and burrs. It was then put in a sheet, which was pinned with a thorn, and sent to the carding mills. When it was returned, mother would get out her old wool wheel and spin the rolls into yarn. It is forty years since mother was called to her heavenly home, yet in my imagination I can still see her as she tripped back and forth across the puncheon floor, spinning, spinning the yarn that was to be converted into clothing for her children. When finally done, the yarn was colored blue, then taken to her sister, Mrs. Edwin Barker, who wove it into jeans for the men's clothing and into linsey-woolsey for herself and daughter.

Pap sowed a small patch of flax. After it matured it was pulled, spread on the ground to rot sufficiently to break on the flax break. It was then skutched, then heckled, and then it was ready to spin on the flax-wheel. In this way mother made her own flax thread, and it was far superior to the flax thread of present day manufacture. With it she made our clothing. Pap made all our shoes, making his own wax and shoe pegs. A pair of shoes was supposed to last a year, for we went barefooted Sundays and week days.

When we needed a doctor, that meant a trip to Logansport, and when we went to mill, we went to Springcreek mill, run by Henry Miller. Pap had some of his Virginia meal sacks which held three bushels. They were home-made from the flax of their own raising. He would put a grist in a sack, throw it over the gray mare and set me on top and start me off for the mill. Those were the happiest days of my life.

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The first money I ever had of my own I earned hoeing corn for twenty cents a day, and I very well remember selling eggs to Robert Aitken, at Fulton, for three cents per dozen.

In comrade Samuel Miller's story, he alluded to experiences he had while employed with J. W. Wright, and it brought to my mind an incident that occurred in Fulton. Mr. Wright had a number of men in his employ, cutting logs and hauling them to the mill to be sawed into lumber to plank Michigan road. Some of the hands imbibed a little too much corn juice to meet the approval of Mr. Wright, who then took matters into his own hands, went into the place where it was to be purchased, roled the barrels into the road and with his ax knocked in the heads, the fire water running into the street. The place was kept by a man whose name was either Burnett or Swarts, I forget which. Mr. Wright was summoned to go before the prosecuting attorney, at Rochester. To show that his act had met with the approval of good citizens of his home town, W. D. Martin, V. C. Conn and other representative men decorated a wagon, over which was a flag flying to the breeze, bearing this inscription: "No Saloons Allowed in Fulton." The prosecutor lived in Winamac, and was then a candidate for re-election. K. G. Shryock was then a rising legal light, and on the side of the defendant. Seeing where he could squelch the case before it came to trial, he went to the prosecutor and said: "If you make a case out of this you might as well withdraw from the ticket, as your greatest strength comes from Fulton." After a few preliminaries, the case was thrown out of court, and that is not the last time the "drys" have won out.

I will now go back to the year 1849 and relate a circumstance or two that created not a little excitement and a food deal of pro and con gossip. Daniel Rush lived in our neighborhood. He was very fond of hunting and would go to the forest, climb a tree and watch for deer, and this trait was well known by his acquaintances.

One evening he jumped astride his old bald-faced sorrel mare, and started out on a hunting trip. He stopped near where the Smalley grave yard is now located. He hitched the mare, shouldered his gun and went around on the opposite side of a swamp, which was covered with a thick growth of underbrush. After his customary fashion, he climbed a tree and waited to see a deer. By and by his patience was rewarded, as he thought, by seeing a deer flaunt its tail and he raised "old trusty" and fired. Great was the astonishment of Rush to find that he had killed his own mare. In his excitement, and to throw the blame on some one else, he hit on a very ingenious plan. He took a stick, measured the tracks made in the soil, to show the people that as he had taken his own shoes to Uncle Samuel VanBlaricom's (father of Henry VanBlaricom, of Rochester) to have them mended, and had borrowed a pair of VanBlaricom, and had the borrowed shoes on his feet when the accident occurred. So you can imagine it raised something of a talk when Rush went around measuring the feet of his neighbors. He accomplished nothing. But that is not the worst that came from Rush's disposition to shoot something, and about September 25, 1850, a tragedy occurred of which Rush was the cause. In the same locality lived Berryman McCarty, who resided on what is now a part of the Adam Kline farm. McCarty took his gun and started through the woods to the home of Rush, to get him to bring his horse over the next day to help tramp out wheat. Rush was again perched in a tree watching for deer, and catching sight of some moving object, he shot. He then got down to get his supposed game only to find he had mortally wounded his neighbor McCarty, who feebly said: "Dan, you have shot me,"--then died.

No action was taken against Rush, as the general supposition was that the shooting was accidental, as the two men were friends. The shooting occurred about eighty rods south of the Olive Branch U. B. church. McCarty was the father of Mrs. Louisa Louderback, of Fulton, and Mrs. J. W. Redd, of Metea, grandfather of John W. Louderback, of Fulton, and Francis Louderback, of Rochester.

In those days there was not very much wheat sown. It was cut with a sickle, afterward with the "muley cradle," then the reaper and then the table rake, and later the binder. To do the threshing, wheat was beat out with a flail, but sometimes tramped out with horses. Samuel Rouch ran the first threshing machine in the neighborhood. It was called a "caver," for the reason that it threw the wheat, straw and chaff all together, men having to shake the straw to get the wheat out and throw the straw to one side. Later, Rouch purchased another threshing machine, named the Traveler. The machine was pulled in the field and a few dozen sheaves were thrown on, and the

team started, when the straw would be scattered behind in bunches and the wheat and chaff fall into a box to be emptied when full.

In the story written by Jonathan Dawson, I find the names of Joseph and Josiah Terrel, ministers in the United Brethren in Christ. I well remember both of them. The last time I saw Josiah was in 1856, when he made a political speech in the Foglesong neighborhood, Cass county. It was the fall that the Pathfinder, John C. Fremont, the first Republican candidate, ran for president. Terrel said, among other things: "Once there was a fellow who wished to learn to skate, so took his skates and went to the river and putting on his skates, went under the limb of a tree, which he grasped with both hands and by this means skated back and forth. Presently a large buck deer, with spreading antlers, came out of the woods and, seeing the skater, ran between his legs. At this the skater let go of the limb of the tree and grasped the horns of the buck, and away they went, the onlookers shouting, 'Hold on to the velvet.' As the buck jumped a fence, the skater surged back on the horns and broke the back of the buck. So you see, as we are on the back of Mr. Buchanan, and have him on the run, all we have to do is hold on to the velvet, and when the proper time comes we will give him a jerk that will break his back." Batchelor Buck had a very strong back, as the ballots showed in November, 1856. Josiah Terrel became blind and died in Kansas.

