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Newton County Author, Dorothy Arbuckle

by Janet Miller

“Dorothy Fry Arbuckle of Lake Village, Indiana, was a remarkable person!” This was the statement of E. H. Burnett in a story he wrote for *Petroleum Today*, published in the winter of 1967.

I met Dorothy through our membership in the Kentland Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. She became a member on October 15, 1958, through her Revolutionary War ancestor, Barnhardt (Barney) Fry. She was a petite lady, a gracious hostess and always wore a smile. Her favorite color was blue. It was always a treat to visit in her home at Lake Village.

After the sudden death of her husband, Lloyd, in 1960, Mrs. Arbuckle took over their petroleum business, Arbuckle Oil Company. She had some bookkeeping experience from helping her husband, but then she became a lady jobber and distributor. With the help of her husband’s employees, Dean Dawson and “Peanut” Brunton, she sold heating oil to homeowners at retail and distributed gasoline and motor oil to service stations and large farm owners. However, this was not the only remarkable trait of Dorothy Arbuckle.

She was an author of two published historical novels for children and numerous articles for newspapers and magazines. She was a composer of more than 200 musical works, ranging from church pieces to popular choral numbers. She has been a pianist, organist, choir director, teacher, and librarian. She was the winner of the Evelyn Cole Peters DAR National writing award for poetry two different years. In 1979, with “The Story of Hannah Gray” and in 1980, with “Reflections:1782.” She was also awarded *Lafayette Journal-Courier's* “George Award” for going the extra mile in service to her community.

Dorothy Fry Arbuckle was born in the small town (population approximately 125) of Eldred, Illinois, and during the years of her growing up lived in a succession of tiny Illinois communities--Chapin, Bushnell, Kincaid, and Cabery among them. Her father was a traveling accountant who spent three to five years in a town helping local farmers' groups to straighten out their finances, then moved on to the next town.

Early in life, Dorothy began her writing and musical careers. She sent off her first magazine article at the age of nine; it was returned by the editors with a suggestion that she try again some years later. She wrote for high school and college newspapers (Northwestern University and the University of Illinois) and sang in school choral groups. Meanwhile she helped out at the University libraries and studied journalism.

In 1930 the family settled in the town of Schneider, just a few miles north of Lake Village. That same year Dorothy earned a teaching certificate and did some substitute teaching. But it was not until 1932 that she met the former principal of the Lake Village grade school, Lloyd Arbuckle, and the meeting was under religious rather than educational circumstances. Dorothy had been singing with the Schneider Presbyterian Church choir; Lloyd, recently starting the oil business, had been singing



Dorothy Fry Arbuckle was instrumental in the organization and development of the Lake Village Library. Picture reprinted from “The History of Newton County, 1985”.

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Posting a query on a message board and/or participating in a mailing list does not always yield instantaneous results, but you will often get answers to your questions and make contact with cousins as a result of your inquiries. Patience is the watchword when beginning your quest for your family history and RootsWeb resources are among the best tools (all free) that you will find on the Internet to aid in your search.

2004 Survival Tips for Online Genies

1. Back up your genealogy files. Save backup copies of your genealogy files to an external hard drive, a Zip drive or a CD or DVD burner not just to your hard drive. Uploading a GEDCOM to WorldConnect provides yet another way to prevent loss of your compiled genealogy.
2. Back up your personal files (letters, reports, e-mail correspondence and addresses, photos, and financial records). Save to an external hard drive, a Zip drive or a CD or DVD burner.
3. Print out all of your passwords and the names of all the mailing lists and message boards of interest. Save this information where you can find it in the event of a hard disk crash or other disaster. There are many sites available on the web that allow you to search your family surnames at no charge, however, there are many who do require you to pay, such as Ancestry.com. Some of these sites offer free trials, allowing you to search your surname to see if a subscription would be worth your while. Be sure to list all passwords and vital information for entry to these sites in case of a hard drive failure on your computer. Listed below are a few "free" sites that I use frequently for researching.
4. Locate all of your software product keys. In the event of a hard disk crash you will have to re-install all of your computer software and you will need these product keys -- the numbers, letters or codes you must enter when installing some software. Make a record of these numbers. They are probably on your installation disk cases or sleeves. Without them you will have to buy new copies of your software -- and that can get expensive fast.
5. Find all of your software installation disks. Keep them in a safe storage place. Here's to safe computing in 2004. May your hard drive never fail or any of your files become corrupted, and may you find all those "lost" ancestors, family Bibles and documents, and precious photographs.

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Offer Lookups

Do you think you might have an ancestor who served in the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783)? Would you like to know whether your ancestor is listed with the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) in its "Patriot Index"? A helpful group of NSDAR VIS Volunteers monitor the RootsWeb DAR Message Board every day and welcome lookup requests.

Include your Revolutionary War-era ancestor's first and last name, spouse's name (if known), dates of birth, death, and state of residence when posting your lookup request. You need not be interested in joining the NSDAR to request a lookup <http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=topics.organizations.dar>

Welcome to Newton County Indiana GenWeb Project



www.rootsweb.com/~innewton

Links For Research and More

I have placed these sites on my "Favorite" list for easy access in researching family and general history. I also have favorite shopping sites when I would like to purchase reprinted local history books, microfilm or discs that have county information. *Let me clarify that our society does not endorse these sites, merely that I utilize them for research and purchasing.* -Beth Bassett

Family History Sites

www.genealogy.com
www.rootsweb.com
www.ellisland.org
<http://ssdi.rootsweb.com>
Soc. Security Death Index thru Jan 2004
www.familysearch.org (this is the Church of the Latter-day Saints sight)
www.hoosierheritage.net
List of virtual libraries in Indiana.
www.acpl.lib.in.us
Allen County Library
www.in.gov/serv/icpr_naturalization
Indiana State Archives Repository for all Indiana naturalization records prior to 1951.
www.statelib.lib.in.us
Indiana State Library
www.indianahistory.org
Indiana Historical Society
Local History Books and Records Sites
www.censusmicrofilm.com
www.heritagequest.com
We have added to our Resource Center library through these sites:
www.higginsonbooks.com
www.bookfinder.com

A Brush Stirs Up Business In Brook

Submitted by Beth Bassett

Ever wonder where that bathroom brush was made? This article written by Vera Cunningham tells you the story. *Pictured below is a post card promoting Mrs. Hess' Hide-A-Brush, and a photo of Ethel Hess, taken by Brook Camera Club member Robert Long, Jr.*

"I once had a teacher who was constantly telling the students, "What man has done, man can do." There might also be a slogan, "What woman has done, woman can do."

Women come face to face with one type of handicap or another, which limit some efforts each day. And what do they about it? Mostly nothing!

Mrs. Lee Hess, of Brook, was not a person to be easily defeated. She fought back. Ethel, as she was known to her friends, set about to overcome a problem which had bothered her for a long time. She achieved startling success. This incident can be an inspiration to many other women.

Dripping Brush

Ethel felt exasperated each morning as she cleaned the bathroom, because there was no place to keep the dripping toilet brush. One day, while in an irritated mood, she recalled having read a syndicated article concerning the inconveniences women find in the home. The writer wondered why women don't do something about these difficulties.

Ethel thought about this for a long time, when suddenly, in the small hours of the night, the design appeared in her mind. She arose, went downstairs and spent the remainder of the night making a cardboard pattern for a brush container. It appeared to be good.

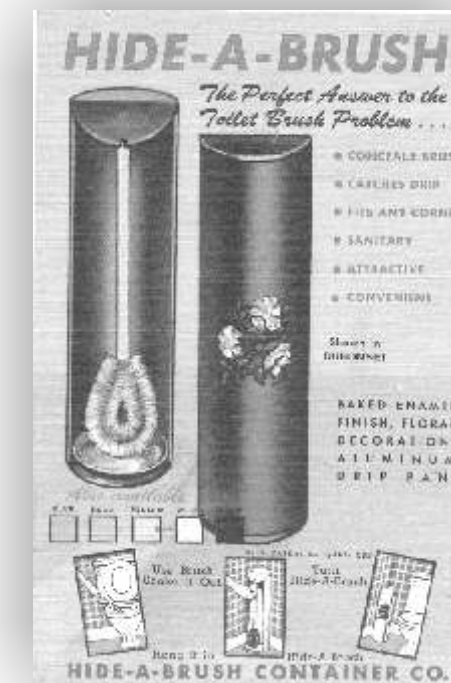
The next day, a metal worker made her a more permanent mode. Ethel showed the copy to her friends and to anyone who would look and listen, but even her husband seemed only lukewarm to the idea. One day a businessman, a friend of the family, asked her how she was getting along with her project. After hearing that she was unable to get anyone interested, he said, "Why don't you do it yourself?" that was the boost she needed.

Husband Believes

Bolstered by this slight bit of encouragement, Ethel went to Chicago with her husband, who by this time had been convinced that maybe something could be done with the design. They investigated the

cost of material, having a die made, packaging and other angles.

The second stepping stone was the contact with the late Paul Howell, a local machinist and a genius along many lines; who had grown tired of his current work. Mr. Howell invented temporary machinery from parts of a cream separator and other things and a few brush containers were practically made by hand and then hand sprayed. Some were



taken to Indianapolis, where one of the larger stores agreed to take six dozen on consignment.

Mr. and Mrs. Hess went to the city a few days later to watch the reaction of customers. They found the article selling like hotcakes. From that point, a business was launched. A factory was established in a former garage and soon Hide-a-brush containers were in major department and hardware stores spread all over the United States and its territories.

Mrs. Hess says that all was not smooth sailing. Most buyers for firms are men and they are not easily impressed. Finally, they would agree to make a small order and would be surprised at the result of sales. Women buyers were better product promoters.

Luck Helps

The designer claims but a small amount of credit for the accomplishment of her dream. Faith and luck played a great part. Chance remarks, such as "young lady, you really have a good idea", made by Mr. Snyder at a Ft. Wayne department store supported her morale. She was lucky to have a husband who had sales ability, to secure the assistance of a man who could invent machinery and lucky to fall in with personnel of a brush company which had a going sales organization.

This businesswoman says she is only a housewife and mother, but this endeavor in the business world had been fun. While there was satisfaction in seeing her idea work out satisfactorily, there have been pleasant business associations that were worth while. She made trips to San Francisco and Atlantic City to attend houseware shows, and



employment has been provided for a number of persons.

Mrs. Hess also has designed and manufactured a gadget called the Easy-pleat. She was very disgusted while trying to make pleats in material for window drapes, and thought that surely there might be an easier and quicker way. Consequently, another brain child evolved and was placed on the market.

Ethel Hess thought that women have many ideas, but they die a-borning because they are not developed.

Submitted from the Wash-O-Quois Museum Collection, Brook, Indiana.

Historically Yours

We have survived another winter and the future is looking good!! What more could we ask? I wouldn't mind the days of winter if the wind would not blow!! Golly, gee! A trip to the hairdresser soon turns into a disaster once you step outside.

