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I see from my house by the side of the road,
 By the side of the highway of life,
 The men who press with the ardor of hope,
 The men who are faint with the strife.
 But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tea,
 Both parts of an infinite plan—
 Let me live in a house by the side of the road
 And be a friend to man.

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I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead
 And mountains of wearisome height;
 That the road passes on through the long afternoon
 And stretches away to the night
 But still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice,
 And weep with the strangers that moan,
 Nor live in my house by the side of the road
 Like a man who dwells alone.

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Let me live in my house by the side of the road—
 It's here the race of men go by.
 They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong
 Wise, foolish—so am I;
 Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,
 Or hurl the cynic's ban?
 Let me live in my house by the side of the road
 And be a friend to man.

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This poem, "The House by the Side of the Road," was recited by memory at the Ames Centennial by Bertie Newland. Mr. Newland was 91 years old on September 16, 1979. He wrote this poem in his own handwriting by my request.

— Claude D. Wilson

James Chapel United Methodist Church

1879 - 1979



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Centennial

September 16, 1979

PROGRAM

Sunday School	9:30
Church Service	10:45
Basket Dinner	12:30
Afternoon Services	2:00
Song: <i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> Congregation	
Invocation	Rev. Max Tolliver
Song: <i>Amazing Grace</i>	
Special	West Baden Group
Special	Joane Foutch
History of the Church	Rev. C.D. Wilson
Special	Marjorie & Linda Stone
Recognition of Ministers	Forest Kerby
Special	Raymond L. Wilson
Message	Rev. Howard Wardrip
Song: <i>Bless Be the Tie</i>	Congregation
Dismissal	

Additional happenings

Poem given by Mr. Bertie Newland from Orleans, entitled
"The House by the Side of the Road"

Solo by Don Miller entitled "The Evening Prayer"

Ames Prepares For Centennial Day

THE SPRINGS VALLEY HERALD, FRENCH LICK, INDIANA,

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COMING HOME — Sunday will be a day for the coming together of old friends and families from near and far. Persons who formerly attended Ames Chapel, or their parents, grandparents or great-grandparents who were affiliated with the church, or anyone who just wants to go, are invited to the dinner, program and worship services. The brick church, erected 65 years ago, is considered one of the most beautiful structures in this area.

— Photo by Jim Tolbert

The largest gathering in history is expected at Ames Chapel United Methodist Church on Sunday, Sept. 16, as the congregation prepares to celebrate its 100th anniversary that day.

Orange County residents are expected in large numbers, as well as many others from throughout Indiana and the entire nation, for the "all day meeting and dinner on the ground," reminiscent of the reunions of bygone days.

Smith's Chapel and Nelson Chapel united in the fall of 1879 to form the new church of Ames Chapel.

An Indiana history of 1884 reports that Ames Chapel had about 100 members in that year. "Located in the eastern part of French Lick Township, the church is one of the most energetic, prosperous organizations in the county," states the book. James S. Porter was Sunday School Superintendent at Ames Chapel when the book was published. Name of the pastor was not mentioned in that book, but a Rev. Havenridge was minister in 1880.

The history reports that the original Ames Chapel was built at a cost of \$1300, which was probably considered a handsome

sum in those days. The church was destroyed by fire in 1913, but the new building rose from its ashes in the spring of 1914.

Three acres of land were deeded by Moses Ham on which to build the church. The church building and stables occupied two acres, while the third acre was designated for a graveyard.

If the weather cooperates Sunday, the old fashioned basket dinner will be held on the church lawn at 12:30. All types of Southern Indiana delicacies, from country fried chicken to succulent baked ham, from persimmon pudding to feathery light angel food cake, will be lavishly spread with dozens of other delightful dishes to tempt the taste buds of all attending.

Preceding the dinner, Sunday School will be held at 9:30 and worship services at 10:45. The afternoon program will include singing of favorite hymns, the reading of the church history by

Rev. C.D. Wilson of Bloomington, and an address by a former pastor, Rev. Howard Wardrip of Mitchell.

Rev. Max Toliver is pastor of the Ames Chapel United Methodist

Church at the present time and will be at the day-long festivities to

greet old friends and guests.

A tent will be set up on the church grounds for displaying old pictures of the church, its people, and other area scenes, along with a variety of other interesting collections pertaining to the centennial celebration.

Various committees have been selected to make arrangements for the event. Ora Underwood is chairman of the publicity committee and Pearl Wilson and Evelyn Abel are members. Either of these committee members or the pastor may be contacted regarding displays or other phases of the 100th anniversary of the church.

Ames Chapel Celebrating 100th Anniversary Sept. 16

A century of worship will be commemorated on Sunday, Sept. 16, when members and friends gather at Ames Chapel for an old fashioned homecoming.

Ames Chapel United Methodist Church, east of Prospect on US 150, came into existence in the fall of 1879 with the consolidation of Nelson Chapel and Smith's Chapel.

Nelson Chapel was formed by people of the Methodist faith in 1836. The congregation met in homes of the various members for Sunday School and worship services until a log church was built in 1841 on property now owned by Preston Flick, about two miles northeast of the present church. The Rev. Henry Talbott was the first pastor of Nelson Chapel.

The Rev. Phillip May was pastor in 1841. Families attending the church included those of Allen Miller, David Osborne, William Stout and Alfred Bruner.

In 1858, the Rev. James Campbell became pastor of Nelson Chapel. He lived at "The Maples," a wayside inn which had been constructed in 1841. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Conrad now reside at the once-famous inn.

Nelson Chapel had grown to a membership of about 80 in 1868 when the congregation divided and Smith's Chapel was formed. The group first met at the James Hicks home. A church was erected the following year on the old Paoli-Haysville Road, about one-half mile east of the present Russell Lewis farm.

The first trustees of Smith's Chapel were William Charles, Horam Robbins, Benjamin Smith, Calvin Sparks and Henry Underwood.

Ten years later, in the fall of 1879, the congregations of Nelson Chapel and Smith's Chapel united to form a new church which was called Ames Chapel.