Joseph Terrel was the first preacher I have any recollection of. That was in 1846, when he came to Liberty township and preached in log cabins. That year he organized a class of United Brethren, the first in the township, if not in the county. The charter members were Mrs. and Mrs. Edwin Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Pownall, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pownall, Mr. and Mrs. John VanBlaricom, Mr. and Mrs. Henry VanBlaricom. To complete the organization it was necessary to elect a class leader, so Rev. Terrel took a chair and seated himself in the middle of the room, and each member whispered the name of their choice in the ear of the preacher. Samuel VanBlaricom was elected leader of the charter members. All save one have long since gone to "the mansions not made with hands," Aunt Sarah Pownall, who is eighty-five years of age and still enjoying good health.

Comrade Myers, in his story, writes of some of the doings and sayings of the northern "copperheads," while we were facing and fighting the enemy at the front. I have now in my possession the original letter written by one of these men to a soldier in the 29th Indiana Infantry, and it is a fair specimen of the discouragements offered to our boys in the fall of 1862 and spring of 1863. [not included by Marguerite Miller -- "that it might be construed to be personal, on account of names, etc., and thereby engender ill feeling and regret - - -"]

I served in Co. E, 29th Indiana Infantry, from September 6, 1861, to December 2, 1865, participating in the following battles: Shiloh, April, 1861; Siege of Corinth, Miss, May and June, 1862; Lavergne, November 27, 1862; Triune, December 27, 1862; Stone River, December, 31, 1862, to January 3, 1863; Liberty Gap, June 24 and 25, 1863; Chickamauga, September 19 and 20, 1863; was besieged at Chattanooga by General Bragg.

I know what it is to endure hardships and short rations. Was slightly wounded at Stone River, being struck with two bullets, and at the battle of Chicamauga was wounded once in the right side and once in the left leg, but lived through it all and reached home December 10, 1865.

On the 7th day of April, 1867, was united in marriage with Susannah A., daughter of John Hower, of Cass county, Indiana. To this union were born eight children, five boys and three girls, one boy passing away in infancy. One son, at this writing, is at Devil's Lake, N.D.; one in Marion, Ind.; one daughter at Deedsville, Ind.; two daughters and one son in Logansport, Ind., and one son still at home.

[Marguerite L. Miller, *Home Folks*, Vol. I, 1910, pp. 128-133]

POWNALL, VACHEL JOSHUA [Fulton, Indiana] BIOGRAPHY

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Vachel Joshua Pownall, of Fulton, Indiana, was born in Liberty township, December 4, 1865. His father was Henry C. Pownall a native of Shelby county, Ohio, born March 25, 1838 and his mother Amelia Conn Pownall, born in Fulton county, Indiana, October 3, 1844. His father was a soldier in the Civil War from August 3, 1861 to October, 1864 and was wounded during these three years of service. He was a member of Reed Post, G.A.R., at Fulton. He was a farmer and a Republican. He died February 26, 1912 and his wife in September, 1919. Both are buried in the Fulton cemetery where there is a monument to their memory. Vachel Joshua Pownall married Clara B. Nellans in April, 1887. She was a daughter of Absalom and Mahala (Bowman) Nellans. They have had three children: Lee M., (married to Lulu D. Cline and they have three children); Mabel C., who married Earl Rouch, a high school graduate who is now superintendent of schools at Cayuga, Indiana. He enlisted at Camp Taylor and served in the World War, has an A.B. degree at the State University and also a diploma from the State Normal School at Terre Haute; Ruth M., who married Verner E. Rouch, a mechanic and builder by vocation. He served in the World War at San Antonio, Texas and Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The mother of these children died August 20, 1922 and was buried in the Fulton cemetery. Mr. Pownall is a farmer and stock buyer who resides within twenty rods of where he was born. He owns a fine farm of two hundred and twenty-nine acres and eighty acres of timber. He served as trustee of Liberty township.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 260-261, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

POWNALL, WILLIAM [Fulton County]

WALKS TO ROCHESTER ON HIS NINTIETH BIRTHDAY

William Pownall today celebrated his nintieth birthday by walking to this city from the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Brubaker, who lives on a farm six miles northwest of Rochester.

Mr. Pownall is a life-long resident of Fulton county and was born on a farm three miles west of Fulton on February 13, 1847 and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pownall. He has always been a farmer like his parents.

Mr. Pownall is remarkably preserved. His health is splendid, he is tall, his shoulders straight, his walk that of a much younger man, eye sight and hearing excellent. He has iron gray hair.

10 Cent Glasses

Mr. Pownall purchased a 10-cent pair of glasses in 1902 at the Fulton county fair and uses them only for newspaper reading. This is the only pair of glasses he has ever owned.

In talking to newspaper men today, Mr. Pownall said he has never smoked, chewed or drank intoxicating liquors and that he has hunted and fished all of his life and still takes an active interest in those sports. He also added that he had never worried, letting things happen just as they came into his life.

Mr. Pownall says he expects to live to be 100 years old or at least as he places it until another Republican president is elected. He had always been an active G.O.P. worker.

Has Two Daughters

Mr. Pownall has two daughters, Mrs. Brubaker and Mrs. Charles H. Carithers who resides three miles northeast of Rochester. He lives half of his time with one daughter and her family and the other half of his time with the other daughter.

Mrs. Brubaker wanted to drive her father to this city in her auto to see his friends after it started to rain this morning but he spurned the offer saying "that the exercise will do me good."

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 13, 1937]

PRAIRIE GROVE THRESHING CO. [Kewanna, Indiana]

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The members of the Prairie Grove Threshing Co., gathered at the home of Geo. E. Finney, Sunday and partook of a big dinner given in honor of W. E. Gaskill and wife. Mr. Gaskill

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who has done the Company's threshing for two years, is now going to move to Douglas county, Wash.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 7, 1903]

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Kewanna Herald.

The Prairie Grove threshing ring made a good record. There were fifteen farmers in the ring, thirteen days were required to finish the work and 22,800 bushels of grain were threshed. Clark and Arthur Nelson, over on Mud creek, had 6,900 bushels of oats and Frank Mollencopf handled the machinery.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 9, 1905]

PRAIRIE VIEW FARM [Wayne Township]

After spending a few weeks in honeymoon, the young couple [John J. Kumler and Almeda Urbin Kumler] came home Feb. 14, 1866, and began housekeeping on what is now the "Old Homestead", otherwise known as "Prairie View Farm" one and one-half miles west of Grass Creek, on the north side of 725S.

