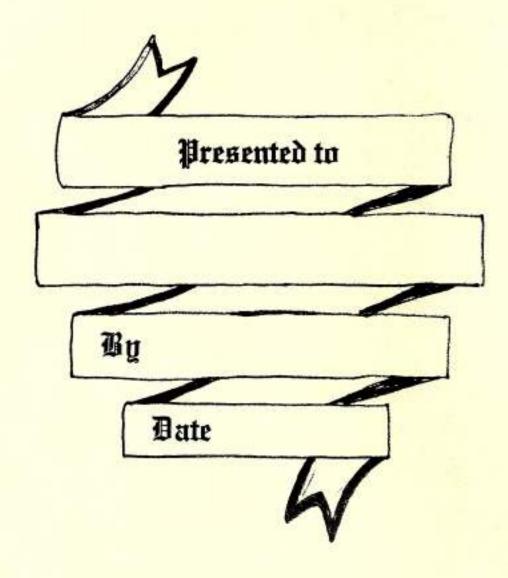
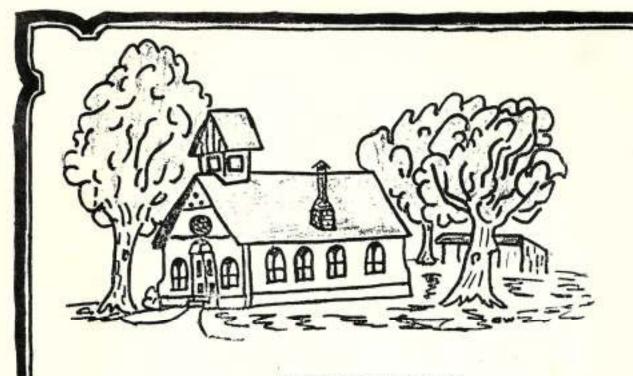
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"Let's take a stroll down memory lane . . . . "

# INTRODUCTION

The Historical Committee of Ames Chapel United Methodist Church, Mrs. Ora Underwood, Mrs. Evelyn Abel and Mrs. Pearl Wilson, asked me to write a history of the church to be given at the centennial celebration on September 16, 1979. This I considered a unique honor because my ancestors were very much involved in the formation of this Church. My grandmother, Martha Isabelle Stackhouse Wilson, was the first convert, so I am told, in this newly organized church. Although I never had the privilege of knowing her, I feel her influence on my father, and also my mother, had great bearing upon my life, thus their Godly influence gave me a guiding spiritual foundation to establish my life upon. If I were to subtitle this book it would be, "AMES CHAPEL . . . A POWER OF INFLUENCE". I am sure that many others, both my relatives and friends, whose lives have been touched by this particular church, share the same sentiments.

Hopefully, as new material is secured and information not yet come to our knowledge, this booklet will be revised from time to time. If you find errors in this edition, I would be pleased to stand corrected, and if you wish to share in this venture, I will appreciate it and your contribution of materials will be acknowledged in future editions.

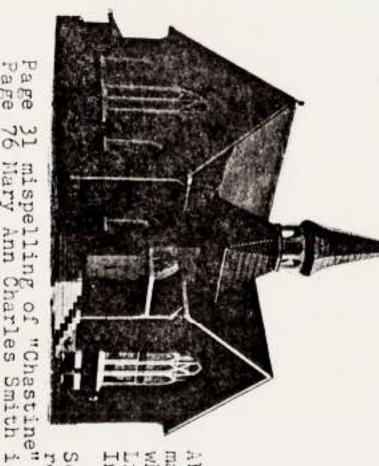
The intent of this history is not only to give facts of interest but to inspire this present and future generations to "continue in the faith once delivered unto the saints" ... lifting up Christ to a lost world ... to proclaim the Word of God in all its power and purity ... just as did the early pioneers of Ames Chapel.

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Sincere. Claude Devill Millon



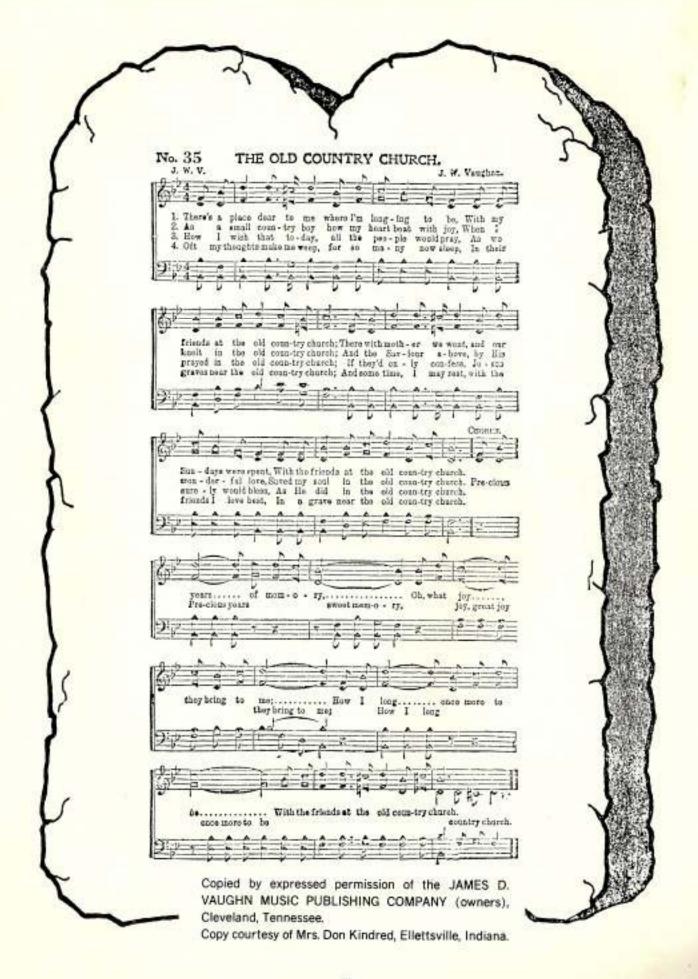


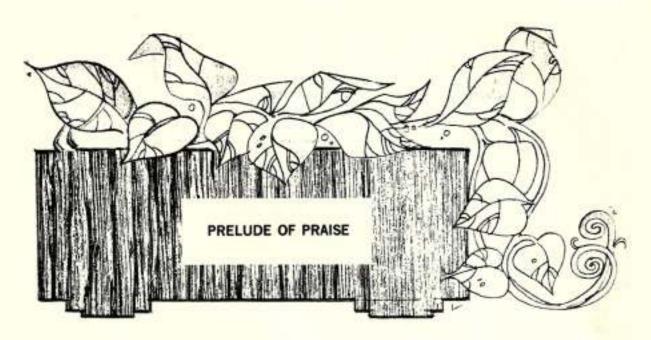


DEDICATION

This book is affectionately dedicated to the memory of my parents, Raymond L. Wilson Sr. (1898-1957) and Estelle I. Hickman Wilson (1899-1973). These precious people, known to many as "Dodger and Estelle", left a legacy of wealth to their sons, their wives and their descendants, not of "silver and gold", but that of a Godly life. It was through their guidance, example and encouragement that their three sons are deeply indebted for the "laying of their spiritual cornerstones" upon Jesus Christ, the Rock of Ages, and the Word of God, from whence their personal experiences of Salvation are established

This book, although "homespun", perhaps with mistakes and errors, but humbly written from the heart, as well as from various resources, is a labor of love. It is from a deep sense of gratitude that I proudly dedicated my first published book to my parents. It is my prayer that I may hand to my children and grandchildren as good a legacy as I have received from my Mother and Daddy.





From the wonderful experience of John Wesley at Aldersgate, where his heart was "strangely warmed" with the Holy Spirit; to Francis Asbury, who followed in his footsteps and came to America from England and became the father of Methodism in the United States; to Peter Cartwright who preached the first Methodist sermon in the State of Indiana; to those dedicated, Spirit filled people, who faced the dangers of settling in Orange County and because they were not satisfied with status quo of spiritual complacency, endeavored to follow the leading of God and established places of worship where needy, hungry, thirsty souls could find their deep spiritual needs supplied; on down to this present day of September 1979, whose lives have been influenced and shaped because of the founders of Smith and Nelson Chapels, that consummated the forming of Ames Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, we, their descendants and our friends of the present generation, come in celebration of thanksgiving for over one-hundred years of spiritual prestige in this community.

The impact of this church has not been isolated just to Orange County, Indiana. People, whose lives have been touched by its discipline and doctrine are found scattered from the East to the West coast, from our North boundaries to our South boundaries, in countries around the world, in our cities, in many churches and across the countryside. Those people who had a vision, sacrificed and worked to establish this church, little realized the wide outreach of Ames Chapel. It has been through its dedication that many have laid their "spiritual cornerstones" and established their lives for God. Many, with Spirit filled hearts and determination to live Godly, have gone out into the world to proclaim in word and deed, that "JESUS HAS A BETTER WAY" and "JESUS IS THE BETTER WAY"!

Today we join with the song writers who composed words of praise when they wrote:

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY! GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!"

Our hearts swell with the old melody used by many churches for many years and sung across America today:

"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!
PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW!
PRAISE HIM ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST!
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST! AMEN."



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## EARLY INDIANA METHODISTS



JOHN WESLEY

Of all the denominations that pioneered Indiana, the Methodists were the most active. The organizations of this church with its bishops, presiding elders, circuit riders, quarterly meetings and class meetings was well adapted to conditions on the frontier. The zeal of the circuit riders was unbounded. John Wesley, after his wonderful experience at Aldersgate, came to America to preach. Francis Asbury, who followed in his footsteps, came to America in 1771 to become the "Father of Methodism in the United States" and its General Superintendent in 1784. He had a burning zeal and devotion to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all of its power and purity. He traveled thousands of miles on horseback throughout the colonies, in all kinds of weather and under the most trying circumstances.

Peter Cartwright crossed the Ohio River in 1804 and preached the first "Methodist sermon" in Indiana.

The First Methodist Church in Indiana was built in Clark's Grant four miles north of Charlestown, in what was known as the "Robertson neighborhood" in 1808 and was made part of the Silver Creek Circuit.

It was into this wilderness country of Indiana that the stout-hearted pioneers came to build their homes and churches and lay the foundations for the civilization we have today.

Prior to 1817 there were no roads west of White River and no bridges in Indiana. Many early settlers followed the streams which were the lines of least resistance. The buffalo trail became the Indian trail, and this became the trader's trace; the trails widened into roads and the roads into turnpikes. In 1820 Commissioners were appointed by the Indiana General Assembly to oversee the building of roads. The first stage coach line in Indiana followed the old trace from Louisville to Vincennes. It was only a dirt road by summer and a mud road by winter.

Many of the early settlers came from Virginia and North Carolina through the Cumberland Gap, either up into Ohio and west to Indiana, or up through Kentucky, across the Ohio River by ferry boat and onto the wilderness of Indiana.

Most of them brought only the bare necessities to start their new homes. Many had to walk the long, hard, dangerous journey; some rode horses and a few had oxen and horses to pull their wagons. It is interesting to note, the majority had one main ingredient they brought with them to help fortify them for the riggers of a hard pioneer life . . . their faith in God, the Bible, and their personal religious experiences. Many of them had experienced a personal "Aldersgate" warming of their souls.

# **ORANGE COUNTY METHODISTS**



THE CIRCUIT RIDER

In 1824 Rev. Edward Smith was on the Paoli Circuit, with Rev. John Miller following in 1825. Rev. Miller brought the Word of God to 422 members on his circuit that year. Among those early worshippers in Paoli were the following families: Jackson, Osborne, Gifford, Kearby, Moore and Throop; also the McVeys, Millers, Kigers, Craigs, Stuckers, Wilsons, Collins, Coffins, Meachams, Chipmans, and Craigs.

People had been pushing West, establishing towns, hamlets, businesses and churches, onto this part of Indiana that was eventually named "Orange County" after Orange County, North Carolina, which was named after the Earl of Orange of England.

The early events and formation, that eventually led to the establishing of Ames Chapel, ties in with the early history of Orange County and the settling of Indiana. The Northwest Territory had begun to receive those hardy pioneers who sought to fulfill the desire of their hearts ... the freedom of religion and a new land for a new beginning.

Indiana was only a youthful State of twenty years and the town of French Lick (The Lick) had only a Fort and a few citizens with its official organization still twenty-one years into the future, when a class of Methodist were founded in 1836 in the neighborhood about two miles northeast of the location of the present Ames Chapel Church. It became known as the Nelson Chapel community.

Among the first members of this organization, we find the names of Allen Miller and wife; David Osborn, who was a trustee in early Methodist work in Paoli and his wife; William Stout, a school teacher, and his wife; Alfred Bruner, who attended school in Northwest Township in 1832 and helped organize Bruner's Chapel, now Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, east of Orangeville prior to the 1830's, and his wife; and others whose names are not available.

In 1842, this organization erected a log church on what years later became the property of the late Jesse and Sadie Wilson and is now owned by Preston Flick.

The church was situated on one of the main traveled roads of early Indiana, the New Albany-Vincennes stage coach road. No doubt many noted early Americans, on their way to Vincennes, saw the little chapel by the side of the road. Little did they realize its contributions to the present and future generations.

Just west of the church, about one-half mile over the hill in a valley, was an Inn, which at one time had the names of Dillinger and Campbell connected with its ownership; and these weary, worn, joited travelers were more interested in getting there so they could refresh themselves with food and rest up for the many miles ahead.

The first pastor of Nelson Chapel Methodist Church was the Rev. Phillip May and the presiding elder was the Rev. Henry Talbott. In 1858, local historians report that James P. Campbell was engaged as a local pastor to serve the church. Later under the pastorate of the Rev. Francis Walker, the class of Nelson Chapel divided (not through a falling out but one of reaching out) to win others for Christ and enlarge their influence. At the time of the division there were about eighty people. Later a part of this class

became known as "Smith Chapel Methodist Church" and held their meetings in the home of James Hicks, where they organized a Sunday School in 1858. The following year, in 1859, they built a church building on the old Paoli-Hayesville Road.

Benjamin R. Smith and William A. Charles are numbered among the first class leaders of this church that was built about one-half mile east of the farm of the late Azor C. Smith. The farm is now owned by Russell and Alta Lewis. The first trustees were Benjamin Smith, William A. Charles, Hiram Robbins, Henry Underwood, and Calvin Sparks.

It is here that we detour a bit to give some information that might be of interest to historians, yet it all ties in with the early events leading up to Ames Chapel.

In these late years of the twentieth century one may ask, "Why did they build the churches so far back off the main roads?" We must keep in mind that the New Albany-Vincennes Road and the Paoli-Hayesville Road were some of the main roads of that day.

Today, it is hard to visualize that the present U.S. Highway 150 was just another dirt trail that led to the "Lick", fording Lick Creek at various points along the way.

An interesting bit of history concerning the building of the "Maples Wayside Inn", just west of Ames. Mr. James P. Campbell built it in 1841. From reliable sources of history we gleaned the information that Mr. Campbell had been engaged in the Inn business (either entirely or as a partnership) along the New Albany-Vincennes Road. It is surmised he was an honest, upright Christian gentleman, or else the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church would not have granted him a license to preach, much less would the local people have stood for him to minister to them. However, along with his good principles he had a good business mind and took every advantage of opportunities to advance his interest. No one could blame him for this.

Somehow he learned that the New Albany-Vincennes Road and the Paoli-Hayesville Road were to be re-routed, starting at Paoli and westward. The new route would divide at Prospect with roads going to Vincennes and one to Hayesville. He purchased a farm on Lick Creek, which included more than the present farm boundaries, knowing the new road would come through his land. So he built this large home. When the road was surveyed, it cut his farm right in two and literally nearly came to his front door.

Here he established a good business and employed various persons, among whom was my grandmother, Martha Isabelle Stackhouse (Wilson). Could it be that her employment at the Inn near the (yet to be) Ames Chapel Church was the means that influenced her to attend church there later on? And because of this she became a very strong influence of Christianity. Who knows . . . only eternity will reveal it to us.

She was a young lady, perhaps in her teens, and many times had greeted weary travelers, did housework, cooked and scrubbed floors at the Inn. It was interesting for her to watch the coachmen unload their containers of gold and put in the "lock room" (still part of the house). In that day, Mr. Campbell kept money (probably both paper bills and gold coins) in his home and acted as a bank for many people. There were no banks nearby and travel to the closest bank would mean a long, hard trip.

In 1869 a covered bridge was built over Lick Creek just west of the Inn. Previously the creek had to be forded at a low spot south of the present bridge. The dirt road was later covered with crushed stone and was known as the "Pike" until the late 1920's when it was surfaced with concrete. The new concrete road was known as the "Dixie Highway" for many years. As a young man, Harold Wilson was one of the many local people employed in its construction. During this time, the present concrete and steel bridge was built by the State of Indiana Highway Department. A picture and information about the bridge are found in this section.

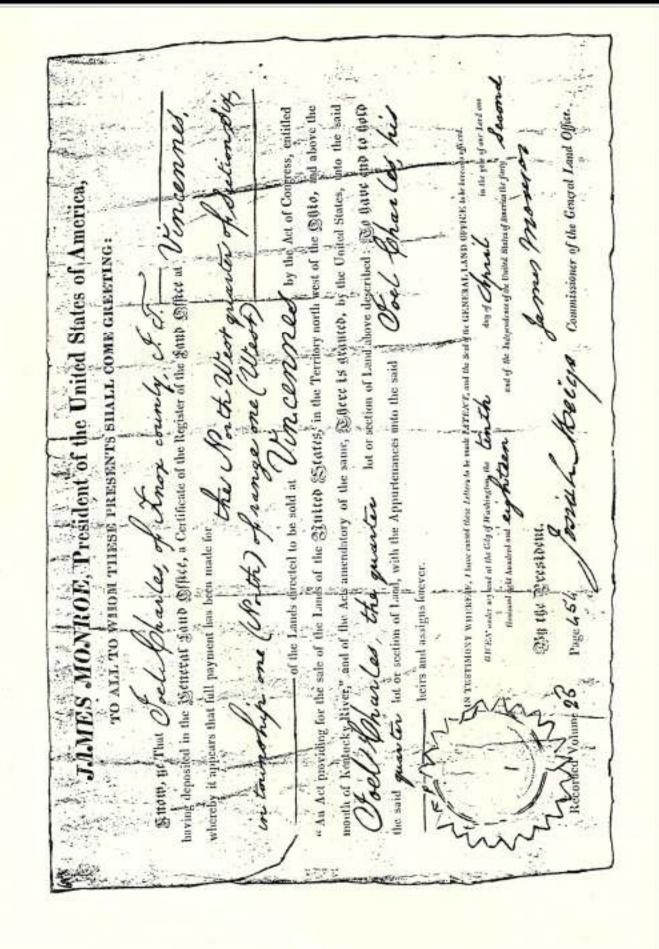




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# OLD BETHEL

The above "Old Bethel", the first Methodist Church in the State of Indiana, was originally constructed by Nathan Robertson on his farm in Clark's Grant, near Charlestown, Indiana. It was the first church in Silver Creek Circuit. Moses Ashworth, first circuit rider (pastor) in Indiana, was pastor. Moved in 1837 a quarter mile south and moved later to Lexington Highway. Abandoned in 1857 and used as a sheepfold Restored and moved to original site in 1903. Moved to Charlestown in 1925. Finally moved and restored as a shrine on the DePauw University campus. Greencastle, Indiana, in 1953-1954.

Nathan Robertson, in 1807, decided that the time had come for building a real house of worship, dedicated to the purpose. Besides neighboring churchmen, Nathan had a crew of six stalwart sons to help him. Their names were Robert, Middleton, Eli, Zephaniah, Hezekiah and James. Uniting their strength and devotion, they soon completed the "Robertson Meeting House".

This building was typical of early styles of "meeting houses" in the early 1800's

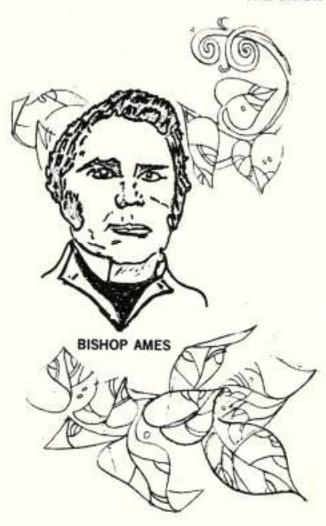
In the unpublished works of family geneology, the late Rev. Mrs. Gerene Osborn Pluris stated, and I quote. "Nelson Chapel It was a large frame building about 40 feet by 70 feet. It was razed in the Fall of 1902. The sills were 12" x 12" of hand hewed white oak and the studding was 4" x 4" of yellow poplar. Alonzo Wilson helped raze the building and he told me he dragged the sills away with an old log horse named "Old Bill" and he had just all that he could pull."



The original Ames Chapel Church and Cemetery Picture taking about 1912 or 1913, shortly before it burned to the ground. This is an eastern view taken from the field on the Peter Pope Farm.

— Courtesy of Ora Underwood West Baden, owner

### THE UNION OF THE FAITHFUL



In the Fall of 1879, the congregations of Nelson and Smith Chapels consolidated and formed "Ames Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church". I surmise it named after the Rev. Edward Ames, a Methodist Bishop listed with the Indiana Methodist Conference in 1853 and 1854.

Moses F. Ham, the son-in-law of Alfred and Mary Wilson Bruner, deeded three acres of ground, one acre to be used as a cemetery and two acres of ground for the church building and hitching places.

The first person to be buried in the new cemetery was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Campbell. Her name was Mariaha Campbell. She died on August 20, 1879 at the age of 18 years. Since that first burial the Ames cemetery has been enlarged to many times its original size.

In the Fall of 1879 they started the construction north of the present village of Abby Dell. Notley Harris was the contractor and Joe Morris, J. P. Campbell and others were carpenters. Also, the hitching places to the back of the church were a shed type building, open to the south, but enclosed to the north to protect the horses who patiently waited for their owners.

The building was one of the neatest in Orange County and cost \$1,300.00 when completed in 1880. With nearly 100 members it was one of the most energetic, prosperous organizations of the kind in the County. It had a good Sunday School with James

S. Porter as superintendent. I am told it was a beautiful, white weatherboarded, frame building, had a center front entrance (as the photographs in this book show), and faced the south. Inside, a center aisle, with heating stoves on both sides of the church. All the pews faced the front, according to the recollections of Mary E. Love, except those near the stoves which formed a ring, facing the stoves on three sides. She recalls there were no cloak rooms, so in winter the wraps were laid on the seats. The church had a bell and the custodian, Ralph Kirk, would ring it for all the services. People came from all directions on horseback, by buggies, in wagons, and many of the people from Abby Dell walked on a boardwalk along the west side of the road that extended from Lawrence Love's General Store near the railroad to the crossroads. The lumber for the construction of the walk came from a saw mill owned by Richard Lashbrook.

In the Spring of 1880, the church was finished, and Rev. Merrimon S. Haveridge of Paoli, who had pastored both the Nelson and Smith Chapels, conducted a revival meeting. In that revival, the first one to be converted was Martha Isabelle Stackhouse, the teenager that J. P. Campbell had earlier employed in his Inn. Martha bowed at the altar and prayed through to salvation.

A great revival broke out and there were many others converted. The number and names of these persons are not known—we wish we knew. But today the descendants of these people still are influenced by this revival. Oh the power of influence! Our bodies die, go back to Mother Earth, but our influence lives on and on through generation after generation.

auditorium has been panelled and new lighting installed, much to the comfort of the people, central air conditioning has been added

The present Trustees are: Jimmy Orr, Howard Elliott, Don Miller, Larry Holliday, Mike Detrick, and Delmar Friedman. In recent months, Cecil Abel, who faithfully filled the office of trustee for many years, went to his eternal reward.

A par for many churches. Ames Chapel has had its problems and difficult situations to face over the years, but true to the pioneer spirit of the founders of the church, they have, in their true Christian spirit, maintained and kept alive and in good condition this beautiful church.

The pioneers and their day are gone, but the story of the heroic struggles of these pioneers can never die

Today is our day! Ours to use in whatever way we see fit. It belongs to no other generation but us! The torch has been handed down to us and we can either continue in the race or lay aside the light that has been given us. The challenge is before everyone of us in this present generation to maintain the revival lines, in our hearts and in our church meetings, and to keep the dedicated spirit of our ancestors.

We do not face some of the things the pioneers faced, true! However, on the other hand, we deal with situations that they never dreamed of in their day. We have just as challenging a mission before us today as they did in the yesterdays. To lift up Christ and the Word of God in a world darkened with sin

May God ever enable all of us to let our influence be carried on into the generation that is ours and it will be felt in generations to come in the tomorrows. For His Glory, let us take the World to the World!



SUNDAY SCHOOL 1959 (front right to left) Brian Wilson, Mark Ellis, Connie Anderson, Buddy Miller, Marcelle Qualkenbush. Bary Wilson, Jeannie Miller, Livingston, Patty Doan, Mike Doan, Mark Qualkenbush, Carol Ann Elliott Qualkenbush, Karen Walls Toliver, Tracy Blasdell, Teachers McCracken, Marie Chastine Doan and (seated) Bernice Wilson Love

Photo by Rose Studios Courtesy of Rev. H. L. Blasdale Bloomington, Indiana

### OTHER REVIVALS

In other revivals, Mary E. Love recalls, some of the workers were Wilt Ham and his daughter, Rhoda (Mrs. Lawrence E. Tolbert Sr.) from Orangeville. Mr. Ham's melodious voice could be heard above the congregation as he led the singing. Rhoda played the organ. Remember, the organs in those days had to be pumped with your feet. This kept bellows that allowed air to go through the reeds when the keys were pressed. About the third or fourth song a person's legs were very tired. She stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kirk and daughter during the meeting.



# DRAWING OF AMES CHURCH SHOWING HITCHING PLACES AND SHELTER IN BACK

Such singing, shouting and preaching and praying! It is reported that Mae Fitzpatrick would get blessed in her soul and let it be made known, while tears of joy flowed down the cheeks of Lucy Lambdin.

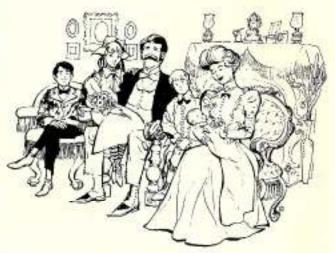
Look the crowd over; there was Rebecca Lashbrook as she sat smiling, with the sweet peace of heaven beaming from within, and she would occasionally nod her approval of the preaching. Her husband, Richard, sat almost spellbound as the preacher would "rightfully divide the Word of truth." Ralph Kirk sat near the door, smiling and really enjoying himself in the meeting. He was not only the custodian but he helped take up the offering for many years.

John A. and Lucy Pipher Stackhouse were in those meetings, boosting, praying, and supporting the cause of the Lord for souls.

