

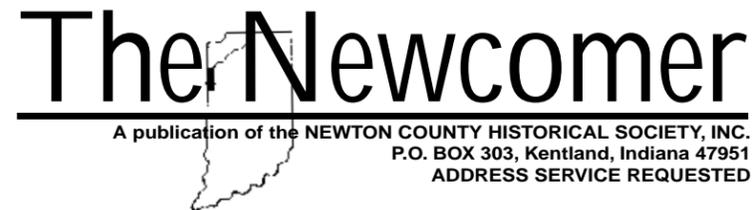
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## Stock Farms in Newton County, 1919

Submitted by Beth Bassett

The Enterprise Farm Page, a weekly feature in the early 1900 editions of the *Newton County Enterprise* was devoted to the interests of rural life, general agriculture, soil improvement and livestock raising. In the early months of 1919, they focused on some of the stock farms in the area. These articles give us an insight today of the early beginnings of some of the "well-known" stockmen of the area.

### Homestead Stock Farm

#### Samuel G. Kindig - Big Type Poland China Hogs

Four miles northeast of Kentland is the country home of Mr. And Mrs. Samuel G. Kindig, and a survey of the premises would be interesting and profitable to anyone, concerned in agriculture and stock raising; and in Newton county we are all directly or indirectly sons and daughters of the soil.

The farm embraces 320 acres of exceptionally good land, which is farmed by Mr. Kindig and his three sons in the most approved and scientific manner; making every acre produce maximum crops through soil building, pure seed and intelligent culture. The grounds are admirably kept, and the home, and farm buildings are commodious to the needs of the farm, nicely painted and arranged for the comfort and convenience of the family and the proper care of the stock and grain grown.

Mr. Kindig and his co-helpers seem to have broad ideas on what constitutes right farming. They are not robbing Peter to pay Paul by growing corn and oats and corn, but they grow these cereals to feed stock to feed the soil to raise more corn and oats, ect.

In the stock line, Mr. Kindig's specialty is the Big Type Poland China Hog, and the farm is fairly seething with these black beauties. He aims to have a couple hundred to place on the market each year, and because of their superior breeding they bring back high prices. Mr. Kindig has three herd boars that are hard to beat. They are K. S. Clansman, Orphan Wonder Price and Kindig's Buster. The sire of the last hog was grand champion of Indiana in 1915. Heading his herd on the female side are Mollie Master, by Grand Master, and Nellie Mouw, by Big Jumbo, and for this sow Mr. Kindig has refused \$500.

The breeding of these Big Type Poland China hogs has passed the experimental stage with Mr. Kindig, for he has been in the business about eight years and can talk pedigree by the yard. He is also a good feeder, and his herd could enter the show ring any time.

There may also be found on this farm about fifty cattle, twenty horses, and chickens, geese, ducks and turkeys by the hundred. Mrs. Kindig looks after the poultry and is making as big a success as her husband with hogs. In fact, it looks like the whole farm was managed with wonderful team work and judgment to say nothing of the hard work that must be expended to keep up all ends as they seem to keep on this place.

And amidst all their labors, Mr. And Mrs. Kindig enjoy company, and will meet you at the front door with a glad hand.

### Oak Dene Stock Farms - Jennie M. Conrad - Spotted Poland China Hogs

The fame of Oak Dene farms, an estate of 5,000 acres at Conrad is spreading over the United States through the distribution of "old fashioned" Spotted Poland China swine. The estate, which is divided into many small farms of 160 to 320 acres, is owned and operated by Mrs. Jennie M. Conrad. It is not only the largest estate managed by an Indiana farm woman, but is a glowing example of what belief in pure-bred stock can

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A litter of Oak Dene "Spotties" that speak for themselves. - Newton County Enterprise photo, 1919.

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accomplish if intelligence and persistency of purpose are applied to attaining one end- leadership in specialized breeding.

The story of the development of this estate is one of the most interesting in the history of Indiana rural activity. From a region of swamps, Oak Dene has become the home of perhaps the largest herd of Spotted Poland China purebreds in the United States. Five of the largest big boned sires in service, with many young boars with futures as promising as the sires, with massive, mature sows, scores of beautifully marked fancy young sows, and with hundreds of big-boned youngsters, the Oak Dene herds form a great exhibition of swine, such as can be seen on no other farm in Indiana, if in the United States.

The Oak Dene estate has followed up the foresight of Slorson Platt, grandfather of the present owner. He was a Yankee, an ardent believer in land as a means to the development of human character, as a dependable source of maintenance, and after he had made practical application of this belief in agricultural endeavor, he left a fortune to his only child-Jane Ann Platt, who became the mother of Mrs. Conrad. With an inherited foresight, the daughter received a thorough business and classical education in order that she might manage a great farm enterprise when she ultimately inherited the estate which Mrs. Conrad's parents had acquired on the Kankakee river. The daughter was so educated that she could compete with others in the line of farming and livestock production, and it was this early education which has enabled her to attend to the endless details of her farms, the management of which makes her about the busiest Hoosier woman.

Prior to 1873, what later became known as Oak Dene farms, was a part of Beaver Lake. The tract then was mostly covered with water, in some places ten feet or more in depth, and all of swampy character. In 1873 a great drainage project was completed, known as the "big ditch." A restraining dam was opened upon completion of the ditch and when the waters of Beaver Lake were released, they rushed through the new ditch into the Kankakee River, draining a large and fertile territory that could be turned to farming.

Beaver Lake had been widely known as the home of myriads of wild waterfowl. The island of the lake had been the hiding place of horse thieves and fugitives from justice. But this retreat of the lawlessness

A Buster Wonder, owned by B. L. Shonkwiler, was sold for \$1,250 a handsome sum in 1919. NCE photo.



was wiped off the map by the opening of the big ditch.

With the going of the waters came the improvement of the estate. The general drainage was perfect, the soil fertile, and now the farms of Mrs. Conrad spread over what was once the bed of Beaver Lake. She took charge of the holdings about thirty years ago and began farming operations, which now measure with the size of the 5,000 acre tract. She has erected numerous sets of farm buildings, dug miles of lateral farm drains, and constructed hundreds of miles of fencing.

Soon after Mrs. Conrad became the operator of Oak Dene, she began to stock the farms with an improved class of livestock, with a view to feeding all the farm products, selling feeds and grains "on the hoof" and return the fertilizer to the soil. From the beginning this has been her policy - to keep up the fertility of the soil.

Not far from Oak Dene there lived a farmer who had brought from his former home in Ohio some old-fashioned Spotted Poland China hogs, they having originated in Miami County. Two brood sows were obtained for Oak Dene, one of which farrowed fourteen pigs and the other sixteen in the leaves on a hillside. From these pigs coming many years ago, began the foundation of the present Oak Dene herds, and some of the descendants of the two prolific sows still contribute this good blood to the foundation stock.

As the years have gone by, the master farmer of Oak Dene has gradually expanded specialization in the Spotted Poland China breed, adding from time to time the best and biggest boned boars and sows wherever found, until now Mrs. Conrad owns the largest herd of any breeder in the Spotted Poland China Association.