This column is a hodge-podge of information you might, or might not, want to read. It isn't often that I am at a loss for words, but this seems to be one of those times.

Our family continues to make history - our oldest grandson has almost completed work for his masters degree in Library Science. He aspires to be a music librarian, therefore he needs to serve another internship, which he will do this summer. Damian has a degree in music from DePauw University, but DePauw does not offer a masters program, therefore he took classes at IUPUI while being employed at the Marion County Library in downtown Indianapolis. When it was time to serve his first internship, he moved to Bloomington and is now ready for the last internship. This is a first, no one in our family has a masters degree.

His brother, Jaman is a junior at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa and will graduate this December. He is now Rev. Jaman, however he is not ordained at this time. He plans to attend a Seminary in Maryland - why that state? Because the love of his life hails from Maryland and will attend law school there following her graduation from Oral Roberts this May. No one in our family is a minister and no one is a lawyer, so this too, is making history.

Grandson Dan, a junior at Purdue, has enlisted in the army and will graduate from basic training on March 16. He has been at Fort Jackson in South Carolina for his basic and has been told he will next be stationed in Virginia. This is the army we are talking

about, so who knows where he might be stationed? We do not have a soldier in our family - only a veteran of WWII, who is mighty important to all of us. Danny is following in his grandfather's footsteps, therefore our making history continues.

Our oldest son, Roger, is also making history. He has designed a chemical plant for the Noveon Company and is in Shanghai, China where he will oversee the construction of the largest Petro-Chemical plant in the world. This is not the first plant he has designed and it will probably not be the last, but it would be nice if he stayed on this side of the "pond" for a while and made history in the good old USA.

I recently received a letter from a 1954 graduate of Mount Ayr High School, who now lives in Phoenix. She was seeking the address of a fellow classmate and I responded via email, so now I have another source from whom to gather information for the Mount Ayr book.

I have also acquired several addresses of Mount Ayr alumnus I did not have and hopefully the names of the graduates will be ready to list on the web before this year is over.

Those of you who knew, and loved, Dr. Kingdon Brady will be saddened to learn of his death on March 7. He came to Morocco in 1956 and moved to Cleveland in 1962 when he decided to continue his education in Pathology. He later returned to Lafayette where he remained until retiring. Then they moved to Lake Freeman at Monticello, but spent their winters in Florida. He has battled cancer for the last few years.

Another point of interest in Newton County is the issue of the up-side-down bridge at Conrad. The bridge has been removed and will be returned to its original home once the repairs are completed. I was

one of the people who did not know the bridge had been erected up-side-down many years ago. I hope someone writes a history about this bridge someday. Perhaps it has been done and I am the last to know! Anyway, the history of that

By Newton County Historian
Donna LaCosse



Officially known as Newton County Bridge No. 57, it was built in 1915 by Elkhart Bridge and Iron Company, and it features a Warren truss. The 10 ton, one lane bridge that spans over Beaver Lake Ditch has been closed for over 10 years.

Known as a "deck truss", it is believed to be the last bridge of its type in Indiana. Deck trusses may only be used where a crossing is deep enough to accommodate both the road and the trusses without obstructing the waterway or requiring major earthen approaches.

The "up-side-down" name was given because the trusses were underneath the road instead of over it.

Kentland's Wirtz-Yates were awarded the job of removing the bridge located on County Road 700. The bridge has been sent to Stevens Iron Works in DeMotte for restoration.

Federal funding was secured by the county for restoration due to its historic value. The total cost of reconstruction is \$580,000, with the county responsible for 20% or \$116,000.

Newton County Enterprise Photos

bridge would be quite interesting to read.

And, it seems that I have found words to say even when I thought I was speechless. I am not sure the words are worthy of taking up this space in the *Newcomer*, but here they are for all to read and ponder over.

Just keep on making history and be sure to share it with the rest of us - if it is important to you, it is worth telling.

Internet Insights

By Beth Bassett

Climbing the Family Tree at Roots Web

It's the time of year when many newly minted genealogists fire up their computers for the first time and head out to explore the wilds of the Internet. It is also the time of year when many of us are

fondly looking back on family gatherings over the holidays and resolving to learn more about whether there is any truth to the stories Uncle Harry told about his grandmother being the descendant of a Cherokee princess.

If you are among the veterans of Internet genealogy, remember to be tolerant of the "Newbies" who pop up on the RootsWeb message boards and mailing lists. And, if you are one of the new comers, welcome, and here's some pointers to get you started.

A good place to start is with the RootsWeb homepage: <http://www.rootsweb.com/> The usual starting point on this page is to type in the names you are looking for in the search boxes at the top of the page, but remember, it is only a beginning in a few unique databases. Do not type in your own name and expect to find your family history already completed for you. The searches are for ancestors -- prior generations -- not for the living. If you do not find the information you had hoped to find using the search boxes it doesn't mean that there is nothing to be found for you at RootsWeb.

Explore the links under GETTING STARTED on the

homepage and, even if you are not new to genealogy, check out the RootsWeb Guide for information that will be helpful in your search for your ancestors. <http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/> Genealogical research isn't an "instant" hobby or pursuit, it usually takes some

time and effort to uncover names, dates, and other facts about your ancestors.

Explore all of the links on the homepage that interest you. You will probably find the next resources you will want to make use of will be the mailing lists and message boards. An index of all mailing lists at RootsWeb can be found at: <http://lists.rootsweb.com/> Navigate through the index pages to

find surname, locality, or topic lists that will be relevant in your searches. The index pages for each specific list include links to searchable and browseable archives where you can check to see whether your family has already been discussed on a list. You can also use the archives to get a "feel" for a list to help you decide whether you want to subscribe to the list or not.

Subscribing to mailing lists and using message boards at RootsWeb is entirely free. Once subscribed to a list you can unsubscribe at any time by following the simple instructions included in the welcome letter you receive at the time you subscribe. Save that letter for future reference and read it carefully.

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The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com website. At the top, it says "Ancestry.com The largest collection of family history records on the Web". There are navigation links for Home, My Ancestry, Search Records, Family Trees, Message Boards, Learning Center, and Shop. A search bar is present with a "GO!" button. Below the search bar, there are links for "All Boards", "Newton Board", and "Advanced Search". The main content area shows a list of messages for the "Newton (968)" board. The messages include:

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- Cyrus B. & Mary A. Scott : carolyn_wells -- 24 Feb 2004
- Biographical Sketches 1883 : Hobbick -- 19 Feb 2004
 - Re: Biographical Sketches 1883 : carolyn_wells -- 21 Feb 2004
 - Re: Biographical Sketches 1883 : Paula Hobbick -- 21 Feb 2004
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- Edgar Meeker/ Bishop/Kellogg : Marsha Bender -- 14 Feb 2004
- Frances Strayer Newton : Lorayne Strayer Hritz -- 3 Feb 2004

Do You Know?

By Janet Miller

1. Where in our county is the African-American Cemetery that is still in use today?
2. Where is the second largest Silver Maple tree in Indiana located?
3. What is the shape of the lake in Sun Aura?
4. How many Newton County service men died in World War I?
5. Where in Newton County is the bathtub that Al Capone bathed in? (answers: See page 15.)

Answers To Do You Know?

By Janet Miller
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1. The African-American Cemetery that is in use today in Newton County is located in McClellan Township in the boundaries of Willow Slough. It is called the Morgan Cemetery or Tracy Cemetery.
2. The second largest Silver Maple tree in Indiana is located near the Iroquois River in Washington Township in what is commonly called "Como Swamp". This is on the property of Todd Wright. The circumference of the tree is approximately 26 feet. Can anyone tell us why this area is called "Como Swamp"?
3. The shape of the lake in Sun Aura, located in Lincoln Township, is a heart.
4. According to the book *Indiana World War Records - Gold Star Honor Roll 1914-1918*, Newton County lost 18 men in this War. In the introduction to the book it states: A record of Indiana men and women who died in the service of the United States and the Allied Nations in the World War. The book was published by the Indiana Historical Commission, Indianapolis, 1921. The printing company was Fort Wayne Printing Co. Warren T. McCray, of Newton County, was a member of the Commission.
5. The location of the bathtub in which Al Capone bathed in is in the infamous Potucek house on Bluegrass Road in Lake Township.

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with the Lake Village Presbyterian Church choir. The young minister who served both churches arranged for Dorothy and Lloyd to sing a duet "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Six months later he officiated at their wedding.

Most of her early married years were taken up with home and family. Daughter, Kathryn Diane had been born in 1934; son William Franklin arrived in 1938. Dorothy also was busy with her music and historical studies. She served as choir director for 15 years, as church organist for 20 years. She wrote dozens of church anthems ("The Church Wherein I Worship" has been performed by choirs in the United States and Europe) and more popular choral and orchestral pieces. Morocco resident, Margaret Merchant, told me she had played her music on the piano many times, and she especially liked the song called "The Tall Cathedral Windows".

Dorothy began a collection of historical material concerning Indiana and the Lake Village area. "I hunted out rare editions of books," she explained, "and I listened to the older folks' tales of bygone days. Many gave me old letters and newspapers that had been held in their families for generations." One treasured set of letters was written by two young Civil War soldiers and the girl they both left back in Indiana. The triangle was broken tragically when the girl received a note from one of her beaux scrawled in handwriting hardly legible: "When you receive these few lines, I shall be no more. Goodby." It was dated August, 1864, New Orleans.

From her studies Dorothy learned about the Indians who had inhabited the Lake Village area when it was a vast prairie of blue grass so high that horses could graze there unseen. She learned of the first settlement of the area south of the Kankakee River by homesteaders in 1852. And her books and articles have reflected her continuing fascination with her adopted hometown.

Her first published book, *The After-Harvest Festival*, tells of a young girl growing up along the Kankakee during the Civil War. The book was honored by Indiana University as "the most distinguished work of children's literature by an Indiana author in 1955". Her second novel, *Andy's Dan'l Boone Rifle*, recounts the adventures of an Indiana settler's son and a Potawatomi Indiana boy. She also drew the illustrations in this book. The



Dorothy Arbuckle's published works.

picture on the dust jacket of the book was taken from a water color painted by her mother, Sylvia Fry. Dorothy's books may be found in the Brook, Morocco, and Lake Village libraries and at the Newton County Historical Society Research Center in Kentland.

In Burnett's article, he stated that "the Arbuckles were known to have one of Lake Village's most extensive book collections. High school students stopped by frequently to borrow a book or use the Arbuckle reference books. In 1942, Dorothy started a tradition of opening her home from 4 to 5 p.m. each day for the students. As the number of visitors increased, the community leaders decided that Lake Village needed a town library. Different programs were offered to the public, admission charge was a book. The Lake Village Memorial Library was established in 1944 in the basement of the grade school building with 500 books. The community continued to host dances and carnivals to fund their library. In 1946 the library was transferred to the Arbuckle storage building near their business office. Construction was begun on a new permanent library in 1960."