There was Charles and Minnie Pipher whose fine, two story brick home was situated just east of the old Nelson Chapel Church on the south side of the New Albany-Vincennes Road; they were there with their full support and didn't seem to mind the extra few miles to Ames. It was worth it. The author remembers that, even after they lived in Paoli on West Main Street, across from what was Ray Gardner's Sunoco Station, they faithfully attended Ames every Sunday they could for as long as health permitted. There were families such as the Temples, Porters, Hams, Robbins, Underwoods, Loves, Stackhouses, Wilson, Charles, Rominger, Kirks, Dalton, Pope, Smith, Sparks, Atkinson, McCrackens, just to mention a few of the many who were faithful in the attendance of services. And, not at all strange, each had their favorite pew they would like to sit in during the services. Revivals in those days lasted not just from Wednesday to Sunday, but sometimes for two and three weeks at a time. Great and lasting results were accomplished.

The new Ames Church was dedicated in July 1880, and Rev. Eli P. F. Wells was the first pastor. Then Ames and Paoli were on a circuit together. A list of the pastors of the Church can be found in the chapter entitled "THE PASTORS" in this book.

It is found in records of the Indiana Conference that Calvin Sparks was a district licensed local preacher and J. P. Campbell was a district licensed deacon in 1883. Also, it is found that John A. Stackhouse was licensed as a local preacher.



AN EARLY DAY FAMILY IN THEIR SUNDAY-GO-TO-MEETING BEST ...

# THE UNUSUAL WEDDING

Unusual weddings are not common in these days, but occasionally there were a few many years ago.

The wedding of John Henry Wilson to Maratha Isabelle Stackhouse was described as follows:

"Maratha was the daughter of Hugh A. Stackhouse. Her father was born in England, in the town of Liester, March 3, 1804, and came to America as a young child. He was christened July 6, 1813 in the Methodist Church at Orangeville. He died April 15, 1871, and is buried in a private cemetery on Carl Gromer's farm at Orangeville.

"He married Mourin Dalton on February 14, 1854. She was born in the year of 1831 and died in the year of 1897.

"According to the late Bernice Wilson Love, Maratha married John on January 4, 1881, at Orangeville. They remained on their horses as they exchanged their marriage vows in the presence of Rev. Eli P. F. Wells.

"John's parents were Newby (September 6, 1833-September 16, 1919) and Elizabeth Reel Wilson (born in Crawford County, March 28, 1835, and died June 5, 1907).

"John and Maratha reared a large family of twelve children; Ora Mae, Ethel Fannie, John Arthur, Emery, William A., Claude Lee, Harry Harrison, Blanche O., Bernice, Raymond Luther, Hollace and Reed. Three children died in early life; Emery, Hollace and Reed."

It may have been an unusual wedding, but large families were not unusual in the early years.

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### THE HAM FAMILY

The people from whom the three acres of ground were secured to establish Ames Chapel Methodist.

Church and the Cemetery were Moses F. and Amanda Jane Bruner Ham.

Moses F. Ham was born July 1, 1827 in Nicholas County, Kentucky. He was the fifth of ten children born to Michael and Betsy Mathers Ham. In 1844 he moved with his family from their cattle farm in Kentucky to Orange County. He was seventeen years old.

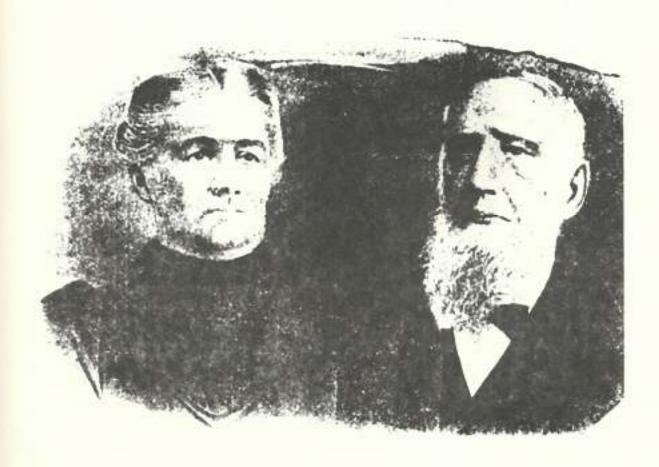
In 1859 he married Amanda Jane Bruner and they had eight children. Alvin, Clint, Charles, Ed, and Lucy were born at the Gulf of Lost River Farm.

They moved to the residence north of Ames, known many years as "The Kirk Farm", in the year of 1869. Lizzie and John Ham were born after the family moved.

It is my understanding that the original farm covered a square mile of land. The house, according to Ms. Ellen Kirk, was built by a man by the name of Joseph Henley and originally had a fireplace in every room. The farm was considered one of the best in its day.

At one time Mr. Ham was a tanner by trade but pursued the occupation of a farmer after 1869. In 1886 he left the farm and moved to Paoli Moses F. Ham died on July 28, 1907. His wife, Amanda Jane, born October 8, 1838, died April 7, 1910. They are both buried in Ames Cemetery. Their request was that they be buried in the front row near the Church. This request was fulfilled; however, since then a row or two of graves have been added between them and the church.

A NOTE OF INTEREST: Before the Church was officially named "Ames Chapel" it was referred to locally as "Ham's Chapel".



 Information from a grandson, George Franklin Ham, Miami, Florida, through the courtesy of Maud Ann Ham, Paoli, Indiana.

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# THE DEED TO AMES CHAPEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"This Indenture Witnesseth that Moses F. Ham and Jane Ham his wife of the county in the State of Indiana for the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars convey and Warrant to Benjamin R. Smith, William Charles, James P. Campbell, John Millis, Leroy D. Stone, James S. Porter, and Hiram G. Robbins, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church and to their secessors in office in trust, That said premises Shall be used, Kept maintained, disposed of and used as a place of Divine Worship for the use of the Ministry and Membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, Subject to the Discipline usage and Ministerial appointment of said Church as from time to time authorised and declared by the General Conference of said Church and the Conference in whose bounds the said premises are situated, the following described Real Estate, in the county of Orange and State of Indiana, To wit, a part of the south East quarter of section Thirty in Township two north of Range on west bounded as follows: To wit: commencing at a point sixty two rods north of the South west corner of said quarter section at a Stone in the center of the Graded road and on the west line of said quarter. Thence along the center of laid graded road in a south Eastern direction with the meanderings thereof thirty three rods and thirteen rods to a stone, Thence west thirty two rods and three feet to a stone in the west line of said quarter, Thence south along said line seven Rods and ten feet to the place of beginning containing three acres more or less.

In Witness whereof the said Moses F. Ham and Jane Ham his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals this 28th day of January 1880.

Moses F. Ham (seal)

Jane Ham (seal)

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



The first Ames Chapel Methodist Church building. This is a west view taken in the afternoon, the year is uncertain. Nelle Lashbrooks Armstrong and Blanche Lashbrooks identify the men (left to right), Rev. George Washington Holmes, Richard Lashbrooks and John A. Stackhouse.

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THE TRAGEDY

On a Sunday morning of May 11, 1913, the church burned to the ground. According to the author's recollection of the account given to him by Ralph Kirk, who was caretaker of both the Church and the Ames Cemetery for many years, the church caught fire around the chimney. By the time it was discovered, it had spread too far to extinguish.

Black smoke could be seen for miles around as the fire gained headway. Soon people from all directions came as swiftly as possible to the church. Some were on horseback, some in wagons, and some in their buggies.

Elsworth Sparks and his brother, Alonzo, saw the smoke belching out of the roof and ran as fast as they could across the Pope Farm field to aid in any rescue attempts possible. Nellie Sparks stood on the front porch, wringing her apron in her hands and watching helplessly as tears streamed down her face.

The village of Abby Dell was soon aroused and most of its citizens either came over to Ames or stood in their yards with eyes glued in that direction as they watched the blaze.

There was slightly larger attendance that Sunday than usual. The pastor at that time, Rev. A. E. Haley, and parishioners arrived, one by one, family by family. All were in a state of shock as they saw what had happened to their church. There it lay in ruins and ashes.

Ralph Kirk could be overheard saying, "Well sir, I came up here this morning early and everything was in good shape, so I went back home to eat my breakfast. Later I came back, visited with Uncle Richard, Blanche Lashbrook, and Floyd Stackhouse for a while. I went to the front door, looked out and thought I smelled smoke. I walked out front and when I looked at the church, the whole chimney was on fire! I was never so got in my whole life." With excitement in his voice, and almost in tears, he continued, "I rushed back inside and told the people that the church was on fire! Uncle Richard grabbed the pulpit Bible . . . Blanche and Floyd gathered up some of the song books. We only got a few things, a few benches and some books. Those dry timbers really burned fast!"

About the time of the discovery of the fire, another person was arriving at the church. It was such a nice day that a twelve year old young man, Harold Underwood, got permission from his parents to ride ahead a bit earlier to Ames on his bicycle. As he came in sight of the church he saw smoke coming out of the roof. He hurried up to help save what could be safely rescued from the fire. No doubt he helped carry out some of the pews that today are still in the present church building. He joined the rest of the spectators, Ralph Kirk, Richard Lashbrook, Blanche Lashbrook, Floyd Stackhouse, Elsworth Sparks, Alonzo Sparks, and perhaps some others by now, as they helplessly watched their church be destroyed by the roaring fire.

It was only about fifteen or twenty minutes later that the Underwoods, Ed, Ethel and daughter Ruth, came through the old covered bridge near the Maples Inn.

Ethel looked up and exclaimed, "Ed! The church is on fire! Give the horse another tap with the whip hurry, hurry!" With this Ed speeded up the horse's gait, but they also arrived too late, too late!

When the building collapsed, the bellfry tower fell straight out the front toward the south. As the bell, which had called many to worship for thirty-three years, hit the ground a dull, clanking sound of hot metal

was heard. A dull, aching heaviness fell upon the hearts of the people that hurt very deeply. Among the smoldering coals and ashes lay their labors of love, their dedicated efforts and much hard earned money. The altar, where many had prayed through to salvation, was all in ashes and now only a memory. Ames Chapel was gone. Burned to the ground. Hearts were heavy.

There were many questions going through their minds. "Had not the Lord guided them to form Ames Chapel??" "Had not He provided the materials and laborers to build it??" "Why, why. "The many questions went unanswered at the moment.

Viewing the smoldering debris, there were the two stoves, all burned and twisted by the intense heat. The leaves on the old beech trees were withered, but fortunately the shelter and hitching racks in back were spared. The weather had at least cooperated with keeping the wind still for a while.

Would this really be the last of Ames Chapel? Is it really all over? Are we really finished??

Somehow I believe they had a church service that morning under some of the old trees. In the distance a "rain owl" could be heard and a bird singing its mournful melody whose words seemed, by some, to be changed from "Whipper-will" to "Gone-is-Ames". As the wind started to shift gently, smoke from the ruins got into their eyes and caused them to hurt, but the hurt that was in their hearts was worse.

Singing? Why how could they sing — the organ is burned up. The song books? They were stacked over by the cemetery entrance as the wind flipped through the pages of the top book, for the moment forgotten.

I believe someone broke into an old song such as "Amazing Grace" As they got to the verse. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. His grace has led me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home." the volume of melody began to rise above the trees and as it did their faith also began to rise.

Could it have been that Rev. Haley read from Romans 8-28. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose"? With a broken heart, but a firm faith in God's dealing with His people, he encouraged the members and friends as much as he possibly could? I believe it might have happened

As he spoke, God roused something in the people, the strong fiber of the original pioneer spirit, the ability to accept setbacks only long enough to get a new footing to push forward again. The service ended and the pastor met with the trustees of the church, telling them he would report the fire to the District Superintendent when he got back home to Paoli. Temporary arrangements where to meet for the next Sunday's meeting (perhaps in the Abby Dell school), he bid his flock farewell. He got on his bicycle and headed down the gravel road toward Buttermilk Spring and on to Paoli. (My mother, Estelle Wilson, has often related that Brother Haley rode a bicycle to his churches.)





The "brand new" Ames Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, just finished! Ready for dedication on May 17, 1914. Note the horse and buggy at the third stall. The shelter was deep enough to allow both horse and buggy to be under cover. Also, note the boards laid to the steps across the mud, a silent suggestion to keep the real estate on the outside, and not carry in the mud. It had not been graveled yet around the church. Information on the cost of construction, contractors, etc., are yet to be secured.

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

### **BEAUTY FROM ASHES**

With the encouragement of the District Superintendent, Rev. J. W. Walker, the trustees of the church, George A. Charles, Richard Lashbrook, John A. Stackhouse and Charles Pipher, also Will Porter and J. P. Rominger, along with the members and friends of the church, started plans to rebuild on the same location. After studying other church structures and much discussion and prayer, it was decided to build one of brick, masonary and wood.

No sooner had the decision been made when farmers around brought their teams and wagons and tools and started clearing away the debris of the old church ruins. They had another challenging job to do, and the sooner they started the sooner it would be completed.

"Becky, I think we've got almost enough corn in the cribs and oats to see us through another winter," said E. R. Lashbrook. "What do you think of this idea. we'll put out part of the fields down in the bottoms along Lick Creek in corn. If need be, I can buy more oats and the rest of the fields we'll put in hay. I feel like we ought to help get the church built as soon as possible."

"Do whatever you think best, Richard," said Rebecca. "I'm sure the Lord will take care of us if we put Him first."

So they did put the Lord's work first. Their daughter, Blanche, relates there were not many crops put out in the summer of 1914. "Uncle Richard", as he was affectionately called, took his "hired hands" and went to Ames to help the others get the new church completed. This scene was re-enacted throughout the entire membership of the church. Also many who were not members provided a helping hand. Everybody worked and the people sacrificed together to get the construction completed.

When the building was finished, the ladies came with brooms, mops and cleaning supplies, and soon the beautiful new brick church was shining inside and out.

With the beautiful frosted windows on each side of the building to let in plenty of light and allow for cross-ventilation, and the stained glass windows that faced the road, placed there in memory of William A. Charles, it was the most beautiful church around. Situated on the crest of a gradual sloping hill, it shone in the bright sunlight almost like a diamond.

A committee for the dedication day was appointed and it was decided to have the special event on May 17, 1914. Rev. Haley had faithfully guided his flock through the dark, discouraging circumstances to a bright, encouraging time of rejoicing and accomplishments. A big day was planned. The church was filled with people of the church, the community, and from miles around. Former pastors and visiting pastors were there. Much visiting and exchanges of news were made as old friends met and renewed acquaintances. A big basket dinner on the grounds was enjoyed as everyone "sampled" everybody's good cooking.

The church was now complete with a bellfry and new bell — a dream come true. The day the bell was rung for the first service, it was a time of "cold chills and goose bumps doing leap frog up and down the spine." Its sounds were melodious ... thrilling ... soul blessing ... the long hard struggle was over! The bell could be heard for miles around on a clear day as it seemed to call, "Come-to-church!". The job was completed and God had seen them through.

I can imagine that as Ralph Kirk rang the new bell, he smiled from ear to ear. As he would have said, "Well sir, I was never so tickled in my whole life as when I rang the new bell at Ames!" And many others were "tickled" right along with Ralph.

The church house was packed for the dedication. In my thinking, I can see Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Wilson and their family and many of the others mentioned in the early beginning of the church. Some were absent that day but they were rejoicing in Heaven with the Lord over the progress of God's people.

Let us look in on the service. The spirit of anticipation was very high and keenly felt in the service. It was a time of rejoicing and a time of dedication of the fruit of their labors to the Lord. Soon the pastor, Rev. Haley, and other guests were on the platform, the musicians were in place and the song leader was all "ready and anxious" to get to singing. I believe they sang such old songs as "What a Friend we have in Jesus", "Rock of Ages", and "How Firm a Foundation", but really I do not know for certain. However, those old songs were some of the favorites of the early Methodists.

For a few moments, as the congregation sang, Martha Stackhouse Wilson's eyes were fixed on the brand-new altar railing. As she looked at it, her mind drifted back to the old altar in the original church building. She remembered how her heart was so heavy; how the Holy Spirit spoke to her; how she bowed at the altar and prayed. Some of the ladies, Sister Campbell, Sister Nelle Sparks, Sister Smith, Sister Underwood, Sister Robbins and others no doubt were there and got around her to help pray her through to salvation. Oh what a joy and deep settled peace came to her heart and life that day!

"I wonder who and how many will pray around this altar?" were some of the thoughts that ran through her mind. Little did she realize at that moment that many of her sons, daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and yes, even some of her great-grandchildren would pray at that altar and find "pardon, peace and purity." Also, her many friends, their children, their descendants and many others over the years have "laid their spiritual cornerstones on Christ" at that altar of prayer.

She was brought back to the present when the song leader announced, "Let us all stand and sing 'Amazing Grace'." When they came to the certain verse of the old melody, I would imagine the only change was "Through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come. His grace has brought us safe thus far. His grace will lead us home!" (changes in bold)

There were tears that day, plenty of them, but tears of joy and thanksgiving to God for His goodness to the Ames Chapel Methodist Church.

At that time the West Baden Methodist and Ames Chapel Churches were placed on the same circuit. Over the years other churches have been added, namely Bonds Chapel, Faucetts Chapel, Orangeville and Wesley Chapel, making **only** six churches for one pastor to shepherd. Today the circuit is back to West Baden Methodist and Ames Chapel Methodist Churches.



Picture to the right is of two brothers of Martha Stackhouse Wilson

Joe Stackhouse is seated and standing by him is John Stackhouse, both "pillars" in the early days of Ames Chapel.

Photo taken when the West Baden Springs Hotel, "The Carisbad of America", was in its best days. Assumed at the turn of the century

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 West Baden Springs, Indiana
 (Claude Wilson, owner of picture)





We have tried and probably misidentified some, but here is what we (I and others) came up with Back Row (left to right). I Rev. Raff. 2. Mary Kirk. 3. Glenn Kirk. 4. Mrs. Raff. 5. Belle Wells. 6. Lucy Lambdin. 7. Lucy Stackhouse. 8. Fanny Temple. 9. Anderson. 10. Ethel. Underwood. 11. Nelle Sparks. 12. May Fitzpatrick. 13. Bertha Porter. 14. Bernice Love. 15. Minnie Pipher. 16. Boone. 17. Sadie Lashbrook Wilson. 18. Rebecca Lashbrook. 19. John A. Stackhouse.

Row 3 (from back forward left to right) 1 Ivan Ham 2 George Temple 3 Richard Lashbrook 4 Sam Charles 5 Boone 6 Willie Porter 7 Blanche Lashbrook 8 Kathleen Temple 9 Nellie Moore (in hat) 10 Fredia Moore (partially hid) 11 Lillian Temple 12 Josephine Wilson Holsclaw 13 Grace Wilson

Row 2 (left to right) 1 Charles Pipher 2 Ed Underwood 3 Jot Rominger (with beard) 4 Boone 5 Ruth Underwood 6 Blanche Gillum 7 Anderson (in hat) 8 Effie Stackhouse Charles with Mary Helen Charles on her lap 9 Lois Ham with Mildred Ham (baby in dress on lap) 10 Blanche Porter 11 Bertha Porter 12 John Anderson

Row 1 (left to right) 1 "Boots" Albert Wilson 2 Luther Wells 3 Howard Charles 4 Clyde Sparks
5 Hazel Gillium 6 Boone 7 Alberta Kirk Pinnick

This is the best many of these I never knew - you see I arrived on the scene sometime later. CDW

Photo taken around 1914

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 Mrs. Harvey (Ruth Underwood)
 Condra, French Lick, Indiana

# NATIVE SON — AMES PASTOR 1925-1926

Situated at one of the most unusual products of nature; held in great mystery to this late day of the Twentieth Century; viewed by many from various parts of this nation and other countries, is the, yet still to be fully explained, "RISE OF LOST RIVER". It is here the water springs from the earth at the foot of a large rock, affording a stream sufficient to be dignified with the name of "river". At one time Lost River was wide enough and deep enough to be traveled by boat. The river looses itself (goes underground) many miles northeast of the rise. It has cavarns that the eyes of mortal man have not seen with fish that have no eyes and surfaces in a deep basin. There, established around it, is a village called "Orangeville".

This little hamlet was laid out in June 14, 1849 by Samuel Hicks, Harvey Denny and Nathaniel B. Wilson. It had fifty-eight lots, and was a town where all merchants agreed not to sell any distilled alcoholic liquors, except for medicinal or mechanical purposes. If a violater was caught, he was fined five dollars and the money went to the district school fund. To this day there has never been a tavern or retail liquor establishment in the town.



NATHAN FRANK DENNY (1850 - 1933)

In its early days, Orangeville was a thriving and busy place. Samuel Hicks had a flour mill, the first mill, built by Jacob Shirley around 1820. William P. Hobbs had a store and was the first Postmaster and Harrison Woods was the first blacksmith. Dr. John A. Ritter (Sr.) was the first physician in this town and the Odd Fellows had a lodge organization there.

It seems that wherever the pioneers traveled, established homes, business places and settlements, before too long the Methodists would organize Sunday Schools, Class Meetings and hold services in the homes until a church building could be erected. Circuit Riders would make regular visits to the community and protracted meetings were conducted, many times under trees or under a make-shift shelter called "brush harbors". These consisted of pole construction for the sides, open rather than enclosed, with a network of poles laid across the top covered with limbs and brush. This afforded some protection from the evening dew, but if it rained the structure leaked. Camp meetings were held about 1825 and several years afterwards in a grove of trees near the old Jacob Shirley School House, which was located about three-fourths of a mile south of Orangeville. At those meetings considerable interest was always manifested. People would come from miles around to hear the rugged preaching of those early, dedicated pioneer Methodist preachers. This was before the days of public address systems and most preachers had their own "built-in" public address system. Many, it is reported, could be heard for at least a mile on a clear night. Under the anounting of the Holy Spirit, they preached until the sinner felt as if, with the least little bit of shaking, the earth would open up and he would land right in the midst of a literal burning Hell. Altars were lined with seekers service after service. Sinners actually moaned and groaned under the load of conviction of their sins. It is under such conditions that many people prayed and agonized until the Spirit of God witnessed to their hearts that all their sins were forgiven and forgotten. The load of sin removed, converts filled with new-found joy would shout the praises of the Lord. It was not just emotionalism. It was of God! True there was emotion . . . for these people had found the true love of God and where love exists, be it between God and man or between people, there is some sort of emotion. Not all the people were shouters. Each expressed their new happiness in various ways, according to the personality of the individual. The old-timers let the hallelujahs roll!

Among some of the attenders at the camp meetings was a man by the name of "Harvey Denny", History doesn't say too much about this man, but from what gleanings that can be secured, it is assumed that he was a good business man, well respected by his fellow citizens, with an average or above education—a dedicated religious person. He is listed with the names of others, Nathaniel B. Wilson and wife; Alfred Bruner and wife; Robert Higgins, Lewis Wilson, William P. Hobbs and others as some of the early Methodists in Orangeville. Also found among the citizens is a man by the name of Francis Asbury Cedarcliff Bobadear Duncan Knight. He was the grandfather of Ora Knight Underwood.

Around 1840 a class meeting was organized with over sixty members. They decided to erect a church building. In November 1851, Nathaniel B. Wilson and his wife deeded them land to build a church. It cost \$15,00 for the land and the building cost \$800.00.

The new village of Orangeville, nestled among the rolling hills, was a picturesque scene of tranquility. Neighbor helped neighbor, homes were added annually to the settlement. Another addition to the homes and neighborhood that brought excitement was the birth of a baby. It was into the Denny home (assumed to be the Harvey Denny Home), on October 4, 1850, that a son was born. They named him Nathan Frank Denny.

Nathan, being born in a Christian home, soon learned that going to services at the church was just part of the natural life ... just as natural as breathing. He grew up in the atmosphere of singing, praying, preaching and shouting. The Holy Spirit used this to touch his tender heart and mind. In early childhood, he too bowed at the altar and settled it to live for God. Later he experienced his "Aldersgate" warming where the Holy Spirit filled his heart with His Presence and Perfect Love. He felt the hand of God on him to preach the Gospel. Unique was his situation: Orangeville Methodist Church was his first and last charge, the place of his birth and also his re-birth.

From this setting, he went out to preach and pastor churches and charges at Hymera, Plainville, Monroe City, Cory, Lyons, Jasonville, Prairieton, Gibson Street Wesley Chapel in Evansville, Main Street Church in New Albany, Orleans, Huntingburg, DePauw and the West Baden Charge, which included his home church at Orangeville.

This man of God was a minister of unusual ability. His language was chaste and he was profound in thought and deeply religious. He was always and everywhere a representative of Jesus Christ and love the church and people ardently.

In 1870 he married Lydia L. Southern and they had eight children. No son or daughter could ever have had a finer or more noble father. While pastoring Main Street Methodist Church in New Albany in 1912, this happy home life was severed and his wife was taken from earth to forever be with the Lord.

For years following his retirement, he was in demand for addresses, sermons and funerals in various parts of the State and more especially upon charges of his former labors.

Just before the Annual Conference he was stricken and on November 26, 1933, surrounded by his children in the home of his son, Elza O. Denny, in Indianapolis, the tired and tried soldier of the Cross laid aside his armor to receive a crown. His funeral was conducted in Indianapolis and at Ames Chapel Methodist Church.

Rev. L. C. Murr conducted the service. He was assisted by W. C. Hartinger, A. M. Couchman, W. G. Morgan, J. G. Moore, J. E. Murr, H. W. Baldridge, E. H. Boldrey, E. Robb Zaring, G. S. Henninger, and A. H. Rumbley. Fifty-four of his brethren in the ministry and throngs of his former parishioners were in attendance at this service. It was in a measure the nature of a coronation of one who had ingratiated himself into the hearts of so many people. He was a native son who started his ministry among his people

who knew him best and no doubt loved him the best. After nearly fifty years of ministry, he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Ames Chapel, near his birthplace and amidst the scenes of so much of his labors. His grave is located just north of the church a short distance and to the east. Here, he and his faithful companion, who stood by him through disappointments and joys, trials and blessings, losses and gains, now await the sounding of the Head Trumpeter Angel of Heaven, who, when He plays the first note of the grand melody, "Rise Up Ye Faithful of the Lord", will come forth in that glorious Day to stand before the Throne of God! They will take their places in the heavenly choir. When they sing, "Redeemed! Redeemed!", the angels will stand with bowed heads and folded wings as the voices of the Dennys blend with the Blood Washed throng. For Angels never felt the joy that Redemption brings!