When sufficient labor is available,

about 4,750 of the 5,000 acre estate is under cultivation, with wheat, rye, corn, oats, clover alfalfa and timothy of the chief crops, the remainder of the land being in blue grass pastures and some hog-tight oak woodlands where the swine feed on the acorn crop. In the autumn it is customary to turn the hogs into the blue grass and acorns for two months. The extensive hog pastures, nearly all of which have running water, and with a properly balanced ration in the self-feeders, and with scrupulously clean, sanitary housing, disease has never been known in the Oak Dene herds.

The extensive estate is divided into individual farms, each with its own equipment of buildings, horses, implements and livestock. The farm work is done by efficient married men who draw salaries. The products of the soil are mainly fed on the farms where they are grown, while the surplus goes to the headquarters farm where the purebred hogs are kept.

The estate maintains a herd of 150 or more cows to raise calves and to supply milk to growing pigs. There is also a stock of Aberdeen-Angus cattle. Enough colts are raised each year to replace horses worn out by farm work and there are also several good mule teams.

Mrs. Conrad raises hundreds of record hogs each year and has not been able to keep up with the nationwide demand for her purebreds. This year the number is being largely increased. Her faith in the Spotted Poland China is strong. "When properly developed," Mrs. Conrad says, "it is a faultless animal. It is the kind every farm needs and should have. Without extra effort these hogs can be made to weigh 200 pounds in six months, 400 pounds in a year, and at maturity 600 to 800 pound sows are not uncommon. Boars weighing 700 to 1,000 pounds are in the Oak Dene herd. The

# People, Places & Things Newton County's Round Barn By Damon Howell

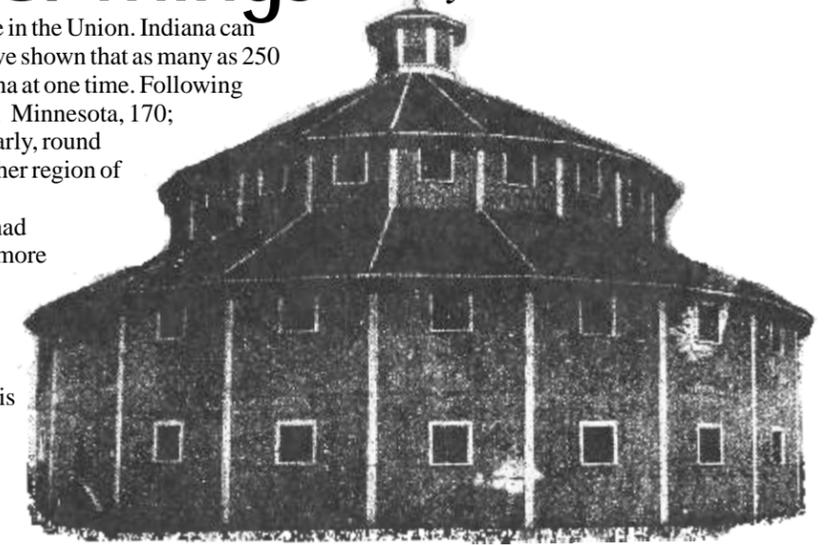
Round barns or circular barns appear in every state in the Union. Indiana can claim more round barns than any other state. Studies have shown that as many as 250 to 300 round barns may have stood in the State of Indiana at one time. Following Indiana in the number of round barns is Wisconsin, 215; Minnesota, 170; Iowa, 170; Illinois, 155; Ohio, 56 and Nebraska 49. Clearly, round barns were more common in the Midwest than in any other region of the United States.

Nearly every county in Indiana can claim to have had one round barn at one time. Many Indiana counties had more than one. Newton County had ONE round barn. It was located in Lake Township, Section 26, about one half mile east of Conrad.

In the publication, "A Round Indiana," by John T. Hanou, he states that it was built in 1906 by C. B. Davis in Lake Township. Following are the specifications about the barn, and it is shown in the photo, right.

Eighteen sided barn, built 1906, destroyed, date unknown; Site, Lake Township; Original owner, C. B. Davis; builder, C. B. Davis; photo and diagram submitted by C. B. Davis.

An article appeared in a publication called "Indiana Farmer" in 1906, written by C. B. Davis. In it, Mr. Davis gives a description of the barn, including a diagram - included here.



Actual photo of Newton County's only round barn, built by C. B. Davis, Lake Village, from "A Round Indiana," by John T. Hanou

## A Good Round Barn by C. B. Davis

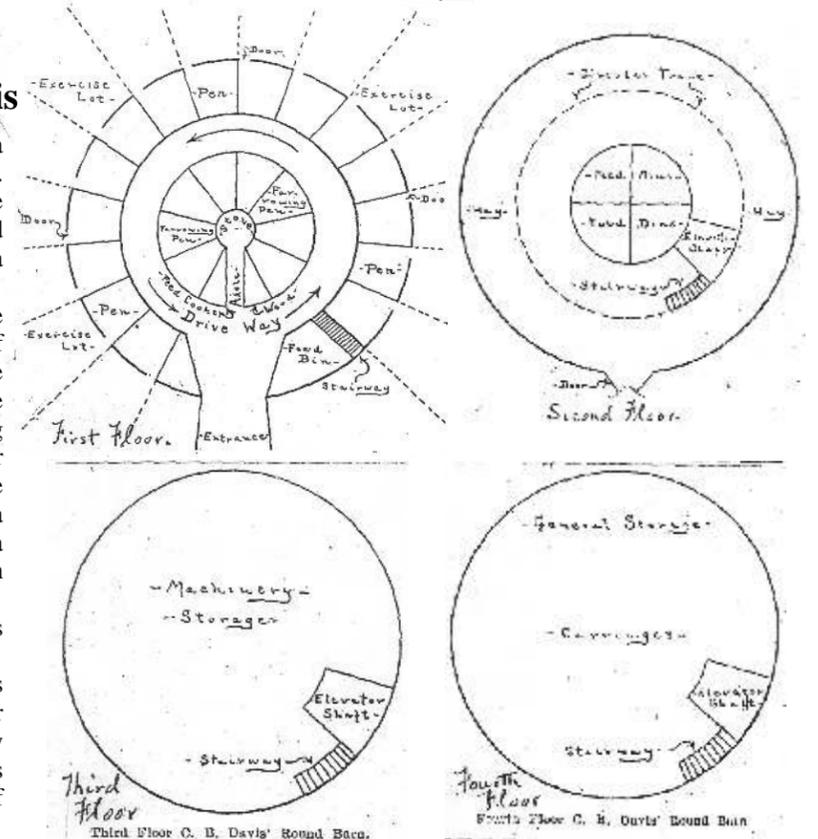
His article read as follows: Recently I sent you a plate of round barn and you requested me to describe it. that would be quite an undertaking so as to make one understand the construction of the barn. I will try and describe it to the best of my ability and also send you a rough sketch of each floor and its use.

