Knox County
**Knox County - 1870s**

Jonathan Pace

By the 1870s Jonathan’s family had moved to Knox County. A year and a half after Thomas’ birth, Parley died at the age of 40, on December 30, 1884 and was buried in Reels Chapel.

Several years after Parley’s death, Jonathan married Margaret Ellen Fredrick in Knox County on August 31st, 1886. Franklin Myers, Justice of the Peace preformed the ceremony. Margaret and Jonathan had two additional boys Perry (1888) and Edward (1890).

In 1882 and 1883 Jonathan filed several claims with the US Pension Agency to receive a pension due to medical problems from his time in the Union Army during the Civil War. The basis was that he “contracted rheumatism disease of the spine, disease of back and kidneys and heart disease, rheumatism in back hips and legs, and both shoulders caused by cold and exposure while in camp at Point Burnside, Kentucky and on the march from camp in Point Burnside, sometimes called Point Isabel, to Jonesboro, East Tennessee and thence to Cumberland Gap, Tennessee.” He added that “in the line of duty, at or near Cumberland Gap in the state of Tennessee on or about February 1864 he contracted rheumatism, caused by reason of hard marching from Somerset & Jonesboro, Tennessee to said Cumberland Gap. There was snow on the ground, weather was very cold and we were compelled to lie on the cold snow covered ground, with scant covering and protection from cold.” These claims were rejected due to no evidence they were contracted during military service. In medical exams Jonathan was described as 5’ 11” tall, 165 lbs., light hair with blue eyes. One exam found that his “lungs has slight coat on it from use of tobacco of which he says he uses five ch worth a day.”

In 1890 with the passage of a new bill on invalid pensions, Jonathan hired an attorney, John W. White to get his case reopened, which was done June 1st 1891 (see appendix). Jonathan had to pay John White $10 for the submittal. In February 10, 1893 he was awarded a medical pension for his rheumatism of $6 a month. That would be about $157 in 2010. At the time he was living at Pond Creek Mills, Knox County. He received that pension till his death and it was stopped August 4th, 1897.

When Tom was thirteen years old, he and his father, Jonathan, drank some water from a stream and both contracted typhoid fever. Jonathan, then 57, died from the fever but Tom survived though he lost all his hair. Tom (13) then went to live with his older sister, Sarah E. and her husband Frank Cockerham.
General route in Jonathan’s pension claim going from the Camp at Point Burnside, Kentucky then on the “hard march” to Jonesboro, Tennessee back through the Cumberland Gap. After that he then heading home to Indiana. 1864

On one of Jonathan’s pension claim forms, he had it witnessed by Jeremiah Belcher, his sister Nancy Jane’s husband as well as Harden StClair, his son John Harvey’s wife’s father. August 22, 1882
In late 1897 there was an epidemic of Typhoid Fever going around the Pond Creek area of Knox County.

It was reported in the newspaper that Jonathan Pace came down with the sickness in late August and in the September 3rd paper reported his death took place on August 26th, 1897.

Later many other neighbors of Jonathan came down with the disease, some of which recovered. The Likes lived just east of the Paces.

Clark Cockerham, Frank’s brother, caught it, but survived to later have three children.

Typhoid fever is a common illness, transmitted by the ingestion of food or water contaminated with the feces of an infected person. It is characterized by a slowly progressive fever as high as 104 °F, profuse sweating and gastroenteritis.

Classically, the course of untreated typhoid fever is divided into four individual stages, each lasting approximately one week. In the first week, there is a slowly rising temperature with relative malaise, headache and cough. In the second week, the patient lies prostrate with high fever around 104 °F. Delirium is frequent, frequently calm, but sometimes agitated. This delirium gives to typhoid the nickname of "nervous fever". The abdomen is distended and painful and diarrhea can occur. In the third week the fever is still very high. Dehydration ensues and the patient is delirious (typhoid state). By the end of third week the fever has started reducing the delirium. This carries on into the fourth and final week. Flying insects feeding on feces may occasionally transfer the bacteria through poor hygiene habits and public sanitation conditions. Typhoid can only spread in environments where human feces or urine are able to come into contact with food or drinking water.
Sarah E. Pace