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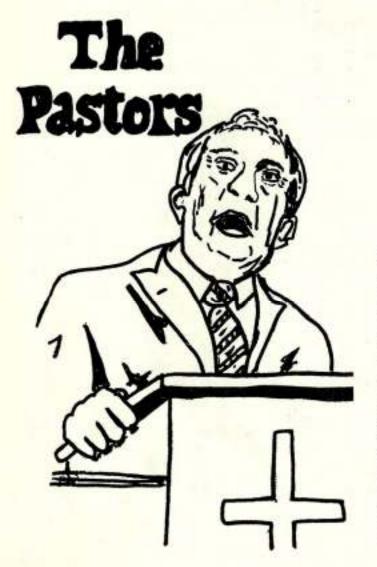
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Row 7 (left to right) In the overflow: 1. 2 3 4 5 June Stultz Elliott 6 Howard Elliott 7 Carol Elliott 8 Nancy Elliott 9 Merle Tolbert 10 Larry Elliot 11 12 13 Vivian Miller 14 Charles (?) 15

(Picture taken in 1959 Rose Studios French Lick, Indiana) Picture through the courtesy of Mrs. Harvey (Ruth Underwood) Condra French Lick, Indiana 47432





Until 1885, Ministers for Nelson Chapel or Smith Chapel are given only when the name of the churches appeared in the Detailed Missionary Report. It is the only way we could know for sure which church they were linked with in the Conference appointments. Some of the Pastors of the early days of the church have been listed with an assumed year, based on local history that is available. Also, it is assumed that in the early beginnings, the Class Meetings in the homes could have been pastored by Rev. Edward Smith who pastored the Paoli Circuit in 1824. As best that can be gleaned from the Archives of Indiana United Methodism at DePauw University, Greencastle, and various local historical writings, we find the following:

#### NELSON'S CHAPEL

1836	Class Meetings organized	1864	W. H. Cornelius
1841	Phillip May'	1865	H. O Chapman
1851	Wm. V. Daniel	1866	N. J. Bell
1854	J. W. Powell	1867	D. Swartz
1857	J. C. King		to
1858	E. E. Rose	1879	Merrimon S. Havenridge'
1858	Francis Walker <sup>2</sup> James P. Campbell <sup>2</sup>	1879	Nelson & Smith Chapel merged.

#### SMITH CHAPEL

1858	Francis Walker *	1871	G. W. Telle
1864	W. H. Cornelius		to
1865	H. O. Chapman	1879	Merrimom S. Havenridge <sup>3</sup>
1866	N. J. Bell	1879	Nelson & Smith Chapels merged.
1867	D. Swartz		

#### AMES CHAPEL

1879	Eli P. F. Wells	1921	Carl F. Glick (112 members)
1880	Eli P. F. Wells	1922	W. L. Mitchell
1883	N. E. Boreing	1923	W. L. Mitchell
18	John W. Allen	1924	A. E. Chastain
1885	John Tansy	1925	Nathan Frank Denny
1886	John Tansy	1926	Nathan Frank Denny
1887	Samuel O. Dorsey	1927	Eugene Montgomery
1888	Samuel O. Dorsey	1928	Eugene Montgomery
1889	Walter S. Rader	1929	Eugene Montgomery
1890	Walter S. Rader	1930	A. H. Rumbley (115 members)
1891	Walter S. Rader	1931	A. H. Rumbley
1892	Walter S. Rader	1932	A. H. Rumbley
1893	Walter S. Rader	1933	E. E. Young
1894	J. W. Baker	1934	E. E. Young
1895	J. W. Baker	1935	E. E. Young
1896	Zachariah Selby	1936	J. E. Harbin
1897	Zachariah Selby	1937	James Austin
1898	P. L. Priest	1938	James Austin (40 members)
1899	P. L. Priest	1939	James Austin
1900	W. S. McCallister	1940	James Austin (50 members)
1901	W. S. McCallister	1941	James Austin
1902	F. T. Hoon	1942	James Austin (53 members)
1903	H. W. Baldridge	1943	Robert O. Godby (55 members)
1904	H. W. Baldridge	1944	Winfield Hall
1905	J. A. Breeden	1945	Winfield Hall
1906	J. W. McFall (93 members)	1946	Lester Sweeney
1970	J. W. McFall	1947	Lester Sweeney
1908	J. W. McFall	1948	Lester Sweeney
1909	J. W. McFall	1949	C. C. Lewis
1910	R. W. Raaf (125 members)	1950	Howard Wardrip
1911	R. W. Raaf	1951	Howard Wardrip
1912	A. E. Haley (126 members)	1952	Howard Wardrip
1913	A. E. Haley (130 members)	1953	Howard Wardrip
1914	Elmer St. Clair (160 members)	1954	Howard Wardrip
1915	W. L. Alexander	1955	Paul Mayfield
1916	George Washington Holmes	1956	J. T. Hart
1917	Arthur Jean	1957	William Shirley
1918	P. H. Downey (117 members)	1958	Lincoln Blasdel
1919	Carl F. Glick	1959	Lincoln Blasdel
1920	Carl F. Glick	Spring	s Valley Larger Parish was formed on trial basis

1960	L. M. Wright, Pastor
	Herbert Mather, Assoc.
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	Herbert Mather, Assoc.
1963	Herbert Mather, Pastor
	R. J. Chance, Assoc.
1964	Herbert Mather, Pastor
	R. J. Chance, Assoc.
1965	Herbert Mather, Pastor
	Wm. F. Whipple, Assoc.
1966	Herbert Mather, Pastor
	Wm. F. Whipple, Assoc.
1967	Glenn McGuire, Pastor
	Wm. F. Whipple, Assoc.

Springs Valley Larger Parish trial basis ended. Ames and West Baden put together.

1969 Vernon Flickner 1970 Vernon Flickner

1971 Ronald Lawhead

1972 Ronald Lawhead

1973 Jack L. Fehrman

1974 Max Toliver

1975 Max Toliver

1976 Max Toliver

1977 Max Toliver

1978 Max Toliver

1979 Max Toliver

Local history lists him as pastor.

Local history. M. S. Havenridge assumed to be pastor.

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THE PATH AHEAD

During the years of World War II, the basement of the church was created. Prior to this time the only space was for the furnace and a coal bin. Some of those who helped in digging the basement were Raymond L. Wilson Sr., Jesse Wilson, Ed Underwood, Joe Fitzpatrick, Bill Chastain, Ralph Kirk, Carrol Wininger, and others. Carrol Wininger used his tractor in some of the work. Also mules and horses were used with a slip shovel to remove the dirt. As a youngster, I can remember this project. According to Evelyn Wilson Abel, "We did things for the upbuilding of the church and grounds by 'main strength' and hand tools. The ladies would sometimes take dinner and everyone helped do whatever they could, alsways looking forward to the time of food, fun and fellowship.

The church has been kept in good repair over the years and the "chapel by the side of the road" has attracted many people. In recent years an oil heating system has replaced the coal furnace; the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Local history lists Francis Walker as pastor. It also lists J. P. Campbell as a local pastor. No doubt he was licensed as a "Local Preacher".

auditorium has been panelled and new lighting installed; much to the comfort of the people, central air conditioning has been added.

The present Trustees are: Jimmy Orr, Howard Elliott, Don Miller, Larry Holliday, Mike Detrick, and Delmar Friedman. In recent months, Cecil Abel, who faithfully filled the office of trustee for many years, went to his eternal reward.

A par for many churches, Ames Chapel has had its problems and difficult situations to face over the years, but true to the pioneer spirit of the founders of the church, they have, in their true Christian spirit, maintained and kept alive and in good condition this beautiful church.

The pioneers and their day are gone, but the story of the heroic struggles of these pioneers can never die

Today is our day! Ours to use in whatever way we see fit. It belongs to no other generation but us! The torch has been handed down to us and we can either continue in the race or lay aside the light that has been given us. The challenge is before everyone of us in this present generation to maintain the revival tires, in our hearts and in our church meetings, and to keep the dedicated spirit of our ancestors.

We do not face some of the things the pioneers faced, true! However, on the other hand, we deal with situations that they never dreamed of in their day. We have just as challenging a mission before us today as they did in the yesterdays — to lift up Christ and the Word of God in a world darkened with sin.

May God ever enable all of us to let our influence be carried on into the generation that is ours and it will be felt in generations to come in the tomorrows. For His Glory, let us take the Word to the World!



SUNDAY SCHOOL 1959 (front right to left) Brian Wilson, Mark Ellis, Connie Anderson, Buddy Miller, Marcelle Qualkenbush. , Bary Wilson, Jeannie Miller, Livingston, Patty Doan, Mike Doan, Mark Qualkenbush. , Carol Ann Elliott Qualkenbush, Karen Walls Toliver, Tracy Blasdell, Teachers McCracken, Marie Chastine Doan and (seated) Bernice Wilson Love.

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Pkture of Ames taken around 1958 or 1959

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#### THE BLASDALE FAMILY

Seated Rev Harmon Lincoln Blasdale and son, Tracy. To his right, his wife, Mary Ellen back is daughter, Virginia and to his left, daughter, Shirley

Taken at the West Baden Methodist Parsonage, 1959

Photo Rose Studios, French Lick, Indiana

Courtesy of Rev Blasdale.

## Ames Chapel United Methodist Church

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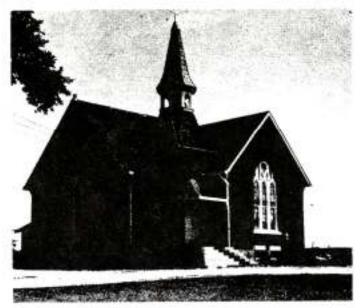


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Yes, you guessed it!

I am having a
BIRTHDAY.
I WILL BE 100
YEARS OLD.

In the fall of 1879 Nelson Chapel and Smith Chapel united and built a new church which was called *Ames Chapel*. This church building, located in a beautiful beech grove, burned in 1913. Friends and members soon built the present building which was dedicated May 14, 1914.

If you or your ancestors have had any part in helping me to live this long, we welcome you to come and help us celebrate this centennial. The date set is Sunday, Sept. 16, 1979.

A summary of the program for the day follows:

The morning will start with Sunday School at 9:30 and Church services at 10:45 as usual. Specials for this service will be planned.

At 12:30 noon an old fashion basket dinner will be spread outside - weather permitting.

A tent will be set up outside for a display of old pictures, etc. Chairs and refreshments will be furnished.

In the afternoon will be a song fest of old fashion hymns. Special numbers will be sung in memory of our loved ones who have passed on.

Special invitations are being sent to former ministers. A recognition of these ministers will be a part of the program. Due to heavy schedule of District Superintendent, Charles L. Hutchinson, he cannot be with us. Rev. Howard Wardrip of the United Methodist Church, Mitchell, Indiana, will bring the afternoon message.

A history of the church will be given.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord - Psalms 122, (1).

Because of the house of the Lord our God - I will seek thy Good - Psalms 122, (9).

#### **EVENTS OF THE 100th ANNIVERSARY**

It was a beautiful Fall day; the Lord had answered the prayers of many people by providing a bright, sunny day with the temperature at just the proper degree. The spirit of high anticipation was keenly felt. It was a day of gladness; one of rejoicing for one hundred years of God's blessings.

Two tents were placed just a few feet northwest of the church across the drive. Brosmer-Drabing and Tabor Funeral Homes of French Lick furnished the tents which house the artifacts of by-gone days and a place for the refreshment of some delicious, thirst-quenching lemonade and some sweets.

In back of the church were tables, all placed and ready to receive the bounty of delicious, "southern Indiana, Orange County, Ames Chapel" best, Believe me, at noon it was loaded from one end to the other with about every kind of food to suit the appetite. On that day we all forgot to bring our calorie counter and we all pitched in to help do justice "to the sacrifice". Among the sweets were many cakes, pies and all desserts imaginable. One of the cakes captivated everyone's attention. Mrs. Chester Eubanks, the former Betty Charles of the Ames community, baked a delicious cake and applied her skills of decorating. It was iced in white with a picture of the Ames Church in the middle, in living color, and inscribed under it, "Ames Chapel Methodist 1879-1979". It was a skill and service of love.

At 9:30 a.m. it was time for Sunday School and the old church bell that had called so many over the years again summoned the people to worship, only this time Ralph Kirk was not there to do the honors. He had gone on to his eternal reward a few years ago. Donald L. Wilson did the honors with the same expertise of the former and in the same spirit of dedication.

As we go into the opening part of the service, Howard Elliott led the congregation in singing and Joane Foutch played the piano. Donald Wilson, Superintendent of the Sunday School, presided. The songs used were from The Book of Hymns, the official hymnal of The United Methodist Church, copyrighted © 1964, 1966 by Board of Publications of The Methodist Church, Incorporated. All rights reserved. The songs were, "The Old Rugged Cross" (page 228), "This is my song, O God of all nations" (page 542), and "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine" (page 224). Don Wilson then asked Claude Wilson to pray. He prayed thus:

"Our Father, it is the prayer of our hearts and souls that we praise Thee all the days of our lives. That we might lift up the Lord Jesus Christ in everything that we say and everything that we do.

Father, how we thank Thee for this day ... we pray that Thou wilt make it a day not only of remembrance, but a day of thanksgiving, of praise and blessings ... that Thy Presence shall rest upon us, Thy hand shall guide us ... Thy strength shall sustain us ... and Thy Book, the Bible, shall lead us to life eternal, with Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray. Amen."

We then went to various Sunday School classes. The Adult Class met in the sanctuary. I sat with my brother and his wife, Robert and Mary Mills Wilson. Mr. Delmar Friedman was the teacher and did an excellent presentation and led the class in the discussion of the lesson. (A copy of the lesson is in this section.) Mr. Friedman taught the lesson like an "old veteran of the Cross". His devotion to his responsibility also showed his preparedness and zeal that was highly commandable.

At the conclusion of the Sunday School hour, it was time for the Morning Worship Service, and Don Wilson assumed his post as the official church bell ringer.

## God's Authority And Rule

September 16

HEARING THE WORD

in The Scriptures for this lesson are halish 5:1-7; Matthew 13:44-46; 21-23-46. Selected verses from the Leried Stanfard Version of the Mile are printed here.

und dug a wine press in it, and built a lower, and let it out to tenants, and well into another country. 34 When the mason of fruit drew near, he sent was a bouncholder who planted a A "Bear another parable. There "Seyard, and set a bedge around it, Matthew 21:33-41

soying, 'They will respect my son, '38 But when the tenants nave the son, But when the tenants nave the son, but wad to the last from the but will be the but they took him and cert him out of the vineyard, and builde him, 40 When they took the owner, of the whenyard comes, what will be do to those tenants.'' if I but will be do to those tenants.'' if I but wild to him, "He will put those this servents to the tessents, 6s get his a three; 35 and the beneats took his other, and stoned another, 36 Again sent other servants, more than the servents and best one, killed anfirst; and they did the same to them. JY Afterward he sent his you to them,

let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." wretches to a miserable death, and

Matthew 13:44-46

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it." 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven

Membry Selection:

"The very stone which the builders rejected

has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's deing, and it is marvelous in our eyes,"

SEEING THE NEED

-Matthew 21:42

Many of us have too narrow a definition of rruth. We see it only in terms of Sergeant Friday's famous Dragnerstatement, "Just the facts, ma'am. Just the facts.

We believe truth refers only to setual or historical data. For this reason the word mory can upser as when it is applied to various biblical narratives.

about life? When I first read Herman Melville's novel Moby Dick I had such an experience. I realized that Melville, through the creation of fictional charactrush includes more than merely brute facts. Haven't you read a fictional story and recognized that although it was not historiters like Ishmael, Ahab, Quee-queg, and the great white whale, dealt with truths about our We need to see, however, that cally true, it contained deep troth human pride, destructiveness, concern, and love.

from the way the storysellers in the Bible used the parables' wivid Imagery to transmit the great The purpose of this lesson is to mults about God.

CAN'T THE TAIT! usually use parable to refer only to the stories told by Jesus, bur it has a broader meaning. In the Bible it refers to almost any kind of tive story which we normally think of as parable. A parable is a vivid word picture. It is much easier to than analogy where someone compares thing to another. Parable refers to everything from simple is to remember some abstract comparisons to the fonger illustraremember a distinctive story ome

9 We are so accustomed

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to win arguments seems strange. The Greeks taught us to think in Greek logical thought that the biblical method of using stories

"yes" to the story, "I agree with til" you win your point. You don't have to develop a long, logical argument. taught using illustrations. They believed a story could show the realth of a story could show the right. If the story is well told, if it holds together, if people say serms of logical progression. But the Jews didn't use logic as we know it. They explained and

Old Testament Parables

poor and had only one small she-lamb who had become more the family pet than its sole investock. The other man was rich and had many sheep and prophet tells a parable after David's affair with Ballisheba and his arrangement to have her husband killed in battle. The story is about two men. One was Parables are not unique to Jesus or the New Testament. The Old Testament contains several, In 2 Samuel 12:1-6 Nathan the wawilling to use his own livestock to feed the visitor. So he went and took the pet lamb from the poor man and roisted it for his When a traveler came to the rich man, the latter was cattle. guest

has dose this deserves to die."

Then Nathan drove the point of his story home by making the comparison, "You are the man! David reacted angrily to this story of injustice and declared, "As the Loan lives, the man who

ing care, they have rewarded him with injustice and unrighteous-ness. The prophet leaves the implication that as the man in the story destroyed his ampreductive vineyard, God will punish unre-pention farael. striking comparison: Israel and Judah are like the vineyard upon which God has lavished his low Nathan had applied a story, a parable, to David's situation. You, a rich king, could have any eral wives. Yet you took the only wife of one of your loyal soldiers, and then you had him killed!" unmarried woman in the king dom; and you already have sev

do you allow there to call you to judge your actions? Can you see how these ancient narradives con-Jesus' use of parables stands directly in line with Old Testa-ment usage. Still, he had a tain truthe still valid for your own life? man in all respects, or Uriah to the poor man, or Bathsheba to the ewe lamb. Not everything can be matched up. The story simply illustrates an action and asks for a judgment. "Is this kind of action right?" "No!" "Then, your kind of ruthless action is not But we can't make every part of a parable correspond pour for did not correspond to the rich point with a real situation. David

As you read the hiblical stories,

tells about all the work a man put into a vineyard, digging it, chear-ing it of stones, building the warch tower and wise vat. But after all this work, the parable in poetic form. Isaiah telis a story that anyone who had worked in a vineyard-which would have been most people in that day-would understand. He WE baids 5:1-7 =

communicate his message con-cerning God's coming Kingdom and the reversal it calls for in

unique way with this long-estab-lished Israelite teaching method. He used parables extensively to

Jesus' Use of Parables

narrative stories, like the para-bles of the good Samarian or the prodigal son, when we hear the

parable. But, as we've seen, a parable refers to any type of comparison using imagery or

word

Most of us think of the longer

people's lives.

comparison. Today's passage from Matthew 13-446 gives us examples of this simplest type of parable. Here we have the king-dom of beaven likened to the domestic grapes. The Keeper had done all he could do, but the vineyard would still not produce as it should. So Isaiah declares the vineyard will be destroyed. trample the vines, and let every-thing go wild. In effect, he will waste no more of his loving care on a vineyard that doesn't provines produced only small, sour, wild grapes, not full, sweat grapes, not full, The man will level domestic

type we would call the simple

Jesus often used the parable

word pictures.

In verse 7 Isaiah makes the

reactions of individuals who found a treasure in a field as well as a valuable pearl. We see the

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important characteristic of this type of parable in the presence of the word filer. This word informs us something similar exists be-tween the two parts of the comparison.

Jesus, however, leaves it up to to discover where the samius to discover where the simi-larty lies. Here we can see Jesus' teaching method in his use of vivid images. He doesn't jecture us on the meaning of the King-dom. Rather, like a good teach: er, he forces us to discover on our

own the meaning of the com-parison he gives.

In the parables of the treasure in the field and the valuable in the field and the valuable pearl, Jesus thrusts upon us images of persons who make a precious discovery. This calls for a complete reversal of the direc-tion of each person's life as he or the strives to acquire a newly discovered treasure.

parable—the metaphoe—in part of the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew S.13-14 uses metaphors of saft and light. The metaphor differs from the sample compan-son in that it does not employ the word like. It does not speak of similarity, but of equality, the equality of quite different things. We know that literally the Jesus uses another type of

But Jesus says we are, calling us to look beyond the surface differences. "Discover how these two launches an arrow at us, one that strikes deeper and with greater metaphor is not true. We are not for example, literally salt or Eght things really are alike," he says In the metaphor, Jesus surprise because

that he's warning of its coming. No like appears to clue us in that he's about to point to a similarity between things. Rather, he sudmages and declares that they are denly confronts us with unequal

derstandings are rudely disrupt-ed by Jesus placing side by side things we know don't go togeth-er. Jesus' metaphors drive into us Our nest world where everything has its place is suddenly shattered, and our everyday un-

and force us to pick up the pieces.

\*\*Plew am I salt? How am I tight?

\*\*What does Jesus reveal to me in these strange matchings?\*\*

A metaphor, by its very nature, does not allow just one interpretation. Like other forms of poetic language, metaphors keep calling up in our minds new interpretation. Like other forms of poetic language, metaphors weep calling up in our minds new interpretation. The image invites us.

\*\*Look around and explore me...\*

The longer narrative stories as parables are braically extended comparisons or metaphors. You will notice some of them are introduced with, 'The kingdom is like. ....' (See Matthew

rative word like. (See Mark 3-9, the sower; Luke 153-7, e lost sheep; Luke 15:11-32, e prodigal son; and Luke (29-37, the good Samarien.) is like. " (See Matthew 20:1-15, the workers in the vine-yard; Mark 4:26-29, the seed growing by itself; Mark 4:30-32, he mustard seed; and Marthew ģ 18:23-35, the unmerciful vant,) Most of the steries, h ever, make no use of the o parative word like. (See N

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We have only the naked story, and we must decide what it refers to and determine its meaning for us.

Do you allow proved to be upset and shocked by the reveal-ing power of least parables? Do you see the starting reversal he call you to make in these com-parisons and metaphors?

Barriers to Hearing

at today's passage from Matthew 21:33-41. You've probably heard or read this parable of Jesus several times. You feel you know what it's about. It has been titled judgment on story. We're now to hear it; Barriers to hearing Jesus' par-ables with their original shock value are evident when we look "the wicked tenants" by some told ahead of time how to Story. biblical translators. however, passes a of the nature ä

and since we don't share the same social setting as the original audience, we follow the case the title in our afternpt to under stand it.

boan them up. Finally, the last lord sends his son, assuming the remants will respect him. But the tenants assume the landlord a The parable speaks about a other men and leaves the condead and that his son is coming to collect his inheritance. The tex-ants kill the son in the attempt to claim the land for themselves. Most of us would follow the title servants for the tent, the tenants

and our own contemporary pre-suppositions in jedging the tea-ants as, indeed, very waked. But if we consider its a first-century Palestine, we set first century. Palestine, we see that the situation was such that few situation was such that few street and enter indiance. About a series Rooman landdords owned most of the land in Gailiee. Lead audience would have understood. the man in the story who goes to a far country to be one of these hated Rosman landlords.

Now put yourself in the place of those who beard this story for the first time. Hated foreigner come in and claim your land as theirs. You have to work the land, and shery get most of the lincome! Now, you heart least red a skory about a foreign landland who trues to collect his rent and some disgranalled tenants who refuse would The

to pay it. Whose side you be on? bearing and killing of the

gervants and the killing of the son would not have been heard by Jone original audience as evil deeds. They would have been understood as justifiable acts by a group of freedom fighters in judge to wrest larsel's land from florting to species you, a tenant farmer—little better than a farmer of the word of the entry. You get exacts, you not draw you into the word of the entry. You get exacts, you not be the stay to yourse specied. "When the owner of the stay." He asks you a question, but not the question you reserved in disbelle! You know what Romains do to asmone who rebell against them. They not then to crosses. But that's not the indigment you were expecting. hear. 9

The way the story started, you thought you would be expected to approve of the replacement of the transer of the replacement of their violent attempt to free the land. But lease has made you had a lease has made you had the consequences of their hadded—their own destruction.

Your understanding of the world—the differences between loyal less and hadd Romans—has been shattered. Harred of Modber, lesse has forced you to Det to your only another, Jesus h ace, leads only destruction.

cood and neighbor—even your enemy—to which he calls you in these powerful word pictures, the parables? kneps you from totally respond-ing to the unconditional love for God and neighbor—even your what barriers stand between you and Jesus' parables? What

Scarching the parables for messages addressed to the church, early church leaders found much that spoke to their experience as a struggling, often persecuted, community.

After Easter, the parable of the God's experience of sending prophet after prophet and fi-nally his own son to an unretenants was seen to apply to The Parables After Jesus

pentant people.

The church recognized the power of Jesus word pictures. It has always affirmed that every person can find his or her own odividual life called into judg. individual life called into judg-ment by gazing into the depths of the parables and realizing that there one stands face to face with

to judge our lives in light of your love. Let us feel their shock waves as they force us to decide how we will continue to live now that we parables with an open, questing mind. Let us hear their call for us have confronted yes in these reversing the course of our lives so that now we move only toward Dear Lord, help us come to the you and the fulfillment will. Amen. reversing the course of parables. Allow us to

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#### AMES CHAPEL MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

#### September 16, 1979

The service was very well attended with about two-thirds of the church filled. Rev. Max Toliver, the pastor of West Baden and Ames Chapel Methodist Churches, dismissed the Sunday School hour at West Baden so the people could be free to come to Ames for the service and the activities of the day.

The piano prelude was played by Brenda Gilliatt and Stephanie Toliver was at the organ. The song leader, Bill Flick, led congregational singing.

Pastor Toliver read the greetings to Ames Church from President Jimmy Carter, Senator Birch Bayh, and a letter from a former pastor, Rev. James Austin. The congregation was surprised and pleased. He then read from the Scriptures and prayed:

"Our Father . . . this morning on this great, this tremendous day that You have given us, for our enjoyment, we thank You for it, we have asked You for it, and You have given it to us. We just are overwhelmed by this one hundred milestone in this Church of Yours, that we call ours . . . that we might come together . . . all through these years, those who have been affected, those of us who have derived the benefit of great blessings and spiritual values from this, Your place . . . so today, just now we envoke the Presence of Your Holy Spirit among us . . . with us . . . for the purpose of really being capable of enjoying . . . of returning our thanks . . . being grateful and appreciative of all that You have done for us.

Honor us now throughout this worship hour with Thy Presence of Your Holy Spirit.

It is in the name of Your Son, and our Saviour, we pray. Amen and Amen."

The song leader then called for song number 224, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine", after which Pastor Toliver led the congregation in repeating the Apostles' Creed, which is number 738 under the Affirmations of Faith in **The Book of Hymns**.

The tithes and offerings were received following the singing of the doxology by the congregation. Pastor Toliver prayed thus:

"Father, again, we want to return with thanksgiving for all the material wealth that has passed our way, we thank You for this privilege of giving, sharing the generosity which You have given us by Your Spirit ... we ask that the gift be used for its intended purposes of upbuilding this Kingdom of Yours in this community for the honor and glory of Jesus ... and extend a special blessing upon each one that is here.

In Jesus name we thank You. Amen."

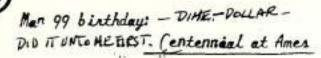
Bill Flick then sang a solo, "It is Well with my Soul", after which the congregation sang, "The Church's One Foundation" (page 297 in **The Book of Hymns**), followed by a solo by Carol Ann Elliott Qualkenbush, entitled "Leaning on Jesus." This was followed by a few moments of silent meditation and a closing in The Lord's Prayer.

Pastor Toliver then gave the morning message, "Centennial at Ames." (The copied outline of his original text is in this section.) The congregation afterwards sang, "Lead on Oh King Eternal" (page 478 in The Book of Hymns). Then the Benediction and postlude.



Special recognition was given to Ora Underwood, Evelyn Abel and Pearl Wilson for their work as a Historical Committee in the planning, organizing and fulfilling of the program for the day. Each was presented a beautiful corsage.