The house on the John J. Kumler homestead, Prairie View Farm, is over 100 years old. The first part of the house is of log and covered with siding. It has three rooms: two down and one upstairs. Later the middle part was added. Large kitchen, pantry and small bedrooms were located downstairs. Upstairs was the parlor and small bedrooms. As the children were born, the front six rooms were added: Three upstairs and three downstairs, making 14 rooms in all with two stairways. There were 14 children born to John J. and Almeda Kumler, the first in 1866 and the last in 1891.

[John J. Kumler Family, Earl Heimburger and Lois Kumler Ewen, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

PRALLE DAIRY COMPANY [Akron, Indiana]

BORDEN MILK PLANT SOLD TO PRALLE DAIRY COMPANY

Akron, Oct. 27. - Announcement has been made by Harold Pralle, Crete, Illinois, that he has purchased the local milk plant from the Borden-Wieland company, and plans are now under way to make the Akron local a Grada A station.

PMA officials from Chicago were present at a meeting of the local producers, held Wednesday night at he Public Library, and plans were discussed for converting the supply of milk into grade A product. It was decided that the association should send some inspectors into the community to look over the premises of the producers and tell them what was needed to meeet grade A requirements.

These inspectors will be here in a few days and work will be started on this program.

The Chicago Board of Health has already sent an inspector to the local plant and Mr. Pralle has been informed of a few slight changes needed before the plant will meet grade A inspection.

Mr. Pralle has announced that the present force will be maintained to operate the plant.

Mr. J.O. Waller, Dyer, who operated the plant for a few weeks, has discontinued and at present the plant is standing idle. The set-up for delivery of the milk is still as it has been for the past few weeks, but as soon as there is enough grade A milk in the territory to make plant operation profitable the milk will be brought here every morning.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 27, 1939]

PRATT & PRATT [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] If you are interested in a new car let us give you a demonstration in a new Monroe car. - - - - We have our third car in two weeks. For a demonstration call on Pratt & Pratt, in rear of Racket Clothing Store.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, July 3, 1920]

PREHISTORIC BONES FOUND [Fulton County]

MILLION YEARS OLD BONES FOUND

The lower jaw bone and many other parts of the skeleton of what is thought to have been a mastodon, were unearthed Thursday afternoon, by the A. C. Davisson dredge at work on the Charles Yankee farm, five miles southeast of Fulton and are now on display in the Sentinel window.

According to Dr. G. E. Hoffman, who examined the bones, the lower maxillary is one of the best specimens he ever saw. It weighs about 20 pounds. Practically the entire lower jaw is there, including two almost perfect teeth and several that had not yet come through.

Million Years Old

Dr. Hoffman places the age of the animal at almost six months, and declares that the bones may be a million years old, in as much as they were probably buried during the ice period and deposited here, which the glacier melted, ages ago. The find does not necessarily mean that the animal once roamed these parts.

Other Bones

The other bones unearthed, four in number, vary in size and weight, but none of them approach the jaw bone in these particulars.

A number of such bones have been dug up about here in recent years, but it is doubtful if any more perfect specimens have been found. Many people inspected the aged relics today.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 4, 1913]

MILLION HEAR OLD BONES A MYSTERY

“What is it” is the question they all ask when they see the bones of the prehistoric animal dug up by A. C. Davisson dredge on the Charles Yankee farm south of Fulton. The bones are on exhibition at the Sentinel office and many of Rochester’s best educated men have been to the office to examine them.

Not A Mastodon

When the bones were first found, many said that they were from the skeleton of a mastodon, the ancestor of the elephant, but this theory was later destroyed by E. von Ehrenstein, who examined the bones. He said that the teeth of a mastodon have conical projections on the side and a groove down the center. The teeth now on exhibition are about seven inches long and two wide and are without a groove in the center.

May Be Dinotherium

Several men who examined the jaw bone said that it was probably part of the skeleton of a Dinotherium Giganteum, an extinct animal of gigantic size whose remains occur in the middle tertiary. This animal was remarkable for two large tusks set in the lower jaw. The jaw bone of the skeleton found, supports this belief, as two places are visible where the tusks may have been attached.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 9, 1913]

ARE FOUND TO BE MAMMOTH BONES

It is part of the skeleton of a mammoth, better known as the woolly elephant. This fact has been settled as to the origin of the lower jaw and other parts of a skeleton which was dug up on the farm of Charles Yankee and which is now on exhibition at the Sentinel office.

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The remains have aroused much discussion and several people first thought that it was part of the skeleton of a Mastodon or a Dinotherium, but their theories were disapproved today. James Hoover came into the Sentinel office, examined the relics, and at once said that it was the remains of a Mammoth. The size and structure of the teeth proved his assertion.

40,000 Years Old

The Mammoth lived on this earth about 40,000 years ago, according to the best authorities, and inhabited the northern regions. In the year 1799 a full size Mammoth, in perfect state of preservation was dug out of the ice in Siberia. The one found had long hair over the body with a fine coat of redish wool next to the skin. Judging from the size of the teeth the one on exhibition at the Sentinel office was probably about six months old.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 14, 1913]

MORE BIG BONES ARE FOUND

More bones, supposedly those of a mammoth or mastodon, have been unearthed by the A. C. Davisson dredge, which is now at work on the Rentschler ditch near Fulton.

The bones were dug up in a swamp on the John Frye farm, southeast of Fulton, and consist principally of ribs full two inches wide, and what are thought to be leg bones, six inches in diameter. Frye himself picked them up after they had been dug out of their resting places, six feet under ground.

It is two miles from this place to the Charles Yankee farm, where the jaw bones of a mammoth, exhibited in the Sentinel window, were found, and consequently it is hardly thought that the sets are part of one skeleton. Further investigation may be made of the find, which will be reported to Washington.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 24, 1913]

STILL MORE BONES ARE FOUND

Again has the Davisson dredge working on the Rentschler ditch, east of Fulton, unearthed bones of prehistoric animals, the machine this time throwing up a number of well preserved specimens presumably from the skeleton of a mastodon or mammoth.

The bones were found in a swampy part of the Arthur Frye farm, two and one-half miles east of Fulton. Among them were a jaw bone, with teeth in it eight inches wide; a piece of tusk broken, but about half remaining and in good shape; thigh bone three feet long, smallest part 12 inches around, largest part 29 inches around; hip bone, three feet long; and several other bones.

The bones were picked up by Frye after the dredge had cast them out on the bank of the new ditch. They are valuable relics and were found three miles from the Yankee farm.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 2, 1913]

BONES OF PREHISTORIC BEAST WERE UNCOVERED

Several large bones of what is thought to have been a mastodon were uncovered several days ago on the farm of Robert Ewen six miles southwest of Rochester. The farm is better known as the Newburn farm.