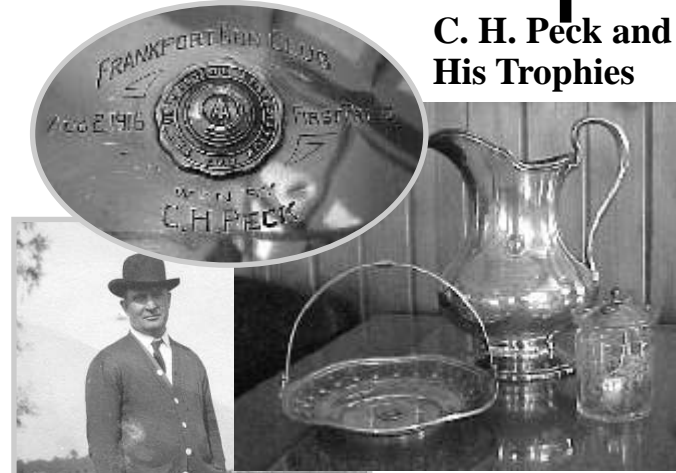
In "The History of Newton County, 1985", we know that Mrs. Thane Montgomery, Mrs. Karl Kuster, Mrs. Leslie Hardy and Dorothy were the organizers of The Lake Village Book Club which would sponsor a library, as a living memorial to the boys of World War II. Two months after it's organization, a dedication service was held. Two hundred books were donated by the public for this first library, which was housed in an unused basement schoolroom with a hired librarian. A fee of \$1.00 per year, per family was charged but by 1946, the Book Club was allowed to turn the library into a free township library.

Dorothy designed the new library and was a prime player in the building project. She had served as librarian through these years at a salary of one dollar a year. The library was constructed through donations by local people. The land was donated by Angeleus Kocoshis, as was much time by carpenters, plumbers and electricians. The building was dedicated a year later at a cost of less than \$10,000. The cost of this building had been paid by the people of Lake Village, both past and present. The library is still used today, thanks to the efforts of the Arbuckles and others who made this dream become a reality.

Dorothy passed away on November 14, 1982 at the age of 72, and was laid to rest in the Lake Village Cemetery.

Reader Response

C. H. Peck and His Trophies



An item that appeared in the "Pages of the Past" feature in a recent edition of *The Newcomer*, inspired society member Mike Williamson to gather together his great-grandfather, C.H. Peck's gun trophies, and to add a bit of background to his life and times in Newton County.

Mike shared a note from his Uncle Dean Peck Bowman, in 1982. This note gives Mike's family an insight to their ancestors, and this brief notation about C.H. Peck.

"Some years before the great depression, (1930-31), C.H. Peck started a general store, and it was quite a success. He was quite a guy. He knew senators and congressmen, Harry Stutz (Bearcat Automobile), and several famous people due in large part to his participation in trap shooting and his personality."

Pictured above is C.H. Peck, and some of the many trophies he acquired over the years participating in clay shooting tournaments throughout Indiana. Mike has acquired three of them, shown here, but he knows that several other family members have them as well. These are from the Frankfort Gun Club, The Wolcott Gun Club and Logansport Gun Club trophy shoots.



Family Heirloom

The chiming of this family heirloom has been heard by four generations of the Bassett family of Morocco.

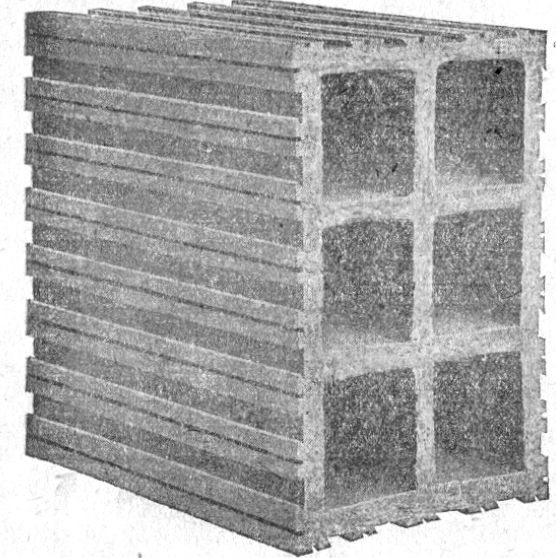
Manufactured by the Ansonia Clock Company of New York, USA, it was purchased at Attica, Indiana, by Issac Bassett in 1887. Tender loving care over the years has kept it good as new. It strikes at the top and 1/2 hour as it did from the first day. - Submitted by Lorene Bassett

Do You Know . . .

Why is it referred to as Cox's Corner?

In the last Newcomer the question was asked if anyone knew why the corner of county roads 900S and 550W in Washington Township was referred to as Cox's Corner.

The only response came from member Larry Holderly. He states that if you refer to the 1904 map of Newton County, a gentleman by the name of Valentine Cox was the owner of 280 acres on the southeast corner of that crossroads. Perhaps that is why it is referred to as Cox's Corner. In researching the *Counties of Warren, Benton, Jasper and Newton, Indiana 1883*, Valentine C. Cox was a native of Delaware County, Ohio, and a buyer and seller of land. He traded 400 acres of land in Ohio for 200 in Washington Township and moved here in 1868. He was married to Martha C. Bishop and they were the parents of eight children: infant dau. (deceased), William, Frank, Herbert, Eddie, Addie, Hattie and Emma. According to the sketch, Mr. Cox made many improvements on his farm, having a fine dwelling-house and outbuildings and one of the finest wells of water in the county.



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The Brook Terra Cotta, Tile and Brick Company.

While researching material for the upcoming Brook Sesquicentennial Collection, I discovered this ad that visualizes one of the products from the kilns of the Brook Terra Cotta Tile and Brick Company. - Beth Bassett

Poet's Corner

Dorothy Fry Arbuckle
D.A.R. Poetry Entry - Tied for 3rd Place Nationally

"Reflections: 1782"

I lie abed; feel surging fever rage;
What torture body, soul, endured each day!
Now Robert Shurtlef fades away - to stay -
A symbol, grasping for a world so new;
A world to conquer; liberate; make free.
My mind is whirling like a giant wheel,
Remembering, though mist of troubled thoughts:
In flame of battle's fire, I knew desire -
Desire to prove myself, for all I love;
My God; my land; good things; sweet peace.

Tonight I twist beneath the star spun sky
And shake with fear, and ache from musket's bore.
How can I be someone I do not know?
How can I go to struggle once again?
A coward? No! Although I fall in youth,
Perhaps in death I may perceive a place
For me; alone. Each time I hear the scream
Of crafty crow, defying man to bring
Him down to ground, I sense a kinship's sound;
My life has ever held but meager store -

What future was beyond green Plympton's breadth?
The hue for able-bodied patriots
Did challenge me. I left my narrow view;
A Private; Captain Webb's 4th Regiment
Of Foot . . . to win a war; my goal; my aim.
Oh! Robert Shurtlef, grid yourself anew;
Excel! Surpass! Keep honor's song! Be strong!
Through haze, and days ago, attack - intense -
Der Fiend! Haraus! (The enemy! Turn out!)
The Hessian's blatant shout, no barricade

For Washington! No routed, he! "Advance!
The foe will flee as leaves before the wind!"
Though ragged we and sickness took sad toll,
No man would stop. Each knew his fate was tied
To this bold man, upon his great white horse!
One hand upheld, he dared his comrades: MARCH!
And march we did, through snow, through river's ice
And on. Bare footed, gnawed by hunger's spear
We marched for him; quite proud to be that wedge
Through British flanks, whose ranks we split in two.

Four hundred miles some men had trudged in length
From Massachusset's Bay to Georgia's shore,
For country's firming stance. Could I have stood
Their weary tramp? am I a weakling then?
Oh, Bunker Hill! Oh, Brandywine! Briar Creek!
Some men have fought the whole; while I do praise
I long to be as sure as those who fell.
With help I sought to wrest from Tory's hoard
The food they stored away; but trapped we were
In skirmish wild, in sight of gunshot's eye.

I dropped across a beardless youth, and breast
To breast we were. Our blood as one, and red
As crimson coat he wore. His filming eyes,
Askance, did seem to plea: "Why me? Why me?"
I retched; I rolled apart; ashamed; debased.
Raw hurt so great in head, in leg--Dear God!
I killed a fellow man! What profit there?
In Yorktown's fray, a fever undid me:
A doctor's voice: "A female soldier! Well!
She's SAMPSON, Deborah! Quite brave! Do tell!"



The Arbuckle family, left to right, , Dorothy, son Bill, daughter Kathryn, and husband Lloyd from their 25th Wedding celebration. from "The History of Newton County, 1985".

How Ade Got It's Name

Hazelden, Brook, Indiana
May 17, 1905
Dear Father:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Hotchkiss of Chicago in regard to the naming of the new station on the railroad. If you don't wish to be immortalized now is your time to object.

I heard that he was going to glorify me by giving my name to the station, so I wrote to him and begged him not to do so. I suggested, also, the name of Bluford. I did not request him to name the station Ade, but I did say that if any one in our family was to get any credit here in Newton County it should be you on account of your long association with Newton County affairs.

If, for any reason, you prefer not to have the name used perhaps you had better communicate with Mr. Hotchkiss. Personally, I don't see why you should object.

Am coming over to see you in a day or two-as soon as the weather and the roads will permit.

Give my love to all.
Sincerely, George Ade.

More On W.W. Pfrimmer

By Damon Howell

Regarding the article in the latest Newcomer, enclosed is some additional information about W.W. Pfrimmer that I uncovered this past week at the Goshen Public Library and Elkhart Public Library. The fact that he appears in several books would indicate that there may be other books or periodicals out there with information about W.W. Pfrimmer.

I found his name listed in the following books: *Indiana Authors and their Books, 1816-1916*

You had mentioned this book in your article. The copy that I have lists the birth date as Jan. 27. Your article stated Jan. 17.

The Hoosier Year of 366 Indiana Writers and Speakers

A book that showcases the many Indiana writers and speakers. As the foreword mentions, not only did Indiana have a dozen or so well known authors but many other lesser known authors-enough to have a different writer or speaker for each day of the year. W.W. Pfrimmer appears for February 13.

Poets and Poetry of Indiana

This is a collection of poetry of Indiana from 1800 to 1900. It was published in 1900. This is a book of nearly 500 pages. The poems are classified under eight categories: Poems of Patriotism; Poems of Childhood; Poems of Home; Poems of Sentiment; Poems of Nature; Songs and Sonnets; In Dialect; and Miscellaneous. Two poems of W.W. Pfrimmer are included in this book. The poem "Rainy Days at the Farm" appears under the category of Poems of Nature and the poem "Pap's come back ter Indiany" appears under the category of In Dialect.

There are many illustrations of poets in the book. W. W. Pfrimmer appears between page 292 and 293. (The illustrations are not allotted a page number). At the end of the book is a nice section of biographical notes. In addition to a biography of W. W. Pfrimmer, the name W. W. Pfrimmer also appears in the biography of Dr. James Newton Mathews and James Whitcomb Riley. Note that the birthdate of W.W. Pfrimmer is listed as Jan. 29.