September 16, 1979 DON'T KNOW FATHERS PEOPLE

We're one hundred years old today. But we're not alone. Thousands have attended Ames who have felt its effects.

There has been 5200 Surday mornings in the last century that have provided a worship service for this community. 20 pastors would mean that each ore stayed here five years,

A preacher chose the subject: "The ox kroweth his owner," one Sunday, and the man that heard it, didn't care for the church very much.

Ore day while he was plowing with his team of exem, ore of them stepped over the traces, and the farmer beat the exer unmercifully.

The next time he walked in front of the Them, he paised his head, atuck out his tongue, and licked his arm.

He remembered the preacher had said: "The oxer knoweth his owner." He felt so bad about his deed, that he became a devout church member thereafter. "HEARD YOU TREACH FREET WHAT - HART."

Church member thereafter HEARD YOU PREACH FOREST WHAT - HEART - HOUSE, IN NO WORK Observed too line is church. One day he came to dirrer with the family. At room, the preacher was asked to pray over the meal. The boy said: You sure don't waste much time praying when you're hurgry do you?

A church is like a tree. Ames (hapel is a tree. Strip off its leaves, it is still a tree. It can put forth new leaves.

Rob a church of its membership, the Bible and a ministry stil remain, and new members may be wer. Strip off the limbs of a tree it may put forth others. Rob a church of its ministry, it can develop another.

A church may lose its sacraments, and still be a church load a tree with poisonous vines, smother it with walear things, it may still possibly survive.

The church may be weighted down with false confessions, prayers to dead saints, and other superstitions, and these may all die, and fade away, and the tree yet lives and grows and clothesitself with beauty.

But what of a tree without sign, a church without piety? Better root it up, and do something else.

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Ames (hapel has survived all these confusing difficulties. And 9 am totallyconvinced that the institutional church them a fartastic future.

Of the Lord terries, and doesn't neturn, Ames (hapel will enjoy another hundred years of service to God, and man.

9 say this because ir "the 60's and early 70's leaders of the church were predicting its demise. ..

They gloomily prophesied: The church in the future will be away from church buildings, and into small homes, and private cells in communal groups.

How wrong they were. In the year 2000, 9'll be 78, and possibly living to observe, the tremendous strength of the churche in America.

(athedrals are going up today that fill human needs, heal human hearts, and inspire people to rally by the thousands on Sundays to these spiritual growth centers.

These ereat family-development, inspiration-generating centers will stand as proof of a renewed, revitalized, and resurrected institutional church.

9 predict them, and not prophery that Amer (hapel will be open, still doing business, and will become stronger in the future than you are now.

But God does not just merely go to work to achieve these things apart from the demonstration of our faith.

He said: Without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he that comes to God must believe that He is a newarder of them that dilligertly seek Him." Heb. 11:6

Faith is believing it before you see it. Consider how many years we have left between now and the year 2000. It's 21.

Now let's consider what kind of a job we can do for God betwee now, and the beginning of the next century.

It will amaze all of us what of our dreams He will unfold into our imagination, and it will amaze us even more when He causes those very same dreams to come to pass.

Ther let us rejoice that God has put it into the hearts of His people 100 years ago to build this house to the glory of His Name.

Let us re-dedicate this house:

For the worship of God in prayer and praise.

For the preaching of the everlasting Gospel

For the celebration of the holy Sacraments,

For the comfort of all who mourn, For stre-oth to those who are tempted For light to those who seek the Way.

For the hallowing of family life For teaching and syliding the young For the perfecting of the saints,

#### We rededicate this house:

For the conversion of simpers, For the promotion of rightenuswars, For the extension of the Kingdom of God,

In the unity of the faith, In the bond of Christian brotherhood In charity and good will to all

In church, In Loving remembrance of those who have finished their course.

In the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord

We row, the people of this church grateful for our heritage, and the sacrifice of our fathers in the faith, confessing that apart from its, their work cannot be made perfect, do now dedicate ourselves arew to the worship and service of Almighty God.

Pray: Accept, 0 God our Father, this service at our hards, and bless it to the end that this compressor of faithful people may make marifest the Church of the Living God, the pillar and enound of truth, and so may this house be the place where thine homor dwells and the whole earth be filled with thy glory through Jesus Christ our Lord - AMFN

#### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

September 10, 1979

To the Congregation of Ames Chapel United Methodist Church

I am pleased to send each of you my warmest greetings as you observe your anniversary. You have my best wishes and my prayers for continued spiritual growth.

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### Telegram

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PMS REVEREND MAXX TOLIVER
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DEAR REVEREND TOLIVER

I WOULD LIKE TO BE AMONG THE MNAY HOOSIERS WHO

WILL BE CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE

AMES CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON SEPTEMBER 16TH.

I KNOW THAT THE WORDS SPOKEN IN AMES CHAPEL HAVE

TOUCHED MANY LIVES THROUGHOUTS SOUTHERN INDIANA AND THAT

THE CONTINUED FAITH OF THE CHURCH MEMBERS HAS KEPT

AMES ALIVE.



Telegram

I WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU THE BEST AND HOPE THAT THE SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES AND TAACHINGS AT AMES WILL BE FELT BY MANY MORE HOOSIERS AS WELL AS PEOPLE AROUND THE NATION.

AGAIN, MY BEST WISHES AND WARMEST REGARDS. SINCERELY.

BIRCH BAYH UNITED STATES SENATOR

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Westport, Indiana 47283 RR 1, Box 840 September 12, 1979

Rev. Max Toliver Pastor West Baden & Ames United Methodist Churches Orleans, Indiana 47452

Dear Brother Toliver & Ames Chapel Church:

I am writing to thank yound Ames Chapel Church for inviting me and my wife to attend the Hundreth Anniversary Celebration of the century of service rendered by the church. Six of the happiest years of my ministry of half a centuery were spent on the West Baden charge of which Ames Chapel was one of six churches. I served Ames Chapel from 1937 to 1943. Many new people now compose its membership. I wish it were possible meet the new people as well as the remaining older ones I knew when it was there.

Yes, you have guessed by this time, that my wife and I will not be able to attend this historic event because she has been an invalid for sometime. She has been so for sometime and is not even able to attend our church here. Iwas officially retired at the Annual Conference in 1972. However, I served four more years after that, two years at Hazleton and two more at Burney, even after renting a home here at Westport. After that I filled in for the pastor here and others when they needed help. But this has happened only one in the last year. We surely miss going to the church meeting the people which we had done for so many years.

Give our greetings to Ames Chapel and we wish for them many more years in the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the people of Ames community.

Yours in His Service.

ich. & Mrs. James H. Austin

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Reverend Max Toliver 647 North Third Street Orleans, Indiana 47452

Dear Reverend Toliver:

Congratulations to the Ames Chapel United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 100th anniversary on September 16. It is an inspiration to have such constant and steadfast spiritual guidance in the community.

Best wishes for your celebration.

Sincerely,

Joel Deckard

Member of Congress

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#### PRESENT PASTOR A NATIVE SON

Take the qualities of the Southern Charm and Hoosier Hospitality, combine them and you will get a "Graciousness of Superb Nature". This is what is found in the life of the pastor of Ames and his wife, Rev and Mrs. Max Toliver, more affectionately referred to as "Max and Maxine". Over the years, the Lord had been "grooming" these precious people to be the pastors of Ames Chapel United Methodist Church and West Baden United Methodist Church in the 1970's and the 1980's.

Max is the second native son to become an Ames pastor. He was born May 5th in Orange County, the son of Hayden and Ethel Scarlett Toliver.

In 1927, he moved with the family to the farm commonly referred to as "The Toliver Place", just east of the Bethel Community Church. The farm is located on the old Orleans-Vincennes Road about 2% miles northeast of Orangeville. At that time the Bethel Church was associated with the Christian Churches and had one of the first "white man" burial places to accommodate "red man (Indian) burials."

We find the original Toliver farm contained 365 acres and the house was built sometime before the year of 1876. Mr. & Mrs. Don Larkin now own the home and a few acres of the original tract of land. The Larkins met in San Bernardino, California, were married and moved to Indiana. Don originates from Ohio and his wife, Edna, is from Kentucky. He described the house, of which a concept drawing is in this book.

Max attended his early schooling in the district of his home and graduated from Orleans High School. He has spent many years as a successful businessman in and around Orleans. All the time



THE TOLIVERS Max and Maxine

God was preparing him for the ministry of Ames-West Baden Charge. Also, Max has attended Garrett Theological Seminary where he has taken extensive pastoral and ministerial courses. In 1974 he was appointed as pastor and has faithfully and successfully fulfilled his charge.

In a little geneology and family, he is the grandson of William A. Toliver and Eliza Barnett Scarlett. On the Scarlett lineage, his grandparents were Otho Scarlett and Anna Gerkin Scarlett. His ancestory reaches back to England.

In the 1940's he met and married Maxine Hall. The wedding took place at Bristol, Tennessee, on March 24, 1948.



THE TOLIVER'S HOME 647 North Third Street Orleans, Indiana

Maxine was born in Jonesville (Lee County) Virginia on October 29th and attended her Elementary and High School, and graduated from, the Jonesville High School, Afterwards, she received business schooling and came to Indiana in 1943. She is the daughter of Ernest and Hattie Cooney Hall and her ancestry reaches back to Ireland and the American Indian settlers. The Tolivers have two daughters. Stephanie and Jan Jan was born October 12, 1951, attended Orleans Schools where she graduated and continued her education at the University of Evansville and the Southern Baptist Seminary during the years of 1969 and 1977. Later she met Bill Metcalfe, a graduate of Indiana State University of 1966 Bill, the son of Mark and Peggy Nall Metcalle, was born December 25, 1943. His parents lived in Evansville On February 14, 1976. Jan and Bill were married in the Paoli United Methodist Church by the Reverend Leon Humphrey. They reside in Evansville, where they own and operate Shuttler's Music Store.

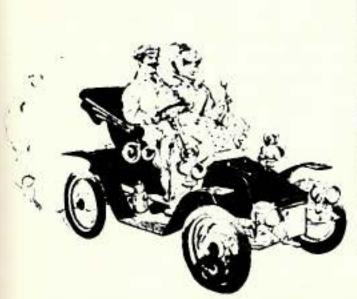
Stephanie, born July 26, 1957, attended the Orleans Schools where she graduated. She has

studied at the University of Evansville from 1975 to 1977 and at Indiana University Southeast during 1977 to 1978. She lives at home and is active in the church. She is a great asset to her father's ministry.

Max and Maxine are very dedicated to the work of the pastoral ministry and possess a humble spirit and willingness to do the Will of God in their lives.

The summary of their spirit is found in the following statement:

"GOD'S WILL NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS AND NOTHING ELSE"



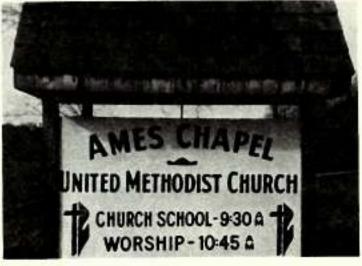
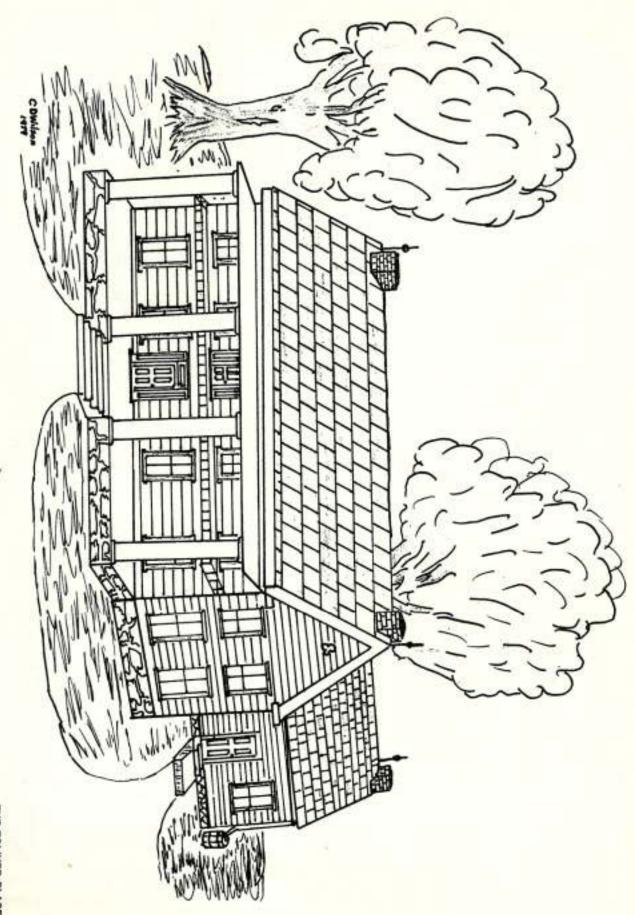


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THE TOLIVER PLACE Built before 1876

#### EARLY IMPRESSIONS OF AMES

#### By Raymond L. Wilson Jr.

#### Dear Memories:

Looking back over some forty-five years, countin' my blessings and thanking God for Raymond and Estelle Wilson, my parents, my two brothers, Bob and Claude (C.D.). Memories, as a young lad, of Ames Chapel Church, the many friends and neighbors who walked along the way, are many.

The year of '34 were hard times; there was no money—the years of The Big Depression Remember??? We lived in an old building on a farm belonging to Uncle Harry Wilson. The rent was one-half of a buchtered hog for one year (inflation? No. just hard times).

Mother and Daddy fixed up the old building with cardboard boxes that came from Homer Albright's Store and later (when it could be afforded) some wallpaper. It was comfortable and cozy from the cold winter winds. We had no plumbing no electric. I still have my Mother's Aladdin lamp (a 1933 model) which adorns our living room today.

Revival time came to Ames Chapel in the month of January (1934). There was a deep snow; it was cold zero and below.

We walked about 1½ to 2 miles to church. Brother Haley was the Evangelist. Some were fortunate to have transportation, but our was on toot. But walking along the way, as we came to each home, someone would fall out and journey along with us. As I remember, the snow was deep and with the north wind blowing we would fall behind on the starting time, but the closer we came we could hear the congregation singing. "Oh how I love Jesus". This would spark new hope and drive us on. Oh thank You, Jesus! I can still hear my Mother's footsteps crunching in the snow.

With this hope Mother had in her heart my Daddy was saved in this revival. He met the Master and along with him his two oldest sons. (C.D. was just past three then but look at him now!).

I remember, one Sunday night a Northerner Blizzard was brewing. Johnnie Hustler, Ed and Everret Conrad had walked about one mile (from the west) to our place to go to church. Daddy said, "Too bad boys to go any farther tonight, come in out of the storm!"

With coals in the old heating stove just right, Daddy got out the popcorn popper and a delightful time was had by all. (The three spent the night and returned home after breakfast the next day.) Listen and believe me, when the North Wind blew, the rug would raise off the floor!!

So, today, with my faithful and devoted wife of thirty-three years, we sit in our comfortable home which God has provided and count our many blessings!



THE OLD POPLAR CORNER HOME
(see #26 on Ames map)
Photo & article, courtesy of Raymond L. Wilson, Jr.
(Prospect) West Baden Springs, Indiana

Raymond L. Wilson Fr.

#### THE CENTENNIAL SERVICE

The service started with a musical prelude played by Mrs. Bill (Jo Ann Abel) Foutch. She used, "Gentleness" from "The Music Machine" whose words and music are written by Georgian Banov and Winnie Cook (Birdening Music, a division of Sparrow Records, Inc., 8587 Canaga Avenue, Canaga Park, California 91304), a beautiful melody.

Pastor Max Toliver read from the Book of Phillipians, after which he prayed:

"Our Father . . . this is Your church in Your community . . . all this entire century, of all the times and problems, good times as well, has affected and touched so many hearts and lives, so today we dedicate again and renew our dedication . . . our entire church . . . one that we feel is fundamental . . . one of which we can completely trust . . . believing that we are following You through the Word . . . we thank Thee for the past and especially the past that is the one of this nature and the future that You will work is all that really matters . . . so Lord, this afternoon . . . we ask that Your promise to be with us . . . (knowing that) . . . if we gather in Your name, that You will supply Your Holy Spirit . . . bless us and be among us . . . help us to rejoice and be happy and grateful and thankful for all that transpires . . . so today, Lord, help us to celebrate, not in this house, but in Your name. And in the name of Your Son and our Saviour . . . Amen and Amen."

Mr. Don Miller then led the congregation in singing "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (page 1 in The Book of Hymns), followed by singing "Amazing Grace" (page 92, same hymn book).

Special music was provided by a group from the West Baden Methodist Church. Betsy Horner, Marjorie Seybold and Virginia Emmons sang "Almost Home" by John R. Clements and B. D. Ackley, published by The Rodeheaver Company. Betsy played the piano. Mrs. Pauline Sanders wrote an extra verse, especially for the Ames Celebration, to go with the melody. It reads "Almost home! A hundred years have passed, This Church throughout the years, strong now as in the past. Almost Home, Ames Chapel's still the same; A Welcome now and then a love wide open door.

Jo Ann Foutch sang a beautiful song, "I Love Him". (The words and music are by Robert W. Muncie, who owns the copyright with all rights reserved).

Rev. Claude D. Wilson was introduced by Rev. Toliver. Rev. Wilson, a native of the Ames Chapel community, gave a summary of the early beginnings and history of the church, all of which are contained (and more) in this book.

Marjorie and Linda Stone (mother and daugher) sang "How Long Has It Been?" (The words and music by Mosie Lister, published by the Mosie Lister Publications, P.O. Box 644, Tampa, Florida, copyrighted 1956, by Mosie Lister, in "Heartfelt Songs". International copyright secured).

Forest Kerby introduced the former pastors who were present. They were the Reverends Howard Wardrip, R. J. Chance, and Ronald Lawhead.

Raymond L. Wilson and his daughter, Mrs. Merrill (June) Stephenson, sang "The Old Country Church" (due to copyright laws, this is the only song that the author has permission to reproduce) and "Precious Memories". June's son, Bill, accompanied them at the piano.

Rev. Howard Wardrip delivered an interesting and stirring message. The outline of the sermon can be read with the account of the Wardrips.

The congregation then joined together in singing "Blest Be The Tie" (page 306 of The Book of Hymns).

Don Miller sang "The Evening Prayer" (source is uncertain).

The dismissal prayer and benediction were given by Rev. Ronald Lawhead, former pastor.



The "new" Ames Chapel is shown here shortly after its construction in 1914

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Mrs. Ora Underwood West Baden, Indiana is owner of the original

The House By the side of the road by Samuel Walter Fore.

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn I in the peace of their self-content; There are souls like stars, that dwell apart, In a fellowless firmament; There are pioneer souls that blaze their pathe where highways never ranBut let me live by the side of the read and be a friend to man.

Set me live in a house by the side of the read, where the race of men go by-

The men who are good and the men who are bad, as good and as bad as I.

I would not sit in the scorner sest, Or hul the cynics banbet me live in a house by the side of the road

and be a friend to man.

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 now their tea.
Both parts of an infinite planLet me live in a house by the side of the road
and be a friend to man.

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 travelere 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.

Fet 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 scorners 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.

#### Finis

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

United Methodist Church

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# **PROGRAM**

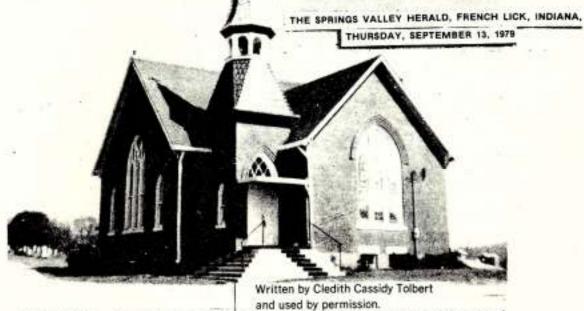
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Additional happenings

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**



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.

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

The largest gathering in history 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 Bioomington, 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 pelebration.

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

## **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 fashigned 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 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 Chapet. 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 Under-

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 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 "amwhich symbolizes immortality. Still others are of the opinion that Ames is a 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

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

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

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 over-flow 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 nundredth 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

#### 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. 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.

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 Paoli, Indiana
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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 redheaded 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!"

. . . . .

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

- The success drive has entered our churches...
   Freacher who have been successful. Learders
   who are successful. It means bigness and activity
   Never mind how the bigness is obtained—or to
   what en the activities serve. Just BIG and ACTIVE.
- 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 ---
- Jesus needed his disciples -- The community needs
   a Christian congregation --- Evangelism I know.
- Serve the community and the world in Love and for Christ sake---- John Wesley The World is my perish...

#### 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 Carol, Keyby, Marny, Rachel	Rt. #3 Paoli, IN 47454	Ames Chapel
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 David & Michael	French Lick, IN 47432	Methodist
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 . R. R. a	
Lawrence E. Tolbert	R.R. Orleans 47452 (Orangeville)	Springs Valley Nazarene
Rhoda (Ham) Tolbert	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
	213 S. E. Second St., Paoli, IN	Paoli United Methodist
Lowell & Evelyn L. Breeden Mr. & Mrs. Dale Conrad	Poplar & Ohio, French Lick, IN	Beechwood Christian
Mr. & Mrs. Bertie Newland	160 E. Vincennes St., Orleans, IN	Christian
		Paoli First Baptist
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Holland	Paoli, IN	Ames Chapel
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Wilson	R. 3, Paoli, IN	
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 Diane Nicholson, Tesse & Jann	Holland, IN	Ames Chapel
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 Vaughts	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
Mrs. Vera Wardrip	Mitchell, IN	Pastor Mitchell Methodist
Glenn & Bertha (Strother) Baker	Paoli, IN	Pastor's wife
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	8/
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

As recorded in the records of Ames Chapel Methodist Church, January 1979.

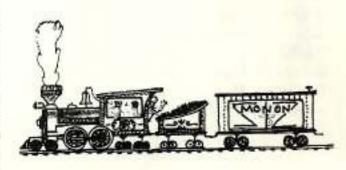
#### ABBEY DELL -- CENTER OF COMMERCE

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.

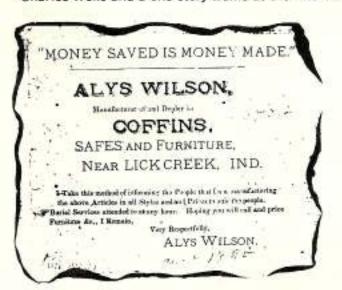
The late Charles Wells, the son of the late Luther and Thresia Covert Wells, even named the streets when he was a boy. Although street signs were never erected, the "street" going into the village from the highway was "Main Street"; when you got to the intersection to the east, up a tree-lined road was "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, taking 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.



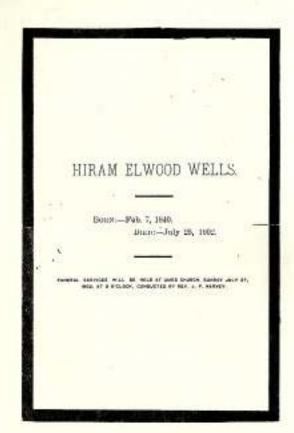
From: French Lick Centennial 1857-1957 OUR FIRST 100 YEARS "French Lick on Wings of Time" September 15-21, 1957, page 25.

#### 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.



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. 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

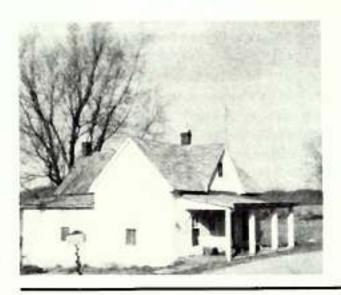




From: French Lick Centennial 1857-1957 OUR FIRST 100 YEARS "French Lick on Wings of Time" September 15-21, 1957, page 25.

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# OLD-TIMER'S HOMES IN ABBEY DELL



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.

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.





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 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.



 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.

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

five years. At the end of that time he returned to his father's home and stayed until his marriage, December 3, 1857. Soon after that he located on the same farm where he now lives (1884) and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits ever since. His wife was Miss Caroline E. Faucett, who has borne him one child, named George A. Charles. As a soldier Mr. Charles mustered into Company "G", Forty-ninth Regiment Indiana Infantry, November 8, 1861, as First Lieutenant, and was promoted to the Captaincy October 16, 1862. He was several times under fire, with Sherman in the Yazoo campaign, at Cumberland Gap, and others. On account of an injury received on board the Belle Peoria, he was compelled to resign in February, 1863. He is a Republican, and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Mason order.

Quoted from History of Orange County 1884, pages 641-642

MOSES F. HAM was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, July 1, 1827. His father was Michael Ham, a native of Virginia, and settled with his parents in Kentucky when but a child. His mother was Miss Elizabeth Mathers, and their wedding occurred in April, 1819. Of their family of ten children, only five are now living. Moses F. Moved to Orange County in the Fall of 1844, and located on a farm near Orangeville, where he remained until the Spring of 1870. At that time he moved to French Lick Township, and has made that his home ever since (until death). On January 6, 1859, he married Amanda J. Bruner, who has borne him a family of eight children, all living. Mrs. Ham was born October 8, 1838, a daughter of Alfred and Mary (Wilson) Bruner. Mr. Ham is a tanner by trade, although for the last twenty years he has not worked any at that business. In early life he received but a common school education. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the society of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a Republican, and was County Commissioner for one term.

Quoted from History of Orange County 1884, pages 643-644

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NOTE TO READER: If you have any information on the lives of these early Methodists (or know of a source of information) I would appreciate receiving a copy so these biographical sketches can be updated and completed. Your name will be listed in the acknowledgements in this book. Thank you sincerely.