The bones were unearthed while Mr. Ewen and several men were digging a trench in which to place tile. The bones were under the earth's surface but three feet.

The tiling was done to drain a pot hole. It is believed that the huge animal in some prehistoric day was either feeding or drinking water at the point where some earth transformation took place which either killed or trapped him.

Several vertebrae have been uncovered as has a large bone from one of the limbs. This bone was some five feet long. What is thought to have been a knee joint has also been unearthed. It was a foot in diameter.

In years gone by a number of mastodons have been found west of Rochester and northwest of this city near Argos. The last such discoveries were made four years ago near Argos by a farmer.

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The curator of a New York museum purchased the bones found at Argos and there is a mastodon in the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D.C. which was unearthed near this city.

Mr. Ewen is communicating with several museums who might wish to come here and unearth the remainder of the prehistoric bones. The bones so far unearthed are in an excellent state of preservation. Several of the bones were on exhibition at the Heyde Filling Station at Thirteenth and Main streets.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 1, 1941]

PRESTON, JOHN [Rochester, Indiana]

Logansport Pharos:

The Nelson has secured "The Cow Puncher" as the attraction for next Saturday afternoon and evening, August 15. This drama of ranch life in Arizona was written by Hal Reid. He has taken the rough cowboy of the plains, under whose shirt of blue the heart beats true, and developed him into a hero.

John Preston, formerly of this city, is the star of "The Cow Puncher."

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 13, 1908]

PRETTY LAKE NURSERY

PRETTY LAKE NURSERY

Mr. Jacob Stockberger is my authorized agent for the sale of my nursery stock in Fulton Co., Ind. WM. HOLLAND.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, July 5, 1884]

PREVO & CANNON [Kewanna, Indiana]

KEWANNA

From the Herald.

Henry Eisenman, who has been so long at Hiland's planing mill, purchased the Prevo & Cannon transfer business and took charge Monday morning.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 19, 1903]

PRIEST, ARNOLD M. [Rochester, Indiana]

ARNOLD M. PRIEST FILES PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY

Arnold M. Priest of Mishawaka, who for many years was identified with various business enterprises in this city which included several groceries and a dairy route, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the South Bend District Federal Court on May 24. Notices that Mr. Priest had filed the petition in bankruptcy were received in this city this morning by the local creditors from Alvin Marsh, trustee in bankruptcy. A meeting of Mr. Priest's creditors will be held in room 405, Pythian Building, South Bend at 2 p.m. June 5, at which time Referee Marsh will appoint a trustee to take charge of the former local business man's affairs.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 29, 1928]

PRIEST AUTOMOBILE TOP & UPHOLSTERING [Rochester, Indiana]

C. J. Priest, of Kokomo, who conducted an automobile top and upholstery repair shop here some time ago, has returned to Rochester with the announced intention of again opening his place of business. Work at the Haynes factory, at Kokomo, he said, has become rather slack recently.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 7, 1922]

PRIEST GROCERY [Rochester, Indiana]

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NEWS OF THE DAY

The L. E. Downey grocery was closed today for invoice. As soon as the invoice is made the new proprietor, Arnold Priest, will open the store to the public.
[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 3, 1910]

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.

Both stores enjoy a good business and Mr. Marsh will surely continue his excellent patronage.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 10, 1910]

PRIEST DAIRY [Rochester, Indiana]

PRIEST DAIRY IS SOLD TO MISHAWAKA PEOPLE

A deal was closed Tuesday in which The Priest Dairy, operated for the past several years by Arnold Priest and sons Robert and Donald, became the property of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Hogue. The Hogues assumed active management of the business at once and will retain Robert and Donald Priest in their service.

Hogues formerly lived in Mishawaka, where for the past few years he has been engaged in kindred work to that which he is now in. Accompanying the family, was Mr. Isaac Hogue, father of the new dairy proprietor who will make his residence on the dairy farm west of Rochester.

Mr. Priest has purchased a grocery and meat market in Mishawaka and has taken over the active management of the business.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 20, 1927]

PRINCE WILLIAM OF SWEDEN [Rochester, Indiana]

PRINCE WILLIAM, SWEDEN, PASSES THRU ROCHESTER

Prince William of Sweden, second son of King Gustav V, passed through this city at noon today by motor while on his way from South Bend to Indianapolis, where he will lecture Wednesday evening. The royal visitor is on a lecture tour of the United States. The prince, who is a big game hunter of world wide renown, is lecturing on the subject "Hunting Big Game in Pygmy Land." Prince William was met in South Bend this morning by a delegation of Indianapolis business men headed by Col. Gavin L. Payne traveling in Marmon cars. The prince and his party returned by motor to this capital city with the reception committee.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 12, 1927]

PRIZE BULL DAY [Rochester, Indiana]

UNDERWOOD PRIZE BULL TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMUNITY OF ROCHESTER ON MARCH 11TH

T. M. Palmer, Farm Products Agent of the Erie Railroad company arrived in Rochester yesterday afternoon and is making arrangements for the awarding of the Underwood prize bull which Rochester won through the close co-operation in making the Better Bull Special such a big success last fall.

The local Young Men's Business Association through their president Mr. Otto Carlson, R. S. Lundin the County Agricultural Agent and others are working closely with Mr. Palmer in arranging for a big program for March 11th at which time President Underwood of the Erie

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railroad will present Fouracres Horace Brown, the bull from his prize herd at Wauwautosa, Wis., to the community of Rochester.

Fouracres Horace Brown, No. 233,743, was born October 12th, 1923, is solid color, has black tongue and switch, and is a son of Fouracres Majesty Houpla and Fouracres Fairy Cupid, who has a silver medal register of merit record as a three year old with 645 pounds fat and just recently completed a record of 790 pounds fat.

As soon as more of the details for the program are worked out, they will be announced through the Rochester News-Sentinel.

[NOTE: See Prize Bull Day]

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, February 3, 1925]

WILL HOLD "BULL DAY" PROGRAM IN GYMNASIUM

An important meeting will be held in the new [Whitmer] gymnasium in Rochester on March 11th at 1:30 p.m. when President Underwood of the Erie railroad will present a fine Jersey bull to the Rochester community for having the best attendance and for showing the greatest interest and co-operation when the "Better Bull Special" was run across Northern Indiana last fall. Twelve communities in northern Indiana competed for the bull.

Mr. Underwood's bull will be a very valuable asset to our community. The bull is from a family of very high production. His dam produced 790 pounds of butterfat in the year just ended. How good this production is may be realized when one knows that the production of the average Indiana cow is only 161 pounds of butterfat. The bull will be used by Jersey cattle men who are interested in breeding good animals. A bull club will be formed of these men and the bull will be turned over to them.