Why the name "Ames" was chosen has long been a matter of speculation. Apparently there were no families of that name which were connected with the original church. Some believe the name was suggested by the word "ambry" which is a recess in a church wall used for storing sacred vessels. Others believe Ames is a derivation of the Greek "ambrosia" which symbolizes immortality. Still others are of the opinion that Ames is an altered version for Amen, or even American. Perhaps it was named for a town, or a church of the same name.

Records show that Moses Ham donated three acres of ground for the church. Two acres were designated for the church building and hitching racks for the horses, while the third acre was set aside for a burial ground. Mr. Ham,

George Campbell, Billy Charles, James Porter and Ben Smith were the first trustees of Ames Chapel.

The new Ames Chapel, a Methodist Episcopalian denomination, was built in a beautiful beech grove. Upon its completion in 1880, a dedication and revival service took place in 1880, with the first convert listed as Martha Belle Stackhouse. Pastor of the church was Rev. Havenridge. There is no record of the minister's first name.

The church building was destroyed by fire in 1913, but the undaunted religious group immediately began construction of a new church which was completed in the spring of 1914. An appropriate and impressive dedication service took place on May 17 of that year. The church reportedly was filled to capacity for the dedication and "dinner on the ground" at the noon hour.

Expansion of the cemetery and church grounds over the years has multiplied the three acres many times over. Present pastor of the church is the Rev. Max Toliver who also serves as minister of the West Baden United Methodist Church.

Friends from throughout the nation are expected to gather on Sept. 16 for the celebration of Ames Chapel's 100th anniversary. Members, former members, relatives and friends of the church number in the thousands.

In addition, countless numbers of people feel especially close to the church because of loved ones buried in the cemetery, even though final rites may not have been held in the church.

For everyone who has any connection whatsoever with the church, a welcome is extended to attend the centennial celebration of the "Union of the Faithful."

Plans are being made for an old fashioned basket dinner on the church lawn, if weather permits. The dinner is scheduled for 12:30. Sunday School at 9:30 and worship services at 10:45 will precede the dinner.

The afternoon will be devoted to singing the old, most beloved hymns. A former pastor, the Rev. Howard Wardrip of the Mitchell United Methodist Church, will be the afternoon speaker. The Rev. Claude D. Wilson, native of the Abydel community and now pastor of a Nazarene church near Bloomington, will read the church history.

A tent is being set up to display old pictures, letters and various mementoes of the past. Mrs. Harold Underwood of Prospect is chairman of a committee in charge of centennial events. Those who cannot attend the dinner may wish to attend the afternoon program. Refreshments will be served.

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300 Attend Ames Chapel Centennial

A crowd estimated at 300 attended the Ames Chapel centennial celebration on Sunday. Registering were 230 people, and an estimated 70 others failed to sign the book.

A congratulatory telegram was received from President Jimmy Carter and a letter of congratulations, sent to Ames Chapel pastor, Rev. Max Toliver, was also read.

The pleasant sunny day was ideal for enjoying the bountiful dinner served from tables on the church lawn. Some 150 enjoyed the delicious meal, and 150 others joined the group for the afternoon program.

The church was filled to capacity and chairs were placed in the aisles to accommodate the overflow of people who gathered for the gigantic homecoming and 100th year observance of the church.

Sunday School was not held at the West Baden United Methodist Church to permit the congregation to spend the day at Ames. Rev. Toliver also pastors the West Baden church.

Former ministers present were Ron Lawhead, Bob Chance and Howard Wardrip. Rev. Wardrip delivered the afternoon message. Rev. Claude D. Wilson of Bloomington, native of the Ames community, read the church history. A letter from Rev. James Austin, also a former pastor, was read.

Boutonnieres were presented to ministers attending the program and the publicity committee received corsages from the church. Serving as chairman of that committee was Ora Underwood, assisted by Evelyn Abel and Pearl Wilson.

Marilyn Fenton was praised for her work in arranging the tent where delicious refreshments were served from a beautifully appointed table.

Included on the program were songs by Raymond L. Wilson of Prospect and daughter, Billie June Stephenson of Galena, accompanied by Mrs. Stephenson's son, Billy M. Stephenson; Joane Foutch of Campbellsburg; Don Miller; and a duet by Virginia Emmons and Marjorie Seybold of the West Baden United Methodist Church.

They sang "Almost Home," with Betsy Harner as accompanist. Pauline Sanders had written an additional verse to the song, pertaining to the Ames Chapel centennial, as her special contribution to the celebration.

Bill Flick and Carol Qualkenbush were singers during the morning church service.

Bertie Newland, 91, of Orleans, recited the poem, "The House by the Side of the Road." Ministers were introduced by Forrest Kerby.

Rev. C.D. Wilson, who read the history of the church, is writing a book entitled, "Ames Chapel Methodists, 1879-1979," which is scheduled for publication in November. It will contain rare photographs of the original church building, including one not previously published, and pictures of many groups at the church, and other interesting pictures.

Rev. Wilson said the book also has biographical sketches of past ministers, including Rev. N.F. Denny, and even a bit about the present pastor. Songs and various historical documents will also be included.

The author requests persons with information pertinent to the church, or of other historical significance to this area, to contact him

as soon as possible. He said any articles sent to him for consideration will be handled with extreme care and they will be returned to the contributor after being copied. Such articles or pictures will be acknowledged in the book.

He also seeks information in regard to building costs of the present Ames Chapel. Obituaries, especially those associated with the church, and even newer items of general interest will be appreciated.

"Every bit of information is important and it could be just the key to open the door to even larger fields of historical facts," said the minister. His address is: Rev. Claude D. Wilson, 4444 W. State Road 46, Bloomington 47410, or call 812-876-1653.

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Ames Chapel 100th Birthday Party Full Day Of Activity For 300

By MRS. EVELYN ABEL

Sunday was a great day for Ames Chapel as it marked its hundredth birthday. A large crowd attended morning worship conducted by Rev. Max Toliver. Estimated attendance for the day was 300; those registering totaled 230.

In the pleasant fall weather, tables were placed on the church lawn and spread with Orange County's favorite

cooking. Mrs. Chester Eubank had baked a decorated anniversary cake.

A capacity crowd assembled in the church for the afternoon session. Bertie Newland of Orleans, who was celebrating his 91st birthday Sunday, recited from memory, "The House by the Side of the Road."