Sarah was born July 2, 1869 in Crawford County. She married Frank William Cockerham January 12, 1890. Frank had a farm on Parker Lake Road in the south east corner of Knox county, Harrison township by the White river. By 1900 Frank and Sarah had five children: Lee Roy (b.1890), John (b. 1892), Ruth E. (b. 1895), Bessie (b.1900) and Carolyn (b.1896) (nicknamed Carrie). Thomas Pace was still living with the Cockerhams, at the age of 17. Frank was farming and lived several farms down from Caroline Cockerham.  

Henry B. Pace

Henry was born October 15, 1866 in Brown County, Indiana. At the age of 13, he became a member of Reels Chapel in Knox County. He married Mary Adaline Sampson on November 16, 1891 in Bicknell, Knox County. Mary was the daughter of Jacob Sampson (born July 3rd, 1851) and Mahalia Banks Sampson (born January 22, 1853). Mary was born in Jackson County, Indiana on December 30, 1874. 

Henry and Mary had six children: William Wesley born January 5, 1893, Eva Inez born May 14, 1894; Sarah Emeline born January 19, 1895; Verna Berthina born May 28, 1898; Oliver Wayne born November 26, 1908, Lucille Geneva born September 1, 1910; and Elise Pauline born May 2, 1913. In 1900 Henry was living in Vigo township, Knox County with Mary and his children. He was a teamster and renting a house at the time.
In 1910 Henry and Mary along with some of the children were living with his brother John Harvey Pace and his family, farming in Knox County. In 1920 Wayne and Lucille were still at home with their parents in Washington Township. Henry farmed most of his life, died February 17, 1944 and is buried in Asbury Chapel, Knox County.

Eva, Verna and Elsie never made it through childhood. Sarah married Nova M. Byrd October 3, 1911 and they had one child William Henry Byrd. William married Elsie Mae Denny November 28th, 1918 and Lucille married Hersel Wiley and they had two daughters, Marilyn and Rosemary.
John Harvey Pace

John Harvey was born October 8, 1862. By 1900 he was living in Knox County with his wife Eliza (Elizabeth St. Claire born 1869) and their four daughters, Lulu age 11, Ethel age 8, Mary J. age 5, and Mattie age 2. By 1902 they had another daughter Ruth E.

Eliza grew up in Harrison Township, Knox County with her parents, Hardin and Mattie (James) St. Clair and her brothers and sisters. She attended the McCray School with other local children such as Frank Cockerham (see attached school roster).

Eliza passed away February 20, 1904. John then married Helen Sullivan, a widow like himself. John was 49 and Helen 51 when they married. Helen also had children. Helen was married to George Smith who passed away July 1903.

Mary Pace married Everett E. Sullivan who was working in the local coal mines when they first married. But due to the sporadic nature of the coal mines in the 1920s, he switched to farming by 1930 working for J.B. Kindertins near Rodgers Station in Pike County. Everett’s parents were Henry Sullivan and Lizzie Quackenbush of Pike County.

Helen Sullivan was born in 1859 to John Sullivan (born 1832) and Permilia E. Cross (born 1864) of Pike County. Helen’s father was a pig farmer in Pike County. Helen had five siblings: John (born 1861), William (born 1863), Joseph (born 1864), James E. (born 1866) and Sarah E. (born 1869). In 1880 Helen was living with her father John keeping house in Pike County. Her Mother probably passed away and her siblings were still living at home.

Lulu Pace married John Henry Jefferson Smith. John was born to George Washington Smith and Helen Elise Sullivan April 22, 1892 in Petersburg. Helen passed away in 1935. John Smith’s mother was the Helen that Lulu’s father John Harvey Pace married when his wife passed away.