A Bibliography of James Whitcomb Riley- W. W. Pfrimmer is mentioned on page 60 and 245 of the bibliography.

I did a quick research of James Whitcomb Riley. Riley was born in 1849 in Indiana. He was the son of a lawyer. He left school at age 16 and for ten years, traveled

about the Ohio Valley learning the Hoosier dialect and the way of the people. And of course, many of his poems are written in the Hoosier dialect.

Since Pfrimmer was born in 1856 and Riley in 1849 -a difference of only 7 years - it is possible that Riley and Pfrimmer crossed paths. Pfrimmer's poem "Pap's Come Back to Indiany" has a Riley sound to it. Pfrimmer's quote of Riley "he is this side of forty" makes one think that Pfrimmer had met Riley. And Pfrimmer lived in southern Indiana (Ohio Valley) for a while, and may have met Riley when he (Riley) was wandering around Indiana. In fact the biography of James Whitcomb Riley in *Poets and Poetry of Indiana* mentions W. W. Pfrimmer as Mr. Riley's friend and admirer.

Another comparison could be that Riley was the son of a lawyer and Pfrimmer studied law. Also, Daniel A. Pfrimmer, the father of William Pfrimmer, was Newton County Treasurer from 1872-76, according to the *Standard Histories of Jasper and Newton Counties Indiana by Hamilton and Darroch*.

Also note that W. W. Pfrimmer apparently has a poem entitled, "An Answer to Riley's 'Deer Crick'", and has submitted material on Riley. It appears that both of these writings appear in the book, *The Days Gone By*. It would be interesting to read Riley's "Deer Crick" and Pfrimmer's "An Answer to Riley's Deer Crick". I have not

found the book *The Days Gone By*.

I checked into the book entitled *Letters of James Whitcomb Riley* by William Lyon Phelps hoping that Pfrimmer would be mentioned in one of Riley's letters but he was not. Another biography of Riley also proved the same.

Hoosier Wit & Wisdom Volume II

This little Two Volume set was written by John Blue who was from Rensselaer and lived in Jasper County all of his life. It was published in 1987-just a few years ago.

In each volume there are about 10 authors listed. W.W. Pfrimmer is in Volume II. In Volume I, there are short biographies of John Ade and George Ade. In the George Ade biography, it mentions that James Whitcomb Riley would visit George from time to time. Riley would sit under a tree and recite poetry. The tree became known as the "Riley Tree." One wonders if W.W. Pfrimmer paid a visit to Hazelden during one of Riley's visits. As John Blue mentions in his article, James Whitcomb Riley influenced the writings of several poets.

Also, as mentioned in one of his biographical notes, many of his (Pfrimmer's) best poems have been read (that means written down) but have not appeared in print.

I wonder then, if they have been thrown away or whether they are in an attic of someone's house. - Damon

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galloping mules. He was on the go all of the time-a 'raring' tearing compacted bundle of energy. No wonder he had thousands and thousands of acres and half the local population on his payroll as herdsmen or field hands.

"A.J., he was called, but not to his face. His manner was brusque and direct, as became a forty-niner and one who sailed around the Horn to trade with China."

Ade told a story of just a few years before his own time, remembered among the citizens, a story of A.J. handing five dollar bills to each member of a company of volunteers "marching through the depot to entrain for Dixie".

"One of my early and vivid recollections is that of A.J. hailing our Methodist minister right in front of the big double-front general store.

"What kind of a town is this to let a preacher go around wearing old clothes? he

demanded, in a very fine spirit of rage. "you come with me. He took the bewildered minister by the arm and led him into the store and outfitted him with a suite of clothes, shirts, socks, 'galluses' and hat and everything that could be draped upon a needy Methodist.

"A.J. was an impressive and commanding figure, even if he didn't weigh many pounds. He was a pious observer of Sunday and seemed quite another person when he put on his black broad-cloth."

In the *Sunday Evening Post* story, Ade remarks, "If the rugged promoters of the preceding century happened to be looking down from a mother-of-pearl parapet, they must have been thrilled to learn that all that land which they bought for a dollar an acre was being held at \$350 to \$400 an acre."

Wouldn't their heads spin at today's prices! - Editor's note.

People, Places & Things

Submitted by Beth Bassett

The following article appeared in the April 30, 1914 issue of *The Newton County Enterprise*, following the news of Mr. Ade's sudden passing. A full account of his death appeared before his obituary follows here.

"A brief message received in Kentland Tuesday afternoon from Valparaiso announced the sudden death of John Ade, Newton County's grand old man and first citizen.

"Death occurred at 2:30, and came suddenly and peacefully. Mr. Ade was attending the Republican congressional convention, which was in session in that city. He was in his usual good health when he left Kentland in the morning, and had made no complaint of feeling ill on the trip. Reports from those who were at his side in the convention hall, state that he merely sank down in his seat and expired. The human machinery that had operated for nearly 86 years without a sickness hardly worthy to mention, simply stopped.

"Mr. Ade was chairman of the committee on resolutions and it was during the reading of the platform into which he had written his ideals of Republicanism that death came. Mr. Ade was seated on one of the front seats, and near him were John Higgins and Isaac Smart of this place, Henry Griggs of Goodland, Lawrence Lyons of Brook, A. B. Jenkins of Morocco, Rev. C. E. Downey of Mt. Ayr and Mr. Overmoyer of Roselawn, representatives from this county. When the resolution committee was called for a report, Mr. Ade arose, took a copy of the platform from his pocket and with the explanation that his voice was too feeble to be heard by all the delegates, he asked that Mr. George P. Haywood of Lafayette read the report.

"Mr. Haywood was in the midst of the platform when Mr. Ade was seen to be sinking in his chair. Those near him offered assistance, but almost instantly his head fell backward, a slight gasp escaped his lips, and his body relaxed lifeless.

"Several attempted to lift Mr. Ade, but failed. Suddenly a tall man bearing a striking resemblance to Abraham Lincoln pushed his way to the dying man. With the strength of a giant and the gentleness of a woman he stooped over, took Mr. Ade in his arms and carried him to the entranceway of the theatre where a resting place was

provided. It was hoped that the fresh air would bring a return of consciousness, but the end had come. The man who carried Mr. Ade from the theatre is S. B. Sweetz of Shirley.

"Physicians in attendance made an examination and applied restoratives, but Mr. Ade was beyond medical help.

"Within the theatre the delegates supposed Mr. Ade had merely fainted and was speedily concluding the business.

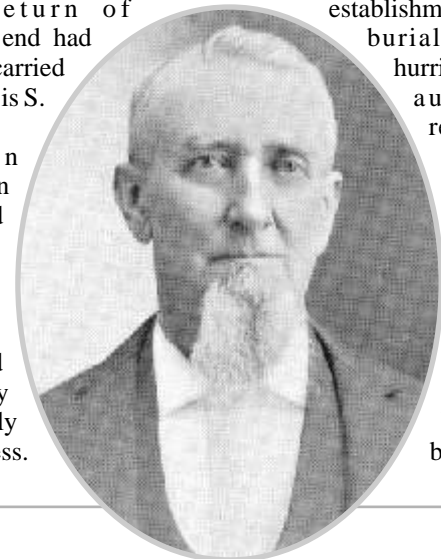
Judge Crumpacker was chairman, and Senator Will R. Wood, the nominee of the convention for congressman of this district, was making a short speech, when announcement of Mr. Ade's death was made. At the suggestion of Judge Crumpacker the delegates arose and with bowed heads stood in reverence to the memory of John Ade. The tribute was more eloquent than words could have made it. The delegates marched solemnly out of the convention hall.

"Following the impressive silence, K. T. Sills of Monticello added the explanation that Mr. Ade had taken great interest in the making of the platform, and that the plank relating to the Mexican war was presented exactly as he had written it, and that his original draft had been preserved. As his last public utterance we give the plank herewith:

"We condemn the inefficiency of the present administration in its dealings with Mexico and its recklessness in handling the national finances in its implied promise of payment to Columbia and apologizing for former actions in our dealings with that country."

"The immediate friends of Mr. Ade from this county, joined by Rev. A. T. Briggs, who was a visitor at the convention, and by Judge and Mrs. Crumpacker, gave every attention within their power, Mrs. Crumpacker urging that the body be taken to her home, but time did not permit this.

"An ambulance was called and the



John Ade

body was removed to an undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. An inquest was hurriedly held and also an autopsy, the latter revealing no organic affection of the heart.

"George Davis of Chicago, a grandson of the deceased, was notified and reached Valparaiso at 7:30. George Ade and Joseph Ade drove through, reaching Valparaiso shortly before midnight. All preparations for the trip home had been made, and as they were to leave at 5 o'clock yesterday

morning it was thought best to leave the remains at the undertaking rooms.

"The funeral cortege came by way of Englewood, reaching Kentland at 10:15 yesterday forenoon. The casket was removed to the late home, where the body will lay in state until the hour of the funeral, which is set for 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

"The receipt of the brief telegram announcing his death cast a sorrowful gloom over Kentland and Newton County, within the borders of which there is not a man, woman or child who did not consider Mr. Ade their friend.

"We believe we express the truth in stating that had Mr. Ade been privileged to choose the manner of his departing he would have made no change. He was man of wonderful vitality, self-dependant, wishing to cause no trouble or concern about his welfare, and above all he was participating in the activities of life, in which he refused to surrender interest. He died as he had lived. Long live his memory."

John Ade was born at Lawes, England, September 18, 1828, the son of John and Esther Wood Ade. At the age of twelve he came to America with his parents. They boarded a sailing vessel at London and followed the Thames to Portsmouth. The voyage lasted 45 days and it was while in mid-ocean that he became acquainted with

Two Ades Describe Prairie Scene as Settlement Began

By Beth Bassett

Looking through my old files, I ran across copies of a newspaper clipping published on May 13, 1961 in the *Lafayette Journal and Courier*, and written by J. H. McKee. I believe that Gerald Born had passed this along to me at one time for consideration of just this article.

Writer McKee did a wonderful job in merging the histories of John Ade and his son George Ade. Those being John Ade's "Newton County 1853-1911", published three years prior to his death, and an article written by George Ade that was published in the *Saturday Evening Post* on July 4, 1931 entitled "Prairie Kings of Yesterday."

Excerpts of John Ade's history have been reprinted and referenced in many articles and history books published by the society, as it should be, as it contains an insight to the pioneers of that era, as well as facts and folklore pertaining to the area as a whole.

Mr. McKee recanted the tale given by John Ade regarding the family arriving in our Newton County from Ohio in 1853 to keep store in Morocco. The trouble the family had crossing the Mud creek where Adaline slipped and was wet "nearly to her knees."