The building is now used as a hog house, that is the ground floor, but could be used for barn purposes if needed. I am a breeder of full blood Poland China swine and find it very convenient for that purpose. In the outside circle there are 15 pens, 8x12 feet and a corresponding exercising lot 50 feet out from the building. In the inner circle there are seven farrowing pens 8x10 and a large stove in the center for use in cold weather. Also have a feed cooker in inner circle and water hydrant. There is a driveway between the inner and outer circle which enables a man to drive around with team and wagon.

The second floor is used as a hay mow and feed bins in the center for different grains.

The third floor is used for a storage for all surplus machinery in winter months. It is hoisted to the third floor by means of an elevator which is capable of lifting any farm machinery. The elevator is 12x14 feet, and extends from drive way on ground floor to top or fourth floor of building which is used for general storage purposes.

It would be a difficult matter to give a bill of lumber and cost of matter to give the readers of the Farmer, wish it will give the desired information. Hoping the rough sketches will be of some benefit, I am very truly yours, C. B. Davis, Maple Grove Stock Farm, Lake Village.



This is the diagram that C. B. Davis submitted with his article to the Indiana Farmer in 1906 describing his round barn. The search is on for more information regarding Mr. Davis, the barn and its specific location within Section 26 of Lake Township. If you have any information, please contact the editor!

# Quill & Ink

Featuring Local Newton County Poetry and Prose

## Dreams of Injin Creek

By W.W. Pffimmer

'Pears like I jest can't forget!  
An' I keep athinkin', yet,  
'Till I'm mightynigh home-sick  
Fer old times on Ingin Crick.

-Thought about it, 'till, it seems,  
I go back there in my dreams;  
Turn the years back, 'till I stand,  
With my straw hat in my hand,  
An' my pants rolled to my knees,  
Underneath the locus' trees;  
Er lay there as I sue' t' do  
An' watch the sunshine filter through  
Er put off down the circk, until  
I bring up at Bruce's Mill,  
Wade across below the dam  
An' wander on until I am  
As hungry as a boy kin be,  
At Uncle Ely's sarvice tree.

-Go back past the sugar camp,  
Wade the crick ag'in, an' tramp  
Through the bottom-land, and clim'  
The hill, clost on to supper-time.  
-See grandpap' a-settin' there,  
In his old split-bottom chair  
On the porch, an' by his side,  
Grandma knittin', satisfied.  
Strange, how nacherl dreams kin be,  
Dreams 'at 's built o' memory!  
An' I've laid in our old loft  
An' heern the rain-drops patter soft-

Like, on the roof, clost to my head,  
An' me a-layin' there in bed;  
An' heard the old clock down below,  
A-tickin', solemn-like an' slow;  
An' I've drunk from our old well,  
An' been in hearin' o' the bell  
Our old bell-cow use' to wear,  
Ever sence we moved from there.

Done it all in dreams, you know;  
Still, I wisht 'at I could go  
Back there, wide awake, once more,  
An' stand inside the school-house door  
An' see the scholars that I knowed,  
Jest as they wuz before they growed  
To men an' wimin. Like to see  
The old school as it use' to be.  
-Give the best hoss on the place  
Fer a look at jest one face!  
Do my eyesight good, to-night,  
To see her stand up to recite  
her readin', er her' rithmetic;  
Sweetest girl on Ingin Crick!  
But she growed up, too, an' she,  
Likely, never thinks o' me.  
-Think, if I could go back now,  
I'd climb up in the old haymow,  
An' laydown on the hay an' rest.  
don't know which 'u'd be the best,  
That, er puttin' through the wood,  
Huntin' paw-paws. Wisht I could!

It only seems appropriate that our first recipe would come from County Historian, Donna LaCosse. She is well known for "The Recipe Box", a series that she edited during her years as editor of the *Morocco Courier*. This recipe for Bread Pudding was handed down to her by her mother, Mary Ann Schanlaub. Send us your favorite recipe, along with its history!

## Recipes From the Past

Those "never fail" recipes handed down over the generations.

A favorite of Mary Ann Schanlaub

Mary Ann is the mother of Donna LaCosse and has been deceased several years. She first made this pudding using a cook stove heated by wood, so who knew what the temperature was? She also used a metal pan similar to our 13x9-inch pan, but Donna uses a corning ware oblong dish.

The baking time will depend on the size bowl you use. Just shake the dish and if the middle wiggles, bake it a bit longer. Donna also sprinkles cinnamon on top before baking. Enjoy!!

### Bread Pudding

8 slices white bread

¼ cup oleo or butter

½ cup sugar

3 eggs

¼ teaspoon salt

4 cups milk

Turn oven to 300 degrees.

Rub baking dish with oleo and set aside.

Trim crust from bread and spread butter or oleo on both sides of bread slices. Cut slices of bread into strips and place into baking dish.

Add sugar to the eggs and beat until creamy; add milk and salt and stir to blend.

Pour mixture over bread slices and allow to stand for 15 minutes.

Cover pudding and bake for 30 minutes. Remove cover and bake an additional 30 minutes.

Pudding is really done when the mixture does not move when you move the dish.

## W.W.W.

### Who-What-Where . . .

some inquiries to the Society from our web site - [www.rootsweb.com/~innewton](http://www.rootsweb.com/~innewton)

I am trying to date some old pictures I have of my Fry family. The pictures were taken in Kentland, Indiana by photographer Harnish. I know the photographer was in business around 1891. One of the pictures has the name on the back and I can estimate the year of the child.

Would appreciate it if anyone could tell me what years Harnish studio was in business. Please email me at [ldt@clatskanie.com](mailto:ldt@clatskanie.com)  
Thank you.

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spotted Poland China usually farrows two litters each year. Because of the quick returns from its breeding, it is essentially the farmers' hog. There seems to be a freedom from disease in the breed, even when vaccination is not practiced. The future of the Spotted Poland China, in the hands of honest breeders, has no limit. If its integrity is jealously preserved and those who invest do so wisely, taking care to procure the best strains with honest records, the highway to great prosperity is plain and smooth."

### Fairwood Stock Farm

#### Clyde Herriman - Home of the Short Horn

Just a few years ago when the Newton County farmer wanted a breeding animal - a horse, cow or hog - it was necessary for him to go out into other states, or other counties, to make his purchase. Today the breeder is coming this way for his seed stock.

One of the farms contributing to the purebred stock history of Newton County is Fairwood Stock Farm, owned by Clyde Herriman, and located four miles northwest of Kentland. Mr. Herriman is giving his attention to Short Horn cattle and Big Type Poland China Hogs. He started in the Short Horn business about eight years ago, and now has a fine herd that is growing better every year. He is a student of Short Horn history, and knows the breed from foundation up. His herd bull is Glennera Scott, solid white in color, and his cows are all Scotch topped. There are thirty-one head in his herd at the present time, he having sold nineteen head in the past year. The last thirteen calves sold brought an average of \$180, which proves the superiority of pure breeding over common stock.