Rev. Claude D. Wilson of Ellettsville read a history of the church which he had prepared. He displayed a major portion of a book he is writing about the church and requested information, pictures, and historical events significant to the church to be forwarded to him. He is especially interested in learning the cost of the present church structure, and obtaining other pictures.

A letter of congratulations to Ames Chapel, sent to Rev. Toliver from President Carter, and a telegram from Senator Birch Bayh were items for the day added to Rev. Wilson's material.

Rev. Howard Wardrip of Mitchell, a former pastor at Ames, preached in the afternoon. Musical selections were contributed by Mrs. Joanne Foutch of Campbellsburg; Mrs. Marjorie Stone, Mrs. Linda Stone, Mrs. Virginia Emmons, Mrs. Margie Seybold, Raymond L. Wilson and daughter, West Baden; and Don Miller, Paoli.

Past ministers of the charge attending with Rev. and Mrs. Wardrip were Rev. and Mrs. Ron Lawhead and family and Robert Chance and daughter of Indianapolis.

AMES CHAPEL

Mrs. Evelyn Abel

Mrs. Mildred Gromer spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Evelyn Abel. Other visitors during the week have been Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stone, Mrs. Lou Etta Dalton and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. George Abel.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Stephenson visited Mrs. Mary Love and Mrs. Anna Charles Thursday. Mrs. Love and Mrs. Charles visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Qualkinbush Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lindley, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Wolfington, Nathan and Curt, and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Drake, Amy and Brandon, spent the week end at Kings Island.

Mrs. Harold Wilson and Mrs. Evelyn Abel spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Nelle Armstrong and Miss Blanche Lashbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bostock visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Logsdon Friday evening. Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Logsdon were supper guests of the Bostocks.

Mrs. Joanne Foutch and children of Campbellsburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Abel Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Abel spent Friday with Mrs. Foutch.

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HOWARD AND VERA

Like a ray of sunshine on a dark, cold day, giving warmth and a feeling of goodness to the individual is how to best describe Rev. and Mrs. Howard Wardrip, more commonly referred to with the utmost respect and love as "Howard and Vera".

Howard received his appointment to the West Baden Charge (which included Ames) at Conference in 1950 and pastored it until 1955.

Rev. Wardrip was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 2nd to Luther H. and Ella S. Allen Wardrip. He attended and graduated from Male High School in the same city. He also has attended the University of Evansville and Garrett Theological Seminary.

One day Howard came home and announced to the family that he had found the "one and only for his life" and that he was going to marry her. "And," he matter of factly stated, "She is a school teacher!" "A SCHOOL TEACHER!?" Each turned and just looked at one another. "Yes, a school teacher," stated Howard, "and you will love her." And love her they did. The family soon found out that Vera Fletcher from Silver Palm, Florida, was as warm as the Southern sunshine and just as bright and cheerful. It was not time until she was "just part of the clan". Howard and Vera were married on April 9, 1942, at the parsonage of the Methodist Church in Silver Palm, Florida.

She is the daughter of Joseph L. and Eva E. Hilliard Fletcher, born January 12th at Silver Palm, Florida. It was here she attended her Elementary and High Schools, after which she enrolled in the University of Miami. After completion of her college, she has taught school for twenty years. Vera loved everyone of her students and could be as stern in discipline as she was full of love and understanding. She not only did her teaching career honor but she has graced each of the seven pastorates she has shared with Howard. Although different than Howard in her delivery, her soft-spoken speech, intermingled with a positiveness and love for people, quickly won her way into the hearts of their parishioners.

Howard, sometimes referred to as "the red-headed Irishman", is a forceful, dynamic preacher of the Gospel. He has often told his congregations, "I don't know how long I will be your pastor, but I intend to preach to you as long as I stay here!" And preach he has. Without fear or favor, but mingled with a bit of Irish humor, Howard doesn't hesitate to lay it on the line. His bold preaching from a heart of love and understanding has resulted in many finding themselves under old fashioned, Holy Ghost conviction and as a consequence have sought and found Jesus Christ precious to their hearts. We would hasten to add, not all have been real comfortable under his preaching, but he is admired by the vast majority for his "standing pat to his convictions and belief."

Together, they have pastored churches at English (1947); Leavenworth (1948); West Baden Charge (1950); Austin (1955); Clay City (1958); Milroy (1965); and currently Mitchell since 1972. All of his pastorates have been in Indiana.

They have a daughter, Sarah, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, February 19, 1943. Sarah graduated from Clay City High School and is married to Ronald Reagan. They have three children, Troy, Erik and Heidi, and reside in Clay City, Indiana.



The Wardrips, like many parsonage families, have endured the sufferings, hardships and hard times, but also have found a deep satisfaction in seeing some of the fruit of their labors come to maturity during the years.

Howard and Vera ... warm, personable, kind, loving ... a whole list of adjectives of goodness but also with a pioneer spirit as a voice crying in the wilderness, "Make way for the Kingdom of God!"

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To the right are the notes of the sermon Rev. Howard Wardrip delivered at the Ames Chapel Centennial on September 16, 1979, at the 2 p.m. service.

MARCHING ORDERS. 9/16/79
Luke 9:1-6;10-11 Mitchell

Introduction--For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Jesus did not say that---God did not say that--John the disciple-inspired by the love and power of the spirit We will remember that verse although we don't know the rest of the Bible.

Ministers must have a love for their people and perish. For God so loved and we so love or we will not be able to minister--The Church must love.

Mitchell is a small community--we love Mitchell
Mitchell is a small community in Indiana. Indiana is part of America. The people here are ~~no~~ different from the people of the world.

SUCCESS-DRIVEN PEOPLE.....

American people are a success-driven people, We are proud of our nation as number one. Every school child is conditioned toward success. by home, educational and community environment.

It means we are the star--at the top--A name for ourselves..More money than our non-successful neighbor better homes=bigger cars---more expensive clothing We use more of the world's products and energy.