On March 11th, which will be known as Prize Bull Day the program will consist of talks by President Underwood, Director G. I. Christie of Purdue University, and Mr. W. H. Senour of Brookville, Ind. The plans call for a trial of the scrub bull. There will be judges, lawyers, jury, witnesses, and everything else necessary for a regular trial. Following the trial will come the funeral of the scrub bull, with numerous pall bearers, and a funeral sermon by Mr. Senour, Roy S. Lundin, county agricultural, has announced.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, February 21, 1925]

PRIZE BULL DAY BRINGS THROGS IN FOR PROGRAM

"Prize Bull Day," the date, time and place of which had been before the people of Fulton county for many weeks, occupied the attention of the farmers and merchants today and they flocked to the [Whitmer] gymnasium [SE corner Sixth & Fulton] in large numbers shortly after noon to be present at the program and to witness the giving away of "Four Acres Horace Brown, 233743, prize bull of the herd of Frederick Underwood, president of the Erie railroad.

The program was started a little late in order to allow the Erie officials to be present. They arrived at 1:40 on the Erie from Chicago in a private car and went immediately to the gymnasium. While word was received early this morning that President Underwood was delayed elsewhere and would not be present, later advise stated that he reached Chicago late last night and might be here. In case however the honor guest was absent his place in the ceremony was to be taken by Robbins, vice president of the Erie. About ten high officials from the executive offices at Chicago came for the celebration.

Earlier arrivals were T. M. Palmer, farm production agent and Luther D. Fuller, chief agricultural agent who with Roy Lundin, county agent and Robert Shafer, president of the Young Men's Business Association had charge of the details of the program. Others early on the scene were G. I. Christie, director of the Purdue university extension bureau, and W. H. Senour, of the American Jersey Cattle club. Several others prominent in agricultural work were expected to attend.

The program was opened with music after which Mr. Lundin introduced Henry A. Barnhart who presided at the meeting. Robert Shafer was scheduled for a short talk after which was to come an explanation of the affair by Mr. Fuller. The address of the day was to be given by

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Mr. Christie and Mr. Underwood was to follow with the presentation of the bull which would be accepted by the county by Mr. Lundin. Following came the mock trial and funeral of the scrub bull.

At five o'clock representatives of the Young Mens's Business Association and local farmers entertained the guests of honor at a luncheon at the Arlington.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, March 11, 1925]

OPTIMISTIC SPEECHES AND MOCK TRIAL ARE FEATURES OF "PRIZE BULL DAY" HERE START MADE FOR BETTER CATTLE

[Front page stories of historical value, but too long to include herein]

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, March 12, 1925]

BULL DAY GETS PUBLICITY

Bull Day, which was held in this city on March 11, this week received nationwide publicity in Hoards' Dairyman, a magazine devoted to the raising of pure bred cattle. In a two column story under the title of "Funeral Rites For a Scrub Bull," Professor J. C. Allen of Purdue University gave an account of the Bull Day meeting. Two pictures were also shown which were taken here.

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

ERIE MAGAZINE PLAYS UP PRIZE BULL DAY IN CITY

Three pages in the form of the Erie Railroad magazine for the month of May are devoted to the Erie Bull Day exercises here.

The article was written by T. M. Palmer, farm products agent for the Erie, who was one of the several Erie notables who attended here. The story is illustrated with four large photographs of the Bull Day crowd and the scrub bull trial.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, May 14, 1925]

PRODUCE EXCHANGE [Rochester, Indiana]

LOCAL NEWS

The grocery department of the Produce Exchange, which passed into the hands of R. L. Rowden, of Chicago, last week, has now been sold to T. C. Shore. Gillis & Newman have also discontinued the shoe department.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 26, 1901]

LOCAL NEWS

Will Gillis, who owned and operated the Produce Exchange here some months ago and has since worked as clerk in True Bros. restaurant, returned to his home in Jonesville, Wis.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 4, 1901]

PRODUCERS CREAMERY [Kewanna, Indiana]

See Kewanna Creamery

See Kewanna Golden Chain Creamery

Kewanna, Jan. 27. - Formal opening of the Producers creamery being organized by farmers of Cass, Fulton and Pulaski counties, has been set for February 1, officials of the firm announce. The creamery is to be operated on a co-operative rebate plan similar to one operated at Marion, Indiana. A building has been purchased by the organization and the equipment is being installed.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 27, 1931]

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PRODUCERS' UNION DAIRY CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] We have opened a buying station on Seventh Street, one-half block West of Main Street and are prepared to buy your Cream, Eggs and Poultry, paying top market prices. Give us a trial. Your patronage will be appreciated. - - Producers' Union Dairy Co.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 20, 1922]

PROGRESS BOTTLING CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

Information word-of-mouth: Located E 7th or E 8th Street. Bottlers of soft drinks. Started about 1900, and in 1924 it changed hands, names unknown, and in 1929 or 1930 it closed.

It is rumored that in the same building, at a later date, Coca-Cola was bottled.

[Adv] Important Notice! On account of the increased cost of all raw materials entering into our products the following wholesale prices will prevail for the duration of the war. SODA POPS AND COCA-COLA For case of 24 bottles \$2.00 (with return of 75 cents for Case and Bottles). Progress Bottling Co., Fulton County Bottling Works, O. S. Goss, Prop.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 3, 1918]

GOSS HAS PURCHASED PROGRESS POP WORKS

Obert S. Goss has announced the purchase of the Progress Bottling works on east Eighth street by his firm, the Goss Ice Cream and Bottling Company, of Frank Newman. The bottling works was purchased some time ago of the Progress Wholesale Grocery and has been operated by Newman since that time. The business will be consolidated with the Goss business on north Main street at once.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 13, 1923]

PROGRESS WHOLESALE GROCERY COMPANY [Rochester, Indiana]

See L. M. Brackett & Co.

See Maurice Shelton.

RIGHTS TO WORD "PROGRESS"

Some time ago it was announced in the SENTINEL that a suit had been entered in the U.S. patent office by a Peoria, Ill., wholesle firm against L. M. Brackett & Co., of this city to compel them to refrain from using the word "Progress" on their goods.

The local firm at once took up the matter and found to their entire satisfacton that their title was clear from the time when J. P. Michael owned the establishment.