C. D. Wilson

OTHER EARLY ORANGE COUNTY METHODISTS LISTED IN THE "HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY 1884" (they may or may not have any direct connection to the forming of Ames Chapel Church but no doubt were people who helped the Methodist movement get a solid footing in this county):

#### PAOLI TOWNSHIP EARLY METHODISTS

John H. Braxtan and wife, Cornelie A. (Patton)
Braxtan

Shadrach B. A. Conder and wife, Amy E. (Lee) Conder

J. M. Hobson and first wife, Mary Trop Hobson; second wife, Sarah Wells

John A. Hudelson and wife, Addie (Lindley) Hudelson Cyrus N. Hudelson and wife, Martha C. (Hamersly) Hudelson

John Millis and first wife, Ellen Marris Millis and second wife Lydia Faucett Millis

William F. Osborne and wife, Sarah Woods Osborne (of Louisville, KY)

B. D. Riley and wife, Mary Clayton Riley

# ORLEANS TOWNSHIP EARLY METHODISTS

- Samuel Gullet and his first wife, Margaret Henderson Gullett and his second wife, Sarah Dillard McCoy Gullett
- Louis B. Wilson and his first wife, (name not listed) and his second wife, Jane Kenley Wilson and his third wife, Mary Hamilton Wilson (first two wives died...no divorces)
- Nathaniel Wilson and his wife, Annie Baker Wilson

# SOUTHEAST TOWNSHIP EARLY METHODISTS

- John Agan and his wife, Electa E. Highland Agan Caleb Bates and his wife, Charlotte T. Sharp Bates
- Leander Free and his wife, Sarah S. Dillard (also listed them as members of the Christian church)
- James McDonald and his wife, M. Babbitt McDonald
- John McIntosh, whose wife is listed as member, Fannie A. Clayton McIntosh
- Thomas M. Thompson and wife, Sarah Robert Chavis Thompson

# NORTHEAST TOWNSHIP EARLY METHODISTS

- William Cook and his wife, Rachel Wires Cook Cyrus E. Finley and his wife, Nannie Monyhan Finley
- Henry Monyhan and his wife, Nancy Bateman Monyhan
- Joseph Tegarden and his wife, Millie Wallace Tegarden
- William R. Walker and his wife, Elizabeth Finley Walker
- James Warren and his wife, Ruth A. Van Cleave Warren

# NORTHWEST TOWNSHIP EARLY METHODISTS

- Capt. Joseph Duncan and his wife, Margaret J. Baker Duncan
- Eli H. Faucett and his wife, Eliza French Faucett James P. Hatfield and his wife, Lotta Cracraft Hatfield
- William Pruett and his wife, Elizabeth Powell Pruett

# ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP EARLY METHODISTS

- Abnatha Bolton and his wife, Fannie Stone Bolton
- Alfred Bruner and his wife, Mary Wilson Bruner Silas J. Halbert and his wife (name not listed)
- Samuel Hicks and his wife, Grace E. Greenleaf Hicks
- James Hicks and his wife, Mary M. Porter Hicks Daniel H. Higgins and his wife, Jane Shirley Hudelson Higgins
- James H. Hudelson and his wife, Cordelia Pinnick Hudelson
- Van R. Noblitt and his wife, Caroline M. Campbell Noblitt
- John W. S. Pruett and his wife, Nancy C. Whittington Pruett
- John A. Ritter, M.D. and his wife, Margaret Carter Ritter
- George Shirley and his wife, Elizabeth Wilson Shirley
- Robert A. Street and his wife, Maria J. Mathers Street
- Leroy D. Stone and his wife, Mahala J. Durham Stone

# FRENCH LICK TOWNSHIP EARLY METHODISTS

- James P. Campbell and his wife, Jane M. Faucett Campbell and his second wife, Deborah McCoy Jackson Campbell
- Capt. William Charles and his wife, Caroline E. Faucett Charles
- Frederick Enes and his wife, Salome Bertdoll Enes
- Bennet Grigsby and his wife, Matilda Bateman Grigsby
- Moses F. Ham and his wife, Amanda J. Bruner Ham
- Wesley Johnson and his wife, Emeline Jennings Johnson
- Harrison Johnson and his wife, Jane Brown Underwood Johnson
- Dr. Samuel Ryan, M.D. and his wife, Amelia D. Hancock (Dr. Ryan was also a Licensed Local Preacher)

#### GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP EARLY METHODISTS

Dr. William D. Ellis, M.D. and his wife (first wife, Martha E. Radcliff Ellis) are not listed as Methodists, but his second wife, Paulina Sinclair Newton Ellis, is listed as a member of the Methodist. Dr. Ellis is listed as a Baptist.

William Weeks and his wife, Dinah William Weeks (she was a Quaker), his second wife, Martha Collins Weeks and his third wife, Sarah Giles Leonard Weeks, were Methodists.

#### JACKSON TOWNSHIP EARLY METHODISTS

William M. Brent, M.D., and his wife, Magdalene M. Sutton Brent. (She is listed as Methodist and he is listed Presbyterian.)

John W. Pinnick and his wife, Harriet A. Tomlinson Pinnick.

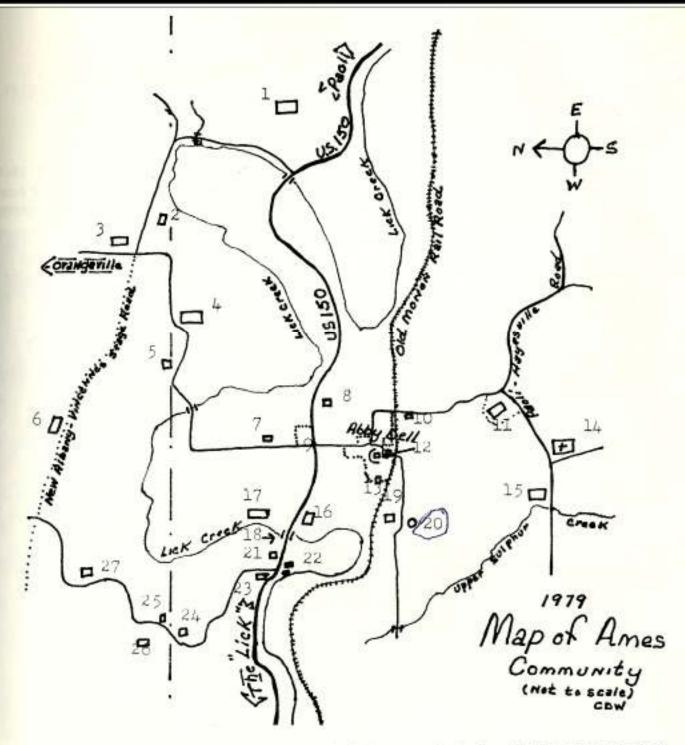
# STAMPERS CREEK TOWNSHIP EARLY METHODISTS

Dr. James Baker, M.D. (who was a member of the Christian Church) and his wife, Sarah Burgess Baker, who is listed as Methodist.

I would not want the reader to be misled in the list of early Methodists. Biographical sketches of the people listed here appear in the book **Orange County History 1884**. There were hundreds of other Methodists, who were prominent people in the 1800's who are not mentioned in this book. That does not mean they were not valuable or noteworthy persons just because "they missed the book." It could be that they did not want to be listed. Anyway, as each and every part of the body is important to health and growth, so is each and every born-again member in a church. Be a person "the teeth or toe nail", they're important.

#### EXPLANATION OF AMES MAP

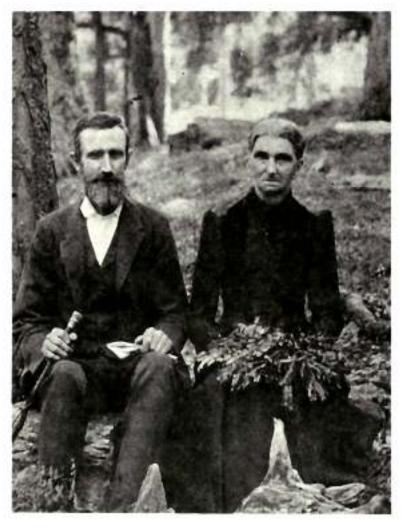
- Richard & Rebecca Lashbrook farm (now owned by their children).
- Charles & Minnie Pipher home (now part of the Reynolds Farms).
- Nelson Chapel location (now Preston Flick property).
- Moses Ham Farm (now owned by William Dixon).
- Lawrence & Bernice Wilson Love farm (now owned by Roy D. Love).
- Campbell & Dillinger Inn location (now owned by Lewis & Billie Stone).
- Roy Kirk home location (now owned by Roy & Ruth Duncan).
- 8. Peter Pope farm (now owned by Roy & Ruth Duncan).
- 9. Ames Chapel Church and Cemetery properties.
- Everett Rominger homeplace. (Rominger's went to housekeeping here.) Also, the Raymond Wilson Sr. Family Home from 1938-1958.
- 11. Smith Chapel Church location.
- 12. Lawrence Love General Store. Also, earlier, H. E. Wells Store. See chapter on "Abbey Dell".
- Abbey Dell Elementary School site.
- 14. Cemetery on old Azor Charles Farm. Charles, Smiths, & people of Smith Chapel Church buried there.
- 15. Azor Smith Farm (now Russell & Alta Lewis property).
- 16. Campbell's Inn built in 1841 (now Clayton & Crystal Conrad home).
- 17. Old Porter Home (now home of Jim & Ramonia Winninger Orr).
- Covered bridge location along U.S. 150 over Lick Creek, built 1869.
- William A. Charles Farm.
- 20. Location of Charles' Round Barn, one of a few in Indiana.



Note: From the place marked with an "X", visualize that you are viewing from the West, between Ames and Prospect.

- 21. The George P. Campbell home (now owned by Harold & Mary Bartle Dixon).
- Mary E. Love Farm (Maxwell Campbell home place). House next to it is the Elmer Arthur "Jim" Lindley home.
- 23. Anna Charles home, she is also great-grandniece of J. P. Campbell.
- 24. Forrest and Gladys Wilson Kerby property.
- 25. William and Marjorie Love Stone property.
- 26. Norris E. Wilson Family property (Old "Poplar Corner" place).
- 27. Donald L. & Susie Wilson home (the John Arthur Wilson homesite).

# PEOPLE AND PLACE OF INTEREST



B. R. SMITH AND HIS WIFE, MARY ANN CHARLES SMITH. She is the daughter of Azor Smith. It was from the Smith farm that Smith Chapel Methodist Church received land.

AZOR CHARLES (1796-1871), son of Joel Charles, who was one of the first emigrants from South Carolina to settle in French Lick township He was also elected the first Justice of the Peace in French Lick.



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 THE JAMES R McCAMPBELL COLLECTION
 Courtesy of Robert E Pruett
 Paoli, Indiana

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MR. & MRS. AZOR SMITH. He is the son of B. R. and Mary Ann Charles Smith



BERNICE SMITH McCAMPBELL, the daughter of Mr & Mrs Azor Smith



JAMES R. McCAMPBELL, the son of Ralph and Bernice Smith McCampbell

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L. CARROL WININGER. Graduate picture, the Class of 1931, French Lick High School

Photo from
 THE WININGER COLLECTION

Courtesy of Mrs. Ronald (Virginia Wininger) Woolsey French Lick, Indiana

# OSCAR & LUZENA DIXON WININGER and L. CARROLL WINNINGER.

 Photo from THE WININGER COLLECTION

Courtesy of Darlene Fouche, Bloomington, Indiana and Romona Orr, West Baden Springs





FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE UNDERWOODS Benjamin, Edward, Katherine and Harold.



John Henry and Martha Isabelle Wilson, taken in front of their farm home north of Prospect.



Lucy Lambdin, Mae Fitzpatrick, Ruth Underwood and Katherine Underwood.



Ed and Ethel Fannie Wilson Underwood. The year is 1943.

 Photos courtesy of Ruth Underwood Condra French Lick, Indiana

# PEOPLE AND PLACES OF INTEREST

JOHN ARTHUR & BESSIE LORENE BECKS WILSON, taken in front of their home August 21, 1949.

 Photo courtesy of Mrs. Forrest (Gladys Wilson) Kerby West Baden Springs, Indiana



A HUNTIN' WE WILL GO! HARRY LOVE and friend, DR. TERRELL of Louisville, Kentucky.





and MARY LOVE. The monkey is "Joko".

Photos courtesy of
 Mary E. Love
 West Baden Springs, Indiana

# Letter written by Harry Love to Harold and Ora Underwood of his trip out West in 1918.

Copy of letter courtesy of Mrs. Mary E. Love West Baden, Indiana

#### Harold & Ora:

Thanks for the map—am returning it. It renewed by gone days down the Salmon River. While in Salmon, a few days before our boat was done, the natives called it a scow. It was about 27 feet long, 6 feet wide—3 feet deep, a platform in the middle, steered by 2 men in front and rear. I had time to scout around a little. Salmon had about 70 population, located in a valley—lofty peaks around.

The natives are very friendly—asked many questions about the Eastern States, and big wheat and corn fields. They liked to tell about their experience back in the mountains a hundred miles from civilization all alone. He told me high up on the mountains, on a hunting trip, he noticed the ground ruffed up and on investigating he found white and black hair. Farther on was a rocky mountain goat dead, and a little farther was a piglet dead, a bear dead. I went down to the river to see the boat. While there, I met up with a native. He pointed to a



body of water from the main channel where they was a big fish. They walked up—the entrance had a special spear made to get him—weighed 150 pounds. The water was crystal clear, river also.

About ready to push off now. Our first stop was at Shoupe. Check your map. Just a few shacks—only 2 people lived there. I slept on the ground that night. Next morning entering a hundred miles of canyon—not a level spot big enough to build a house on. Nobody lived on down the river.

Next stop was an old deserted cabin about 12 feet long-10 feet wide covered with poles and grass chincked with grass-was very old. This cabin had nothing inside. You had to stoop to get in. No windows—a ventilating hole in rear roof. Hadn't been retired very long till I heard something climbing up on the outside in the rear. Dead wood and bark falling, I elbowed my nearest sleeper-told him I hear something, There was no answer. I didn't know but it might be a mountain lion. I knew there was some around—just saw a bear about two hours ago. Now he is coming down on the inside. I said to my sleeping pardner, Logan, hear that-no answer. We were covered up our heads. He jumped down and out. It was a packrat, which is about the size of a grey squirrel. Am now 100 miles from railroad. Pushing off, saw a lone man panning gold. As we passed by, he gave the hand wave. I did the same—not a word spoken and I heard some yelling. A man was high up almost straight above several hundred yards waving his hat. I waved mine.

We parked on a sandbar. Arrived a little early. Done some scouting around, saw a eagle nest about as big as a oats shock. They build on them year after year and there was a game trail about a foot deep in solid rock around the nest—been used for ages.

Coming down the river there was many rapids, One so dangerous we had to transfer our cargo below the falls. I have seen the hot springs, a band of sheep, one wolf, several eagles, one bird.

Slept on the sandbar. Next morning pushed off. Arrived at Jack Painters 5 mile ranch. A man living alone ninety one miles from civilization. His cabin is located on about 2 acres of ground. We unloaded our cargo—pushed the old boat loose. Our boat guide men, their names George and Apt. Gusleke, they didn't talk much. They are now getting ready to walk back to Salmon 150 miles.

Painter had a lot of fruit trees, apples, peach, plum. What I saw was loaded. He had 42 head red cattle that lived and died of old age, 5 milk cows, 5 head of horses very gentle, 2 pigs, 8 chickens, 1 dog, several cabins.

Getting ready for supper and what a feed. Consisted deer, ham, wild duck, pheasant, mountain trout and some extra dishes. Slept in a bed first one in several days. Three bear hids on the floor. Next morning horses saddled and horses packed heading for Dixie 5 mile going up the mountain several switch backs, killed a big rattle snake. To Dixie was a one horse trail. Arrived at Dixie—a deserted mining burg—6 people lived there. A lot of cabins and a U.S. post office. Stayed all night with a real old colored old lady living alone 80 miles from rail road. Leaving next morning by stage coach with our luggage and 6 hind quarters of deer. Check your map. Arrived at Elk City deserted mining 3 people there. Next morning leaving. Arrived at mountain home not on the map-2 people lived there. Passed Buffalo highs just a big mountain the shape of a buffalo. Arrived at Granger left in the night for Spokane, Washington, Traveled all night, late next evening. Was interviewed by a newspaper man, left that night for Chicago. Was glad to get on that rattler heading for Indiana.

Harold, I have just touched on a part of my experiences.

Harry Love



"Watch for the birdie, Marjorie," Bill Love seems to say to his Sister, Marjorie around 1 year and Bill around 4 years.



"A GENTLE WAY TO TAKE CARE OF THE ENERGY SITUATION" Marjorie Love, 3 years, and her brother Bill Lawrence, age 7, with their pet lamb in front of the home place.

 Photos courtesy of Mrs. William C. (Marjorie Love) Stone West Baden Springs, Indiana

# PEOPLE AND PLACES OF INTEREST



Raymond Luther (Jr.), Robert and Claude. Taken around 1932 or 1933.



Estelle Irene Hickman, as it was then, taken in front of the West Baden Springs Hotel. She was employed there, later was married to Raymond L. Wilson.



Raymond L. "Dodger" Wilson, photo taken on the grounds of the West Baden Springs Hotel

- Photos from personal collection

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THE ABEL's CHILDREN. Horace, Pauline (Mrs. Dale Conrad) and Harry (on Horace's lap).

MR. & MRS. PERRY (ORA MAE WILSON) ABEL. Presumed to have been taken shortly after their marriage of August 30, 1899

<sup>-</sup> From personal collection of Claude Wilson



Photo of Lawrence and Bernice Love with their son. William Lawrence.

Bernice wrote on back of the picture, "All well live in F. Lick got lots to do moved last week write me Lawrence is working rented our house in Abydell write Bernice."

Mrs. Lawrence (Bernice Wilson) Love, William Lawrence, age 8 years, 11 months, 3 days, and Marjorie, 5 years and 1 month



Photos courtesy of Mrs. William C. (Marjorie M. Love) Stone West Baden Springs, Indiana

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THE WILSON KIDS. Some of the children of John H. and Martha Stackhouse Wilson, taken in the Fall of 1961. (left to right) Ora Mae Wilson Abel, Ethel Wilson Underwood, John Arthur Wilson, William A. Wilson, Harry H. Wilson, Blanche Wilson Scarlett, and Bernice Wilson Love.

 Photo courtesy of Ruth Underwood Condra



IT'S "WATCH THE BIRDIE" TIME. Bernice Wilson Love and her Sunday School class. Taken on the front steps of Ames Chapel Methodist Church. Presumed taken sometime in the 1950's.

 Photo courtesy of Don & Vivian Miller



YOUTH CAMP AT RIVERVALE, INDIANA BISHOP ROBERTS PARK (East of Mitchell, Indiana)

Among this group are the YOUTH FROM AMES CHAPEL CHURCH who attended camp; (left to right) front row (8th person) Lois Wilkinson; second row (9th person) Gene Elliott; third row (2nd person) Claude D. Wilson; same row (9th

person Gerald McCracken; fourth row (2nd person) Donald Wilkinson; same row (6th person) Ward Elliott.

Photo from author's personal collection



HAROLD & RUTH UNDERWOOD, children of Ed and Ethel Wilson Underwood. Photo taken in 1912.

Courtesy of
 Mrs. Harvey (Ruth Underwood) Condra
 French Lick Indiana



Photo of house by Claude D. Wilson Photo made by Steve Jackson Ellettsville, Indiana

THE JOHN A. & LUCY PIPHER STACKHOUSE HOME, a Lost River valley farm, located north of Prospect just beyond Sand Hill. House built around the turn of the century. The Stackhouses were very active in the early days of Ames Chapel. John was licensed by the Conference to preach. He was a brother to Martha I. Wilson Home is now owned by a granddaughter, her husband, and family. Donald and Deanna Stackhouse Clark.





WILSON JR. (Navy) were two of the many young people of Ames Church and Community who answered the call to arms from the President of the United States. Photo taken in the mid 1940's. They got their furloughs and leaves at the same time for a joyous few days at home.

ROBERT H. WILSON (Army) and RAYMOND L.

- Photo from personal collection

THE RUSSELL LEWIS FAMILY. They own the farm property deeded to Joel Charles in 1818.

Photo from
 THE JAMES R. McCAMPBELL COLLECTION
 Courtesy of
 Robert E. Pruett
 Paoli, Indiana

THE LEWIS FAMILY



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# HAROLD UNDERWOOD PRESENTED GOLDEN DEEDS AWARD

Each year at the Exchange Club Birthday Banquet, the Exchangites present the highest award given by the Exchange Club, to an individual of this community. This award is given on the basis of service rendered to the life of the community.

Because of his outstanding service to the community through Scouting, Harold Underwood received the Golden Book of Deeds award last night at Springs Valley Exchange Club dinner.

A retired machinist and gunsmith, Mr. Underowood was born and raised in Orange County and spent his entire life operating his machine shop, being active in his church work and Scouting.

His ability and his uncanny knowledge of of machinery has brought hundreds of people to the Valley to seek his advice on his mechanical genius in making and repairing mechanical equipment, and his fine hand in repairing firearms.

A natural mechanic, he trained himself to operate the intricate machinery of the machinist, to weld the finest seam, or fix the smallest spring in a small hand gun.

He would work hard and long, from daylight to darkness, for six days a week, despite a crippled leg caused from an automobile accident forty-one years ago.

His Sundays were devoted to his church work and his Scouts. He joined Ames Chapel Church in 1925 and has been active ever since. He just recently resigned as secretary of the church cemetery board, a job he held for many years. Scouting was his next big interest.

He organized the Boy Scout Troop in the Prospect and West Baden area in 1945. Sponsors of the group were a group of citizens made up of Preston Wininger, Cloyd Wilson and Earl Kennedy.

The organization was financed through paper collections, raising potatoes, and other such projects. There were many times when the loading and unloading of trucks used for the projects were done by Mr. and Mrs. Underwood.

Harold took the boys on many camping trips, camporees, state fairs, horse shows and various events. It was only recently that Mr. Underwood sold the truck he used for taking the boys on such outings.

His workshop was a place of learning for the boys. He taught them many things as they watched him work. His skill and knowledge of guns and their use has proved valuable through the years.

In 1954, Mr. Underwood, with the assistance of Mr. William Gaultney, organized the Ames Chapel Troop, and in 1962 he organized a troop, sponsored by the West Baden Baptist Church.

On May 18, 1964, Mr. Underwood was presented the "Silver Beaver" award by the White River Council. This is the highest award one can earn in Scouting work.

For more than a quarter of a century, he gave of his time, his talent, his knowledge, and his money to help the boys of our community grow into better citizens.

It is gratifying to the people of this community that this dedicated man of high ideals should have chosen French Lick as his permanent residence, and its people to be the recipient of his wonderful gift of Scouting, Mr. Harold Underwood is indeed worthy of this award and the acclaim of his fellow citizens.

The Exchange Club, celebrating their 60th birthday, provide a very impressive background in which to honor Mr. Underwood. The event was held at Northwood Institute at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31.

Acting as master of ceremonies was Robert Noble, the club president, who welcomed the guests and made the opening remarks. Entertainment was provided by Tome McDonald.

Group singing of "America" was led by Mrs. Linda Archer, and the pledge of Allegiance by the Boy Scout Troop 86. The invocation was given by Rev. Herbert Gillon. Dr. Carl Stewart spoke on the 60th anniversary of Exchange Club. The first club was organized in Detroit in 1911. The Springs Valley Club was organized in 1968. The club purpose is dedicated to community for service, spirit, and coverant of service.

Robert Noble, president, who presented the award to Mr. Underwood, stated he was proud to represent the members of the Exchange Club in honoring such a man. Mr. Underwood, who was completely surprised at the presentation, commented, "How did you find all this out?"

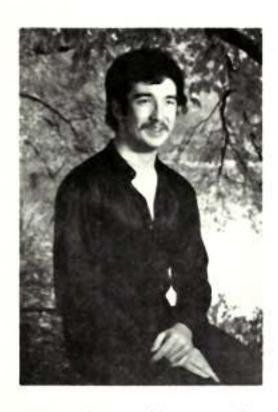
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MARSHA LYNN (WILSON) HICKMAN, daughter of Claude D & Bessie Faye Brown Wilson, was born May 1, 1957, at the Vermillion County Hospital in Clinton, Indiana, Dr. W. D. Britton of Montezuma, Indiana, was the attending doctor

DANNY RAY HICKMAN, son of James and Mary Crecelius Hickman, was born March 23, 1954 at the Washington County Hospital Salem Indiana Dr. John K. Spear was the attending doctor

Danny and Marsha were married on May 10, 1976, at the Methodist Church of Paoli Rev Claude Wilson officiated





DERRILL RAY WILSON, son of Claude D & Bessie Faye Brown Wilson, was born April 5, 1961 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Indiana Dr. Frederick Spencer of that city was the attending doctor.

MATTHEW DUSTIN HICKMAN, born March 5, 1977 at the Orange County Hospital, Paoli, Indiana Dr. Terry Notziger was the attending doctor.

Matthew is one of the many great great grandsons of John & Martha Stackhouse Wilson. He has four living great grandparents. Ralph & Maggie. McFarland. Brown. Ermal. Huddelson. Hickman and Lucille Mathers Crecelius.

There ain I nobody I mean nobody that likes to brag like a grandparent!"

# LOCAL PLACES OF INTEREST

THE RICHARD LASHBROOK RESIDENCE (see #1 on map) From this home place on the crest of a high hill, one has a wonderful view to the west for many miles. The Ames Church and Cemetery can be seen in living color the year around. No other spot affords this view.

We are uncertain when this house was built, but it is assumed that it was in the mid-1800's. It is styled after many of the homes in the South. Note the upstairs porch, a nice place to sit on hot summer nights. Many homes on this order are found through the State of Mississippi.

Today two of the daughters, Blanche Lashbrook and Nelle Lashbrook Armstrong, own the place and make it their home

 Photos and information courtesy of Blanche & Nelle







THE GEORGE CAMPBELL RESIDENCE (see #21 on map) He was the nephew of James P. Campbell who built the Maples Inn. The house (to the right) was built in the 1860's George W. Campbell married Anna J. Rhodes on November 20, 1866 and this was their home. In the front, next to the road, was a general store. Wilbur A. Charles, the father of Anna Charles and Mary F. Love, worked here.

The pine trees, according to the late Hannah Stackhouse Love, were set out when she worked there as a hired girl in the mid-1860's

The farm is now owned by Harold and Mary Helen Bartl Dixon

> Information courtesy of Mary E. Love West Baden Springs, Indiana Photo by Claude D. Wilson



#### **ABOUT THE PIPHERS**

Charles Pipher was born July 10, 1867 and died December 4, 1946. On February 27, 1890 he married Minnie Alice Hill. Minnie was born April 4, 1870 and passed away May 31, 1942.

Their children: Grant, born July 11, 1891. He spent most of his life near Champaign, Illinois, and died in the early or mid 1970's. Paul Pipher was born May 30, 1894 and died September 8, 1917; Ebba Pipher was born October 9, 1897 and died October 25, 1918; Blanche was born October 13, 1900 and died in 1918. During the influenza epidemic, these children succumbed. Miss Mabel Ellis stated, "Funeral was outside under the shelter of the hitch rack building back of the church."

Also reared in the home was Charles Edward Springer. He was born September 10, 1914.

The grandchildren of Aunt Minnie and Uncle Charlie are scattered over the nation; Grant's oldest daughter lives in California. She is Helen Wallen and is retired from her job as a Physician's Assistant; Dale, his next son, lives in THE CHARLES & MINNIE PIPHER FAMILY. (left to right) Grant, Blanche, Ebba, Minnie. Photo taken in front of their home east of Nelson Chapel (see map #2), estimated date around 1912.

 Photo courtesy of Mrs. Harvey (Ruth Underwood) Condra French Lick, Indiana

New Mexico and travels for the company that sets off underground "A" bomb tests; Don Pipher is a teacher in Cerro Gorrdo, Illinois; Dorothy is married and lives in New York.

Paul Pipher has a son (according to Miss Ellis, she believes he is in Indianapolis).

Ebba's son, Charles Edward, is married to a Paoli girl and they live up-state (Indiana) somewhere.

Courtesy of Mabel Ellis
 Paoli, Indiana



THE HAM RESIDENCE (see #4 on map). Also known many years as The Kirk Home, is now owned by Bill Dixon



THE WILL PORTER RESIDENCE, also his father's home (see #17 on map) Now owned by James and Ramona Wininger Orr

#### THE MAPLES

The Maples is one of the few very old homes in this section of the country that remains in its original style It was built by James P. Campbell in 1841, and operated as a stage coach Inn for many years. Civilization was moving westward. with settlements being made along a road extending across Southern Indiana to Vincennes. which was an outpost of western civilization. At that time the roads were often muddy, swampy and at times travel became quite difficult. This Inn with others did a very profitable business with the traveling public A small hotel (40 rooms) had been built at French Lick in 1840. The Indians, buffalo, also other wild animals had long before discovered the medicinal properties of the sulphur water of the valley.