The cattle are kept in one of the prettiest pastures imaginable, skirting the Iroquois timber, with stately trees dotted here and there and a creek wending its way toward the river, furnishing running water and plenty of shade for the stock. The grass stands knee deep, and its quality is reflected in the cattle which it feeds.

Mr. Herriman has just reached the state where he can produce as good a Short Horn as stands on hoof, and he has frequent visitors

from breeders from all over the country who are in search of herd bulls and high bred cows, and has made some exceptionally good sales. He has devoted the past to building up and improving his herd, and the future holds prospects for handsome returns for his efforts.

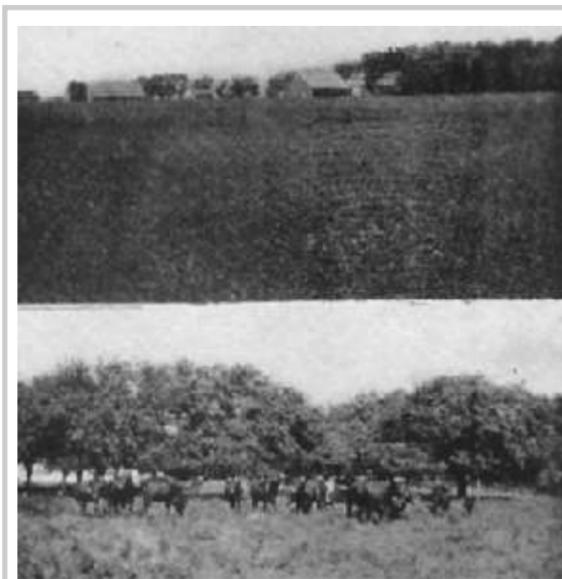
Mr. Herriman has about fifty registered Big Type Poland China hogs following the cattle, and while these are secondary to his Short Horns, he is making them bring home the bacon.

### Eggleston Farm - C. L. Constable and Son Home of the Short Horn

There is an air of cordiality and welcome at Eggleston Farm, the country home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Constable, that attracts many callers. Mr. and Mrs. Constable are of English birth, and though they have lived on this same farm in Grant Township since the day of their marriage quite fifty years ago, they still retain the graciousness of their mother country and are most charming in their hospitality.

Eggleston is the name of the Constable farm, named after one of the family estates in England. Within a stones throw is the home their son, Lyle, and the father and son, aside from dispensing hospitality to their friends and raising a hundred bushels of corn to the acre, are giving some thought and attention to the raising of Short Horn cattle, and have a fine herd of about fifty head. Sybilis Archer, a handsome roan bull, heads the herd and his offspring are dotting a forty acre field of alsike clover, and growing into promising animals. Eight head of calves from this herd were offered in the Short Horn sale at Oxford recently, and brought an average of \$330 a head, which must be regarded as a pretty good average for calves. The breeding cows are all of the Scotch branch of the Shorthorn family, and there are many exceptionally fine individuals in the lot.

Following the cattle is a splendid drove of full blood registered Duroc hogs, and they occupy a place in relative importance to the cattle.



A view of the Eggleston Farm, owned by C. L. Constable and Son, Goodland, Indiana. Right, an ad that appeared in the 1916 Atlas of Newton County. NCHS archives.

The  
Eggleston  
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Herd

These are dual purpose cattle of finest blood line and will prove a valuable addition to any established herd. The newer stockmen will find it to their advantage to base their proposed herd on Shorthorns of our breeding. We have young stock always on hand as well as some individual animals of especial merit and make prompt shipments. It will pay you to communicate with us before purchasing.

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**EGGLESTON FARM,**  
C. L. CONSTABLE & SON, Proprietors.  
GOODLAND, IND.

The Shorthorn is a general purpose animal. They are good milkers and will develop into wonderful beef animals, and are fast growing in favor among the farmers of Newton County, as is evidenced by the many herds that can now be found within our borders. The Constable herd has reached the degree of perfection which invites breeders from other states to this county for their seed stock, and they have made a number of handsome sales. The barns and feeding equipment at Eggleston Farm are sufficient unto their needs, and the cattle are given every attention throughout the year.

Cattle, we believe, are to play an important part in building up and maintaining the fertility of the soil to the degree necessary to make profitable the lands of Newton County that are now rising in price so rapidly, and our farmers are fortunate that there are so many herds of cattle already established to pave the way for the greater development that is sure to follow. The Eggleston herd may be regarded as one of the pioneers, and the Messrs. Constable will take pleasure in showing the cattle to any who may feel disposed to call.

### Elmdale Stock Farm - Sumner H. Dickinson Registered Aberdeen Angus Cattle

One of the prettiest pasture scenes to be found in Newton County is at Elmdale Farms, in Grant Township, owned by Sumner H. Dickinson. Mr. Dickinson and son Harold have been breeding registered Aberdeen Angus cattle for a number of years, and now have herd of about 70 head. The Aberdeen Angus are polled, solid black in color and are the blockiest of all beef animals. That is, an Angus of given height will put on more weight that most any other breed. They are hardy, and great rustlers, and on a feed of silage and straw will come through winter ready for the block.

About fifteen years ago Mr. Dickinson purchased a bunch of steers to feed, and one of the numbers was an Angus. Mr. Dickinson soon observed that the little black steer was the first to the feeding trough every morning, and was making better gains than any other animal in the bunch. It was his experience with this steer that influenced him probably more than anything else to go into the breeding of black cattle.

The Dickinson herd is headed by Hoosier Bendix, a handsome three year old bull weighing 1800 pounds in comparatively light flesh. Included in the herd are some cows of extra good blood from the best Aberdeen families, and the Messrs. Dickinson are constantly building up their herd.

They cater especially to the farmer trade, and have not trouble in selling all their young bulls. They believe that the black cattle are becoming well established in this county and will easily hold their own with other breeds.

Mr. Dickinson has 420 acres in the home place, and appreciating the value of cattle in soil improvement keeps no less than 100 acres in pasture all the time. And that cattle do help keep up the fertility of the soil it may be noted that Mr. Dickinson has just harvested 90 acres of wheat that he estimates will yield high bushels.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson have an ideal country home, graced by a son and daughter who



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*Views of the Maple Grove Place stock farm, owned by S. H. Dickinson of Goodland, Indiana. Above, an advertisement from the 1916 Standard Atlas of Newton County. NCHS archives.*

interest themselves in the higher things in life, and are helping their parents make life worth living. The home has every convenience, including its own electric lighting plant and a guest is most cordially received and splendidly entertained while under the Dickinson roof.

### Along Hereford Row - Jackson Township Farmers Make Tour of Stock Farms

The farmers of Jackson Township believe in observation as an educational agency. It is one of the advanced ideas in agriculture and is to be commended.

Seeing how his neighbor prepares the ground, cultivates the crops, and cares for and feeds the stock helps him to better manage his own farm. With these aims in view a trip was made through Jackson, Iroquois Grant and Jefferson Townships last Thursday by a delegation of members of the Jackson Township Farmers' Club. County Agent and Mrs. S. S. Davis joined the party, and Recorder Edgar Steward went along to pass on the fried chicken at the noon hour.