He included John Ade's description of the area upon arrival, the openness of the area, "before settlements were established outside the timber, there was nothing to check the force of the storms, especially the wind storms, which swept across the open prairie for many miles without trees, buildings or fences to check their violence. John Ade's history then continues with the story of locals Hildreth and Frame being caught in a snowstorm in the afternoon. The two decided that the only way of surviving would be to kill their horses and climb inside the carcasses to stay warm. Hildreth to kill Frame's horse, and when that became cold, then Frame was to kill Hildreth's horse. Frame died toward morning, with Hildreth surviving.

"In breaking the raw prairie, oxen were used exclusively. Generally, there were four or five yoke of oxen to each plow. There were several reasons for using oxen. One was the scarcity of feed necessary for horses. Oxen could be worked all day and then turned out on the prairie, where they would get plenty of grass and be ready for work again the next morning. Another reason was that the 'green head flies' were so thick and such a torment that it was almost impossible to use horses. And still another reason was, a team of oxen could be rigged out more cheaply than a team of horses."

"John Ade remarked that the first people who came into the northwestern part of Indiana were hunters, and squatters-who would likely move on presently; then came men who would register a small amount of land, and build some fair family shelter."

At this point in the article, Mr. McKee begins with George Ade's version of the pioneers of the area, from his point of view.

"Not all the pioneers lived in log cabins", stated George Ade, "the real conquerors of the wilderness did not wear coonskin caps, following a fashion set by Daniel Boone and Kit Carson, and they were not intent upon shooting squirrels, fishing the sluggish streams or looking for bee trees. No, they wore beaver hats, just the same as James Buchanan, and their Sunday clothes were of broadcloth, and

they favored the high stock collar and the encircling cravat, such as you have admired in the likenesses of Henry Clay, James K. Polk and Old Hickory.

"They were masterful and aggressive characters who came into our part of the country from York State or New England and brought with them the manners and highly civilized traditions of the East. The feudal lords siezed upon thousands and thousands of acres of rich, raw prairie and lived in mansions, with Brussels carpet on their floors and decanters of port on the walnut sideboard. They owned vast herds of cattle and employed small armies of men.

"Nearly all of them were alive when I was a small boy, and I had the privilege of looking up at many of them in awe and reverence. They wrested riches from the virgin soil and gambled desperately against a changeable market for livestock.

"That raw country up from the Wabash was ripe picking for the brave young men who came in from the East.

"When I was a boy, it seemed to

me that all the land around our mud-beleaguered railway stop was owned by Alexander Kent, and all the land to the north was owned by Lemuel Milk, and all the territory to the south was controlled by Ed Sumner.

"Lemuel Milk was an "imposing gentleman of heroic proportions". In 1852 he acquired 25,000 acres in Iroquois County, Illinois. He and his partners came over into our county and bought about 40,000 acres in the Beaver Lake region. They drained 9,000 acres of wet spots. He had on the lake range at one time 10,000 sheep, 2,500 cattle and 300 horses. One cornfield covered 2,000 acres.

"Mrs. Sumner-Abigail-was a very intelligent and capable woman, and she must have been a big-hearted hostess, for the Sumners kept open house through many years for all travelers moving north and south along the old Chicago Trail. Supplies were brought home in a two-wheeled oxcart, often through messy quagmires". A Sumner story: "One day a contractor who was building some houses for Ed Sumner came into my father's bank to cash a check. The check was written on a large yellow-pine shingle,

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and devotion to wife and children. He was married on May 20, 1851, to Adaline Bush, and for 56 years the couple lived happily together, Mrs. Ade passing away January 26, 1907. To this union were born seven children, namely, Mrs. Anna Randall, now residing in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Alice Davis, Emma, who died young, Will H., Joseph and George Ade, and Mrs. Ella McCray."

John Ade was laid to rest at Fairlawn Cemetery in Kentland, with hundreds of people in attendance to gather to pay their last respects to "the grand old man and first citizen."

Focus On Families

Our website has been very busy over the winter months. Many new inquiries are being placed on the Newton County Message board, and I have had several e-mails regarding look-ups and thank you notes regarding the content of our site. I received such an e-mail from Kathy Gray, a descendent of Daniel Gray, who settled in Grant Township in 1868, and later moved into the town of Goodland. She was delighted that we had the cemetery records on line, and wanted me to know how much she appreciated the efforts made to get this information available. I returned her e-mail suggesting that she write up her experience and family history so that I could share it with the members of the historical society. The following letter soon appeared in my mailbox.

Kathy A. Gray, 3630 Paradise Drive
Tiburon, CA 94920 415-435-3419
brushofcolor@sbcglobal.net
December 28, 2003
Dear Beth,

Enclosed is a copy of my Great, Great Grandfather, Daniel Gray's obituary for your use and to keep. I'm thrilled that you want to use it in your next newsletter.

I'm originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota. I moved to California (Marin County, just north of San Francisco) to live by the sea. I have been working on my family history for about 3 years now. How I got started was from my job working as picture framer. My customers would come in with their old family heirloom photographs of family members that have passed on, and would get them framed. But besides framing the old



Daniel Gray, Kathy Gray's great-great grandfather, 1813-1905

photograph, they would also bring in a special plaque made up with the deceased name, the date that they were born, and the date that they died. I would frame both

elements together inside the frame. Well, I thought what a wonderful way to document and honor that individual. I wanted to frame a picture of my grandfather in the same way, but nobody knew in my family exactly when he died or for that matter when he was born. So I sent away for his death certificate. When the document arrived in the mail, I was hooked on genealogy. I was so excited to get this new information.

On my mother's side, which is Irish, I have been able to trace back to my 2nd Great Grandfather, John Crotty, from Waterford County, Ireland. My Mother, Geraldine Marie Sheehan, was a legal secretary. Her father, Thomas J. Sheehan was a conductor on a train. His father, Daniel Sheehan was a farmer in Canada. My mother's mother, Mary Crotty, was a homemaker. Her father, Corneilus Crotty was a farmer in Canada. Corneilus's father, John Crotty was farmer in Ireland.

On my father's side, which is a little bit of everything: German, Dutch, Danish, Welsh, English, I have only been able to trace back to my second great grandfather, Daniel Gray, who was born in Wheeler, Steuben County, New York, (my research is still in the United States). I know his father was born in the state of Connecticut through a census record, but I don't his name.

My father, Trevor Edwin Gray, served in World War II, was a cab driver, but he also was a very fine artist. He never made a living at his art, but he was very talented, he played the piano by ear, and he had a dry sense of humor, which I just loved. His mother, Leona Lauson was Danish. Her parents came from Denmark. His father, Caryl Henry Gray, was an auto mechanic. As I remember him, he was a very kind and gentle man. I've questioned my

aunt as to what she remembers about her father. She told me when she was a little girl, in the wintertime, he would heat up bricks and then place them under her mattress so

Gray Family of Grant Township

By Beth Bassett

she would be warm when she went to bed at night. My great, grandfather, William J. Gray was a farmer and a lumberman. He married Lillian E. Caryl, and they had 5 children, Daniel H., born Dec. 6, 1888, died April 3, 1963; Caryl Henry, my grandfather, born Jan. 19, 1892, died June 28, 1958; Fred, twin to Caryl, born January 19, 1892, died November 27, 1984; Robert, born Feb. 14, 1898, died September 30, 1899; Thomas Edwin, born October 18, 1900, died December 10, 1915. They lived on their farm in Wisconsin. I don't have much information about my great-grandfather.

Mostly my ancestors were farmers. The only folklore that was told to me as a child was that there was a town named after our family in Dunn County, Wisconsin called Graytown. I visited Menomonie Library which is near by, and researched that folklore. I discovered that Gray town was founded by Aaron B. Gray which was my great uncle. It was through reading Aaron B. Gray's obituary that I discovered his father's name, Daniel Gray, and that he was born in Wheeler, Steuben County, New York.

This past August, my cousin, Carol visited the Mormon Family History Library in Utah. She discovered through a census record that Daniel Gray was living in his later years in Newton County, Indiana. She phoned me up to tell me the new information. I then got on the internet, and typed in Newton County, Indiana, and found "Indiana Gen Web" site. To my surprise, I discovered that this wonderful web site had listed all the cemeteries in Newton County. It was just a matter of elimination before I discovered, Goodland Cemetery, and ran across the name, Daniel Gray. I knew it was a match, by the other family member's names were the same as on the census records. For an example, his wife's name was Lydia Gray. Armed with this new information, I wrote a letter to the Indiana State Library, requesting a search for Daniel Gray's obituary.

On December 16, 2003, from the Indiana State Library, I received not only a copy of my great, great grandfather's obituary, but also a photo of him. I couldn't have been more thrilled. I have discovered that he was very much involved in politics and was elected a member of the legislature from Steuben County, New York and served in the session of 1859-60. He believed

strongly in the Republican Party. I find this so interesting about one of my ancestors. It's not just another set of dates, but something new about this man's personality. It gives my family history more texture.

I'm so grateful to you Beth and your work with this web site. You have helped me add so much more to my family history. You have no idea how much this means to me. To you and the staff, many, many thanks. - Kathy Gray

Obituary of Lydia Myrtle Gray, The Kentland Gazette, May 5, 1882.

The wife of Mr. Daniel Gray, of Goodland, died at her home in that place, on Friday last. We learn that Mrs. Gray was long afflicted with that fatal scourge, consumption, which has just terminated fatally. Mr. Gray will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this county.

Obituary of Daniel Gray, The Goodland Herald, April 1, 1905.

Daniel Gray was born in Wheeler, Steuben County, New York, August 7, 1813, and was 91 years, 7 months and 17 days of age at the time of his death, which occurred Friday, night, March 24, 1905.

Deceased was married November 19, 1835, to Lydia Myrtle, who departed this life April 29, 1882. To this union ten children were born, 6 of whom are still living, viz: Thomas and Caroline, of Goodland. Mrs. Orr Winterset, Iowa, Aaron and William, Grayville, Wis., and James P. of Fort Wayne, Ind. There are now living eighteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. Gray was elected a member of the legislature from Steuben County, N.Y., and served in the session of 1859-60. His first presidential vote was cast for William Henry Harrison; he was a firm believer in the principles enunciated by the Republican party and was active and prominent in its ranks until age intervened, and even then he retained the keenest interest in all of the political movements of the day.

In 1868, deceased came to Newton County and located upon a farm near Goodland, where he resided for several years. Later he moved to town and has since been an honored member of this community.

Mr. Gray was a man of high character and broad intellect. He was a thinker with the courage of his conviction, logical and just in his estimate of men and measures. He was possessed of a fine memory and to him life's lessons had left indelible impressions. His long life, covering as it did the most interesting events in the history and

development of this country, was an interesting book to those who were honored with his friendship and permitted to glance at its pages.