1. The success drive has entered our churches... Preacher who have been successful. Leaders who are successful. It means bigness and activity Never mind how the bigness is obtained--or to what end the activities serve. Just BIG and ACTIVE.
2. Jesus called his disciples and told them to go and preach...
 - a. The turning point in their life was to know their leader.. TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST.
 - B. He is the Christ--he is the savior- he changes
3. Turning point--A Christian message--
 - a. What Jesus Christ did for them--this is all-- John said for God so loved the world, because of what he did for him.
4. Have a Christian Congregation---
 - a. Jesus needed his disciples-- The community needs a Christian congregation--- Evangelism I know.
5. Serve the community and the world in Love and for Christ sake----- John Wesley The world is my parish...

WHO ATTENDED THE CELEBRATION

An estimated 300 people attended the celebration at Ames Chapel Methodist Church; however, only 231 signed the guest book. They are listed as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	HOME CHURCH
Rev. & Mrs. Claude D. Wilson	4444 West St. Rd. 46 Bloomington, IN 47401	Zion Church of the Nazarene
Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Wilson	10190 Allisonville Rd. Noblesville, IN 46060	Calvary Wesleyan Indianapolis
Mrs. Ora Underwood	West Baden, IN 47469	Ames Chapel
Mr. Forrest Kerby	West Baden, IN 47469	Ames Chapel
Mr. & Mrs. Delmar Friedman	West Baden, IN 47469	Ames Chapel
Nancy Vanada	Rt. #1, Newburgh, IN 47201	Yankeetown UMC
Mrs. Annamae Holiday & Family	Rt. #1, West Baden, IN 47469	Ames Chapel
Mrs. Evelyn Wilson Abel	Rt. #1, West Baden, IN 47469	Ames Chapel
Debbie & Tammy Orr	Rt. #1, West Baden, IN 47469	Ames Chapel
James & Ramona Orr	Rt. #1, West Baden, IN 47469	Ames Chapel
Qualkenbush	Rt. #3	Ames Chapel
Carol, Keyby, Marny, Rachel	Paoli, IN 47454	
Mrs. Jewell McCarty	Paoli, IN 47454	Ames Chapel
Gene & Thelma Elliott	1737 W. Stop 11 Rd. Indianapolis, IN	Glenns Valley Methodist
Thelma Gilliatt	P.O. Box 82, Paoli, IN 47454	Ames Chapel
Lynn Chance	2116 W. Euclid, Muncie, IN	Edgewood Baptist
Bob Chance	52 N. Irvington, Indianapolis, IN	Old Bethel U. Methodist
Joe & Brenda Gilliatt	1200 Happy Hollow Rd. W. Lafayette, IN	Ames Chapel
Don & Vivian Miller	521 S. E. 3rd St. Paoli, IN 47454	Ames Chapel
Bill & Melanie Flick	R. #1 Box 9A, Paoli, IN 47454	Ames Chapel
Mrs. Ruth Abel	R. #1, Box 53 West Baden, IN 47469	Ames Chapel
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Minton	312 N. Gospel, Paoli, IN 47454	Ames Chapel
Betty (Wilson)	2224 W. Boston Ct., Indianapolis, IN	
Becky, Amy, Anne Bishop	111 W. Mechanic, Shelbyville, IN	
Elizabeth Wilson	1920 Olney, Indianapolis, IN	
Mrs. Faye L. Kellams	R. #1, West Baden, IN 47469	
Anna J. Charles	R. #1, West Baden, IN 47469	
Mary E. Love	R. #1 Box 68, West Baden, IN 47469	

Janet Gilliatt	P.O. Box 82, Paoli, IN 47454	Ames Chapel
Ed Hostuler	Paoli, IN 47454	
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Logsdon	West Baden, IN 47469	
Mr. & Mrs. Don L. Wilson	R. #1, West Baden, IN	Ames Chapel
Bud & Ben Minton	Paoli	Ames Chapel
Harry & Ruth Abel	West Baden	Ames Chapel
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Woolsey	French Lick, IN 47432	Methodist
David & Michael		
Brian A. Wilson	Jasper, IN	Ames Chapel
Connie M. Kerby	West Baden	Ames Chapel
Harold & Helen Wilson	Rt. 1, West Baden	Ames Chapel
Howard & Anna Wilson	Indianapolis	Old Bethel U. Methodist
Harvey & Ruth Condra	R.R. French Lick <i>R.R. 2.</i>	
Lawrence E. Tolbert	R.R. Orleans 47452 (Orangeville)	Springs Valley Nazarene
<u>Rhoda (Ham) Tolbert</u>	R.R. Orleans 47452 (Orangeville)	Springs Valley Nazarene
Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Langley	R. 3, Paoli, IN 47454	
Angie Mills		
Alonzo Wilson	French Lick, IN 47432	
Violet Wilson	French Lick, IN 47432	
Max & Maxine Toliver	Orleans	Ames & West Baden
Stephanie Toliver	Highland Heights Orleans, IN 47452	Ames & West Baden
Della Knight	R.R. West Baden	West Baden Methodist
Martha Davisson	French Lick	West Baden Methodist
Hazel Rominger	R. 2, West Baden	French Lick U. Methodist
Lowell Connell	Orleans	First Christian
Lucille E. Pinnick	West Baden	
Zeta Cleaver	West Baden, R.R.	French Lick Wesleyan
Harriett Brown	West Baden Springs	West Baden Methodist
Alleyne Brown	West Baden Springs	West Baden Methodist
Mrs. Grover (Pearl) Bedster	West Baden Springs	West Baden Methodist
Marjorie Seybold	R. 3, Paoli	West Baden Methodist
Hattia Pitcher	R. 3, Paoli	West Baden Methodist
Mildred Gromer	West Baden	
Lois (Stackhouse) Leonard	Orleans	
Fred & Alice Abel	West Baden	Ames Chapel
Jo Ann Foutch & Family	Campbellsburg, IN	Leipsic U. Methodist