The start was made at Fairview Farm, the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleming. The visitors were given a cordial welcome by Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, and then taken out to the barns and pastures to see the fine herd of Hereford cattle that is making Fairview one of the noted farms of



*King Chamberlain farm, located in Jackson Township, from the 1916 Standard Atlas of Newton County. NCHS archives*

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Written by Joseph E. Hiestand in 1951, and published originally by the Indiana Historical Bureau. There are more than 45 villages and 51 campsites identified and described in this reprint of the original publication.

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Written by Elmore Barce in 1938 after his visit with Alexander Lanier Barker near his cabin, east of Sumava Resorts, and listened to his inimitable tales of Beaver Lake and it's surrounding area. Barce felt that after of life of seventy-six years, "Ned" Barker, the stories and traditions that came from this visit were worthy of publication.

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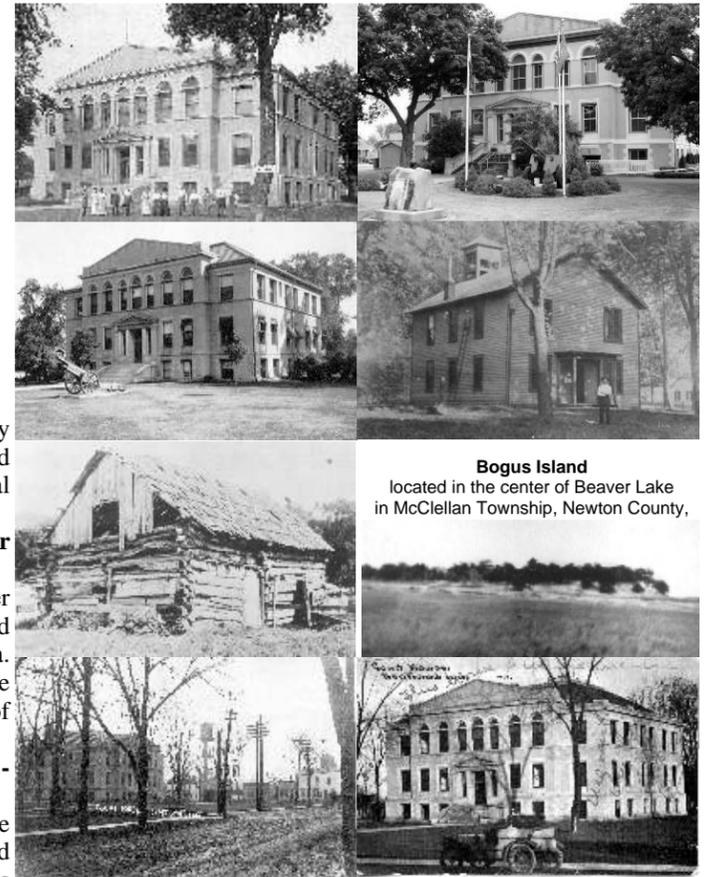
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The Morocco Sesquicentennial Celebration has prompted a look backward to the events of the Morocco Centennial of fifty years ago. Photographs of the pageant and parade are featured with documents relating to the events which have been offered to the Society for its use. These, along with the Centennial booklet written by Ruth Corbin have been combined to form a unique view of those events of long ago.

### ☐ "The Newcomer" (Limited copies available) One Year Group - \$10.00 or \$2.25 each, plus tax.

The official newsletter of the Newton County Historical Society began in April of 1994. Initially published quarterly through 1996, and then published once again in the winter of 1999, it continues today as a link to Society members.

**To order any of these publications, please send check or money order payable to the Newton County Historical Society to P.O. Box 303, Kentland, IN 47951. Please include \$3.00 postage and handling for each publication ordered, and 6% tax for Indiana customers. The Resource Center located at 310 E. Seymour Street, Kentland, Indiana is open on Monday afternoon 1-5, or contact County Historian Donna LaCrosse at 219-285-2861 to place an order for your books.**



**Bogus Island**  
located in the center of Beaver Lake  
in McClellan Township, Newton County,

# Historically Yours

By Newton County Historian Donna LaCosse

History has been made!!! On November 20, 2006, the members of the Newton County Historical Society held an open house in their brand new home, The Resource Center located at 310 E. Seymour Street in Kentland!

It was a great day with people coming and going all afternoon. And what nice things they had to say about the Society and about the artifacts they saw while browsing around the many displays.

The County officials made it all possible – they saw the need for the Society to have more space and have it all on the ground floor, so they made it possible for us to have that space. We can not thank them enough for their generosity.

Our new home is in the former Grab It Here Store. The County had been using the entire building for storage, but opened up the front part of the building for us. One of the features of our new home is the shelving created by Cliff Riley to hold our many volumes of newspapers. Now they are accessible for everyone.

Beth Bassett was on hand all afternoon, as was president Jim Robbins. They pretty much answered the questions the visitors asked and introduced them to the various points of interest.

Barbara Wilfong presided over the refreshment table with help from Sharon Collins, Kay Babcock and Janet Miller. Bill and Jean Phillips manned the “publications for sale” and membership table, with many of the Family History Division’s publications going to new homes.

Harold and I registered the guests and when counted, numbered close to eighty guests who signed the book.

Becky and Larry Lyons were greeters; Darlene and Dave Truby assisted people who needed information from the computer, and the sisters, Bethel Kendall and Jeanette Hall helped where help was needed.

Refreshments were provided by members, with many extras going home with the workers for the day.

The Commissioners and Council members, as well as other County personnel, came for a visit and were quite pleased with what the Family Division members had done with the showroom. What a great bunch of public officials we have here in Newton County!

If you missed the open house, please stop in and visit one day soon. Jim Robbins is always at the Center on Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 5:00, and hopefully others will make themselves available so the Center can be open several afternoons during the week, and maybe even on Saturday and Sunday.

Beth would like to send out a special thank you to those who volunteered during the hot summer months to move the inventory from one place to another, and also to Barb Wilfong, Janet Miller, Jenny Washburn, Becky and Larry Lyons, Nancy Jo Prue, Kay Babcock, and David and Darlene Truby for their contributions to the displays and placement of furniture.

The Society members are elated to have a new home and most thankful to those who made the building available for us to use and to enjoy.



*A bright sunny day greeted the workers the day of the Resource Center Open house - many displays were created from donations of memorabilia from members and the public.*



*Local and family history records are available to the public for research.*



*Left, County officials take a look at the society's new home. l-r, Jim Pistello, Russ Collins and Rich Miller.*



*Rosa Lohr, Bill Phillips, Jim Robbins, Harold Furr.*



*Above, Jim, David Truby, Larry Lyons and Darlene Truby are busy preparing for the guests.*



*Left, Donna and Harold LaCosse were the official welcoming party - and what a great job they did!!*

the county. Mr. Fleming has been in the Hereford game about four years, and believes a great future is ahead of him. In order to start right Mr. Fleming purchased Andrew Fairfax, son of Perfection Fairfax, to head his herd, and has bred up an excellent herd of sixty some head. In his breeding he is sticking close to the lines followed at Orchard Lake, and his cattle were marked true to the old King of Herefords.