John’s brother Henry Pace and his family were living with them in Knox County in 1910. In 1920 John and Helen, then 57 and 60, had a number of grandchildren living with them as well as their daughter Mattie, age 21. The grandchildren were Lute age 11, Raymond age 10, Vanal? Age 3 1/2 and Garret Huffman age 10 months. At that time they were living in Harrison township, Daviess County. John was a farmer.
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Could this be Eliza’s sister?

McCray School, Knox County 1880.

Last name misspelled.
Thomas Jefferson Pace

Tom was the last child of Parley and Jonathan. Tom was born March 19, 1883 in Knox County. He was raised as a farmer and that was his occupation and he only finished the third grade. Tom was a mild extrovert, had a good sense of humor and liked jokes. He was the lead singer in church and played the harmonica.

Issac Wilber Pace

Wilber was born May 3, 1878 in Knox County and lived in Harrison township. He married Lucy Isabelle Pry May 10, 1906 in Knox County and had one son Raymond S. who was born March 20, 1909 and two daughters Helen and Edna. In 1910 Wilber, Lucy and Raymond were still living in Harrison township and Wilber was a farm laborer, and a Huckster or peddler. Wilber died on April 18, 1916 of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and is buried in Brown cemetery. Lucy then went on to marry his half-brother Edward. Raymond died February 12, 1941.

Perry Jacob Pace

Perry Pace, Jonathan’s first son with Margaret was born on April 16, 1888. He went to work for Jeremiah Belcher in Knox County after his fathers death in 1897. In 1910 Perry was working for Daniel King in Dubois County as a farm laborer. Perry married Ruth A. Adams on December 10, 1912 in Daviess County but she died three months later on March 27, 1913. After her death Perry moved to Martin County.

Lucy Isabelle Pry

Lucy Isabelle Pry was born in Knox County on November 29th, 1890 to William J. and Nan G. (Lindsay) Pry. By 1900 Lucy and her brother Everett were living with their brother-in-law Robert Palmer and his wife Hattie, probably due to the death of their parents. On a nearby farm James and Perry Pace were living with and working for Jeremiah Belcher and Perry, age 13 went to school with Lucy age 9.

When Lucy Isabelle was 15 years old she married Issac Wilber Pace then 28, on May 10th 1906. They probably met through James and Perry Pace. Lucy and Isaac had three children, Raymond, Helen and Edna. Wilber contracted Tuberculosis and died on April 18th, 1916. Lucy, unable to raise the children on her own, placed Edna in the Knox County Orphanage on July 25, 1917 and Helen in 1922.
Two years after Isaac's death, Lucy married Edward Franklin Pace, Wilber’s half brother and Perry’s brother. Edward was a farmer in Knox County and they had five children, Edward Jr., Dorothy, Kenneth and the twin girls Lillie Belle and Millie Belle. Lucy Isabelle died at the age of 66 on October 14, 1957 and Edward lived to the age of 90 and died in 1981.

Helen and Edna Marie had a hard time, first losing their father, and then being placed in an orphanage. While in the orphanage, they were placed with other families, then returned, then placed again.

Edna, for some reason after being placed in the orphanage, was again reunited with her mother, but was again returned to the orphanage in 1919. She was then placed with Edgar Fellows in Decker in 1920 but returned four days later. In August 1927, at the age of 13, she was placed with Lee LaBouta, but again returned seven days later. On July 3rd, 1931 at the age of 17, she was again united with her mother Lucy Pace.

Helen faired even worse than Edna being placed and returned twice. Helen then got into some trouble and at the age of 14 was sentenced February 1st, 1926 and sent to the Indiana Department of Corrections—Girls School near Indianapolis (Prisoner # 3666). In the 1930 census her work at the institution was listed as “general work”. She remained there till April 10, 1931 on her 20th birthday when she was released.

Helen went on to marry Raymond Huffman and they had two daughters; Sylvia and Carolyn. Edna Marie married Bernie Schick and they had two children; Cleo and Ernie.