Raymond & Mariam Wilson	R.R. West Baden	Calvary Chapel
Lowell & Evelyn L. Breeden	213 S. E. Second St., Paoli, IN	Paoli United Methodist
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Conrad	Poplar & Ohio, French Lick, IN	Beechwood Christian
Mr. & Mrs. Bertie Newland	160 E. Vincennes St., Orleans, IN	Christian
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Holland	Paoli, IN	Paoli First Baptist
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Wilson	R. 3, Paoli, IN	Ames Chapel
Gary Kerby	R. 2, West Baden	Ames Chapel
Virginia Emmons	R. West Baden	West Baden Methodist
Betsy Harner	R. 2, West Baden	West Baden Methodist
Chester & Betty Eubank	R. 1, Paoli	Paoli
Clarence & Hazel Pinnick	West Baden	West Baden
Mr. & Mrs. Arlie Hanover	West Baden	
Faith Williams	West Baden	
Herman Charles	West Baden	
Gladys L. Kerby	R. 2, West Baden	Ames Chapel
John & Linda Stone	R. 1, West Baden	Ames Chapel
Mr. & Mrs. James Allen	Vincennes, IN	1st Nazarene
Wininger	Holland, IN	Ames Chapel
Diane Nicholson, Tesse & Jann		
Genevive & Marvin Leonard X	351 Jackson St., French Lick, IN	Moore's Ridge
Richard, Anna, Mike, Dave, Nancy & Jill Dedrick	Rt. 3, Paoli	
John H. Lindley	Rt. 3, Paoli	Newberry Friends
Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Conrad	R. 1, West Baden	1st W.B. Baptist
Rutha F. Lambdin		
Cloe Anna Beatty	French Lick, IN	Beechwood Christian
John W. Cox & Esther Cleaver Cox	Monon Street, Paoli, IN	Paoli U. Methodist
Cindy Cox	Monon Street, Paoli, IN	Paoli U. Methodist
Danny, Marsha & Matthew D. Hickman	314 Sycamore St. Paoli, IN	Paoli Nazarene
Thelma & Vernon McCune	French Lick, IN	
Ward & Sue Elliott	Indianapolis	
James & Ruthie Vaughns	Santa Claus, IN	
Amy Bishopp	Shelbyville, IN	
Beth Holiday	R.R. #1, Box 51, West Baden, IN	Ames Chapel
Mildred Elliott Lashbrook	6111 E. 26th St., Indianapolis, IN	Methodist
Danny E. Orr	R.R. West Baden	Ames Chapel
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Lewis	R. 2, French Lick	Ames Chapel

Carl Gromer	R. 2, West Baden	Old Union U. Methodist
Clarice Dotson	R. 1, French Lick	Hillham M. E.
Blanche Lashbrook	R. 2, Paoli	Ames Chapel
Mabel M. Ellis	415 N. Gospel, Paoli, IN	Paoli United Methodist
Mary Helen Charles	R. West Baden	Church of the Bible Covenant of Paoli
Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Allen	R.R. West Baden	
Agnes Allen	R.R. West Baden	
Claire Kearby	French Lick	
Elizabeth Allen	West Baden	
Rev. Howard Wardrip	Mitchell, IN	Mitchell Methodist Pastor
Mrs. Vera Wardrip	Mitchell, IN	Mitchell Methodist Pastor's wife
Glenn & Bertha (Strother) Baker	Paoli, IN	
Dovie (Mrs. Perry) Starr	Paoli, IN	
Dorothy Stultz Hornback	Paoli, IN	
Dale & Judy Baker Kendall	Paoli, IN	
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Lindsey (former Janice Lewis)	French Lick	
Mr. & Mrs. Don Shields	Plainfield, IN	
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd H. Elrod	Orleans, IN	
Mr. & Mrs. John Switzer	West Baden, IN	
Norma Lynch	West Baden	
Donna Lynch	West Baden	
Rev. & Mrs. Ronald L. Lawhead	New Albany, IN	
Howard & June Elliott	R. 3, Paoli	Ames Chapel
Mrs. Marjorie Knight Wininger	R. 2 Box 82, Orleans, IN	Wesley Chapel (Orange County)
Julia Knight	R. 2 Box 83, Orleans, IN	Wesley Chapel (Orange County)
Pauline Baldwin	118 McVay, Crane, IN	Wesley Chapel (Orange County)
Millis H. Knight	R. 2 Box 83, Orleans, IN	Wesley Chapel (Orange County)
Timmy Orr	R. 1, West Baden	Ames Chapel
William & Marjorie M. Stone	R. 2, West Baden	Ames Chapel
Ralph E. Brown	125 Michigan St. French Lick, IN	Sulphur Creek (United Brethren)
Gladys M. Prow	120 Washington French Lick, IN	Sulphur Creek (United Brethren)

Hilbert Hall	West Baden	First Baptist West Baden, IN
June & Merrill Stephenson	Glena, IN	Eastside Nazarene New Albany
Susan Stephenson	Glena, IN	Eastside Nazarene New Albany
Bill Stephenson	Glena, IN	Eastside Nazarene New Albany
Lori Lou Orr	West Baden, IN	Ames Chapel

This completes the list of people who registered. If your name did not appear in the register, then we had no record. If you did register and your name was overlooked, it would be appreciated if you would inform the author. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP OF AMES CHAPEL

(as of January 1979)

1. Cecil Abel	27. Annamae Holiday	53. Carol Qualkenbush
2. Evelyn Abel	28. Bobbie Jo Holiday	54. Ruthie Reynolds
3. Harry Abel	29. Beth Anne Holiday	55. Gena Reynolds
4. Ruth Abel	30. Irvin Langley	55. Gena Reynolds
5. Mae Anderson	31. Blanche Lashbrook	57. Herman Temple
6. Nelle Armstrong	32. Russell Lewis	58. Dana Temple
7. Betty Arthur	33. Alta Lewis	59. Loretta Thurston
8. Emma Bostock	34. Janice Lindsey	60. Margie Tolbert Stone
9. Pearl Chastain	35. Barbara Jean Livingston	61. Judy Tolbert Cox
10. Duane Chastain	36. Roy Don Love	62. Linda Purlee Stone
11. Clifford Cox	37. Lee McCarty	63. Ora Underwood
12. Billie Stone	38. Jewell McCarty	64. David Wells
13. Anne Dedrick	39. Don Miller	65. Andrew Wilson
14. Howard Elliott	40. Vivian Miller	66. Pearl Wilson
15. June Elliott	41. Kenneth D. Miller	67. Don Wilson
16. Melanie Flick	42. Harold Minton	68. Sue Wilson
17. Bill Flick	43. Joy Minton	69. Brian Wilson
18. Delmar Friedman	44. Ben Minton	70. Barry Wilson
19. Gaithel Friedman	45. Lucille Minton	71. David Wilson
20. Brenda Gilliatt	46. Omer Nicholson	72. Darin Wilson
21. Joseph Gilliatt	47. James Orr	73. Harold Wilson
22. Marvin Gilliatt	48. Romona Orr	74. Frankie Friedman
23. Thelma Gilliatt	49. Danny Orr	75. Gladys Kerby
24. Janet Gilliatt	50. Tammy Orr	76. Forrest Kerby
25. Susan Harris	51. Debbie Orr	77. Elizabeth Owen
26. Larry Holiday	52. Lori Orr	78. Betty Shipp