Mr. Fleming has provided good quarters for his cattle and recently purchased an adjoining farm in order to give him more ground for pasture. A monster silo stores enough feed to run through the winter and the cattle show the effect of good feeding.

All of Mr. Flemings’ farm buildings are lighted by a private electric light plant, and are well arranged. Three windmills supply the water. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming expect to build a new home next year, and this will add to their comfort, and they will take increased pleasure in entertaining their friends, and showing their fine cattle, in which Mr. and Mrs. Fleming and the several boys and girls take a justifiable pride.

The next stop was at Maple Brook Stock Farm, nearby, owned by King Chamberlain and sons. Mr. Chamberlain has a fine country home, set back in a beautiful grove, and the grounds and buildings are well kept. Mr. Chamberlain began breeding Hereford about five years ago, and his herd bull is a son of Perfection Fairfax, Roscoe Fairfax. The herd numbers about fifty head, one of which was purchased at the recent Orchard Lake sale, the only cow out of the sale remaining in Newton County.

Like Mr. Fleming, Mr. Chamberlain believes that Newton County is destined to become, in fact has already become the head of the Hereford industry of the entire world, and the Chamberlain herd will help to maintain that standing. Mr. Chamberlain and his sons are feeding a Hereford steer – a perfect picture of Hereford development- which they propose to show at the International this coming winter.

The party then drove over to the farm of Elam Fleming of Foresman. The trip was made in a downpour of rain, but the warm welcome of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming drove away the depressing clouds, and big dinner served by the ladies soon had the party in high good humor.

And that dinner. Chicken, boiled ham, meat loaf, salads by the crock full and bushels or more of sandwiches and pies and cakes by the dozen. County Agent Davis took his fourth helping with the exclamation of the cartoonist: “Oh, what a grand and glorious feeling.”

Mr. Fleming is also getting into the Hereford game, and has about eighteen head with Columbus Fairfax, grandson of Perfection Fairfax at the head of the herd. His cattle are well kept and look like the making of a good herd.

Mr. Fleming has a pair of sons, Harold and Darold, who are

## The King Hereford Sires - Perfection Fairfax



On a catalpa tree studded ridge that rises out of the flat prairie farmland six miles northeast of Kentland is perhaps the world's largest monument honoring a bovine.

The huge slab of concrete marks the final resting place of Perfection Fairfax, a Hereford bull nationally famed as "King of Hereford Sires" during the teen years of the 20th Century.

Fairfax blood flowed in the veins of Hereford cattle from coast to coast, and his international notoriety provided the odd sight of turbaned and sari-clad East Indians, strolling on the tree shaded streets of this bucolic community.

For 12 years, Perfection Fairfax ruled over McCray's Orchard Lake Stock Farm, its 1,600 acres, and 500 head of registered Hereford cattle. In it's heyday, 1910 to 1920, Orchard Lake Farm was a national showplace, a small empire that had a baronial mansion and a headquarters complex of more than a dozen buildings.

McCray purchased Perfection Fairfax in Scotland in 1908 for a reputed \$25,000, a tidy sum today but a veritable fortune then. Perfection Fairfax was born Oct. 10, 1903 and was crowned Grand Champion in the 1907 International Livestock Exposition.

Perfection Fairfax died in 1920 and the famed bull's passing was accompanied by the same fanfare he enjoyed in life. Excerpts reprinted from *The Newcomer, Spring, 2001.*

coming stockmen of the true type. Harold won second and Darold third prize in the calf feeding club of Newton County last year, and each are feeding two calves in the club contest this year. One of Harold's calves weighed 290 pounds when it came into his hands in November; it now weighs 900 pounds and as slick as an eel. One of Darold's calves weighed 350 pounds in November and now weighs 840 pounds. The boys do their own feeding and keep a complete record of their transactions. They feed corn, oats, silage, oil meal molasses, bran and clover hay.

The next stop was at Orchard Lake, where Jim Hendry and the boys showed the visitors all courtesies. The prize cattle were led out, including two calves being fed by Charles Hendry, and some snapshots were taken of the crowd and the show cattle.

Mr. Hendry would not let the visitors go until they had passed judgment on six of the best mules that ever wore a collar. The visit to Orchard Lake was especially interesting to the Hereford men in the party, and the boys in the calf feeding club.

### Riverside Farm - Will Martin Breeder of Hereford Cattle

At the first sale of Orchard Lake Hereford cattle, held by W. T. McCray in 1909, Will Martin purchased a bull and a cow. For the

bull he paid \$70, and for the cow \$105. He did not have the opportunity to enter the game extensively, but he was a believer in the breed, and his experience since has strengthened his faith. He raises a nice bunch of cattle each year and disposes of them at prices way over and above the price of common cattle. During his breeding career two bulls of his breeding have gone to Argentina and five to Canada. He also sells many fine animals to local breeders.

From his calf herd of last year he has sold five bulls for \$1,800, and has some fine prospects developing. He now has a herd of about 40 head. The herd is headed by Alex Fairfax, son of Richard Fairfax, owned by J. B. Hill of Roundhead, Ohio.

Mr. Martin's experience has fitted him to now get into the breeding game proper, he is yet a young man and the Enterprise predicts that his name will be well known in Hereford lore before many more years pass by. Mr. Martin is located on his father's farm in Jefferson Township, skirting the Iroquois River, and his herd is in prime condition. If his hopes and ambitions are realized he will some day count his white faces by the hundred as they graze on more extensive pastures and make his dreams come true.

**Home of White Leghorns**

**Miss Frances Jessen**

Three thousand dozen eggs in seven months. Over a mile of eggs if laid end to end. This is the egg record reported by Miss Frances Jessen from her flock of White Leghorn chickens.

Miss Jessen lives with her brother and sister on the old home farm near Beaver City. Becoming interested in chickens she purchased a small flock of White Leghorns four years ago. Her start was from the Funk Bros. Strain, imported from England. And she has kept the blood lines true. Miss Jessen started this year with 400 hens, and has 400 pullets. The cockerels were placed on the market, expecting about 50 reserved for the family table.

An hour spent with Miss Jessen, among her biddies, is interesting. The yards are on a southern slope, with plenty of shade, pure water, and adequate quarters. Miss Jessen says that a hen must be happy if she is expected to produce eggs in abundance, and she keeps her flock in that condition. Care and attention is also given their feed, and the house are kept sanitary, well ventilated in the summer and warm in the winter. During the excessive cold weather Miss Jessen draws a curtain in front of the roosts, and the hens are

not permitted to leave the house when snow is on the ground, but when thus confined she provides proper exercise by scattering grain feeds in deep straw.