They immediately notified the patent office of their rights and the Peoria firm was notified that they should produce their evidence of a right to use the word in question. However this they have failed to do and have ignored the request of the office, which leaves a clear field for Brackett & Co.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, July 11, 1908]

SHORT NEWS

The Progress Wholesale Grocery Company have installed a full set of bottling machinery in the plant on north Main street.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 4, 1913]

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[Adv] SUCCESS FLOUR (Full Spring Wheat Patent) Guaranteed to make twenty percent more Bread than Winter Wheat Flour. Quality and satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. On sale at all Groceries. PROGRESS WHOLESALE GROCERY CO.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 3, 1913]

MAURICE SHELTON TO ENTER NEW BUSINESS

Maurice Shelton, who has long been identified with the business interests of Rochester, severed his connections with the Progress Wholesale Grocery Company, Monday, and with Edward Werner, a native of Amsterdam, Holland, has formed a company for the purpose of importing and exporting crude rubber, leaf tobacco, - - - beans, spices and copra. Their American office will be located in Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. Shelton will be in charge.

For 16 years Mr. Shelton has been engaged in the wholesale grocery business in this city, entering the trade in 1899 with his father, J. R. Shelton, and "Cap" Collins. The firm was then known as Shelton and Collins. One year later Mr. Collins sold his interest to the father and son. A year later, Charles Brackett purchased an interest in the concern when it became known as Shelton and Brackett. In 1901, L. M. Brackett purchased an interest and the concern became known as L. M. Brackett and Co. In 1910 a corporation was formed and named Progress Wholesale Grocery Co. Mr. Shelton, since the organization, has held the office of the president.

The new concern with which Mr. Shelton is identified will be known as the Tropical Products Co, Importers and Exporters. Because of his long connection with the local concern, Mr. Shelton is amply fitted to branch out and engage in tropical trade which since the war, has received a big boost in this country.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 16, 1915]

PROGRESS COMPANY WILL MAKE LOTS OF VINEGAR

The Progress Wholesale Grocery Company has rented a number of the large vats at the pickle plant in Rochester in which they will store cider for the purpose of making vinegar. Within the last week, the local firm has purchased hundreds of barrels of cicer and is on the market for any amount which the farmers in the county have for sale.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 18, 1915]

CHAS. BRACKETT OUT OF PROGRESS CONCERN

After a connection of 16 years with the Progress Wholesale Grocery Co., Charles Brackett, Wednesday, sold his interest to M. C. Shelton of this city, who had been interested in the local concern until one year ago when he retired. Mr. Brackett resigned as treasurer and manager and his place was taken by Mr. Shelton. Mr. Brackett has no definite plans for the future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 2, 1916]

PROGRESS GROCERY WINS VICTORY IN THE FEDERAL COURT

The Progress Wholesale Grocery Company won a complete victory on its motion to dismiss the bill of complaint in the case of the American Sugar Refining Company, in the Federal Court at Indianapolis on yesterday Judge A. B. Anderson holding that the complaint did not state a cause of action for the appointment of a Receiver, and for want of equity. The court, however, on the request of the refining company, to file an amended bill of complaint within thirty days, granted the request but announced that a good bill of complaint could not be made on the facts as set forth in the complaint under consideration.

It will be remembered that the refining company brought suit against the local company and L. M. Brackett and Maurice Shelton, to have a Receiver appointed for the Progress Wholesale Grocery Company; the purpose of the action being to procure the appointment of a Receiver to take over the property of the Progress company, sold under an order of foreclosure by the Fulton circuit court.

The claim of the refining company grew up out of a claim under a contract, by which sugar was sold by that company to the local company for future delivery, under the representation

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that there was a shortage of sugar in Cuba, and that they would have to contract for their sugar at that time or would not be able to get any. The price of sugar in the market, as well as the cost of all other lines of groceries, fell very rapidly, and resulted in such loss as that wholesale grocery companies all over the country lost heavily, and many of them forced into practical bankruptcy.

The Progress Wholesale Grocery Company, however, paid all of its creditors from whom it received and accepted any goods, and complaint in this case was paid for all goods received and accepted by the Progress company, as that the suit passed upon, on yesterday, by the Federal court, was based wholly upon a claim for damages for refusing to accept the sugar. The amount involved in the case was something like \$9,000.00.

G. W. Holman and H. G. Miller of this city, and F. J. Mattice, of Indianapolis, represented the Progress Wholesale Grocery Company.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 18, 1922]

PROGRESS CO. SUGAR CASE IS PUT AT REST

The time for the American Sugar Refining Company to file an appeal in their case against the Progress Wholesale Grocery Company, L. M. Brackett and Maurice C. Shelton having elapsed without further action on the part of the Refinery, the case has therefore been fully dispensed of, the cause dismissed and the matter fully put at rest. This was announced Friday by Attorney George W. Holman. It will be remembered that the local men won their case before Judge Anderson in Federal Court at Indianapolis some time ago and the court gave the American Company a certain number of days to file the appeal for another trial. This time expired Friday, it is understood.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 11, 1922]

CHAMPAIGN MAN PLANS TO MANUFACTURE POP

W. F. Newman, of Champaign, Ill., has purchased of the Progress Wholesale Grocery Company the bottling works used in the manufacture of pop and other soft drinks, according to announcement made Tuesday. Mr. Newman will operate the plant here in Rochester, according to his present plans, but has not yet selected a location for his factory, which he expects to get under headway at an early date.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 8, 1921]

Mrs. Bert KRATHWOHL, former Rochester resident, was found dead in bed at her home in Peru Saturday morning. Circumstances surrounding the death have not been received here. Mrs. Krathwohl was the wife of a former traveling salesman for the now extinct Progress Wholesale Grocery company of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, December 26, 1925]

PROGRESSIVE PARTY [Fulton County]

[Adv] Why you should vote Progressive County Tickey - - - For Sheriff, D. B. CLINGER; For Treasurer, D. S. PLETCHER; For Coroner, Dr. W. E. HOSMAN; For Surveyor, H. B. HOLMAN; For Commissioner, First District, JOSEPH BEVELHEIMER; For Commissioner, Second District, LeROY GARMAN. - - - Fulton County Central Committee: Dr. Archibald Brown, Chairman; Charles Fields, Vice Chairman; James R. Moore, Secretary; James T. Gainer, Treasurer.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 23, 1912]

PROM NIGHT [Rochester, Indiana]

In the 1930's young people started the tradition of staying out all night, driving to Indianapolis, Chicago and Fort Wayne for a coke. By the 1950's Tri Kappa and other clubs began to sponsor after-prom parties to keep the teenagers off the roads.