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ABBEY DELL — CENTER OF COMMERCE

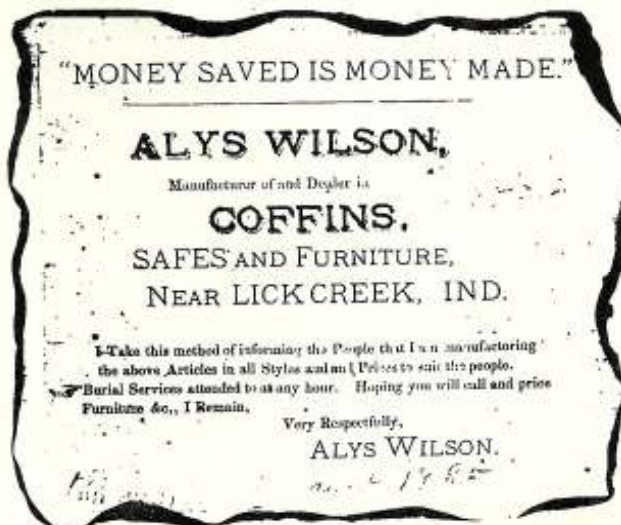
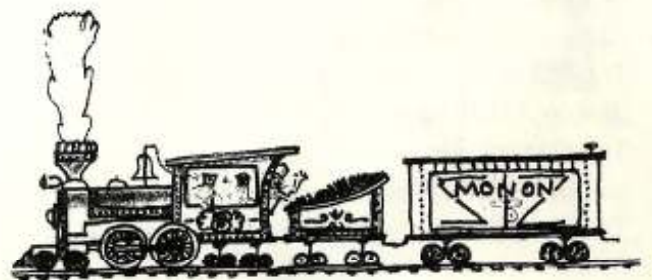
A little village along the old Monon Railroad, nestled in a valley on the bluffs of Lick Creek, just south of Ames Chapel Church, is Abbey Dell. At one time this was a thriving business center and larger than we find it in this present day. It was a place of much activity in the late 1800's on through to the late 1920's.

A Dr. Cole had an office in the village. There was also a Post Office. The blacksmith shop stood right in the heart of town and there were two general stores, a barber shop, stockyards, and the train made a regular stop. Education was not neglected either, for at the west side was a one room school house that remained in business until 1936 or 1937.

The late Charles Wells, the son of the late Luther and Thresia Covert Wells, even named the streets when he was a boy. Although street signs were never erected, the "street" going into the village from the highway was "Main Street"; when you got to the intersection to the east, up a tree-lined road was "Walnut Street" (named after the many trees), straight ahead to the south toward the general store was "Market Street" also toward the stockyards. To the west, down a road right-of-way (since then officially closed) is "College Street" because it ended at the school property. Really big town business??!!

Typical of the setting, most general stores had their supply of dogs hanging around, many waiting for their masters who were inside. Azor Smith and Elwood Wells operated one of the stores and had a pet bird dog. Each morning the train would stop on its regular route to the north and the trainmen would purchase various articles and visit. Keep in mind those people lived in an unhurried age. The conductor made friends with the dog. When they all started to the train to leave, the dog followed them onto the train and left with them. At Orleans he was let off and visited the town until evening when the train made its return route south. Somehow the dog knew when the train would be coming back home and would ride back to the store at Abbey Dell. (I wonder if he had to purchase a ticket.) This story has been authenticated from various sources.

When the citizens of the community came to the time of "final resting," Mr. Alys Wilson was the local undertaker. He was also a maker of fine furniture. Some of his handiwork is in the homes of his relatives at this present time. A few of the original houses stand today; the Lucy Lambdin, Tom Underwood, Charles Wells and a one story frame at the intersection. If Abbey Dell could talk....!



Tradition relates that Abbey Dell was named after a railroader's daughter, "Abbey". The "Dell" was added because of its location. Many people, even in early times, spell the name incorrectly as "Abydel". This has been pointed out to the author as an error ... it should be two words, "Abbey Dell".



**Wood Burning Locomotive of the
New Albany and Salem Railroad Company
(Monon)
at the Paoli Station**

The New Albany and Salem Railroad, later known as the Monon, was organized as a corporation in 1847. It owned but little more than 500 miles of line, all single track and located entirely within the state of Indiana. The Hoosier people regarded it as their own. This drawing is of an early woodburning locomotive, taken from a photo of the "SALEM" while it was at the Monon Station in Paoli, Indiana. The early locomotives were given names instead of numbers. At first they were named for stations along the way such as: New Albany, Salem, Smithville, and Woodville. Later, they were given more romantic names like Rattler, Meteor, Arrow, and Clipper. Trains reached Salem in January 1851, Orleans in January 1852, and Bloomington in October 1853. The first train ran from Michigan City to New Albany on July 3, 1854. This 288 mile run required 16 hours. The Monon had many distinguished men as its



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president. The only Hoosier to become president of the company was H. R. Kurrie, a native of Paoli. Mr. Kurrie remained president for twenty-four years until his death in 1938. The station in Paoli was removed in 1976, and the tracks to French Lick were taken up in 1977, the end of an era.