Miss Jessen is very modest over her accomplishments with poultry, and stated that she would submit to an interview only in hopes that her experience might prove profitable to farmers. She says the average farm flock is sadly neglected, both in care and feed, and as a consequence the keeping of chickens is not profitable – at least not as profitable as it should and could be made. The flocks on some farms are treated with absolute cruelty.

Aside from providing a good range Miss Jessen feeds corn, oats, silage, bran and beef scraps. She follows closely the recommendations made by the experiment stations, and finds them a great help as well as the most economical.

Miss Jessen's brother, J. A. Jessen, has a fine herd of Hereford cattle, about thirty-five head, headed by Franklin Fairfax.

**Crystal Spring Stock Farm**

**Rolland Ade Aberdeen Angus Cattle**

One of the largest herds of Aberdeen Angus cattle in Newton County is that owned by Rolland Ade. The herd is now divided on two or three farms, but will be consolidated this fall and placed on Crystal Spring Farm, six miles northeast of Kentland, which will be their permanent home.

Mr. Ade started in the cattle business two years ago, and has been wonderfully successful in building up so large a herd in so short a time. But his success may be attributed to the fact that he started right, picking his female seed stock from the three best Angus families, the Black Bird, Pride and Queen Mother, and heading his herd with an Erica bull. The herd bull is Executive, by Balatum, out of an imported cow, Effie of Kinchody. The bull was purchased in Chicago a year ago, from the Ohio Caldwells, leading Angus breeders and was the third highest priced bull in the ring.

With these four Angus families as a start Mr. Ade can now show a herd, including a larger number of promising calves, of about a hundred head, and about forty steers which he is feeding for market. Mr. Ade has about 400 acres of pasture and the cattle, especially the calves and heifers, are in prime condition.

Mr. Ade is making his first showing of cattle this year, and has 10 head at the Kankakee Fair this week.

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Recognizing his interest in Angus cattle, Mr. Ade has made a member of the sales committee of the Indiana Angus Breeders Association. There are twelve members of the county Angus Association, and the promoters expect to have all breeders enroll before the spring sale.

Mr. Ade watches his herd very closely, and a calf that does not give prospects of doing honor to the breed is placed in the feed lot, and by this means the Crystal Spring herd can be kept to the highest point of perfection. The breeding cattle, and calves are now kept at the Speck farm northwest of town, and Mr. Ade takes pleasure in showing them to his friends.

**Riverview Farm - Harry Warr**

Riverview Farm, embracing some five hundred acres, located in the converging pocket of Washington and Iroquois Townships, and tenanted by Harry Warr, may in many respects be regarded as an experiment station for Newton County. The farm is owned by the Bush estate, but has been under the management of Mr. Warr and his father since 1875. For the past 34 years Harry Warr has been solely in charge, and managed the farm according to his own ideas.

But in the first place Mr. Warr is a farmer, a good farmer, a good stockman, and mixes honest and integrity with his work. Away back in the early days of the farmers institute, when "book" farmers were first asking for a hearing, Mr. Warr attended one of these institutes. He went with an open mind, free from prejudice, and was willing to learn anything that might help him in growing bigger crops and better cattle. Other men who accompanied him to this institute went away declaring that no college professor could teach them how to farm. But in Mr. Warr the seed of scientific farming had been planted and took root. He went home and made orders for a few farm papers and sent his name in to the government to experiment stations for their bulletins. And ever since that first

meeting he has farmed in the field during the day, and farmed around the baseburner in the evening. The result has not only afforded Mr. Warr much pleasure, but it has improved the farm and enabled him to grow better crops than those across the fence. He has twice been awarded prizes for big corn yields and his name appears in all the prize lists of home shows. Today Mr. Warr is regarded as one of the most scientific farmers in the county and instead of his neighbors poking fun at his "foolish notions" they are coming to him for advice.

Mr. Warr in his farming follows a four year rotation of crops, his fields are all inoculated to clover, he applies limestone and fertilizer, and is a firm believer in breeding all cereals up to the highest stand and a true type. He says that the season has some little to do with a crop, but not so much as the proper preparation of the seed bed, fertilizing, the planting of pure bred seed, and the right kind of cultivation. This year one of the poorest fields on the farm yielded 25 bushels of wheat, on another field he secured 65 bushes of oats, and his corn will go 50 bushels. This much for scientific farming as against depending wholly on the season.

An important factor in Mr. Warr's farming is the raising of cattle and hogs. He has been breeding Duroc hogs, and has a fine herd now almost ready for market, but of late has come to the conclusion that the Spotted Poland China will put on more meat with a given amount of feed, and is changing to that breed. He recently purchased a boar and sow from the herd of Mrs. Jennie M. Conrad, and the sow has farrowed a litter of eight fine pigs, so Mr. Warr has a pretty good beginning herd of this popular breed.

He has also been a feeder of cattle, not only to realize a profit from them, but to build up the soil, and at the present time is specializing in Shorthorns. The cattle are all pure bred, but not all registered, as they are grown and fed for the block only.

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## Focus on Families

**HOME** *is where your story begins***John Darroch**

Noted in his obituary, John Darroch was a pioneer of Newton County. He was born near Paoli in Orange County, Indiana on July 8, 1820. In his childhood he came to Rockville in Parke County, where at an early age he married Caroline Puett, born March 21, 1828, a daughter of Austin M. Puett, a pioneer of North Carolina. They came to Newton County in 1851. They had six children, noted in the census of 1860 as Austin, born 1845, Daniel, born 1846, Lucy, born 1848, William, born 1850, John Malcum, born 1851, and Ebert, born in 1853, does not appear in any further census reports. John's obituary states that five of his children survived, so it is possible that Ebert died in infancy, as Caroline would be struck by lightning at their home, south of Morocco and would die on July 2, 1853.

In 1856, John married again to Cecilia M. Henkle, daughter of Benjamin Henkle of Rensselaer. He had thirteen children by this marriage, two of them listed in the 1860 Census; Duncan, born October 18, 1857, died October 27, 1866 and Abraham, age one. In the 1870 census, we find Naomi M., age nine; Samuel E., age seven; Alfred K., age 6; Mary E., age four; Susan M., age two. In the 1880 census, we find Nettie, age nine; Luetta, age seven; Emma, age five; and Effa G., age three. John's obituary noted that there were thirteen children, the census reports show only twelve up to 1880. Searching the 1900 census records, did not reveal any information regarding the thirteen child or John's third wife, not mentioned by name in his obituary.

However a search of marriage records indicate that a John Darroch married a Sidney A. Patrick on February 1, 1888. Another John Darroch, which may be his son, married a Clara Summons on April 9, 1882.

There are two Darroch families listed in the 1900 census records. In Beaver Township, John's son Samuel, his wife and children along with Samuel's brother, Alfred living in the Town of Morocco; William, son of John, along with his wife and children are listed in the Town of Kentland.

Cecilia passed away on June 18, 1878, and is buried at Murphey Cemetery in Morocco, along with John and his first wife, Caroline. His



*The Honorable William Darroch, 1916*



*The home of William Darroch in 1916, located in Kentland, Indiana*

**John and William Darroch**

*Submitted by Beth Bassett*

third wife, if it is Sidney, died April 22, 1901 and is buried at Fairlawn Cemetery in Kentland, alongside other Darroch family members.