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Helen  Edna  Raymond  Lillie Belle  Millie Belle  Kenneth  Edward Jr.  Unknown  Dorothy – R. Trowbridge

Issac W.  -----Lucy Pry  -----Edward F.  Ruth Adams  -- Perry  -- Clara (2nd)

Parley McFerrin  ------Jonathan Pace  ----Margaret Fredrick (2nd)

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Edward Pace

OAKTOWN – Edward Pace, 90, of Rt. 2, died at 10 a.m. today at a Vincennes nursing home. A native of Pike County, he was born on Oct. 11, 1890, and was married to Lucy Pry Pace who preceded him in death in 1957. Survivors include a son, Kenneth Pace of Rt. 2; a stepdaughter, Helen Hoffman of Petersburg; and four grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Gardner Funeral Home, Vincennes.

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Kenneth Pace

Kenneth Pace, 60, 712 Bowman Terrace, died at 1:36 p.m. Friday at Good Samaritan Hospital. Born June 7, 1929, in Vincennes, he was the son of Edward and Lucy (Pry) Pace. Survivors include a half-sister, Edna Schick of Largo, Fla. A sister, a brother and a half-sister are deceased. A graveside service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday in Brown Cemetery. Friends may call after 9 a.m. Monday at the Gardner Funeral Home.

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Lucy Isabelle Pry Pace
Edward Franklin Pace

Edward Franklin Pace was Jonathan’s second son with Margaret Ellen Fredrick. Edward was born October 11, 1890 in Knox County. Jonathan died in 1897 when Edward was seven, and he went to work on the farm of Henry and Ella Sefert in Van Buren township, Daviess County. By 1910 he was working on the farm of Louis Rattles in Adams Township, Warren County. Sometime after 1900 Edward was sent to an Orphan’s Home in Washington, Indiana. In 1905 he escaped but was caught and arraigned in Terre Haute and was returned to another orphanage. “Edward talked about being at an orphanage in Valparaiso and Glenn Home which was in Terra Haute. It would have been called the Rose Orphanage home until early 1900’s. I called them many years ago but never got any records. I believe they said he was listed as having been there. He was farmed out from the orphanages and was often in homes where he was mistreated, and of course would run away, and the process would happen all over again. I also remember my grandfather talking about at some point, being so poor, they had some of their children, probably the older ones, in an orphanage.”

When World War I came and all young men had to register for the draft, his registration card was filled out by David Paxton, Superintendent of the Indiana Reformatory in Jeffersonville, Indiana across the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky. He was an inmate on June 5, 1917 age 25. His home address was listed as R.R. 24, Monroe City.

According to his prison record, Edward pleaded guilty to Assault and Battery and was sentenced on April 26, 1915 to 2 to 14 years in the Indiana Reformatory. He also drank to excess. He was paroled on May 14, 1917 and given final discharge on May 10, 1918.
On May 15, 1918, five days later, Edward married Lucy Isabelle Pry Pace, the widow of his half-brother Issac Wilber Pace. Edward took in Lucy’s first child, Raymond and then had five additional children with Lucy. Twin girls Lillie Belle and Millie Belle were born September 29, 1919 in Knox County but Millie did not survive the year. Later in life, Lillie was murdered in Chicago. Dorothy Mae was born August 1st, 1925 in Indiana. She had one child Suzanne Kay, and then married Robert Lee Trowbridge. Since Suzanne was not Robert’s child, she was raised by her Grandfather, Edward.

Edward Franklin Jr. was born June 13, 1928 in Lawrenceville, Illinois and Kenneth Leon was born June 7, 1929 in Vincennes. In 1930 Edward Sr. and family was living in Russell Township, Lawrence County Illinois and he was a farm laborer. Moving back to Indiana, Edward Sr. was a farmer in Knox County, and died on May 13, 1981 at the age of 90.
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**Remarks:** None
Edward Franklin Pace Jr.