Daniel Gray belonged to that class of men possessed of a sturdy integrity, a keen intellect and a mind with the power of right thinking and the sentiment of right doing, to which the world owes the debt for the higher standard and conditions of life.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Rev. Magill officiating. The large number present testified to the highest esteem in which the deceased was held in this community. The pall bearers, all old time neighbors and friends, were W. W. Gilman, Robert Henderson, Geo. Ormiston, John Cochran, J. M. Wilson and A. T. Stevens. The remains were buried in the Goodland cemetery.

After receiving copies of her great-great grandfather and grandmother's obituaries, that Kathy received from the Indiana State Library, I thought I would try to research a bit more material for her. I checked census records beginning with 1870-1930, and found that the family did live in the town of Goodland, and that there were other Grays in the county at the time as well. I checked the local history books and found the following biographies.

From the *Biographical Sketches of the Town of Goodland, and Grant Township,*

Newton County, Indiana. As published in the 1883 History of Warren, Benton, Jasper and Newton Counties.

Daniel Gray, Justice of the Peace and ex-County Commissioner, is a native of Steuben County, N.Y., a son of Levi and Trypheana (Baker) Gray, born August 7, 1818, the second of ten children, and of English descent. His father was one of the pioneers of Steuben County, and died there November, 1863. His mother died at Tiffin, Ohio, August 1882. The education of Daniel Gray was confined to the common schools of New York, and Franklin Academy of Plattsburg, N.Y. was married, November 19, 1835 to Miss Lydia Myrtle, daughter of Philip and Margaret Myrtle, of Steuben County, N.Y. Ten children have been born to them, Carrie, Thomas J., Catharine, Clara, Aaron, Ellen, Henry, James, Francis and William. Of these, three are deceased. Mrs. Gray died April 26, 1882, aged sixty-nine year. In 1868, Mr. Gray came to Grant Township, Newton County, and settled on a farm one and a half miles from Goodland. In March, 1881, he moved to Goodland, Newton County. He cast his first Presidential vote for Harrison in 1836. In 1859, he was elected a member of the General Assembly of the State of New York, from Steuben County. He also filled the unexpired term of Richard Curren as County Commissioner. As a citizen, he is much

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Kathy Gray's paternal grandparents, Leona Christian (Lausen) and Caryl Henry Gray.

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respected, and is one of the most enterprising men of the county.

T. J. Gray, dealer in hardware, stoves and agricultural implements, is a native of Steuben County, N. Y. and is a son of Daniel and Lydia (Myrtle) Gray, the second in a family of ten children, and of English descent. The early education of Mr. Gray was confined to the common schools of his native State. He also attended Franklin Academy, at Plattsburg, N.Y. and the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, at Lima, N.Y. He has

acquired a thorough business education. He followed the occupation of a farmer until he came to Indiana in 1868. His marriage occurred December 16, 1866, to Cornelia Bellis, daughter of Charles and Eliza Bellis, born at Jerusalem, Yates County, N.Y. To this marriage was born one child - Clara, who is deceased, died April 1881. In 1870, Mr. Gray engaged in the hardware business in Goodland, in partnership with Ports Wilson. He has now been

in this business alone seven years, has \$10,000 invested, and is one of the successful merchants of Goodland. He has also a farm near town. He is a radical Republican, cast his first Presidential vote for Lincoln. In 1879, he was elected Treasurer of the town of Goodland, which office he now holds. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gray has always manifested an enterprising spirit, and is one of the leading businessmen and influential citizens of Goodland.

This discovery only led to further attempts to put a bit more background information together for Kathy. I searched birth, death and marriage records, looked again through the cemetery listings, and

armed with this information began for obituaries. This would be quite a task, due to the fact that we did not know the actual date of death of many of the descendants of Daniel Gray. Remembering that



Kathy Gray's father, Trevor Edwin Gray



Mary Agnes Crotty, Kathy Gray's maternal grandmother

Velma Dart had provided us with the Goodland Cemetery Record Book, I thought I might be able to pin the dates down, unfortunately, nothing.

So the search began with the Newton County Enterprise, available at the Resource Center in Kentland, then to the Brook Library to search the Brook Reporter microfilm, and then on to the Goodland Library to search the Goodland Herald microfilm there. Wouldn't you know, the year that I need for

Thomas J. (T.J.) was not in their files. Joyce, the librarian, went to the extra effort to look into their closets to see if those original papers of the year 1908-1909 were there, and no, they were not. For some reason, those years were not saved, or microfilmed. What a loss for researchers.

For a family to hold such a prominent position in our county, nothing at this point in time could be found! I then visited the Wisconsin Rootsweb site, to place an inquiry regarding Aaron Gray, one of Daniel's sons who had moved to Dunn County, Wisconsin, and

had a town named in his honor, Graytown. This I knew from material that Kathy had sent along with the obituaries. I immediately received a response from Linda Swartz, coordinator of the site, as well as other members of their group who watch the site and answer queries as well. Unfortunately, the sketch of the Grays in Wisconsin is also very weak, and no new information came for that source.

Please contact Kathy if you have any information about her family.

Thanks to Kathy for taking the extra effort to contact us, and bring a bit of local history to light that may not have occurred if not for our site on the internet.

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work was not completed.

These, briefly, are the statistical happenings of Mr. Ade's sixty-one years in Newton County.

"To set out in cold type the influence of such a life as that lived by John Ade, the noble character, the kindly, loving, generous nature, is like attempting to enhance the beauty of the lily by paint and brush. He was one of God's true noblemen, than whom few men excelled in moral virtue, in Christian character, in honor, honest and a purpose to help all mankind. The influence of his life will be wholesomely felt in Newton County by coming generations. By his life he taught the way of right living, and at his death the people with one accord will acknowledge the debt they owe him.

"Mr. Ade was a staunch and zealous churchman, uniting with the Christian Church in 1858, faithfully living its precepts and principles. It is to Mr. Ade as much as to any other man that ever lived in Newton County that the people are indebted for the splendid moral and religious life of today. He was intensely and constantly interested in the church and Sunday School work, in the development of the public school system and in every movement and agency that had for its purpose the up-building of Christian character and good citizenship.

"As a businessman he was capable, sound and conservative. The making of money was to him merely the means of accomplishing good, and of his life's earnings he gave liberally to ease the sufferings of others, to help the sick and unfortunate and feed the hungry. But his generous nature was best felt through personal service. For half a century Mr. and Mrs. Ade were regarded as the good shepherds of this community. Their goodness in this regard will be held in sacred memory.

"Mr. Ade was a Mason and Republican in politics. It was his proud boast that he had voted for every Republican president since the organization of the party.

"Not only in politics and religion was Mr. Ade interested, but every activity of life engaged his attention. With a foundation of three months schooling, Mr. Ade developed into a well-read man. His knowledge of the Bible, of history, and of current events was marked. He lived with the age and advanced in thought and action with the age. His knowledge of not only local affairs but of state and nation, made him a man recognized as a leader, and all sought his counsel.

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"His home life was one of love, purity

American customs. The American sailors celebrated the Fourth of July with customary enthusiasm. The twelve-year-old boy and his brother joined in, and his 75 years residence in America since obliterated all the British peculiarities from his make up.

The family landed in New York and once started for what was then called the far west-Cincinnati. They went by rail to Philadelphia, and then rode on a canal boat to the foot of the mountains. On this side of the mountains they took a train to Pittsburgh and then rode by flat boat to Cincinnati.

They made their home at the little town of Cheviot, then six miles from Cincinnati, but now a part of the city. At the age of nineteen, Mr. Ade decided to take a trip through the newly developing country to the west, so he boarded an Ohio river steamer and went down the Mississippi, afterward working his way up to Galena, the metropolis of the Mississippi valley. He walked from Galena to Madison, Wisconsin, and then started back to Ohio to resume learning his trade, that of a blacksmith.

In 1849, he went down the Ohio again and up the Mississippi and Illinois rivers to Ottawa. Canal boating had not yet opened for the season and Mr. Ade walked to Chicago and spent the summer of 1849 there. At that time Chicago was a city with a population of about 22,000. It was while in Chicago in 1849 that Mr. Ade heard Stephen A. Douglas deliver two speeches at the old Market Hall on State Street. In the fall of

1849 he crossed Lake Michigan by steamer to New Buffalo and took the Michigan Central road to Detroit, and then across Lake Erie by boat and back to Cincinnati by the Little Miami road.

It was in Cheviot, Ohio, May 20 1851, that John Ade and Adaline Bush were united in marriage by Thomas Wells, a Justice of the Peace. For two years Mr. Ade conducted a tollgate and engaged in blacksmith, and in 1853 Mr. and Mrs. Ade started for this part of the world. Ayers & Company of Cincinnati had opened retail stores in Jasper County, Indiana, and Iroquois County, Illinois, and they employed Mr. Ade to come out and take charge of their Morocco store. He and his wife went by boat to Madison and then came by rail almost to Lafayette, making the remainder of the trip to Iroquois (or Bunkum) by wagon. The road from Lafayette to Chicago ran near where Sheldon now stands. The region around Kentland was regarded impassable. This magnificent farming region, with its beautiful homes, stately groves, and wealth of modern improvements, was then a succession of boggy swamps and sloughs, grown up with coarse grass and rushes. The houses were ten or fifteen miles apart and the only habitations and broken ground were at the edge of the timber.

Iroquois was then the trading point for a vast territory. It was one of the most important points along the road from Lafayette to Chicago. The next stopping place to the north was "Buck Horn" tavern at Donovan, and the first to the south was

the old Sumner place in Benton County. Mr. and Mrs. Ade spent six weeks in Iroquois before moving to their new home at Morocco. This brings the story of this eventful life up to the sixty-one years spent in this county!

A detailed review of Mr. Ade's life during those sixty-one years would be almost a complete history of Newton County. For two years after locating at Morocco, he ran the general store and then opened a blacksmith shop, going back to the old trade he had learned in Ohio.

In 1860, Newton County was partitioned off from Jasper County, and Mr. Ade had an important part in creating the new county and formulating its first government. At that time there was no town of Kentland. The first train on the line from Logansport has come west between Christmas, 1859, and New Year, 1860. The company established a station at this point and Kentland was made the county seat. Mr. Ade was truly a pioneer of the town. He came here as the first recorder of the county and built the second residence in the town. The house built by Mr. Ade was still standing on the south side of Court Park, the second from the east corner of the block.

These were stirring days in the life of Mr. Ade. The great Civil war clouds were blackening and soon broke in their entire furor. Mr. Ade, while serving as Recorder and later as Auditor, made many trips to the front to seek out and bring home the sick, wounded and dead soldiers who had enlisted from this county. On one trip he went as far south as Vicksburg. In recognition of his work in behalf of the soldiers, Mr. Ade was elected an honorary member of the G. A. R. several years ago, and has always been regarded by the old soldiers as a veteran in heart if not in arms. After the war and following his retirement from public office, Mr. Ade was engaged as bookkeeper in the store of C. B. Cones, and in 1873, entered the Cones bank as cashier. In 1875, Mr. Ade formed a partnership with Greenberry McCray and E. Littell Urmston and purchased the Cones bank, operating under the firm name of Ade, McCray & Co. Mr. Ade served as cashier of this bank until 1908, when he retired from active business. During the years intervening between his retirement from business and his death, he wrote a history of Newton County, covering a period of 1853 to 1911. He also was writing an autobiography of his life, which

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People Places & Things



The Ade home, located on Graham Street in Kentland, was dismantled in 1919 by Charley White. Today, a sign depicts this location as "The birthplace of George Ade".