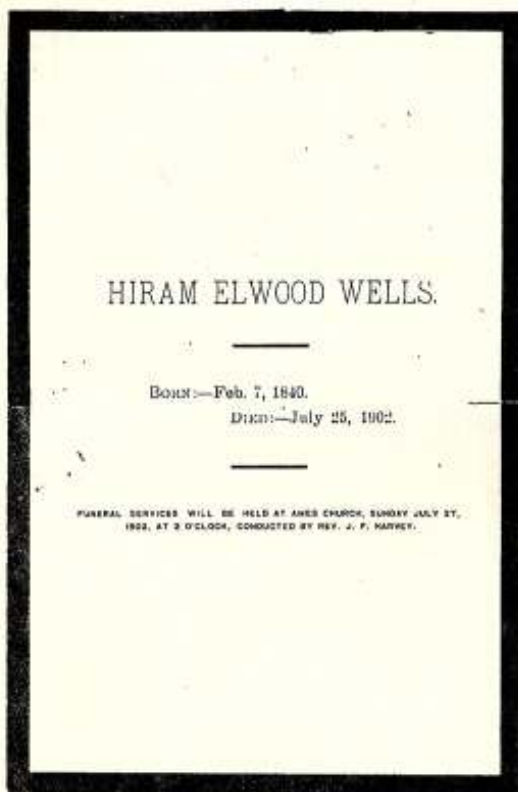
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"French Lick on Wings of Time"
September 15-21, 1957, page 25.

Azor Charles

Azor Charles was born in 1796 and died in 1871. He was the son of Joel Charles, who was one of the first emigrants to settle at this noted place, French Lick, and was also elected the first Justice of Peace. Azor's wife, Rachel Cobb, was a daughter of Samuel Cobb. The Charles and Cobb families came into Indiana by way of Kentucky, Tennessee from South Carolina. He was a brother of William Charles, who was murdered by the Indians.

During and after the war of 1812, Joel Charles lived with his large family in a fort in French Lick, located where the French Lick Hotel now stands, and where a company of Rangers were stationed.

Azor Charles is a great-great-grandfather of James Robert McCampbell and Doreatha Temple Kennedy.



Courtesy of Mrs. Delmar (Gaithel Rominger) Friedman
West Baden, Indiana

"A death notice about Hiram E. Wells"
Originally sent to Elsworth Sparks
Abbey Dell, Indiana



Hiram E. Wells

Hiram E. Wells was born near Paoli, Orange County, February 7, 1840. He served in the Federal Army throughout the Civil War. He was married to Mary J. Hill in 1866 and located on a farm near Ames Chapel Church until 1876. He was the first Republican elected in Orange County serving as Treasurer two terms 1877-1881. He and James M. Andrew bought the French Lick Springs Hotel in 1880. They operated this hotel until they sold to a Louisville Syndicate in 1886.

He operated a general store in French Lick for several years in his own name and for some time with different partners. He built the Wells Hotel in 1896-97 and operated the same successfully until his death.

He served several terms as Postmaster in French Lick and was Postmaster at the time of his death July 25, 1902.

Hiram E. Wells, for many years following the Civil War period, operated a general store in French Lick. Everything was sold, bought whatever was brought in—the pay in trade, never money, as was the custom of the day.



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DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
 BOOTS, SHOES,
 HATS, CAPS,
 GROCERIES,
 HARDWARE,
 QUEENSWARE,
 SADDLES, HARNESS,
 AGRICULTURAL
 IMPLEMENTS,
 GENERAL UNDERTAKERS,
 HINDOSTAN OIL STONE
 AND SAND STONE,
 TIMBER CROSS TIES.

H. E. WELLS AND GO.

GENERAL MERCHANTS.

Alkydel. Ind.,

1900.

56# crackers 6	3.36
53# sunsags 6 ²	3.45
5# stick candy 7	.35
1 Bx assorted cakes	1.70
1 case pop corn	2.75
1 Bx Bl pop corn	2.34
1/2 Bx lemons	2.75
1 " Penny candy	.60
50 cigars	1.75
100 buns	.65
1 lb campaign gum	.60
2 Bunch Bananas	2.75
35# peanuts 5	3.00
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— From author's personal collection.

OLD-TIMER'S HOMES IN ABBEY DELL



CHARLES and SARAH BELLE CAMPBELL WELLS HOME. Her parents, James Perry and Priscilla Jane Campbell, lived here at one time. The Wells' (Charlie and Belle) were married January 11, 1891. It is presumed the house was built around the mid 1800's. It is now the home of Charles and Mary Maul.



LON and LILLIE ROMINGER LASHBROOK'S HOME. The dwelling was built by Lon Lashbrook. Lillie was the daughter of Jonathan P. and Mary Boyd Rominger who were early pillars in the Ames Methodist Church. The date of the construction of the dwelling is unknown, but is assumed to be the early part of the 1900's.



THE LUCY LAMBDIN HOME, built by Sherman Campbell who was one of the store owners in Abbey Dell history. It is uncertain when this home was built—possibly in the early 1900's or before.



THE TOM AND MARY UNDERWOOD HOME, located just south of the old Monon railroad right-of-way. It is one of the oldest residences in the village, no doubt built in the mid-1800's.

— Photos by Claude Wilson
Developed by Steve Jackson,
Ellettsville, Indiana

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
OF SOME OF THE EARLY ORANGE COUNTY METHODISTS**

JAMES P. CAMPBELL SR. is a native of French Lick Township, Orange County, Indiana, where he now lives. (This is written in the year of 1884, quoted directly from **History of Orange County 1884**). He is one of four children, three of whom lived to manhood, born to Adlai and Catherine (Porter) Campbell. The parents were natives of North Carolina, and in the Spring of 1811 moved to Gibson County, Indiana, and three years later to Orange County, where they made their home the balance of their lives. James P. Campbell received a good common school education. He started out in life without property, and rented a part of the farm which he now owns. By diligence and economy he has succeeded in acquiring a competence for life. He has been twice married, the first time to Jane M. Faucett on the 3rd of November, 1836. Of the three children which she bore him only one is now living. The second wife was Mrs. Deborah (McCoy) Jackson, who became such October 3, 1865. By her he is the father of one child, named Catherine F. Mr. Campbell was for five years Captain of a military company under the old muster law, and was an enrolling officer during the war. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Up to the war he was a Democrat, but at that time he joined the Republican party, and has been such ever since.