Edward Jr. was the first son of Edward and Lucy. In 1946 when Edward Jr. was 18 he was arrested for petty larceny but was given a one year probation. Shortly thereafter he joined the Army in Vincennes. On his U.S. Army enlistment papers, he had enlisted on February 21st, 1946 into the Army Air Corps and had “skilled occupations in manufacturing of electric machinery”. He was also listed as single with dependents. "I never knew of any descendants of Kenneth or Eddie, but they weren't angels so there might have been." In October 1947 he went AWOL, stole a vehicle and was again arrested. This time he was sent to prison with a sentence of 1 to 10 years. Having gone to prison, he was given an Undesirable Discharge from the Army December 5, 1947.

Edward Jr. was paroled in September 1949 and released to the Indiana State Farm. In June 1950 he was sent from the State Farm back to prison for a parole violation. In February 1952 he was again paroled but was delinquent in July, 1953. In January, 1954 he was transferred back to the Indiana State Prison. Records do not say when he was finally released. “Eddie died in prison in the ’50s from some type of cancer. I took the call from the chaplain and it sounded like, as I remember, he got right with God before he died.”

Dorothy, Kenny (Kenneth) and Eddy (Edward Jr.)
Walter and his wife Margaret Jane (Myers) Adams lived and farmed in Harrison Township, Knox County, Indiana in the late 1800s. This part of Harrison township was known as the Calmuck area. Andrew and Margaret had eight children. Three of whom died early (John drown in the river at 12 years old, twins Earnest and Sallie, died as infants). The remaining children were James William, Ruth, Ira Gillespie, Yula, and Bertha Anna. In the 1900 census Andrew (43) and Margaret (41) had living at home Bertha age 14, James W. age 12, John age 10, Ruth age 7, Ira age 5, and Yula age 3.

“Walter Andrew Adams had a brother who had a son, who was named Andrew. He was always called ‘Little Andy’ and named for our Grandpa Andrew. Little Andy and his wife lived in Knobel, Arkansas. Then Walter, our Grandpa had a half brother John Evans. Our Grandma Margaret Janes Myers was born in 1860 and died May 21, 1929. She had one brother. His name was David Myers, a twin to Grandma Jane. She had one sister Nancy Myers who married Martin Goldman. David married Louise Williams and had one child Otis Myers.”
“Mr. & Mrs. Adams were farmers in Knox County, living between Monroe City and Petersburg, Indiana. Also Andrew and his son James were noted for making maple syrup. They had several maple trees and a big camp where they would boil down fifty gallons of sugar water to make one gallon of maple syrup. Maple sugar time was a joyful time for everyone. Because there would be maple syrup, and maple wax which helped the young ones to pull teeth and also James’s wife Clara was known for making maple butter and several other maple goodies.”

Bertha Anna Adams

Bertha was the eldest of Andrew and Margaret’s children. She was born October 31st, 1885 in Knox County. Bertha went to the local Calmuck school, known as the Graded school. In 1897 Bertha Adams then age 12 was in “Grade” 2 and going to school with other Adams and Cockerham children and the teacher was A.W. Myers. In 1906 Bertha then age 21, married Thomas Jefferson Pace who lived on a nearby farm.

Three Generations
1910: Bertha at the wheel, Margaret in the back seat and Ruby on the sideboard. Note: sign taped to windshield, for sale?

Ruth Adams, Bertha Adams Pace (pregnant), Thomas Pace in Knox County 1907
James William Adams

James William Adams married Clara Mae (Adams) (not directly related) on Monday, August 7, 1911. They had nine children. James was a farmer in the Calmuck area working a farm owned by the George Frank Family. James also made maple syrup and grew peaches. In 1920 James (31) lived next door to his father Andrew Adams (64). At that time living at home were Dorothy age 8, Annilee age 6, Ruth age 4, William age 2 and Ulysses age 4 months.  

“James & Clara and Walter & Margaret lived on the George Frank Farm. There were two houses on the farm, James and Clara lived in the one below the hill till they had four kids. Then they traded houses with Walter and Margaret to the house on top of the hill. Walter and James farmed together. James died rather young about 43 years with Brights disease. Clara with the children moved to Monroe City where their home burned around 1938 or 39. All of Clara’s pictures were lost in the fire.”

Clara and James Adams wedding picture August 7, 1911.

Petersburg Press, September 10, 1929