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with a carpenter's pencil. "I wanted some money today to pay my men, an' old Ed didn't have any paper with him, explained the payee."

"Moses Fowler came from Ohio to Indiana in company with John Purdue. Fowler was another king-pin. He had a fleet of steamboats operating between Lafayette and New Orleans. He founded a bank.

In 1936, at the time of the presentation of the portrait of Alexander J. Kent to the town of Kentland, George Ade prepared a paper to read on the occasion. He quoted from his father John's book and from his own article of five years earlier.

"Ade told the audience that two kinds of people came into the new country. The first were fur traders and storekeepers and doctors and lawyers; the second were people who became owners of vast areas of land, "wealthy aristocrats, Napoleonic in their aspirations.

Kentland audience what he had told Americans in the *Post* article, he continued,

"It is well known that Alexander Kent, Edward Sumner, Moses Fowler and the other grandees of the good old days acquired part of their land at the ridiculous price of about a dollar an acre. Anybody could acquire land in our soggy region before the time of the Civil war but only a battling hero with courage and patience and working capital could do anything with it. The virgin prairie, which was not wholly or partially submerged, was a crazy quilt of high-stemmed and gorgeously colored flowers from late spring until the killing frosts of autumn. To break through the ribbed soil, bury this wild growth and convert a matted and fibrous flower garden into a cornfield was a whale of a job. Every low spot on the prairie was a 'slough', rank with weeds and cattails, and breeding ferocious 'gallinippers' by the millions.

"George also remembered the 'green heads' that his father

mentioned. Maybe his language is more vivid than his father's. The green head 'was so warlike and blood-hungry that when it attacked a horse, in swarm formation, it would either kill him or weaken him so much that he had no value as a work animal. Oxen were used in breaking the raw prairie and even these tough and thick skinned animals suffered tortures when attacked by armies of the 'green heads'.

"The two big tasks to be undertaken by the land-buyers were draining the slough and breaking the raw prairie. The first ditches preceding the elaborate tile drainage system which has eliminated ponds and

marshes, controlled the sloughs or gave them an outlet toward some natural creek or the Iroquois river, were deep furrows made with a 30-inch plow."

"As many as 30 yoke of oxen would be used in one ditching outfit. On level ground the big plow could be pulled along, ripping and tearing through the tough roots of the bullgrass and the iron weeds and all the tangled growth, by 15 yoke of oxen. In mushy ground and bad going, the whole 30 yoke had to bused, some of them to move a capstan ahead of the gang and also to supply power when the pull had to be made by the capstan. On comparatively dry ground, an 18-inch breaking plow could be pulled by three or four yoke of oxen.

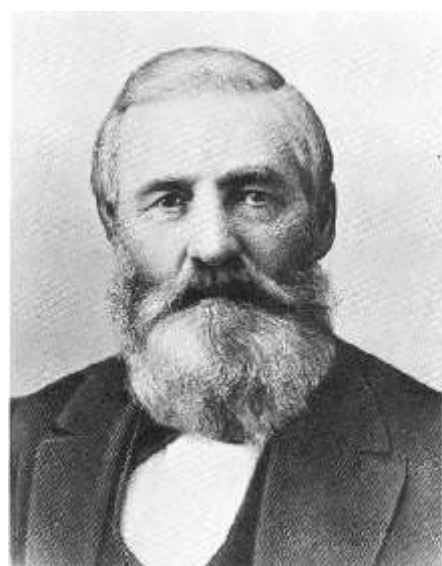
"It seems only yesterday that I saw him (Kent) driving lickety-split along a dirt road, in a mud-spattered buggy, behind a team of

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"The Prairie Kings of Yesterday"



Moses Fowler "kept steamboats operating between Lafayette and New Orleans"



Alexander J. Kent "was always in a hurry"



Abigail Sumner "a very intelligent and capable woman"

They owned land by townships instead of sections". There were "family carriages and furbelowed ladies in silk and satins, farms and ranches miles long and miles wide.

Ade mentions men and lands in the Tippecanoe, White, Benton, Warren, Jasper and Newton. He told of Hiram Chase, a 'successful lawyer of Lafayette, owned many rich sections in Benton County'. Henry T. Sample owned 4,000 acres and was 'one of the first cattle feeders in Benton County, although he lived in splendor in Lafayette'. Anson Wolcott in White county 'controlled several square miles'. Cephas Atkinson 'had 12,000 acres in Benton County'. Barnham Boswell 'had 12,000 acres in Benton County and later sold the entire tract to Edward Sumner, whose holdings amounted at one time to nearly 30,000 acres. Alexander Kent of Newton County had 25,000 acres.

Still remembering his youth in Kentland and recalling to the

Pages of The Past

The following excerpts are from The Newton County Enterprise during the fall and winter of 1903. Transcribed by Janet Miller

KENTLAND - Railway employees and their families make up 8 percent of the population of the United States.

John Ade sent over the necessary household supplies to furnish the cottage at Fountain Park Assembly grounds recently built and presented to Mr. and Mrs. Ade by their son George.

A. R. Orton of Monticello has been in Kentland for a few days perfecting details for making a new map of the county.

It is said that the post office department will soon issue a postage stamp printed in black to be used on mourning stationery.

The Horse Show a Big Success! Perfect Weather Brings Out Large Crowds. A Magnificent Show of Horses! Kentland's Horse Show is over. Two days of the finest kind of weather, a long string of magnificent horses, and big crowds of people made the show an unqualified success. The attendance on Thursday was variously estimated between 2,500 and 3,000 people. On Friday, it was fully double that of the first day and between five and six thousand would not be far out of the way. The whole affair from start to finish was so thoroughly a success that it has already been practically decided to enlarge on the program and hold another show next fall. The members of the Commercial Club who engineered the project, and the business men who contributed their money so freely, are to be congratulated on the splendid success of their first Horse Show.

Cyrus Rice is displaying an ear of corn in E. S. Steele's drug store window that weights 25.4 ounces, is ten inches long, eight and one-half inches in circumference, has 1,100 kernels, twenty rows with fifty-five kernels to the row. The ear weighs two ounces more than the prize ear at the Indiana State Fair.

Reese and Collum pulled up stakes yesterday from Court Park and left with their riding gallery for Milford. It may surprise some who never stopped to calculate, to state that the average receipts of a merry-go-round in a good crowd is about \$25.00 an hour.

The old saying, "the woods were full of 'em" was applicable Sunday. Nutting parties from Kentland and all neighboring towns headed for the timber early and swarmed around the hickory trees like bees

all day. The crop was reasonably fair, but is rapidly diminishing.

BROOK - Brook has awarded the contract for the erection of its new school building. The price is \$16,300.

Rogers, the Brook butcher, and a newcomer to that town, absconded last week leaving the Bank of Brook to hold the sack for about eleven hundred dollars; and several merchants also refuse to be comforted over his departure.

Brook News: The many friends of Bernard Gragg and Elsie Lyons were greatly surprised Saturday to hear that they had been married since September 24th. Mrs. Gragg's lady friends gave her a masquerade tin shower Friday evening, thinking that the wedding would be in the near future, and though the gifts were given a little late they were duly appreciated and will be useful when the newly married couple go to house-keeping in the Pence house on Main street. We offer congratulations.

Brook Reporter: J. D. Conklin, of Kentland, has sold his half interest in the Brook Lumber Co. to L. E. Lyons. Mr. Conklin was an excellent business man and made many friends in his brief business career in our town. The new firm is composed of two of our most enterprising young business men, L. E. and Arthur Lyons.

GOODLAND - Bringham Bros. of Goodland have sold their dry goods and grocery business to H. H. Hyatt of Washington, Ind.

Goodland Herald: The stone road builders are now in town, railroad and all, and are working on Iroquois street. They will go as far north as Mill street and then fix the west end of that and returning, run their track past the Moran farm and finish up the east township roads before coming into town again. This will necessitate crossing the C. & E. I. tracks only once.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP - James Whaley of Washington township, was in town Monday settling with the carpenters, for building his house. Jim has the most commodious and comfortable house in Washington township. Brook News.

MOROCCO - Andrew Ellis of Morocco was in Kentland Tuesday, and informs us that the Old Settlers reunion, which was advertised to be held at Morocco next week,

has been abandoned. He says it is too busy a season to hold reunions, and that there seemed to be a lack of proper interest. Speaking of old settlers and their reunions, Mr. Ellis suggested the organization of a county historical society. His idea is to congregate the old settlers of the county at some convenient time during the coming winter, and from their contributions, select material for an early history of the county, to be issued in book form. He says if the material is to be obtained first handed it has to be done now while a few of the first settlers still live.

Courier: Col. William Armstrong and his venerable wife celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary Thursday, Sept. 10th. This is a very long time for a couple to live together and perhaps there is not more than one other couple in the country who could show such a record.

ROSE LAWN - Following is a list of the teachers for Lincoln Township for the coming year. George Carrothers and Mae Laughlin, No. 1; George Rogers and Charles Roush, No. 3; Mamie Brady, No. 2; Addie Boggess, No. 5. Number 6 has been transferred to Colfax township where the trustees will run a school in partnership.

The pickle industry which has just closed for this season has been a benefit in many ways and has reached a great many people. A merchant remarked to your correspondent the other day that the pickle crop had been a 'great thing' to him as it had helped many to pay up their little accounts and go in on a cash basis. The Keokuk Pickle Co. has purchased in this immediate vicinity over 10,000 bushels of the little "cramp producers" which means that they have distributed \$5,000 among our farmers, gardeners and small boys.