Quoted from **History of Orange County 1884**, page 641

ALFRED BRUNER, one of the early settlers of Orangeville Township, was born April 5, 1815, in Breckinridge County, Kentucky. He was the oldest of a family of ten children born to Adam and Nancy (Arnes) Bruner, who were respectively of German and Scotch English descent, the former having been the first white child born in Hardin's Fort, in that County. In the year 1823 his parents brought him to this State, locating in Lawrence County, he remaining with and assisting them on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, receiving a very meager education. December 29, 1836, he was married to Mary Wilson, daughter of Major Andrew Wilson, who has borne him ten children, of whom these six are now living (1884): Amanda J., wife of Moses F. Ham; Hester A., wife of Joseph Bruner; Lucy A., who is the wife of Silas J. Halbert; Maria, who was united in marriage to John Millis; Ellen, wife of John Hudelson, and Alfred W., who married Flora Faucett. He is a farmer, now owning 178 acres of well-improved land situated in one of the best agricultural districts in the county. Himself and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to support of which they contribute very liberally. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and he belongs to the Odd Fellows' fraternity.

Quoted from **History of Orange County 1884**, page 625

SAMUEL HICKS, one of ten children of Solomon and Lucy (Butts) Hicks, was born December 11, 1809, in Vermont. His father was a native of New York, his mother of Massachusetts, and were respectively of German-English and English descent. In the year 1822 they and family immigrated to Switzerland County, this State, where August 21, 1837, Samuel was licensed to preach according to the doctrine of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by the Rev. E. G. Wood, and was ordained Local Deacon of that church by Bishop Wall, September 29, 1844, at Bloomington, Indiana, and Local Elder October 4, 1847, at Evansville. He traveled the Patriot Circuit nine months in 1843, Manchester in 1844, Wilmington in 1845, Orleans in 1846 and 1847, Washington in 1848, and was a supply on the Stanford Circuit in 1857. July 11, 1837, he married Grace E. Greenleaf, and one child was born of this union—Samuel G.—who died in the late war at the battle of Champion Hills. The death of his wife took place January 22, 1839. September 11, 1845, he again married, this time Eliza Lee. Two children have been born to them: Mary E., wife of William Shirley, and William T., the present County Clerk (1884), whose sketch appears in this work (see **Orange County History 1884**, page). Soon after the date of this marriage they moved to Orleans.

Quoted from **History of Orange County 1884**, page 627

LOUIS B. WILSON was born at Paoli, Orange County, April 28, 1822, the second child of Nathaniel and Annie (Baker) Wilson, [early Methodist workers in Orangeville], who were natives of Virginia, the former (Nathaniel and Annie) born 1794, and his wife 1796. The father served in the war of 1812 and came to Orange County with his parents in 1817, and was a farmer by occupation. In 1834 his wife died. She was a devoted Christian, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an amiable lady and mother of six children. Mr. (Louis) Wilson took for his second wife in 1835 Jane Kenley, who bore him seven children, and upon the death of this lady Mr. Wilson took as his third wife Mary Hamilton, who still survives him (1884). He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for over sixty years and died in 1874. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a Welshman and came to America as a British soldier. Here he met and married Britton, an English lady. They also came to Orange County in 1817 and resided here until their deaths. Louis B. passed his early life on a farm and has been a resident of his native county all his life. In 1846 he married Hannah, daughter of William and Mary (Collins) Magner, who was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky in 1823, and came to Orange County with her parents when ten years of age. She died in 1864, and was the mother of five children, one of whom is still living, (1884), James A. In 1865 Mr. Wilson married Lydia M., daughter of Henry and Mary (Elrod) Stultz. Mrs. Wilson is a native of this county, born September 3, 1834. Five children were born to this marriage, three living (as of 1884): Maggie, Frederick and Louisa. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Methodist Church, also member of the A.F. & A.M. and a staunch Republican.

Quoted from **History of Orange County 1884**, page 615

JOHN A. RITTER, M.D. of the firm of Ritter & Carter, was born in Jessamine County, Kentucky, January 3, 1819, being the youngest of three children born to John and Agnes (Butler) Ritter. His father was a native of Kentucky, his mother of Virginia, the former dying in his native State, while our subject was quite young. John came to Indiana in about 1839, his mother having preceded him one year. After receiving an ordinary education he commenced reading medicine, which he abandoned at the end of one year, again resuming the study three years later, then taking a course of lectures at Louisville, graduating at Indianapolis some time after. October 28, 1845, he married Margaret Carter, and nine children have been born, of whom seven are living: Harriet F., wife of Lewis P. Brown; John A., who married Sarah Jackman; Thomas B., whose wife was Mattie Easley; William V., who married Kittie E. Elrod; James K., Orlando H. and Margaret E. B. Those deceased are: Theophilus C. and Mary M. The Doctor has long enjoyed a large and lucrative practice over quite an extent of territory, having succeeded in amassing quite an amount of property, owning about 1,000 acres of land. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which, he is Trustee and Steward. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows' fraternity. In November, 1860, he enlisted as a volunteer private, and in the organization of the company he was chosen Captain; later he was promoted to the office of Regimental Surgeon, and was in the service two years, participating in a number of important engagements, and was discharged on account of disability. In politics he is a staunch Republican. Dr. Ritter has long taken an active interest in the continuance and prosperity of the County Medical Society, of which organization a fuller account is found elsewhere.

Quoted from **History of Orange County 1884**, page 630

CAPT. WILLIAM CHARLES was born in French Lick Township, Orange County, Indiana, March 19, 1820. He is the oldest of eleven children born to Azor and Rachael (Cobb) Charles. The father was a native of Tennessee, and from there he moved with his parents to Kentucky, and afterward with them came to Orange County when about thirteen. Soon after his marriage Azor located about six miles west of Paoli in what is now French Lick Township, and remained there until his death in 1871. His son William, who now lives near the same place, received a common school education in the primitive schools of his day. He was raised to a farmer's life with his parents, and in 1850 went to California, where he remained