PROTECTION HOOK & LADDER CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Rochester Fire Department

PROTECTIVE MEDICAL SOCIETY [Rochester, Indiana]

MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Protective Medical Society of Fulton County, Indiana, is the name chosen by the physicians of Rochester who have formed themselves into a voluntary association for the protection of themselves and their patients. The officers of the society are Dr. C. E. Gould, president; Dr. H. W. Taylor, secretary and treasurer. The members already belonging are, Drs. M. O. King, I. L. Babcock, J. N. Rannells, F. P. Bitters, C. J. Loring, A. Brown, W. S. Shafer, this city, and F. C. Dielman, Fulton. Later it is the aim of the association to have every physician in the county join them and it is expected this step will be accomplished in a short time.

At the society's last meeting a uniform fee bill was adopted and the entire schedule will soon appear as an advertisement in The Sentinel. There has been no increase made in the prices, but it has been arranged that every member charge identically the same fee. On this subject one of the by-laws of the association has the following: The members of this association are to negotiate and maintain a more uniform system of practice, irrespective of schools of medicine for the mutual protection of all the members of the organization and for a more uniform method of collecting fees for services rendered.

Under the rules of the society all patients who are indebted to any physician by choice and not by force of circumstances, shall be considered delinquent if they refuse to pay for or make satisfactory arrangements to pay. If delinquent by choice no further services will be rendered to the patient or their family by any of the physicians.

The society meets once each quarter.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 17, 1911]

PROTSMAN, MRS. H. C. [Tiosa, Indiana]

[Adv] New Millinery at Tiosa. I wish to announce to the Ladies that I have a complete stock of new millinery goods in all the latest styles in ladies', misses' and children's hats which I can sell cheaper than city stores where rents and insurance is high. Call and see the stock before you buy. MRS. H. C. PROTSMAN.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 28, 1893]

PROVINES HARDWARE [Rochester, Indiana]

HARDWARE SOLD

A. E. Marx of Royal Center, owner of the Garn hardware stock on north Main street, sold it Wednesday morning to John Provines of Huntington. Mr. and Mrs. Marx will return to their home.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 22, 1916]

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE [Fulton County]

See Ambulance Service

See Physicians

See Woodlawn Hospital

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE INAUGURATED IN 1893

By "Old Timer"

The year 1893 stands out in the memory of olde residents as a very significant period in local history. With it came the so-called Cleveland panic, the Chicago World's Fair, and the first effort to control public health by law. People growled about the panic, marveled at the fair, and became resentful when the law undertook the task of enforcing sanitation and the segregation of contagious diseases.

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Dr. J. N. Hurty had just received his commission as State Public Health impresario, and Dr. J. W. Irons, who came to Rochester from Logansport in 1892, received the appointment as health officer for Fulton County.

Irons was a young man - bright, colorful, efficient. Though only a year in this community, he had managed to build a very promising medical practice.

He scoffed at the claim that people "caught cold" in open wounds, and propounded the infection theory. He argued that "Grandma's neighborly interest" in a case of scarlet fever or small pox next door, was all right from the neighborly standpoint, but very disastrous from the health angle. He concurred with Dr. Hurty's theory that contagious diseases should be quarantined. And last but not least, he proposed to see that the practice of grocery and meat men to display their foodstuffs on the sidewalk in front of their stores - there to be at the mercy of flies, dust and germs, was wrong.

Enforced Law

The first phase of the new public health service was to order foodstuffs removed indoors. This started a storm of protest from dealers and public alike. A "crank" they called him, from Logansport was trying to put into effect a lot of citified ideas. Indignant, they refused to comply with the order. Refusal brought about several arrests and according to those who recall the occasion, there was cryptic reference to riding the new official out on a rail.

But Doctor Irons stuck to his guns. It was a slow, heartrending ordeal to change the mind of a community, but when anger had subsided, and calm reflection came, the health program appeared in its true light. Gradually the information came, and providently it was continued, until no more do we see the open sugar and coffee barrel, the boxes of dried prunes, covered with dust, and the platets of butter and lard standing exposed to every predatory germ which chanced to float by.

First Quarantine

The first record of death in a quarantined home occurred in 1896, during an epidemic of scarlet fever. Prior to that time, an examination of the records of undertakers in Fulton county shows that 75 percent of the deaths recorded were those of children.

This calls to mind the references by older residents to "Black Sunday" in January of 1874, when seven children were buried in I.O.O.F. cemetery in one afternoon, while diphtheria raged from one end of the country to the other. The toll of this black epidemic stands material witness to the ignorance of contagion in the public mind of that day.

Sanitation Big Factor

Noticeable, too, in the records pre-dating the innovation of the public health service, were the deaths by typhoid fever. Open wells, little or no regard for the proximity of stagnant water, seeping sewage and other health impairing agencies were responsible. To checkmate this, the Health Officers in regular succession since Dr. Irons have worked diligently to eliminate such conditions, and as a result typhoid has practically disappeared.

Birth, Death Records

Contrary to the general impression, birth and death certificates were not required by law until the act of 1899.

Prior to that time - indeed as far back as the early 80's there was some effort made to record the vital statistics of the county, but some physicians were lax in their attention to this, and the result was that many births and deaths were not officially recorded. But with the turn of the century things changed. Since that time the record is clear and authentic.

A Debt to Irons

That the people of Fulton county owe a debt of gratitude to J. W. Irons for the excellent work done can never be denied. The fact that his efforts to innovate a new and much needed control of the public health caused so much resentment that he was finally compelled to seek a new community in which to practice, is indeed an indictment against the sportsmanship and good judgment of those who whispered against him.

Bur fortunately his work and his unyielding determination to educate the people along the lines of contagion, infection and sanitation fell to competent hands. In the years which have

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followed, the several Health Officers have carried on with excellent results, and a continuous betterment of community health. Their work has been truly a fair vindication for the "citified ideas" which cost Dr. Irons the opportunity to succeed as a practicing physician in Fulton County.

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

PUCKEY HUDDLE SETTLEMENT [Rochester Township]

Located on corner of 800E and 200N.

Some time before 1900 there was a store in Puckey Huddle.

Children attended Lakeview one room school, which was also sometimes called Puckey Huddle, not the same Puckey Huddle on Old Fort Wayne Road.

Puckey/Pucky Huddle Settlement was not really a town but a settlement, consisting of four or five cabins at the corner of 800E and 200N. The cabins originally were all built by members of the Bryant family. Willie Bryant was called the "Governor of Pucky Huddle." Children attended Lakeview one-room school and sometimes it was called Pucky Huddle too, but that was confusing because there was a school named Pucky Huddle in Rochester township on the old Fort Wayne road, now George Thompson's house.

Loren and Ann Sheetz, publishers of *The Akron News*, lived in Pucky Huddle over 20 years and had a sign in their yard: Pucky Huddle Pop. 4.

They owned an airplane which they called Pucky Huddle Airline. Loren's father recalled hearing when he was a boy that there used to be a store in Pucky Huddle (before 1900).