There were no banks in this section of the country and Mr. Campbell accompdated his neighbors with needed cash, very often gold. The money was kept in a small safe, the outer door of that room was securely guarded by an iron bar which is still in use. We wonder how the other four outside doors were protected.

The timber used in the construction of this house is mainly yellow poplar, grown and sawed on the farm. Much hand work was done in preparation of the materials. Wide boards with many sap streaks were used for flooring. Doors are hand made put together with wooden pins.

An itinerant painter, while a guest at the lnn, painted the sign which was in use for many years. At that time there were 26 states in the Union as indicated by stars near top of sign Note date on sign is 1844. A large room upstairs had a painted floor, unique in design—there are circles of green and black with decorations inside each circle similar to modern stippling. This work was no doubt done by the same painter. After being in use more than 113 years the paint is in amazingly good condition. (Sorry no picture of the sign although it still exists.)

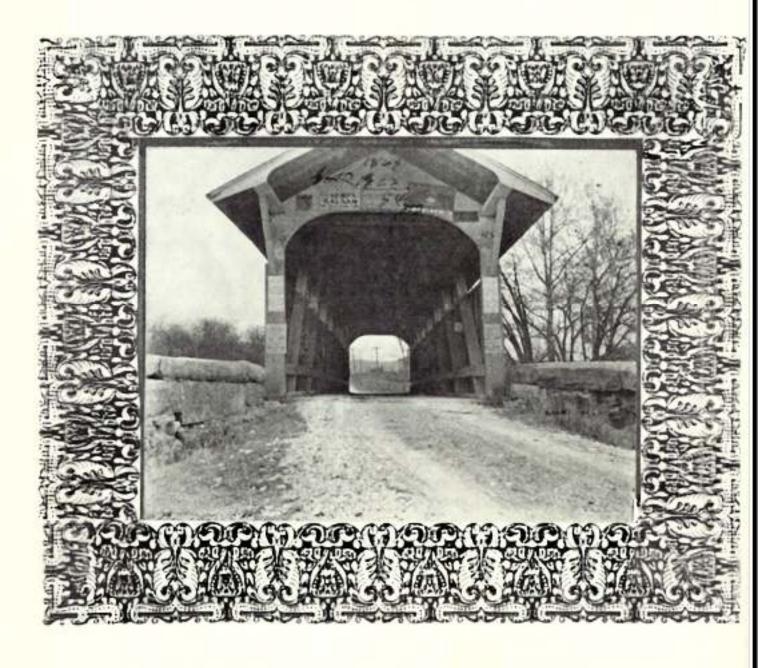
The Maples Inn is modernized just enough to make it more comfortable, but every care is taken not to spoil the charm of the old home. Many people have lived here and no doubt many noted persons have spent the night in this Inn. At one time the home of Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Atkinson, she was the first great grandniece of the first lady in charge of the household of the Inn.

 From "French Lick Centennial, 1857-1957, Our First 100 Years"



THE MAPLES

Today the home of Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Conrad.



# COVERED BRIDGE WEST OF AMES

This is the covered bridge west of Ames Chapel Church, sowing the west end (note porch of Irin through the bridge) See Ames Community Map #18 for location "Old covered bridge across Lick Creek one fourth mile west of Ames Chapel, French Lick township, Orange County and built 1869 Was taken down and new concrete bridge was built in its place 1923. Builders and contractors, Al wood, carpenter was Jake Stevins (Stevens), Orleans; all rock and masonry work by G.B.R. Crowder, Orleans" (written on back of photo). The bridge cost \$3,898.30!

Photo courtesy of Mary E. Love West Baden Springs, Indiana THE MAXWELL & SARAH CAMPBELL house hold water supply was gotten from this well for many years. The Campbells moved to this farm in 1842. For a while they got their water supply from a cave spring on the back side of the farm in the bluffs of Lick Creek Butter, milk, etc. were kept, there. One morning Sarah went to the spring for supplies and saw moccasin prints of Indians.

Soon after moving, the hand dug well was created by Jim Owens It was built with an excellent flat rock flooring around it, which remains to this day.

Around the well a shelter was built with lattice work on the sides Inside were seats all around the well opening with a lid. allowed a bucket to be lowered for water. The well still has a good water supply but hasn't been used for many years.

At one time the Maxwell Campbells had boarders and they could go to the well house to wash for the meals. There was a towel rack and other necessities inside the well house for their use.

Many weary thirsty traveler has stopped here to water themselves and their animals. It



provided a retreat for mankind from the hot sun as they sipped the cold water and the cool breeze would filter its way through the lattice. A good place for a neighborly visit or to just get away from it all.

The picture at the bottom of the page is of the reconstructed shelter done in the 1940's by the late Raymond L. Wilson Sr. (note the pine trees in background at the George Campbell Home see #22 on the Ames map and picture). In 1927 Mary and the late Harry Love moved to this farm. It is now the home of Mary E. Love.



(see #22 on Ames map)

Pictures and information Courtesy of Mary E Love



A view of the old cemetery near Russell and Alta Lewis' farm (see #14 on map) This was considered more or less a private cemetery, however, some of the early people of Smith Chapel Methodist Church are buried here. Also some war veterans rest here.

We do not have the date of the first burial, however, it is assumed to be in the early 1800's

The cemetery is kept in good condition, especially for its age, and is fenced in for the protection of the graves and markers.

- Photo by Claude D Wilson



The headstone that marks the grave of AZOR CHARLES. He was born November 27, 1796 and died September 24, 1871

Azor a native of Tennessee, came to Orange County, Indiana from Kentucky around 1809

He married Rachael Cobb and they lived in French Lick township, near this cemetery, until his death in 1871

- Photo by Claude D. Wilson



#### **OBITUARIES**



Obituaries, like the above picture of Currier & Ives entitled "A cold Morning" from the Harry T Peters collection, Museum of the City of New York, bring back many memories of the days past and gone. Memories can either haunt and hinder or bless and boost.

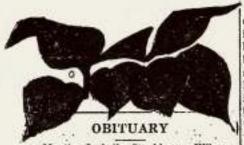
In reading these obituaries, I am sure that to some it will be just statistics and to others it will cause memories to be relived in the mind. Be what it may, if the reader will carefully study them, a wealth of information can be had perhaps of your ancestors or it could be you will have a deeper appreciation for those who weathered hard circumstances to make our

present conditions more favorable. No matter what may be your feelings or conclusions they are here for you to read.

Each obituary contribution, where possible, has been acknowledged I am deeply indebted to Mrs. Andrew (Pearl) Wilson who researched tiles, and typed much information. To her, "My sincere thanks!"

Someone said and I give in essence, "Show me how the people treat their dead and I will show you with mathematical accuracy how they treat the living" How true!

- Claude D Wilson



Martha Isabelle Stackhouse Wilson was born Oct. 20, 1860, and died Jan. 28, 1924, age 63 years, 3 months, and 8 days.

She was one of a family of eight children, five of whom still survive her, with three who have already preceded her to the presence of their Maker.

She was married to John Henry Wilson, Jan. 4, 1881. To this union was born twelve children, three of whom also have gone on before her, and are waiting to welcome her at the Father's right hand. These died in infancy, Emery, Hollis' and Reed. Nine children remain to mourn the loss of a devoted mother. They are: Mrs. Ara Abel, Mrs. Ethel Underwood, John Arthur Wilson, Willie Wilson, Claude Wilson, Henry Harry Wilson, Mrs. Blanche Scarlett, Mrs. Bernice Love and Raymond L. Wil.

In her young womanhood, she was the first person converted at the altar of the Old Ames Chapel Methodist Church; this was in the winter of 1879-1880. She remained a consistent Christian till death relieved her of her terrible sufferings. About twenty years ago, she seemed to take on added zeal and enthusiasm in her Lord's service, and she has had the joy of His intimate presence ever since. She was ever ready, whether well or suffering, to tell of the wonderful Christ, who has meant so much to her. Just about two weeks before she died, she told her Pastor that the presence of Jesus in these hours of suffering and in the presence of death, was worth more than all the service she had ever rendered her blessed Lord.

She made arrangements for her own funeral sometime ago, and said "It is all over now, and I am not only waiting to be released from this body, and be with Jesus and my precious children from whom I have been absent so long.

The last prayer the pastor heard her pray, was that her children would all meet her in heaven.

She is survived, besides her brothers and sisters, by twenty-two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, Katherine Underwood.

When the end came, it came peaceably, after much interise suffering. Those around, were fearful of a terrible struggle, but she was spared this, and simply fell asleep in Jesus.

We see her rocking the cradle and doing the home work, leading in serving the Lord, standing by her husband in every conflict, calm, patient, loving, trustful, heroic. We can look and look, through the mists of almost half a century of toil, and allow our imaginations to call up the scenes that must have transpired, the battles which we know were fought, and the victories which we know were won, until her life became fairly sublime. How many other lives have felt the thansforming touch of this one! How many broken hearts has she comforted! How many dispairing ones her gentle voice-now hushed in death -has called back to purity and home and heaven! .

"We think of her as the young farmer's wife, full of happiness, content with her lot, unacquainted with sorrow, but called upon, because she was one who could sympathize and comfort those who were bereaved. We who have known her in her graceful, cheerful, beautiful old age, can well imagine the inimitable delicacy and tenderness with which she pressed the cup of divine consolation to lips quiveding with anguish, and after she herself had been called upon to mourn the loss of some of her children, she received the last supreme qualification to be a consoler of broken hearts, and stricken mothers.

When Abraham Lincoln stood at his mother's grave, he said, "All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." Almost every man who towers up among his fellows like Saul among his brethren, who is distinguished for splendid service to his church and his country, owes the in\_ spiration that shaped his life to the prayerful solicitude and careful training of his mother. And if the children of this departed mother could gather here, the nine who are living and the three from the shining courts above, and could stand about her casket today, they would say the same of her who lies sleeping there, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

She herself would not approve of extravagant eulogy, but it is difficult to find language to measure the infinite value to a human life of a consecrated motherhood. Her sons and daughters have been trying through all her years of affliction to pay back in kind love and devotion and tender care which they received fro mher when they were children. But after she died, a few hours ago, they were far in arrears. It is a debt of such immense proportion that it can never be paid. A mother's love, more perfectly than any other human love, resembles that divine love which found its expression upon Calvary.

What about this body here in the carriet? What does our faith may

concerning that? . Will the spirit and the body ever meet again? Let us stand here, and with the Church of all ages say, "I believe in the resurrection of the dead." A soul and a body have parted here which lived together in mystic union for sixty-three years. It has been said that poets come nearer the truth than other thinkers. Mrs. Sigourney, among her ritings, has given us a beautiful noem whic' seems to me strangely appropriate today. It is entitled "Farewell of the Soul to the Body" Just at the moment of departure, the soul speaks to the body and says:

Companion dear, the hour draws

The sentence speeds—To die, to die.
So long in mystic union held, t
So close with strong embrace compelled,

How canst thou bear the dread de-

That strikes thy clasping nerves from me?

To him who on this mortal shore
The same encircling vestments wore.
To Him I look, to Him I bend, h
To him thy shuddering frame commend.

If I have ever caused thee pain, The throbbing brow, the burning brain,

With cares and vigits turned thee

Or scorned thee when thy strength did fail,

Forgive! Forgive! thy task doth cease,

Friend, Lover, let us part in peace. If thou didst sometime check my force.

Or triffling mine upward course, Or lure from heaven my wavering trust,

Or bow my drooping wing to dust, I blame thee not, the strife is done;

I knew thou wert the weaker one, The vase of earth, the trembling clod,

Constrained to hold the breath of God.

Well hast thou in my service

wrought,

wrought,
Thy brow hast mirrored forth my
thought;

To wear my smile thy lip hast glowed,

Thy tears, to speak my sorrows, flowed,

Thine ear hath borne me rich supplies Of sweetly varied melodies.

Thy hands my prompted deeds have done;

Thy feet upon mine errands run.

Yes, thou hast marked my biddings
well;

Faithful and true! farewell! farewell! -Go to thy rest. A quiet bed.

Meek mother earth with flowers shall spread,

Where I no more thy sleep shall break
With fevered dream or rudely wake
Thy wearied eye. O quit thy hold!
For thou art faint and chill and
cold,

And long thy gasp and groun of pain Have bound me in they pitying chain,

Though angels urge me hence to sear, Where I shall share thine ills no more.

Yet we shall meet. To soothe thy pain,

Remember, we shall meet again.

Quell with this hope the victor's sting.

And wear it as thy signet ring.

When the dire worm shall pierce thy breast,

And naught but ashes mark thy rest, When stars shall fall and skies grow dark;

And proud suns quench their glowworm spark,

Keep thou that hope, to light thy gloom,

Till the last trumpet rends the tomb. Then shalt thou glorious rise and fair, but a second

And I, with hovering wing clate, The bursting of thy bonds shall wait,

And breathe the welcome of the sky— No more to part—no more to die— Co-heirs of Immortality.

But far better are the words of Paul; "Sown in corruption, it is raised in Incorruption; sown in weakness, it is raised in power; sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body." And better than all, are the words of Jesus Christ Himself, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Mrs. Wilson's life since her marriage to her husband, has been divided between her beautiful devotion to her husband and the genuine service to her children, and neighbors Those whom she had befriended will miss her much; but her husband will miss her more. 'She was his constant companion in advice at all times, and the success of the husband in life is attributed in a large measure to the good advice given him by her. The good that people do to lives after they are laid to rest. The good that Mrs. Wilson had done will bear fruits in years to come. She is gone, but her pure life and her simplicity and humility and desires to serve others will ever be an inspiration for us who



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MARTHA ISABELLE STACKHOUSE WILSON.
The enlargement is taken from a snapshot in
1910. She is sitting on the front porch of her
home.

 Photo courtesy of Mrs. Dale (Pauline) Conrad (a granddaughter of M.I.W.)
 French Lick, Indiana



#### MEMORIAM

How does one describe the beauties of the setting san to one who has never seen the light of day so as they can fully receive its beauty or refate to one who lives in a world of allence the thrill of hearing the singing of the birds or the melodies of music? It is impossible to fully do so, these must be experienced personally. Likewise it is impossible to portray in a few words the fullness of beauty, love and devotion of the life of our loved one

NELLIE PRANCIS HUDLESON ELLIOTT the daughter of Andrew and Ida Pipher Hudleson, was bern February 22, 1894 in Orange County, Indiana. On September 21, 1913 she was united in marriage to Ora Austin Elliott. To this union were born four-daughters and seven sons. This happy marriage ended on January 22, 1905 when Mr. Elliott went to his eternal reward.

At an early age she came to the Lord Jesus Christ who forgave her size and became a born again Christian. Shirtly before she left us she witnessed that all was well with her soul and she was prepared to meet the Lord. When she was 18 years old she goined the Old Union United Brethren Church under the ministry of Rev. Porter, where she kept her membership to the day she was transferred to the Church Triumphant in the city of Heaven. She was a member of the Ames Chapel Women's Society of Christian Service.

If we could place her life before us as a unrolled screll we would find a person who has lived a full unselfish and devoted life. She loved her family; taught them leve by word, deed and example; she taught them the virtues and dignity of work; laught them to love God, His Word, His Church and His Kingdom.

Her life was not immuned to hardship, triein and sufferings, however, though all of life's situations each day she maintained an optimistic faith and steadfastness that gave impiration and courage to others.

She painted no Madonnas On the Chapel wails of Rome But with a touch more divine She lived fine on our home. She wrote no lotty peems That critics counted art But with a nobler vision She lived them in her heart. She carved no shapeless marble To some high souls desires But with a finer sculpture She shaped these souls of ours. She built no great Cathedrals That centuries applaud But with a grace exquisite Her life cathedrated God. Had I a gift of painting Or of Michael Angelo O what a rare Madonna Our mother's life would show.

Her influence was not only felt in the home but extended to her neighbors and friends, always ready to be of assistance to others where needed. So great was her interest and love for others that many who grew up in the community affectionately referred to her as "Mother Editot." She left a heritage, not only to "her family, but to many others which shall continue on through generations to come... the influence of love and of a good, kind, Godly person. On her 60th hirthday she received 158 greetings which included ones from President and Mrs. Richard Nison, Governor Otis Bowen, Secator Birch Bayh and Congressman Roger Zion, which is note-worthy of her love and respect.

We are sure that if she could relate to us today her newly acquired joys of Beaven, our hearts would leap with joy, and our tours would be of those of rejuccing. No doubt she would say,

Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there, I do not sleep Think of me when a thousand winds blow, Amid the diamend glitter on the snow, As the Stintighe Shines on ripened grain Or when you have the gentle autumn rain; When you wake in the morning hush And hear the ewith upfinging rush. Of quiet birds encircling flight. Or see the soft star shine at right; Do not stand at my grave and cry I am not there, I did not die.

She would say with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the fault: Blencelorth there is laid up for me a crown of rightcousness which the Lord, the rightcous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only but unto all them also that love His appearing." (III Timothy 4:7-6)

She kept THE FAITH and THE FAITH kept

Everything possible for her was done to keep her with us. If the strength of love could have given her healing and health ... she would be among us yet, for from her entire family she received love abundantly! However, God's love was greater ... He needed her in Heaven, so He sent His angels to her hospital room and they lingered for a while before they gently carried her soul home to bleaven after a journey here of 80 years, 3 months and 11 days.

Preceding her is her husband and parents; a suster, Nora Marshall; a great granddaughter, Bunnie Christine McBride; faur somi-in-law, Elmer Grimes, Forrest Trinkle, Roy "Bud" Lashbrooks and Chillord McBride.

Those who remain to prepare themselves for the reunion with her are the four daughters, Maxine Trinkle of Paoli, Midred Lashbrooks of Indianapolis, Helen McBride of Paoli, and Becky Jackson of Indianapolis; seven sens, Howard of Rural Route Paoli; Austin or Middlesbury, Indiana, Donald, Gene, Ward, Ora Max and Larry, all of Indianapolis; one aister, Mrs. Ermel Hickman of Paoli and one brother. Charles Hudleson of Orleans; 35 grandchildren of whom leved her with a special kind of love; 40 great-grandchildren; the daught pen in law. June, Martha, Della, Theima, Sue, Phyllis, and Barbara; one son in-law, Hareld Jackson; the many who she loved as sons and daughters, other relatives, neighbors and many friends.

She always leaned to watch for us Annious if we were late In winter by the window In summer by the gate And though we mocked her tenderly Who had such foolish care The long way home would seem more safe Decause she waited there Her thoughts were all so full of us. She never could forget! And so I think that where she is She must be watching yet. Waiting till we come home to her. Anxious if we are late-Watching from Heaven's window Leaning from Heaven's gate. (Margaret Widdemer)

Written by: Rev. Claude Derrill Wilson

## Nellie F. Elliott Dies At Hospital

Mrs. Nellie F. Elliott, 80, died Sunday afternoon at Orange County Hospital where she had been a patient for three weeks. She was a member of Old Union United Methodist church and Ames Chapel United Methodist Women.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. from Ames Chapel, conducted by Rev. Claude D. Wilson and Rev. Morris McClintic. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Private family services will be at the funeral home at 10:30 a. m. and the body will be taken to the church to lie in state at

She was a native of Orange County, born Feb. 22, 1894, a daughter of Andrew and Ida Pipher Hudleson. She was married to Ora Elliott, who preceded her in death in 1955.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Mildred Lashbrook and Mrs. Becky Jackson of Indianapolis; Mrs. Maxine Trinkle and Mrs. Helen McBride; seven sons, Gene, Ward. Ora Max. Donald, and Larry Elliott, all of Indianapolis, Austin Elliott of Middleburg, and Howard Elliott; a sister, Mrs. Ermal Hickman; a brother, Charles Hudleson: 35 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.

NELLIE F. ELLIOTT

Age 80

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February 22, 1894 Orange County, Indiana

Date Of Death June 2, 1974 Orange County Hospital Paoli, Indiana

Funeral Services
Private Services:
10:30 A. M. Wednesday, June 5, 1974
At Dillman-Ellis Funeral Home

Public Servicess 2:00 P. M. Wednesday, June 5, 1974 Ames Chapel United Methodist Church

> Officiating Ministers Rev. Claude Wilson Rev. Morris McClintic

Ames Chapel Cemetery

From personal files

The Twenty-Third Psalm he Isord is my shepherd; I shall not wont. he maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's some Mea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Bord for eve

In Hemembrance

IN MEMORY OF Ployd Dennis Hutslax

BORN September 23, 1919

DATE OF DEATH November 13, 1976

SERVICES FROM

Brosmer - Deabing Funeral Home

November 16, 1976 at 2:00 p.m.

CLERGYMAN OFFICIATING
Rev. Claude Darrell Wilson

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Ames Chapel Cemetery

FUNERAL CONDUCTED BY
Brosmer - Drabing Duneral Home

FLOYD DENNIS HUTSLAR, more affectionately called "Johnny", was custodian of the Ames Chapel Cemetery for many years. He worked with Ralph Kirk for a long time and assumed the responsibility when Ralph's health forced him to retire. Johnny was well loved and respected by everyone. He succumbed to cancer at a hospital in Jeffersonville, but before his death, the hospital called for me to come. A Baptist nurse saw his spiritual need and requested I come to pray with him. This I did and he prayed through to a beautiful Christian experience. His face literally shined and he was so happy. We baptized him (by sprinkling) then and there, and the Baptist nurse joyfully witnessed. Johnny maintained this wonderful experience to death. "He lost a battle but won a victory."

#### **OBITUARY**

The ways of nature have taught us that,

"Leaves have their time to fall

And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath.

Stars have their time to set:

But thou hast all seasons for thine own, Oh Death!"

One time more we are brought to face the truth and reality of the poet's words, and in this season comes the passing of this mother, grandmother, sister and friend, entering into that life eternal beyond, where no seasons ever unfold.

Ora May Wilson Abel, daughter of John Henry and Martha Isabelle Stackhouse Wilson, was born November 9, 1881, in Northwest Township, Orange County, Indiana. She was the eldest of a family of twelve children. She spent her entire life in the community in which she was born.

On August 30, 1899, she was united in marriage to Perry Benton Abel who preceded her in death on April 7, 1950. To this union three children were born, Horace Benton Abel, deceased, Pauline Dorothy Jacobs, French Lick, Indiana and Harry Boyd Abel, Louisville, Kentucky.



In 1904 she consecrated herself to the service of her Master, becoming a member of the Faucetts Chapel Methodist Church. On October 21, 1956, she transferred her membership to Ames Chapel Methodist Church where she remained a faithful member and a devout Christian. She loved her family dearly, always seeking to do the things that would add to their happiness and comfort.

For many months she had felt life gradually slipping away but came to the end of the journey unafraid. An honest, clean, upright life that honors God, as did our loved one, can only end in victory. When she heard the call "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy Lord," she was ready.

On May 29, 1971, Mrs. Abel quietly and peacefully fell asleep to awake with the resurrection of the just, aged 89 years, 6 months and 20 days.

She leaves to her family a rich heritage more lasting than silver and gold. She leaves to mourn her departure, the daughter, one son, six grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Underwood, West Baden Springs, Indiana, and Mrs. Blanch Scarlett, Indianapolis, Indiana, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

RALPH KIRK, the son of Enos C. and Nancy Walker Kirk, was born in Orange County (Indiana) July 10, 1886. He spent his entire life in Orange County except for a time when the family lived in Nebraska, where his mother died. He returned to Indiana with his father and other members of the family.

On December 27th, 1907 he was married to Sallie Underwood and to this union were born four children, Clyde, Clarence, Alberta, and Ruth. After over 52 years Sallie proceeded him in death February 13, 1960.

Ralph is well known in and around Orange County. His friendliness and concern for others made him a well loved person. Often he would do acts of kindness that never met the public eye, only those involved. He was a member of the Ames Chapel United Methodist Church and served as its custodian for many years. Ralph believed in the way of old-fashioned Christian living. For 45 years he was caretaker of the Ames Cemetery. The name "Ames Chapel" and "Ralph Kirk" were almost synonymous. He spent his entire life after his marriage on his farm that surrounded Ames Chapel to the east and north. Later he retired from his activities of farming due to health.

Those of his family who remain are the daughters, Mrs. Alberta Pinnick, Linton, Indiana

and Mrs. Ruth Duncan, Milton, Kentucky; one son, Clarence of Indianapolis; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Ruth Luth of Kearney, Nebraska and three half sisters; Mrs. William Dixon, West Baden; Mrs. Violet Trinkle, Orleans, and Miss Ellen Kirk, West Baden; two half brothers, Leo, of Park Forrest, Illinois; and Harry of French Lick; other relatives and many friends.

 Obituaries of Ora Abel and Ralph Kirk from personal files.

#### Thursday, Feb. 18, 1937

#### OBITUARY

Azor Charles Smith, son of Benjamin R. and Mary Ann Smith, was born in Orange county, Indiana, near French Lick, Oct. 15, 1860, His childhood and youth were spent on the farm under the care and direction of parents who had learned to know the true values of life in pioneer surroundings. The virtues of clean and wholesome living were imbibed by Azor and were highly treasured and thoroughly practiced by him throughout his entire life. At the age of 13 he gave his heart to God and united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Smith's Chapel near his birthplace and when that society was later merged with the Ames Chapel church, his membership was transferred to the new church, After receiving his educational training in his home school and the Paoli Normal school. he became a clerk in a store at French Lick, where he was employed for a number of years.

On March 5, 1885, he united in marriage to Miss Amanda Stine of French Lick. To this union one daughter, Bernice, was born who with the widow survives him. Also, a grandson James Robert Campbell on whom he lavished a fatherly feeling of unusual example.

In 1887 he entered into a business at Abydel with the late Hiram E. Wells in which he was quite successful. In 1894 he entered the mercantile field at French Lick and continued in active business there with varied connections, until 1920 when he disposed of his interest and retired from active business to look after his farm which was a source of great joy and comfort to him through the remaining years. For some years he has been a partner in the Twin City Lumber company of French Lick.

By nature he was quiet and unassuming but in his business career formed a wide acquaintance. He was deeply religious and had definite and pronounced convictions of right and wrong, a firm believer in God and his church which he expressed so definitely, through a church relation of more than 63 years of unbroken service with a fidelity that was outstanding. He was" an official member of the church at Ames Chapel and French Lick for more than 50 years. He had an unbroken record as a member of the board of trustees and official board of the French Lick M. E. church of 42 years.

He loved people and valued friendship highly yet after all, his love was best revealed in his home life. The welfare of his household was his constant wish. In a companionship of nearly 52 years with his devoted wife he leaves an example of love and devotion that is rarely equalled. In his last hours he wanted to be assured of her comfort.