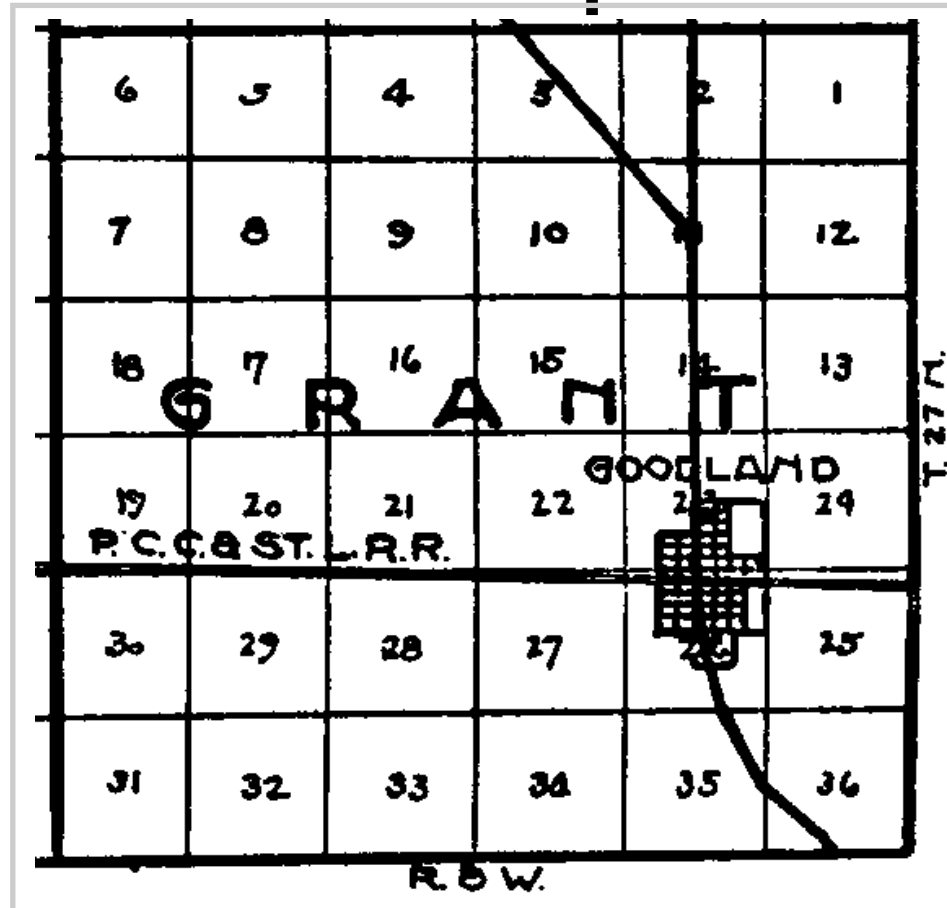
Bank Suspended: The Bank of Newton County, owned by Jesse J. Fry and operated in the town of Rose Lawn, closed its doors Saturday, and on Monday Mr. Fry made an assignment to David K. Frye. W. H. Boyle, cashier of the bank, came down Monday and filed the deed of trust and schedule of property for record. We have not the amount of the liabilities and assets, but are informed by those who are in a position to know that if sufficient time be given the assignee to make proper collections of the outstanding obligations, creditors will be paid in full.

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Section 1: Charles R. Weiss, Abram E. Sticknoth, Chas. Hancock, Emma F. Fountain, John W. Bear, John C. Marshall; **Section 2:** Abram E. Sticknoth, John E. Miller, Adam E. Miller, Emma F. Fountain; **Section 3:** Helen Bell, Henry T. Griggs, George Galbreath, School #2 - Shepard School, Elijah Hunter; **Section 4:** George Toyne, Paul & George Weishaar, William H. Reed, Will H. Ade; **Section 5:** William H. Reed, Thomas Corbett, W. T. McCray, George Shepard, School #3 - Bowers School, Will H. Ade, Lydia A. Shepard; **Section 6:** W. T. McCray. **Section 7:** Joseph Bowers, John W. Datzman, William Bowers; **Section 8:** Will H. Ade, Lydia A. Shepard, Joseph Bowers, William Bowers, W. T. McCray; **Section 9:** Otis Shepard, Will H. Ade, Joseph Bowers; **Section 10:** Elijah Hunter, George Galbreath, Otis Shepard, Elijah & Eliza B. Hunter; **Section 11:** School #1 - Kemper School; Robert Stack Sr., Elijah Hunter, William Cummings, William S. Kinman; **Section 12:** Hugh Treanor, Charles Hancock, Josephine Davidson, Ferdinand Shaffer, John E. Miller. **Section 13:** Frederick Berkey, Susan Alexander, Adelia Maxwell, John E. Miller, Egbert A. Peck; **Section 14:** Newton C. Wickwire; **Section 15:** Newton C. Wickwire, John & Mary Rupp, Remington Gilmore, Andrew Hall; **Section 16:** John F. Bower, Jerry McGraw, Stephen J. Larsen, James D. Conklin; **Section 17:** Stephen J. Larsen, Jerry McGraw, John Egan, John A. Wildasin; **Section 18:** Carroll C. Kent. **Section 19:** Carroll C. Kent, Meddie Sego, Elevator WTM, T. C. Bohanan; **Section 20:** Urial Nichols, John A. Wildasin, School #4 - Sawyer School, Carroll C. Kent, William Darroch; **Section 21:** Lucy E. Nichols, Robert Henderson Jr., John Egan; **Section 22:** Isaac Smart, Maggie Conway, Lewis W. LeMaster, H. T. Griggs, Sarah Clark, School #5 - Shelland School, Ellen Shelland, John Creek, Peter Beech?, Alexr. Lardner; **Section 23:** Edward Timmons Est., C. Spaulding, Wm. Barnes, H. Keen, Cemetery, Blake Wilson Est., Isaac Smart, Henry T. Griggs, W. H. Townsend, unreadable, Town of Goodland, Henry



Brille, H. T. Griggs; **Section 24:** Elizabeth Franklin, Eliza W. Sawyer, Egbert A. Peck, Ordella Bramble, Samuel P. LeMaster, Leumuel Mead, Blake Wilson Est., Robert Gemmell. **Section 25:** Blake Wilson Est., Hiram & Elmer Burgess, Addie M. & William J. Stewart, Dora B. Clymer, Albert & Elva Stephens; **Section 26:** Town of Goodland, Joseph Crowden, Charles Burgess Est., W. W. Gilmore, S. Curren, W. H. Gilman; **Section 27:** John S. Mugg, Emma D. Hardy, Charles Burgess Est.; **Section 28:** John Egan, Philander Hulott, Robert Henderson Jr., David Henderson, S. H. Dickinson; **Section 29:** Samuel R. Johnson, Charles F. Churchill, Bartlett C. Neary, S. H. Dickinson; **Section 30:** T. C. Bohanan, Charles Bohanan, John A. McKee, Rachel Drake, Clement L. Constable, Bartlett C. Neary. **Section 31:** Frank Detrick, George Hoover, Chris. Benner, John Silver, B. C. Neary; **Section 32:** Clement L. Constable, Patrick Clark, Bartlett C. Neary, School # 7 - Neary School, John Cassidy, James & Jerry

Cullanan; **Section 33:** Clement L. Constable, School # 6 - Constable School, Benjamin A. Constable, Bessie Constable, S. H. Dickinson & wife; **Section 34:** C. G. Davidson, Anna M. Davidson, Capitola Davidson, Addie A. Kern; **Section 35:** W. W. Gilmore, Matthew & John Moran, George Turner, Matthew Moran, Lorenzo D. Leming; **Section 36:** George Turner, Charles M. Peckham, Wilson Gerrich, Antoine Petit, Herman Plantz, Rhoda A. Luse.

We are seeking help to "man" the Resource Center at Kentland a few hours each day. We also have many on-going projects such as census transcription and obituary extractions that can be done from your home. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Beth Bassett at 219-275-5741, Janet Miller at 219-474-5380, or Sue Humphrey at 219-474-6081.

NCHS News and Reports

Scott-Lucas House Now On The National Historic Register

The Newton County Historical Society is pleased to announce the Scott-Lucas House is now on the National Historic Register. Homes with significant honor qualify for this distinctive honor. The house represents the Prairie Art Deco style and decor. The acquisition of furnishings is an ongoing project of the Historical Society; the goal is to obtain additional donations of accessories and furniture to better present this important period in our history.

Docents in Historical Societies traditionally have to accurately represent and create stewardships of each period in history that a house might represent. They also are charged with the important duty of creating the ambiance that accurately shows that period to the public.

In the Scott-Lucas House, our job as members of the Newton County Historical Society is to research and study this important historical period so that the general public comes to appreciate this special gift that Ann Scott left to the Society.

A house is just four walls and a roof, but with active research and pride in our goals, our Historical Society has the opportunity to draw visitors to the Scott-Lucas House, not just from Newton County, but from all over the larger metropolitan areas around us. As a Historical Society, we can educate the public to be as proud of this gift as we are. - Submitted by Sue Humphrey, President, Newton County Historical Society

Preserving Family and Local History For Future Generations

The Family History Division of the Newton County Historical Society meets at 2:00 p.m. at the Resource Center in Kentland, on the same day as the general society meeting. This is an invitation to you, as a member, to join this group and participate in the on-going efforts to preserve our local family history, as well as county history for generations to come. There are many projects that have been brought to the table, all deserving consideration. So, bring your interests and ideas and join us at the next meeting!

Sale of "Beaver Lake, A Land of Enchantment" have been brisk with promotion in the local papers and articles written by surrounding newspapers and members.

The family files at the resource center continue to grow, as the

internet brings new information for future researchers. The John Spitler, and untitled Spitler family history, and the Pruet family history have been donated by Gerald Born.

Two copies of "Kentland's Scrapbook of World War II", one from the author, Marge Carlson and another by Kathryn Sprinkle, have also been added. Jeanette Hall, Bethel Kindell, Gerald Born and Janet Miller have taken on the project of indexing this scrapbook for easier reference work.

The group is anticipating re-walking the cemeteries to finalize this project that began in 1997. Publication of the remaining cemeteries is still under consideration. Volunteers are needed for this project! - Submitted by Beth Bassett

Society Committees Busy With Annual and New Projects

Publicity Committee

Inclement weather has not permitted this committee to gather as often as they would like, but plans are underway for the fair booth, with involvement of the 4th grade classes of the Newton County Elementary schools. The Newton County Historical Society Coloring books were distributed earlier this year, and the students were made honorary members of the society, receiving personalized membership cards.

The plans for the cemetery tour of Riverside Cemetery are shaping up, with members of the society volunteering to portray ancestors interred there. The day will hold many surprises for those who plan to attend, with authenticity of portrayals taking top priority in this unique presentation.

Mt. Ayr, Colfax and Jackson Township History Collection

Donna LaCrosse, heading up this project, reported at the last Family History Division Meeting that she is coming right along with this project. She is aware that there isn't a lot of written history about Colfax Township, and any member who would like to work with her on this is welcome! Her close ties with the Mt. Ayr Alumni will provide her with the tools she needs to obtain the family histories of the area, but urges everyone who is tied to this area to begin putting their family histories in writing!

Resource Center

We have received many new items that can be used for future displays throughout the building. Juanita Hall has brought many many items that have added to our growing collection. The Clerk's office has been busy microfilming their records, and then donating the originals to us for safe keeping. Anyone interested in cataloging and shelving these materials, please contact Beth Bassett, 219-275-5741.

Coloring Book

Consideration has been made for a Volume Two of the Newton County Historical Coloring Book. Janet Miller reports that the artists have started thinking about new depictions of our history for this edition.

There are enough copies left of Volume One for 1-2 more years, and then they will be gone! This has been a very successful project by the society, and the members who conceived this idea should be thanked again personally.

The students of our schools have a unique approach to local history through this publication, and the teachers look forward to our presentation each year.

- Submitted by Beth Bassett