Today Leon Lunsford is called the Mayor of Pucky Huddle.

[Bigfoot and Pucky Huddle, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

PUGH, ALBERT G. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

ALBERT G. PUGH (Biography)

A newspaper history of Rochester would certainly be incomplete without a biography of Albert G. PUGH, the oldest newspaper man in this section of the state. He commenced life for himself as a printer 35 years ago and is at a case on the *Sentinel* today. During all of the time from 1861 to the present, except three years in the war of the rebellion and one year in the restaurant business, he has been with the *Sentinel* in the capacities of compositor, publisher, foreman, and editor. He has always been at his post of duty early and late, and seems as much of a necessary fixture of the office as the power press and the subscription list. He married Miss Lida KITT and they own a home on Fulton avenue.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

PUGH, BARBRA T. [Rochester, Indiana]

FULTON COUNTY GIRL IS AUTHOR

The SENTINEL editor has received a book entitled the "Chronicles of a Country School Teacher" as a gift from Al S. Pugh, of Oak Park, Illinois. The author is Barbra T. Pugh, who is an Indiana girl and at one time resided in Fulton county. She was a daughter-in-law of David Pugh, well known thru Fulton county and a niece of the late Al A. Pugh, one time editor of the SENTINEL, and later employed here for years. The story is one with an Indiana setting thruout and some of the scenes were laid partly in Fulton county. The editor has already started reading the book and it gives promise of ranking with "The Hoosier School Master" and other well known pieces of literature by state authors.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 7, 1919]

PURDUE, A. V. [Rochester, Indiana]

PROF. WHITMER RESIGNS AS HEAD OF SCHOOLS

COMPLETES 31 YEAR RECORD; PROF. RANKIN IS SUCCESSOR

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Nearing the completion of his 31st year as Superintendent of the Rochester City schools, Prof. A. L. Whitmer, on April 9th, submitted his official resignation to Dr. Chas. L. Richardson, president of the Rochester City School Board.

Meeting in special session late Wednesday, the School Board accepted Mr. Whitmer's resignation and selected Prof. Fred W. Rankin as Mr. Whitmer's successor, with duties of his new office becoming effective as of June 1st, this year

Efficient Record

Prof. Whitmer's long tenure of office sets a new record in the school superintendency regime in the Rochester City schools and perhaps may also be a state record. The retiring superintendent came to Rochester in the year of 1907 from the Spencer, Ind. schools. In his long tenure as head of the city schools Mr. Whitmer was responsible for many marked improvements, both educationally and materially in the school system. The retiring superintendent who was seriously injured in an auto accident in Ohio last winter, has not as yet, definitely decided on his plans for the future, it was stated today.

Prof. Rankin, the newly appointed superintendent, came to Rochester in the fall of 1922 and was employed as an instructor of physics and mathematics. In the year of 1929 he was advanced to the principalship of the Rochester High school, in which capacity he has served most efficiently.

The new superintendent is a graduate of Hanover Colleg. He holds master degrees in Mathematics, Science and Education from Hanover, and in October of 1933, he received his master degrees of Science and Education with a first grade administrative's license from Indiana University.

Prof. Rankin is a member of the Rocheser Kiwanis Club, the Northern Indiana Principals Club, the National Educational Association, the Athletic Council of the I.H.S.A.A. and is president of the Athletic Conference of the Central Indiana H. S. Conference. Mr. Rankin is a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin reside in their own property at 418 West 7th street. They are the parents of two children, Suzanne, aged 8, and David, aged three.

A. Vernon Purdue was appointed by the Board to succeed Prof. Rankin to the principalship of the Rochester High school. Mr. Purdue has been the assistant principal of the High school for the past nine years.

Prof. A. V. Purdue, the new principal, became associated in the Rochester schools in the year of 1925. He obtained an A. B. degree from Central Normal College in 1929 and his M.S. degree from Purdue University in January, 1938. Upon completion of his college course, Prof. Purdue taught for five years in rural schools in central Indiana. He was principal of the Columbia grade school, this city, for four years and became assistant principal of the R.H.S. in 1929.

The new R.H.S. principal is a member of Rocheser Masonic Order, the Methodist Church and the Kiwanis Club. Mr. and Mrs. Purdue reside at 500 West 9th street.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 12, 1938]

PUROIL SERVICE STATION [Rochester, Indiana]

BUYS BUSINESS

William Thomas, Jr., recently honorably discharged from service in the U. S. Navy, has purchased the Puroil service station at Main and Fourth streets from Max O. Nichols who plans to devote his time to his farm and trucking business. Mr. Thomas has taken possession of the business.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 18, 1944]

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PURPLE HEART MEDALS [Fulton County]

FIVE VETERANS TO RECEIVE PURPLE HEART MEDALS

Medals of the Purple Heart, with the name of the recipient engraved thereon will be awarded five or more Fulton county veterans at a special presentation service to be held in the near future under the auspices of LeRoy C. Shelton Post, American Legion, according to District Service Officer Floyd Christman.

Mr. Christman has been advised by the Adjutant General of the Army that five recommendations have been approved and that five others from this county are now under investigation. Definite information regarding the latter five will be awaited before the presentation ceremonies will be held.

Those already established are Ray Shelton, Rochester, gassed; Duff Smith, Rochester, machine gun wound in leg, shrapnel wound in the neck; Whitfield Heminger, Fulton, wounded Oct. 2, 1918, Rollan R. Smith, Kewanna, wounded July 14, 1918 and Dale Bibler, Kewanna, wounded, Aug. 26, 1918.

The Medal of the Purple Heart is awarded only to those who were wounded in action, or who received the Meritorious Services Certificate, signed by General Pershing. Several other Fulton county men have been awarded the medal. Still others entitled to the award have as yet failed to make application. Those who have not done so are requested to get in touch with Mr. Christman at once.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 19, 1933]

PYLE, LOLA (CRIM) [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

PYLE HARDWARE CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

A deal has been made by which the hardware firm of Stoner & Black disposed of their stock to Stephen and John Pyle, the new proprietors to take possession next week. The work of invoicing will be commenced Monday. Mr. Stoner has not decided as to what business he will take. However, Mr. Black will remain for an indefinite period with the new owners. The proprietors to be are both well known and have a wide acquaintance all of whom will be glad to learn of their new venture.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 2, 1908]

[Adv] - - - Drop into the store of PYLE HARDWARE CO. any time from December 7 to 12, 1908. You will be Served with Three Minute Biscuits and Delicious Hot Coffee and Presented with a Beautiful Cook Book as a souvenir. - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 4, 1908]

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