In recent years, his health had been failing and this became more evident in the last months of his life. He was taken by his family, a few days ago, to the Methodist hospital at Indianapolis. Here he was given the best attention that earthly skill provides, but without avail. The gravity of his illness was ealized by him. To his daughter, Bernice ,who attended him constantly in the hospital, he expressed a desire that he might take care of her mother, but assured her that if this could not be, he was prepared to go. On the morn of a new day here, Feb. 12, 1937, he came to the dawning of a day eternal, with a life full of the treasures of Heaven.

Father, today, we look to thee, through tears

That course their way upon our face,

To that bright morn, when unto Thee,

We too, may tell the story, "Saved

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

#### OBITUARY

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for mel And may there be no moaning of the bar.

When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems

Too full for sound and feam When that which drew from out the boundless deep

Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell. When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place

The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to

When I have crossed the bar.

Alfred Tennyson "Crossing the Bar"

Again we have come to this sanctuary to pay our respects to this one who has answered the Master's call and gone on to the realms of eternity. But by faith we know God is our refuge and a very present help in times such as this.

Arthur Wilson was born in Orange County, Indiana into the home of John Henry and Martha Isbelle Stackhouse Wilson on August 1, 1884 and departed this life August 30, 1969 at the age of 85 years and 29 days.

He was married to Bessie Beck on April 2, 1910 and she proceeded him in death in March 1953. To this union were born nine children, Esther Newlin of Phoenix, Arizona, Ennis of Mitchell, Howard and Herman of Indianapolis, Elvis and Norman of French Lick, Gladys Kerby of West Baden, Don of West Baden with whom he made his home and Gene of California.

Those who mourn his passing is the family and three sisters, Ora Abel and Ethel Underwood of French Lick, Blanche Scarlett of Indianapolis, thirty-two grandchlidren and ten great - grandch-Ildren, neices and nephews.

Members of his family who have passed on are four brothers, Claude, Raymond, William and Harry and one sister Bernice Wilson Love, A sister Hollis and two brothers Reed and Emery died in childhood.

He was a member of Ames Chapel Church since transferring his membership from Faucetts Chapel November 4, 1945.

Arthur was a devoted and conscientous person who loved his family and his God. He took his duties of life with seriousness and hard, honest labor was no stranger to him. He, along with his devoted wife, toiled many long, hard hours to provide not only a place of shelter, of food, and of clothing, but a place where each member of the family could find love and security to strengthen them in life. Arthur believed in the old-fashioned way of salvation and had a strong faith in God's Word. Of-

ten he was heard to speak with a deep concern about his church.

There is neither time this day nor space to record the many other things of his life that could be said of him which made him a cherished and well loved person. He has lived his life among us which has left it's eternal imprint. He has left his testimony both in words and in deeds and has cone out to meet the Lord.

Our loved one has lived a full life and has been blessed with the companion and children he loved and labored for. His life was not spared of sorrow, hardships and suffering but God does not promise all will be sunshine, for according to His word, storm clouds will gather about us, but if we live closely to Him, He will take us by the hand and lead us on to the fulfillment of His promises He has made known to us.

Again we say we would not call him back to this life were it in our power to do so, for he had passed the Autumn and had lived far into the Winter of his life. Now he has gone from this life of suffering, trials and sorrows, into the place of everlasting life where "There is no need for the sun, neither of the moon to shine on it, for the Glory of God doth light it and the Lamb is the light thereof".

There's an old vacant chair by the fireside

And a torn, faded coat on the wall

There's an old oaken cane on the mantle

And an old tattered hat in the

Now a glimmering lamp lights the window

And a new star in Heaven looks down

Since he traded that old fashioned rocker

For a mansion, a robe and a crown.

May we express our grateful appreciation to Rev. Claude Derrill Wilson and our friends for all their kindness at the death of our father.

#### OBITUARY

Bessie Lorene Beck Wilson, daughter of William and Malinda Beck, was born Oct. 7, 1888, near Salem in Washington county, Indiana. On April 2, 1910, she was united in marriage to John Arthur Wilson. To this union were born nine children, Esther, now Mrs. Elchard Newton of Indianapolis, Ennis of Mitchell, Howard and Norman of Indianapolis, Roy Rivis of near French Lick, Norris Eugene, of Fresno, Calif., Gladys, now Mrs. Porrest Kearby, who lives near Ames Chapel Herman a soldier in Germany, and Donald Lee, at home.

Wednesday, March 11, 1253, at the dawn of a new day, she peacefully passed away at her home near Ames Chapel, leaving the devoted husband and dear children. She was always happy when they were home together and when she was doing for them. Besides the children above mentioned, she leaves two sons-in-law, six daughters-in-law, 15 grandchildren who all were so dear to her.

In 1944 she was united with the Ames Chapel Methodist church and was a member of Women's Society of Christian Service, always loving to read her Bible and sing His hymns.

For nearly 43 years she shared her joys and sorrows with her companion; rearing a large family wasn't easy.

It has been said, God could not be everywhere, so He made mothers such as she:

God gave us mother for awhile Perhaps that we might see A picture of the loveliness That heaven is to be. A chair is vacant in our home,

A voice we loved is still. A piace is vacant in our hearts, That no one else can fill.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank Ritter Funeral Home for their service, Rev. Howard Wardrip, the singers, Brown Sisters, Mrs. Pearl Bedster, and Mrs. Mary Love for their kindness at the death of our wife and mother, God bless' you all.

John Arthur Wilson and Family/

Courtesy of

Mrs. Forrest (Gladys Wilson) Kerby West Baden Springs, Indiana

CECIL ABEL Nov. 24, 1913 to May 31, 1979

THE NEWS, PAOLI, INDIANA Thursday, Feb. 28, 1980

## Ames Rites Set For Cecil Abel

Funeral rites will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday from Ames Chapel for Cecil Earl Abel, 65, West Baden R1 resident who died at 1:30 a.m., Thursday at his home. Rev. Howard Wardrip, assisted by Rev. Max Toliver, will officiate at services and burial will be in the church cemetery under direction of Taber funeral home.

He was a member of Ames Chapel church.

He was a self-employed carpenter, who retired three years ago.

Born Nov. 24, 1913 in West Baden, Mr. Abel was a son of Charles and Kate Ann Dickey Abel. On Sept. 28, 1935 he married Evelyn Rea Wilson, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Annamae Holiday, West Baden R1; four brothers, Paul, George, Fred and Harry Abel, all of West Baden; five sisters, Mrs. Grace McDonald of New Castle, Mrs. Maude Rominger of Paoli, Mrs. Roxie Ramey, Connersville, Mrs. Lucille Minton, Paoli, and Mrs. Helen Jones, South Bend; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call at Taber funeral home after 7:00 p.m. Friday and until noon Saturday. The body will lie in state at the church from 1:00 p.m. until services.

> Courtesy of Mrs. Evelyn Wilson Abel West Baden, Indiana

## Mrs. Evelyn Abel, News Correspondent Stricken Tuesday

Mrs. Evelyn R. Abel, 71, died from an apparent heart attack about 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at her home near West Baden.

She was an active member of Ames Chapel United Methodist church and had served as correspondent for the Paoli News-Republican from her community since 1962. She was a former employee of Orange County Hospital.

She was born Evelyn Wilson, born March 10, 1908, a daughter of Alonzo and Minnie Mae Toliver Wilson. In 1935 she married Cecil E. Abel, who died in May, 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Annamae Holiday of West Baden; two brothers, Harold Wilson of West Baden and Wayne Wilson of Mission, Kan.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2:00 p.m. from Ames Chapel, Rev. Howard Wardrip and Rev. Max Toliver officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation at Dillman-Ellis funeral home will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday. The body will be taken to the . church at noon Friday.

("Live for Today" by Laura Barter Snow)

Thus was the philosophy and practice of this our loved one,

HAROLD L. UNDERWOOD
son of Edward and Ethel Wilson
Underwood, was born July 24,
1901 in Orange County. He owned
and operated a service machine
shop for 25 years in Prospect and
repairing mechanical equipment.
A member of the National Rifleman's Association, he was widely
known for his skill in repairing fire

On August 21, 1920 he was united in marriage to Ora Knight; to this union was born a daughter,

Cathryn.

In 1925 he joined AmesChapel United Methodist Church where he served in various places of responsibility through the years and faithfully attended as long as health permitted. His Bible shows evidence of being much read and well marked as one who marks and studies his map in preparation for a very important journey. He lived God's Word, His Church and his God.

A friend to the youth, he was Scoutmaster for 20 years of Troop 80 and received the Scout's highest award, the Silver Beaver, on May 28, 1964.

In 1971 he was honored by his fellow citizens when presented with the Springs Valley Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds for his outstanding contributions to

the community.

On August 14th he completed his life's journey across this earth after 73 years, and 3 weeks; leaving his wife, Ora; the daughter Mrs. Ed (Kathryn) Shannon of Owensboro, Kentucky) two grand-daughters, Mrs. Robert (Suellyn Kay) Whelan of Chilicothe, Ohio and Mrs. Norman (Alice Marie) Ormiston of Cincinnati; twin great-granddaughters, a sister, Mrs. Harvey Condra of French Lick; other relatives and many friends.

Could we but see beyond the vail That hides our loved one from our sight.

How many doubts would be removed!

How much that's dark would then be bright!

But mortal eyes can never pierce The cloud that hides them from our view;

We only trust that God's free grace

Will guide us in the way that's

Give Thou us grace to journey on Along the pathway they have trod; To walk by faith and not by sight Till we arrive at home with God.

Then all our doubts shall be dispelled,

That now obscure that vision fair.
Then all our loved ones we shall meet.

To dwell with them forever there.

Then followship will be renewed With friends and loved ones gone before:

Then Christ our Saviour we shall see.

And follow Him forevermore.

("Beyond the Vail" by P.S. Cross)

#### THANK YOU

We are deeply grateful and appreciate the kindness, sympathy and beautiful floral tributes, extended by our relatives, friends and neighbors, at the passing of our loved one, Harold Underwood.

We especially wish to thank the Rev. Harry Taylor and Rev. C.E. Wilson for their consoling words. Also the pallbearers who had worked with Harold in church, Scouts, and place of business; the West Baden Quartet and Mrs. Betsy Harner and to all those who rendered service in any way and to the Brosmer-Drabing Funeral Home for their efficient service.

Mrs. Ora Underwood Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shannon Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whelan Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ormiston

 Courtesy of Mrs. Ora Knight Underwood West Baden, Indiana In Memory of William Love.

William Love was born in Alimance county, North Carolina, September 23, 1819; died April 3, 1901; aged 81 years, 6 months and 10 days. He was the son of Thomas Love. His mother's maiden name was Elien Faucett, sister of the late George Faucett. He was married to Levina Isley of North Carolina, December 25, 1846, and moved to Indiana in the autumn of 1800, his wife dying in two weeks after his arrival. To this union six children were born, three of whom are living; Nancy J., wife of the late James Henley of Texas; Lizzie, wife of W. T. Wells of near Abydel, and Hopkins Love.

Ite was married to his second wife, Susan Speer, daughter of the late Puillip Shively, Feb. 23, 1863, and to them three children were born, all living; Lydia, Thomas H. and Fanny

C.

His second wife died Nov. 32, 180% and he was married to Mary Doug erty. April 7, 1870, and to them two children were born, Lena and Willie, both dead.

His third wife died March 9, 187;, and he was married to Margaret Matherley, June 17, 1877, and to them six children were born, all living, and

at home.

He joined the New Light Church in his native state, but never put in his letter with any class in this county. He was a blacksmith by trade, a good, kind and loving husband and father. No father was more beloved and reverenced by his children than he. No one was more highly respected by his neighbors. He had no enemies e To know him was to love him. He un-ways acted on the theory "Do as you would be done by" to everybody; for during the war of the Rebellion ne one was more ready, to look after the women and children, leaving his work he would get wood, go to mill, do any work that might be brough to him and would never charge their, for it. But with all of this, the mes-senger of death came and took him away, not as the rose in the morning, nor as one that was not prepared, bu as a rose that had lived until late an the evening, and when the summons came he told his family that there was nothing to fear, he was ready He is gone. We will no longer hear he is gone. We will no long.
his voice around the fa city circle, encouraging and directing the affairs
of the household, and talking so kindly to all his friends.

Leaconne companion and children; we know thy care. None, on all his varant chair. Husbasel and father is gone from home, ile is on a mission to a foreign shore.

Be comforted, wife and children dear, with the thought that some day you may have a happy reunion in a world where farewells are never

spoken.

Memorial services were held at Ames Chapel, April 4, 1901, led by Rev. W. S. McCallister of Paoli, followed by Rev. Harvey of French Lick. M. F. Ham, J. P. Rominger, W. H. Porter, Mrs. Elisabeth Porter and H. G. Robbins, all speaking a word of comfort to the bereaved family, after which the remains were laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery, to await the resurrection morn. J. A. S.

- Courtesy of

Mrs. William C. (Marjorie Love) Stone West Baden Springs, Indiana

#### OBITUARY

Born to Joel and Permelia Moore Newlin of Orange County, Ind., in the year eighteen seventy seven, on April twenty second, a daughter: named Martha Ellen. She grew to young womanhood in Concord vicinity, a pure, sweet girl. She gave: her heart to Jesus at the tender age of fifteen years, and united with the United Brethren Church, Her conversion was the most beautiful experience of her life, and she enjoyed telling others about it.

She was married to David Wells of this county at the age of eighteen, and to this union was born thirteen children; two girls who died in infancy, and of the eleven children left, eight are married, being Iona Andis of this vicinity; Rosco Wells and Vada Dixon, of near French Lick, Ind., Ayles Wells, of near Valeene, Ind., Mary Wolfe, of Paoli, Ind. Alice Apple, of near Bacon, Ind., May Anderson, of near Paoli, Ind., and Fred Wells of this vicinity; the two twins, Edgar and Everett, and the youngest daughter, Joyce, are still at home.

These children will grieve for their mother who died Feb. 13, 1937 at the age of 59 years, 9 months and 23 days. Her place can never be filled; her loving heart reached out to all her children and grandchidren, especially the two little boys of Ayles' who were with her so much.

She was a dutiful church worker, and always said we were put here to glorify God. We know that could she speak now, these verses which were written following a conversation with her a few days ago would express her views.

Oh, weep not for me when my spirit has fled,

Tho my voice be silent, and my body dead,

Twill be filled with glory when Jesus has come ...

To gather us all to our heavenly home...

Ah, no; weep not; a rest shall it be From trails here that trouble me. The grave just a couch for this lifeless clay,

My soul shall have escaped and fled .away

Back to the Father from whence it came,

Giving all glory to His dear Name.

at the section of the In joyous abandon, no trails to to meet; new to warter to

Humbly kneeling at Jesus, feet; A servant on earth, an angel above, Basking there in His glorious love. Seeing there clearly the things now dim.

Seeking only to glorify Him.
She leaves to mourn her loss, her dear companion-only those who have had like experience of sorrow can sympathize with him-eleven children, twenty three grandchildren, two sisters; Minnie Wellman, of Paoli, Ind., and Anna McDonnell, of Muncie, Ind., and three brothers, Rufus and Samuel Newlin, both of Muncie, and Jay Newlin, of New Albany, Ind., and a host of other relatives and friends who truly mourn her loss.

Mother, father, two sisters and two brothers have preceded her in death; one sister only, had grown to womanhood, Lizzie Bird, of West Baden, Ind. Her infant daughters and little Bobby Dixon, grandson, were over there to welcome her home. Though her death was not unexpected, nevertheless it came as a shock.

Oh, Mother, Mother; we little knew The awful sorrow of parting with you;

The anguish of mind, the awful pain;

Though we know our loss is your sweet gain.

May we meet again in that Land . Above

Where no sorrow comes, but only love.

May we see there the smile on your sweet, angel face,

And know that at last you have gained your place

At your Saviour's right hand, near the throne of God.

Whom you served here on earth, and taught us to love.

Funeral services were conducted at Concord U. B. Church at 2 p. m., Monday, Feb. 15th, 1937 by Rev. S. P. Walls, assisted by Rev. Ira Brown, with interment in the Concord Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our appreclation and thanks to all who so kindly gave assistance in our hour! of sorrow and bereavement.

David Wells and Family

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

OBITUARY

Jonathan P. Rominger, son of Thos. and Catherine Clorinda Rominger was born in Davidson County North Carolina August 26th, 1840. He departed this life on Friday September 14, 1923, being at the time of his, death eighty-three years and nineteen days of age.

Though of Southern birth he was unprejudiced by the action of his; native State, North Carolina, which seceded from the Union. He walked . every step of the way from North Carolina to this State and County where he volunteered December 2, 1861, as a private in Company F. 59th Indiana Volunteers, 3rd Division.

Their first introduction to the forces of the enemy was at Sextonville, Mo. whom they defeated. They were then assigned to General Pope's command to assist in capturing Island No. 10.

After several weeks in skirmishing, anal digging, and Maneuvering, they accomplished their purpose and the Mississippi River was opened to Vicksburg, which was destined to withstand the Union efforts until July 1863. Following Price and Van Dorn in their efforts to unite against Rosecrans, they met the enemy at Holly Springs, Iuka, and in the secand battle of Corinth. Turning the Confederate forces southward, they nvested Memphis, and at Hamburg won the victory through a ruse perpetrated by Gen. Siegel, who to deseive the enemy fired gravel instead of grape and-canister, which caused their defeat. About this time Comrade Rominger's enlistment expired and he're-enlisted for three years.

"Joining Grant's' forces the 59th took an active part in the Vicksburg Campaign, at Jackson, Black River Bridge, Port Gibson and Champion Hills, they felt the fierceness of the conflict with Pemberton and Johnston. Passing through the long seige where he received a-wound in the right shoulder-they ascended the Yazoo River, and after undergoing many hardships at Yazoo Pass found the city evecuated and the campaign ended with little importance.

As a part of the army of the Cumberland they aided in relieving Thomas and Rosecrans at Chattanooga and took part in the famous Lookout Mountain.

When in the spring of 1864, Sherman started from Chattanooga to Atlanta, with its forty days of marching and constant fighting, Brother, Rominger was alwys on the firing line. After the burning of Atlanta he, with Sherman's army, commenced their march to the sea. Notwithstand fifty-eight years have passed since these exciting scenes of marching, fighting and foraging transpired. they were still vivid in his memoty and could senter into the spirit of "Marching Through Georgia" with the spirit and understanding of a true veteran of righteonsness.

The experiences of this conquering army marching in three columns devastating a tract of country sixty miles wide with no base of supplies and their objective the utter destruction of the Confederate resources, is so well known that I shall not recite the incidents in which our then young and brave veteran took an active part; though to his credit it may be said, he did not participate in the wanton vandalism, which attended such unrestraint among 100,000 men of all shades of character, from highway robbers to ministers of the gos-

The Christmas at Savannah, the burning of Columbia, and Johnston's vain attempt to disconcert Sherman at Bentonville and Averysborough are all memories which ended at Goldsboro, N. C., April 26, 1865, and the line of march was taken up for Washington, where the Grand Review of Grant's and Sherman's armics. white-winged peace was declared and our hero took his departure with his regiment for home. Through it all he passed with slight bodily injury, but better still with a soul untarnished with army vices after fortyfour months of honorable service, being discharged at Louisville, Ky., as a corporal July 16, 1865. Returning to Orange County, Indiana, he again took up the thread of civil life to perform his duties as an honorable Christian Citizen, where he resided at the time of his departure for a better world.

Brother Rominger was married to Miss Mary A. Boyd, Feb. 16, 1868, who preceded him to the better world January 12, 1916.

To this union was born the following sons and daughters: One daughbattles of Missionary Ridge and ter who died in infancy, and Mrs. Nellie Sparks, Mrs. Lillie Lashbrooks, Charley Rominger and Everett Rominger, all of whom survive him and who still reside in Orange County.

Brother Rominger was a loyal tried and true member of Ames Chapel Methodist ! Episcopal Church till his death. He was a consecrated Christian and was a man who delighted to talk of things pertaining to Christ and His glorious Kingdom. He has dways been found to be an able and

faithful counsellor by his pastors and is mourned by the above named children and a number of grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

This Tree full of fruit for the Harvest has been removed to the heavenly soil where it shall dwell forevermore with Jesus.

He was converted 52 years ago and lived a consecrated christian lift ever since. He was used of the Lord to preach and expected to meet many whom he had led to his Savior in

Note-Rev. Mitchell who handed the above obituary in wishes to state that the reason it did not appear sooner was that he thought it ha been published in a Paoli paper.

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



OWEN CLINTON HAM

"And now I know
That Death is but the flaming
torch.

When angels bear it from its house of clay

Forth to the outer air, where it shall burn

Free and with undimmed radiance, evermore."

Thus it is with Owen Clinton Ham, for whom Death held the torch to light the way into that realm where he is re-united with those he loved best. For him the "grave has no victory, death no sting," because it has brought him into eternal life and into a blissful reunion with a loved companion.

Owen Clinton Ham was born Aug. 9, 1861, near Orangeville, Ind., and passed peacefully to his reward Feb. 19, 1940, at his home in Paoli. He was the second son of Moses F. and Amanda J. Ham, and one of a family of eight children, including six sons and two daughters, of whom there are four survivors, he being the fourth to be called away. Lucy, the youngest sister, passed away in 1898, and since then, two brothers, Alvin B. and Charles M., have joined that "immortal caravan" into the Great Beyond. The survivors are Edward W. of Indianapolis; John E. of Milburn, N. J., and Mrs. Elwood Osborne and George F. Ham of Paoli.

In 1869 the family moved from the Orangeville community to a farm in the vicinity of Ames Chapel, and here Clint spent his boyhood and young manhood under the guidance of good Christian parents. Very early in life he became a member of the Methodist church at Ames Chapel, although in later years he transferred this membership to the Presbyterian church in Paoli, and was faithful in attending worship before being detained because of illness.

Clint was first married to Miss Sarah Trueblood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hirsm Trueblood, of this community, but while still in their youth this bond was severed by death as the wife was called to her eternal home. Several years later, May 25, 1897, he was married to Mrs. Elia Hudelson Rhodes, who was his beloved companion until called home Aug. 1, 1938.

The passing of one who had so, blest his life during their wedded years was a severe blow to the husband, and thereafter he were never quite the same because of the loss of this dear companion. Although during his last illness loving hands have tenderly cared for him, Clinthad never ceased to feel keenly the loss of the wife and helpmate. With her passing, lite had lost much of his joy, and he seemed to be living more in the future as if looking forward to that blessed re-union.

For several years Owen C. Ham was connected with one of the local banks and was its president. He was well-known in banking diractes throughout southern Indiana, and had a number of business connections in Paoli prior to that there ite was a man of good judgment and was looked up to by his outsiness associates because of his shalling his beneaty and interesting

abaility, his honesty, and integrity.
Although retired from active
work, Clint continued to take an
interest in affairs of the community, and kept in touch with affairs
of state and of the nation.

The community has lost a good citizen. But we know that one who believed that his work was done has gone to his reward, leaving behind loved ones and a host of Iriends who will remember his good works and rejoice with him that he has joined that circle that is over broken.

#### AMY TEAFORD WILLIAMS

The ways of nature have taught us that:

"Leaves have their time to fall, And flowers to wither at the North Wind's breath;"

That stars have their time to set, But thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

We know when the springtime is here by the budding of the flowers and the trees. We realize the good old summertime by the harvest and the ripening fruits; we are sure of autumn when the frost gives its tinge of gold to the falling leaves; and we are certain of winter when the north wind sweeps across our path. But we can never know the season of Death in our home.

Men die in youth, in the fullness of life, or in old age; in the gladsome springtime, the good old summertime, the golden autumn, or the bleak winter. And now as we are looking to the coming of the springtime of nature, when a new life unfolds to us, Amy Teaford, our mother, our sister, our neighbor, and our friend in the advanced life's years stoops to enter the doorway of Death and as we pass over our earthly trail of wintertime leading to the springtime of budding leaves and dewey grasses, this friend and mother will pass up the Great White Way leading to the throne of God and to conditions eternal. Amy Teaford, daughter of George S. and Harriet McDonald Teaford, was born near Youngs Creek, Orange county, Indiana, on Feb. 24, 1867, and died Feb. 19, 1940. She is the last of a family of six children.

She was married to Frederick Ellsworth Williams, who died Nov. 14, 1920. To this union were born two children, Leslie Charles Williams and a daughter, Mrs. Roy McBride, Beside the two children mentioned, she leaves a son-in-law, Roy McBride, eleven grandchildren, Fred dying in infancy, Clyde, Eva, Clifford, Ruby, Irvin, Sudie, Alonzo, David, Harvey, and Alber McBride and one granddaughter by marriage, Mrs. Clifford McBride.

Early in life Mrs. Teaford gave herself to Christ and became a member of the Church of Christ at Youngs Creek.

Sharing faithfully all these years the blessed privilege of Christian loyalty, we all according to His promise look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth rightcousness, and in this new heaven we feel sure our mother is at home. We rest secure in the precious promises and are happy that we can trust our loved ones in His keeping for we have experienced the reality of which Psalmist writes, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures" and we can say when a messenger flashing across the space that separates us hears the sad tidings that our beloved has slipoed away to that greener pasture, "Yea, though I walk in the Valley of the Shadow of Death I will tear no evil for thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" and indeed even then our cup runneth over for goodness and mercy have followed us all our days and we dwell together in God's house, she in an upper room awaiting our coming up.

"What a wonderful thing is mother.
Other folks can love you
But only your mother understands.
She works for you, looks after you,
Loves you,
Forgives you anything you may do
And then the only sad thing she
ever does to you
Is to die and leave you."

Courtesy of Mrs. Delmar (Gaithel Rominger) Friedman West Baden Springs, Indiana William Anderson Rhodes was born just north of Prospect-West Baden, Ind., September 22, 1857, and died of paresis at his home in French Lick, Ind., October 8, 1918, aged 61 years, 6 days.

He was the son of Andrew J. and Elizabeth Pinnigh Rhodes. There were three children, namely Beverly V., who survives him; Mary Rhodes Maris, deceased, and the subject of

At the close of the war his father gathered them all into the new home in Paoli, with the new mother, who practically raised him, and to whom he seems as dear as her own. And this dark hour falls heavily upon her, in the very shades of the evening of her life, because to her he took largely his

father's place in family life.

Will grew up in Paoli, but in 1884 he came to French Lick and West Baden and for thirty years he and his brother, Beverly, were together assoclated in the livery business, first at West Baden, but for long years in the French Lick Springs Hotel Livery. A few years ago Will purchased the incorporated interest and became sole owner and proprietor of this business which had become such a part of his life. He loved his business as men do who achieve only by the hardest struggles. He was an inveterate worker and his interest in it all abated only with the decline of his health. Only last Sunday he asked to see his horses and when one was brought into the yard he begged to be taken down stairs just to pat the horse, saying: "You know'I love my horses and beautiful spotted dogs and they know me." Many and many a night in winter would be distribute a bushel of apples about the barn as ancextra treat to the horses. And during his last illness he had his dogs brought to his bedside and the bed carefully covered so he could gather them close, and their delight knew no bounds.

On March 30, 1902, he was married to Mrs. Fannie Campbell Botts, of Bicomington, Ind., and the son, Farwell, a little lad of nine years coming into Mr. Rhodes' name, and helping create the home, became as dear as his own life to him and in his ill health he depended more and more upon Farwell. The last conscious words were: "Have Farwell come and tuck me into bed, bless my lad, he is a good chap—he is all my dependence now."