**William Darroch**

Born December 31, 1848, at Rockville, Parke County, Indiana, son of John and Caroline (Puett) Darroch and grandson of Daniel Darroch. His father, John Darroch spent his active career as a farmer and stockman.

From accounts in the Newton County Enterprise upon his death, William was an honored resident of Newton County. In honor of his departure, business in Kentland was largely suspended during the hour of the funeral and the church was crowded to its capacity with friends who came to pay their last tribute of respect, many being present from other parts of the county, from neighboring towns and from a distance. Members of the bar from this and adjoining counties attended in a body.

William grew up on his father's farm in Newton County, and received a thorough practical training in the cattle industry. As a very small boy, astride a pony, he herded cattle over the prairies of Newton County, breathing

the air of the great out-of-doors, and building the sturdy character of the pioneer. Though handicapped by opportunities, he gained what education he could in the schools of that day, and then worked his way through college, later setting himself for the practice of law.

From 1871 to 1874, Mr. Darroch was a student at Asbury, now DePauw University at Greencastle, IN, and graduated with a B.S. in 1874. On July 23, 1878, he married Emma V. Sammons, and had two daughters, Ethel M. and Laura V.

He began his practice of law in Morocco in 1875, but held his connection to cattle and farming until 1892. He held the office of Beaver Township Trustee for two terms.

Mr. Darroch was appointed Judge of the 30th Judicial Circuit in the fall of 1890, to fill out an un-expired term, when the circuit also included Benton County. Before and after this appointment, he served a great many times as Judge in different counties. He was candidate for Congress from the Tenth Congressional District in 1906 and again in 1908, and

though failing of election, had the satisfaction of reducing the normal majority of his opponent much below that given in previous years. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention for the 10th Congressional District of Indiana in 1916. He had only one fraternal affiliation, which was with the Knights of Pythias.

To the generations that followed, he and Louis Hamilton of Rensselaer, in 1916 published the two-volume set entitled: A Standard History of Jasper and Newton Counties, Indiana. Together they created an authentic narrative of the past, with an extended survey of modern developments in the progress of town and country for our area. Hamilton supervising editorial for Jasper County and Darroch, Newton County.

In his biographical sketch included in this book, the publishers noted that one of the distinctive features of his career as a

**The First Newton County Council, 1899**

*Submitted by Beth Bassett*

The last edition of the *Newton County Enterprise* at the turn of the century in 1899 published photographs of members of the newly formed County Council. In August of that same year, an account of the first Council meeting was reported as follows:

The County Council of Newton County had a brief session in the courtroom Monday morning. The entire membership of the Board, consisting of the Honorables Warren T. McCray, John B. Lyons, Pierce Archibald and George Murphy, republican representatives and the Honorables Angus D. Washburn, Bartlett C. Neary and Peter S. Miller, democratic representatives, were present. As required by law, Schuyler C. Jones, auditor, and Sheriff Wickwire were present in their official capacity. The Board was declared in a session at half past ten o'clock, and on motion of Councilman Archibald, Warren T. McCray was chosen temporary chairman. Mr. McCray assumed the chair and called for nominations for President of the County Council. Councilman Washburn moved that Hon. John B. Lyons be elected to the office, and there being no further nominations he was declared elected by acclamation.

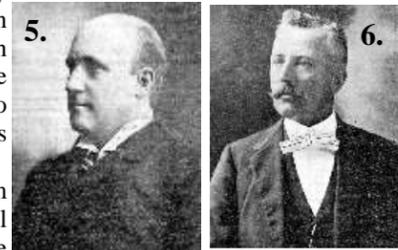
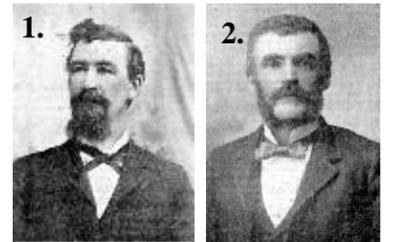
Mr. Neary of Grant Township and Mr. Miller of Washington Township were placed in nomination for Chairman pro tem. Mr. Miller declined and Mr. Neary was elected without opposition. This was a graceful act on the part of the Republican members of the board, and indicates a desire upon the part of the membership to act on all questions without reference to party lines.

Councilman Archibald suggested that a committee should be selected to formulate a set of rules to govern the action of the Board in the future. The Council agreed and Councilmen McCray and Neary were

appointed to act in conjunction with Auditor Jones in the preparation of such rules and to report at the next session of the Council. There being no further business to come before the Council it stood adjourned to meet the 5th day of September.

lawyer was its uninterrupted activity for more than forty years. He held the record of not having missed a single term of court in Newton County since he started practice, and of having pioneered the work of all public improvement in the county authorized by statute. He was engaged in many important cases, with special note of his work from 1887 to 1889 in securing, through an act of the Indiana Legislature, the title to about 16,000 acres of land in Newton County, known as the bed of Beaver Lake. This litigation involved some very interesting history on the subject of land titles.

In 1916, he owned three good farms, comprising of 634 acres, had been a director of the Discount and Deposit State Bank since its organization in 1908, and was a director of the Newton County Stone Company, having become interested in 1913 in the development of its stone quarry near Kentland.



1. **Hon. Pierce Archibald.** Councilman at large, is a banker in Morocco, but a resident of Washington Township. He has served the people of the county as county commissioner and was a member of the General Assembly in 1897. His familiarity with county business makes him a valuable member of the Council.

2. **Hon. Bartley C. Neary.** Councilman from the second district, lives in Grant township and by profession is a farmer. He is a Jacksonian Democrat, but is full of energy, and is more than pleased with his appointment to the Council. He favors economical government, but has not fault to find with the admirable system now in force in this county.

3. **Hon. George H. Murphey.** Councilman from the third district, is engaged in general merchandising at Morocco. He was one of the proprietors of the Farmers Bank for several years. he has never been a candidate for any political position, but is giving general satisfaction on the Council.

4. **Hon. John B. Lyons.** President of the Newton County Council, and Councilman at large, is a resident of Brook, by profession a banker, also a land owner. Has served the people as county commissioner and was a member of the General Assembly in 1893.

5. **Hon. Warren T. McCray.** Councilman from the first district, is a wholesale grain dealer and member of the banking firm of Ade, McCray & Co. He is serving his third term as President of the National Grain Dealers Association. Mr. McCray has never aspired to political honors.

6. **Hon. Angus D. Washburn.** Councilman from the fourth district, is the well known manager of the Kent ranch in Colfax township. He is a democrat, and represents the minority on the Council. He is in touch with the desires of the farmers, and is making a good Councilman.

7. **Hon. Peter S. Miller.** Councilman at large, is a farmer residing in Washington township. He is one of the three democratic members of the council, but does not intrude his politics into the administration of county affairs, Mr. Miller makes a valuable member.