Mr. Rhodes was a genial, hospitable man. He loved his home, and his happiest hours were spent in his back yard where he loved to sit, with his family, and he delighted to have his

friends enjoy his home with him. He was a man who loved folks. He knew and was known by everybody round-about and his acquaintances soon became friends because he was so friendly, people naturally came to love him.

One year ago his health perceptibly failed. His usual Florida trip failed to restore him and upon his return it was evident that only by rest could be hope to get well. He could not rest with the business daily in sight, so he went to Silver Hills, New Albany, to the home of his friends, Dr. and Mrs. Peek, and spent the summer in the midst of the beautiful woods which he enjoyed so much. No tree nor flower that did not speak to him. He told us often of how he sat still and listened to the birds and voices of nature and enjoyed his rest. His fight for health was wonderful. He wished not to come home until he was able to walk about, among his friends.

On August 12 he suffered his first light partlytic stroke, following which he never regained the lost ground, and as the cool days came he desired the comforts of home and after his return, rejoiced so greatly to be among his French Lick friends and neighbors, but the wearied brain gave out, and

like a child he fell asleep.

He was generous, tender and sympathetic; ready to help everybody who needed him; dear in his home, tender among his neighbors, and a business man worth while in the world. And through our tears, we are thinking too, how good it has been to have had him. There survive him the wife and son, Farwell, the aged mother, and brother, B. V. Rhodes, and the following half-brothers and sisters, who were indeed like his own to him, namely, James C. Rhodes, Andrew J. Rhodes, and Mrs. Nellie Rhodes Ham.

Funeral services were held at the home in charge of Rev. C. A. Wade, of the West Baden Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Heltmeyer, pastor of Mitchell Baptist Church, with music by the West Baden Baptist choir. Rev. Heitmeyer's theme was the Resur-rected Life. The casket was placed in the living room near the desk where Mr. Rhodes spent his many busy hours. His desk and chair were covered with a beautiful blanket of smilax and resebuds and round about him were wonderful flowers from the friends who loved him so much and thus the last rites were conducted as he would have had it all among his friends and neighbors?

The interment was at Paoli, his boyhood home, and short services were held at the grave by Rev. Frank Asher, of the Paoli M. E. Church, who had long known Mr. Rhodes and the pastor of the aged mother and family.

Business in French Lick closed during the hours of the funeral services and the pallbearers were business men of Mr. Rhodes' daily association, namely, A. C. Smith, R. V. Claxton, J. B. Bedster, W. W. Cavé, John Kellams and S. V. Mickler.

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

#### Obituary

Nellie May, daughter of J. P. and Mary A Rominger, was born near Chambershurg, India. April 19, 1872: Departed this. tife Jan. 26, 1929, at St Authony Hospital, Louisville, Ky., aged 56 years, 9 months and 7 days. She was united in marriage to Elsworth Sparks, Dec. 5, 1897. To this union two sons were born, one dying in infancy, Clyde having preceeded ber in death March 5, 1922 She was converted Jan. 14, 1894, at home and was a member of the Ames Chapel M. E. Church. She lov ed the church and attended every service possible. Her life was Spirit tilled and was worthy of imitation. She was also a member of the W. F. M. S. at -. tending regularly. She lived every day true to her Master. When visiting with the neighbors she loved to talk of Jesus and her heavenly home. could be said of Nellie, "She eateth not the bread of idlepess." She leaves to mourn her departure a devoted husband, one sister, Mrs. Lille Lashbrooks, of Paoli, Ind., two brothers, Charley and Everett Rominger, of near West Baden and Alonzo Sparks who made his home with them and many other relatives and friends. She will be missed in the home and Church and Missionary Circle

To husband and loved ones left behind put your trust in Jesus. He doeth all things well and we will understand it better by and by

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning
at the bar
When I put out to sea;
But such a tide as moving seems
asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out
the boundless deep

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark;
And may there be no sadness
of farewell
When I embark;
For the from out our bourne of

Turns again home.

time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to
face

When I have crossed the bar.

Funeral services and burial were had at Ames Church Monday afternoon, Rev. Montgomery, pastor of the West Baden Circuit being in charge, assisteb by Rev. R. O. LaHue, pastor of the Paoli M. E. Church

We want to thank Bro. Montgomery and Bro. LaHue, and all the neighbors and friends and for the beautiful floral offerings, and all that assisted us in any way in the loss of our loved companion and sister

> Ellsworth Sparks, Mrs. Lon Lashbrooks, Charlie Rominger Everette Rominger

 Courtesy of Mrs. Delmar (Gaithel Rominger) Friedman West Baden Springs, Indiana Some interesting facts about the first Trustees of Ames Chapel Church.

Benjamin R. Smith. 1831-1894. Buried at Ames Mary A. Smith. 1826-1895. Buried at Ames Benjamin R. married 1st Elizabeth Charles, May 17, 1852; 2nd Mary Ann Charles, Sept. 9, 1855. 1 child of Benjamin R. and Elizabeth is buried at Smith-Charles graveyard. 5 children of Benjamin R. and Mary A. are buried at Smith-Charles graveyard is on the Russell Lewis place.) Benjamin R. was a son of Nicholas & Catharine Smith. (from p. 49, Abstract of Orange Co. Wills) DAR.

William Charles, 1820-1893, Buried at Ames. Civil War.

Caroline Charles. 1833-1910. Buried at Ames. William Charles married Caroline E. Faucett, Dec. 3, 1857.

From: "Trigg Co. Ky." a new book at State Library and records of Livingston Co., Ky.:

Azor Charles 1796-1871 Rachel Cobb 1796-1855.

Their Children: William B., 1820 (M. Caroline Faucett); Wilson, 1822-1853; Samuel, 1824-1853; Mary Ann, 1826-1895 (M. Benjamin Smith); Elizabeth, 1828 (M. Benjamin Smith); Maradith, 1830; John, 1832; Seth, 1834; Joseph, 1836-1862.

#### James P. Campbell

Adlai Campbell, 1776-1848. (This couple came from N. Carolina in 1811.) Catherine Porter Campbell, 1774-1853. Buried at Ames. (Moved there?? Cemetery not started.)

Their son, Maxwell, 1805-1860, married Dec. 1827 to Sarah Field, 1812-1890. Both buried at Ames.

Their son, James P. Campbell. Nov. 10, 1835-March 23, 1913. Married 1st Priscilla Giles on Jan. 5, 1859. Priscilla, 1839-1902; 2nd Margaret Springer on July 26, 1903. Margaret, 1847-1913. All 3 are buried at Ames.

#### John Millis

John Millis, 1845-1928. Buried at Bloomington. Married 1867 to Maria Bruner, 1845-1920, buried at Bloomington.

Maria Bruner was a sister of Jane Ham, widow of Moses Ham. They were daughters of Alfred Bruner, a pioneer Methodist.

John Millis was a son of Enoch Millis, 1823-1878 and Lydia Hill Faucett, 1824-1906. This couple was divorced. Enoch was killed in Kansas. Lydia is buried at Ames. Enoch was a son of Nichosan, 1794-1870, buried at Millis graveyard, and Eleanor Maris, 1802-1835.

Nichosan was a son of Edward 2nd and Hester Ann Spooner. Edward 2nd, 1772-1857. They were pioneers in Indiana Territory in 1811. Edward 2nd was son of Edward 1st and Mary Nicholson, who lived (and stayed) in Orange Co., North Carolina.

- Courtesy of Mrs. A (Pearl) Wilson, Paoli

#### Leroy D. Stone, 1827-1901.

Mahala J. Durham, 1835-1916. Both buried at Ames. Married Jan. 7, 1856. They lived in Montgomery County at that time. (See sketch in in Orange County History, p. 282.)

#### James S. Porter

James Porter, who died in 1848, had sons, Thomas B. and James S., and David; daughter Mary Hix (sometimes Hicks). This James 1772-1848, buried at Springer graveyard. James S. Porter, 1825-1884. Buried at Ames. Elizabeth J. Patton, 1827-1912. Married Oct. 14, 1847. She had consent of J. P. Campbell.

#### Hiram G. Robbins

Hiram G. Robbins, 1842-1908. Buried at Ames. (I do not find data on him or his wife.)

#### From Springs Valley Herald, Feb. 1941.

(This farm passed out of hands of Smith family in 1957. Bought by Russell Lewis.)

#### MRS. A. C. SMITH POSSES INTERESTING DEED MADE IN 1818

Mrs. A. C. Smith of this city has in her possession an interesting deed signed by President James Monroe in 1818 for the farm which she now owns located three miles east of French Lick. The deed, issued to Joel Charles at the General Land office at Vincennes, was one of the many land parcels sold by the United States in the territory northwest of the Ohio and above the mouth of the Kentucky river. The deed, printed on parchment, is still in a good state of preservation.

Joel Charles, who was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Smith's late husband, Azor C. Smith, was the first settler in French Lick Township after the French, and he entered the land above mentioned on November 11, 1811. This farm was later owned by his son, Azor Charles, then by Azor Charles, son-in-law, Benjamin R. Smith and his sons. Thus having been 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 troops was stationed.

He was the first Justice of Peace in Southwest Township, now French Lick and Jackson Townships, in Orange County, Indiana Territory. His son, William Charles, was murdered by the Indians in 1813 near the French Lick Fort where he, his wife and one child lived with his father.

This Joel Charles was the great-great-great-grandfather of James R. McCampbell and the great-great-great-grandfather of David Dillinger of this city.

Courtesy of
 Mrs. Andrew (Pearl) Wilson
 Paoli, Indiana

From: Cemetery Record of Orange Co. 1947. By DAR's.

Henry H. Underwood, 1864-1888. Buried at Ames.

(from Marriage Record Index, Orange County)
Henry Underwood—Nancy McCracken, Marr. 25
Jan 1838. (??? dates do not fit. One is in error,
maybe wrong Henry)

Calvin Sparks, 1833-1892. Member of Co. B. 24 Reg. Ind. Vol. (Civil War). Eleanor, wife of Calvin, 1830-1896.

Calvin Sparks—Ellen A. Morris. Marr. 5 Dec. 1852. Both buried at Ames. Campbell, Mariah, 1839-1850

Campbell, Mariah J., 1879-1897 (Do not find Maria 1861-1879)

Harris, Notley, 1858-1915. Stone erected by West Baden Lodge #657 IOOF.

Lambdin, Lucy A., 1849-1936. Lambdin, Nathan P., 1837-1925. Nathan P. Lambdin—Lucy A. Charles. Marr. Dec. 8, 1887.

Stackhouse, John A., 1859-1940. Stackhouse, Lucy E., 1865-1932. John A. Stackhouse—Lucy E. Pipher. Marr. Sept. 10, 1885.

Underwood, Thomas J., 1845-1932. Co. B., 24 Reg. Ind. Vol. GAR 334. Underwood, Mary A., wife of Thomas J., 1847-1936.

Thomas J. Underwood—Mary A. Wolfington, Jan. 14, 1869.

Sparks, Nellie M., 1872-1929 (wife of Elsworth) Sparks, Clyde B., 1905-1922 (their son)

Charles, George A., 1858-1924

Charles, Ellen,

Charles, George A.—Ellen Dalton. Marr. 2 Dec. 1880.

??Willie Charles, 1860-1940 Lizzie Charles, wife of Willie, 1869-1913 (This may not be William A.)

From The Paoli Republican, Thursday, Jan. 16, 1941 (condensed 20 years later).

Funeral services for Enos C. Kirk, aged 84, were conducted Wednesday afternoon from Ames Chapel by Rev. James Austin. Mr. Kirk succumbed to a paralytic stroke at his home in West Baden Monday.

From The Paoli Republican, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1960. Obituary.

Thus characterizes the beauty and sweetness of this wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. (The top has been cut off the clipping).

#### Sallie Underwood Kirk

the daughter of William C. and Sallie Matherly Underwood was born April 20, 1889 in Orange County, Indiana. On Dec. 27, 1907 she was united in marriage to Ralph Kirk. The Lord blessed their marriage with four children, William Clyde of Indianapolis, Alberta Pinnick of Linton, Clarence R. of Indianapolis, and Ruth Irene Duncan of Orlando, Florida.

Sallie was a member of the Ames Chapel Methodist Church, a firm believer in God, the Bible and the old fashioned religious way of life. She was a devoted mother and companion, whose presence shall be more than missed. Floods of precious memories of the many qualities and outstanding things that made her a love and cherished person could be told of her, but time and space will not permit.

Her passing was a great shock to the family and friends, when on Feb. 13, 1960, around the hour of 1 p.m., she quietly slipped from this world of heartache, worry and pain to a better land of which Jesus went to prepare for His own.

Left to await the day of the glorious reunion on Heaven's shore is her husband and children, one sister, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends.

Courtesy of
 Mrs. Andrew (Pearl) Wilson
 Paoli, Indiana

From Paoli News, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1960

Final rites are being held Thursday p.m. in Ritter Chapel at French Lick for Mrs. Sarah B. Kirk, widow of Enos Kirk. Mrs. Kirk, 86, died Tuesday p.m. at the Gorge Nursing Home where she had been a patient for about a year. Rev. H. L. Blasdell is conducting services with burial in Ames Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Kirk, the former Sarah Ballard, had spent all of her life in Orange County. She made her home with a daughter, Mrs. W. R. Dixon, east of West Baden before entering the nursing home.

Surviving with the daughter are two other daughters, Miss Ellen Kirk, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Violet Trinkle, Orleans; two sons, Leo Kirk, Forest Park, Illinois, and Harry Kirk, Hagerstown; a step-son, Ralph Kirk of Paoli; four step-daughters, Miss Glenn Kirk, Indianapolis; Mrs. Mary Charles, Paoli; Mrs. Gertrude McClellan, Ridgefield, Washington; and Mrs. Ruth Luth, Kearney, Nebraska; three sisters, Mrs. Amanda Ballard, French Lick; Mrs. Ada Herley, Gary; and Mrs. Stella Harmon, Phoenix, Arizona; and four grandchildren.

From: Paoli News, May 8, 1975

Ralph Kirk, 88, caretaker at Ames Chapel Cemetery for 45 years, died early Thursday at his home on route three. He was a farmer and former custodian in the French Lick school system.

He was a member of Ames Chapel United Methodist Church.

A native of Orange County, he was born July 10, 1886, a son of Enos and Nancy Walker Kirk. He was married in 1907 to Sally Underwood who preceded him in death in 1960.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Duncan of Milton Kentucky, and Mrs. Alberta Pinnick of Linton; a brother, Clarence Kirk of Indianapolis; three half-sisters, Mrs. William Dixon and Miss Ellen Kirk of West Baden and Mrs. Violet Trinkle of Orleans; two half-brothers, Leo Kirk of Park Forest, Illinois, and Harry B. Kirk of French Lick; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral servies will be Sunday at 2: from Dillman-Ellis, conducted by Rev. Claude Wilson. Burial will be in Ames Chapel Cemetery. The body will be at the funeral home after 4:30 p.m. Saturday. From Progress-Examiner, Oct. 1976

Lawrence E. Love was born Feb. 3, 1889 to William and Margaret Matherly Love and passed quietly away from this life Oct. 21, 1876 at the age of 87.

He was married to Bernice Wilson, May 20, 1916, who preceded him in death Jan. 16, 1968.

To this union 3 children were born. They are William Lawrence, Orleans; Marjorie Tolbert, West Baden; Roy Don, Fulton, Missouri.

... Those of his family preceding him in death were 3 brothers, Herschel, Harry and Burrell, and one sister, Sally. Also one son-in-law, Merle Tolbert.

Those remaining to mourn his passing with his children are 7 grandchildren: Rheta Love Terrell, Donna Love Crews, John William Love, Linda Tolbert Purlee, July Tolbert, Brett Love, Mark Love and 7 great-grandchildren and two daughters-in-law, Edith Love, Orleans and Carolyn Love, Fulton, Missouri, and one sister, Annis Alexander of Decatur, Illinois.

From: Cemetery Record of Orange Co. 1947, by DAR. Bethel IOOF Cemetery.

Ham, Willet A., 1862-1935.

Willet A. Ham—Sarah Halbert, married Sept. 3, 1885 (from County marriage records).

From: Cemetery Record of Orange Co. 1947, By DAR's.

Henry H. Underwood, 1864-1888. Buried at Ames.

(From Marr, Rec. Index, Orange Co.) Henry Underwood—Nancy McCracken. Marr. 25 Jan. 1838.

From Paoli News, Thursday, March 27, 1969

Mrs. Mary E. Fitzpatrick, 85, died early Wednesday at Orange County Hospital where she had been a patient for five days. She was transferred from Gorge Nursing Home where she had resided for two years.

She was a life-long resident of Ames Chapel community and a member of the Methodist Church there. She was the widow of Joe Fitzpatrick who died in 1962. Surviving are a

daughter, Mrs. Mary Jo Miller, and a son, Joe Fitzpatrick; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. (These were step children).

Funeral services will be Friday at 2: from Ritter funeral home, conducted by Rev. Glenn McGuire. Burial will be in the chapel cemetery.

From Paoli News, Thursday, Nov. 30, 1961

Joe Fitzpatrick, Sr., died Thursday morning at his home west of Paoli where he had been confined with a heart condition. Mr. Fitzpatrick had marked his 82nd birthday on Nov. 20.

Final rites will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Ames Chapel Church of which he was a member. Services will be conducted by Rev. Herbert Mathers and Rev. Lloyd Wright. Ritter funeral directors are in charge of arrangements and burial in the church cemetery.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was a retired farmer. He was a member of Redman lodge.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Joe Fitzpatrick Jr. of Paoli and Ned of Chicago; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Miller of Gary; two brothers, Guy Fitzpatrick of Edwardsport and Jim Fitzpatrick of Bloomfield; and three grand-children.

From Paoli News, Thursday, May 6, 1965

Former Orange countian, Ned Fitzpatrick, 54, died Wednesday night at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Heinz, Illinois. Mr. Fitzpatrick had been injured in an automobile accident Feb. 28 in the Chicago area and had never regained consciousness. He was under care at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago until Wednesday. His death came eight hours after his transfer to the V.A. hospital.

A native of Bloomfield, he had moved to Orange County when a small boy. His home was in Chicago. Arrangements for final rites are pending.

He is survived by his step-mother, Mrs. Joe Fitzpatrick Sr., a brother, Joe, and a sister, Mrs. Gene Miller. From Paoli Republican or News?, Thursday, April 27, 1950

A marriage of 71½ years was broken Tuesday by the death of E. R. Lashbrook, 92. He would have celebrated his 93rd birthday May 3 ... funeral by Ellis funeral directors from Ames Chapel Methodist Church where he was a member for more than 50 years. He had taught Sunday school class there for 53 years and was before his class on Sunday prior to his illness.

When the church burned in 1913, he was serving as trustee and he with other trustees, friends and members built the present Ames Chapel. He took an active part in the church dedication May 17, 1914.

The body is to lie in state from noon. Rites are in charge of Rev. Carnet Lewis and burial is in the chapel cemetery.

Mr. Lashbrook was married in Sept. 1878 to Rebecca Cave who with 4 of their 5 children survives. One son, Emmett, preceded him in death. Surviving are Mrs. Paul Lindley, Mrs. William Armstrong, & Miss Blanche Lashbrook, and Ted Lashbrook, Westfield.

In early life he engaged in the sawmill and timber business in Orange and Dubois counties and continued this occupation until he moved to his present farm in 1897. There he farmed and also had a road building and stone quarry business in which he was active until his death. In 1900 he was elected sheriff of Orange County on the Republican ticket and was re-elected in 1902 by virtue of the efficiency of his first term. He remained active and energetic in political life of the county and was a familiar figure in the offices of the courthouse. Here his alertness and interest in all public questions made "Uncle Dick" the center of many conversational circles.

He was a member of a long-lived pioneer Orange County family. He is the 7th deceased in a family of 10 children born to Hiram and Priscilla Kirby Lashbrook, whose ages at death have ranged from 76 to 96. Surviving are James C. Lashbrook, Mrs. Susan Breeden, and Mrs. Hester Wininger, all in their 80's. Preceding him in death were Mrs. Margaret Kirby, Mrs. Sarah Dixon, Mrs. Ella Lashbrook, Wesley, Leroy and Will Lashbrook. From Paoli News, Thursday, Oct. 21, 1965

Mrs. Irvin Langley, 63, died Tuesday evening at 7:30 at her home west of Paoli following a long illnes of cancer. She was born May 24, 1902, a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B. M. Spurlock of West Prestonburg, Kentucky. The parents and one brother preceded her in death.

She was a member of Ames Chapel Methodist Church where services will be held Friday morning at 10:30. The body will be brought to the church to lie in state from 9:30 a.m. by Ritter's Funeral Home. Rev. William Whipple will conduct services with Rev. Howard Wardrip assisting. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Besides the husband, Irvin Langley, she is survived by two brothers, R. L. Spurlock and Richard Spurlock, both of Prestonburg, Ky., and one sister, Mrs. Mabel S. Fannin of Findlay, Ohio. Mrs. Fannin has been staying in her sister's home for the past nine weeks helping to care for her. Mrs. Langley is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

#### **OBITUARY**

On Feb. 7 in the year 1864 there came into the home of Stephen and Nancy Witsman Wells, a son, Charles G. (Grant). He grew to manhood on his father's farm north of Paoli. On Jan. 11, 1891 he was married to Sarah Bell Campbell. To this union was born one son, Luther. He being so fond of children, took into his home Rosa Pointer, now the wife of Fred Dillinger of Kokomo, when she was a small child, rearing her as his own daughter.

Besides the widow, son and daughter, he leaves two grandchildren, Charles and Mary; also three foster grandchildren, Mrs. Anna Bell Pearcy, Manford and Patty Lou Dillinger. He is survived by one brother, Alva Wells, two sisters, Mrs. Addie Lucas and Mrs. Hattie Springer, all of Paoli, and one half sister, Mrs. Sarah Jane Scott of Casey Creek, Kentucky.

When all that loving hands could do was done, granting every wish he asked for, he left us on Sept. 28, (1935), aged 71 years, 7 months and 21 days.

From a Paoli paper. OBITUARY

... Sarah Belle Lane, daughter of James Perry and Priscilla Jane Campbell, was born Aug. 16, 1870, near West Baden. She was saved and united with the church in early girlhood.

She was united in marriage to Charles G. Wells on Jan. 11, 1891. To this union was born one son, Luther. She took into her home Rosa Pointer, who became the wife of Fred Dillinger and now resides in Kokomo, Indiana. After the death of Mrs. Wells, she spent a few years in Ohio.

She was united in marriage on Sept. 21, 1946 to Perry C. Lane of West Baden. Mr. Lane passed away just seven weeks ago on May 5, 1951.

She had gone to Ohio for a visit in the homes of her son and granddaughter when she became seriously ill. The best medical and nursing care proved unable to prolong her life when at the age of 80 years, 10 months, and 5 days, death called her to her heavenly home in the early morning hours of June 21.

She leaves to mourn her departure the son, Luther, and wife of Dayton, Ohio, two grandchildren, Charles Wells of Clarksville, Indiana, and Mrs. Ralph Stitsworth of Jamestown, Ohio; 3 great-grandchildren, the foster daughter and family of Kokomo, Indiana, two step-daughters, and two brothers, George Campbell of West Baden and James Campbell of Lafayette.

From Paoli Republican, Thursday, Dec. 5, 1946 (Condensed 20 years later)

Charles Pipher, 79, died Wednesday of last week at his home in Paoli. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Ames Chapel. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery.

From Paoli Republican, Wednesday, May 3, 1942 (Condensed 20 years later)

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Charles Pipher, aged 71, who succumbed to a long illness at her home in west Paoli Sunday. Rites were held at Ames Chapel. Burial was made in the Ames cemetery.

From Paoli Republican, Thursday, Feb. 12, 1942 (Condensed 20 years later)

Funeral services are being conducted Thursday afternoon for Alonzo Sparks, aged 82. Mr. Sparks died Tuesday evening at the home of his brother, Elsworth, near Prospect. Rites are being conducted from Ames Chapel with interment made in the nearby cemetery.

From a Paoli newspaper, Oct. 30, 1958

Funeral services for Elsworth Sparks are being held Thursday at Schmutzler funeral home in French Lick. Burial is in Ames Chapel Cemetery. Mr. Sparks, 92, died Monday night at the Gorge nursing home. Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Sparks.

From a Paoli newspaper, Oct. 28, 1958 (Same except:)

An invalid for many years, Mr. Sparks was taken to the nursing home Sept. 22, after suffering a paralytic stroke.

He was a native of Orange County, born Sept. 16, 1866. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Felknor Sparks.

From Paoli Republican, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1967

Jesse Wilson, 81, retired carpenter, died Monday enroute from his Route 1, West Baden home to Orange County Hospital. Final rites will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 in Ritter Funeral Home with burial at Ames Chapel Cemetery. Rev. Glenn McGuire and Rev. William Whipple will officiate at the services. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sadie Lashbrook Wilson and a sister, Mrs. Martha Pipher of Orleans. He also leaves nieces and nephews.

Courtesy of
 Mrs. Andrew (Pearl) Wilson
 Paoli, Indiana

From Paoli News, Thursday, Sept. 30, 1976

Services are being conducted Thursday for Mrs. Sadie Wilson, 87, West Baden, R. 1, who died at Orange County Hospital Tuesday morning shortly after being admitted. Rev. Max Toliver is officiating at services from Brosmer-Drabing Funeral Home and burial is in Ames Chapel Cemetery.

She was a member of the Ames Chapel United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a half-brother, Hiram Lashbrooks of Indianapolis, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Luella Flick and Mrs. June Brown, both of French Lick.

Cecil Early Abel, born Nov. 24, 1913, died May 31, 1979. Services from Ames Chapel Church, June 2, 1979 at 2 p.m. Final resting place: Ames Chapel Cemetery. Funeral conducted by Taber Funeral Home. (from folder given at funeral home).

From Paoli News, Thursday, Oct. 16, 1969

William Chastain, 74, West Baden, retired farmer, died Tuesday night at Orange County Hospital where he had been a patient for 8 weeks.

He was a veteran of World War I and a member of Orange County W.W.I. Barracks and Ames Chapel Church.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 from Brosmer-Drabing Funeral Home with burial in Ames Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, the former Pearl Gillum; two sons, Clyde Chastain of Paoli, and Duane Chastain of West Baden; two daughters, Mrs. Marie Doan of Paoli and Mrs. Joyce Jones of Shoals; and 12 grandchildren.

From Paoli Republican, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1960
Edward E. Underwood, 82, died Sunday
afternoon in Orange County Hospital where he
had been a patient since Wednesday. Mr.
Underwood, a retired Orange County farmer, for
many years operated a threshing machine
throughout the country.

Final rites will be held Wednesday afternoon in the Ames Chapel Church conducted by Rev. Carnet Lewis, assisted by Rev. Lloyd Wright. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at Ritter Funeral Home in French Lick after Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Underwood is survived by his wife, Ethel, one son, Harold of West Baden, one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Condra of French Lick, two grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Joe Fitzpatrick, Sr.

From Paoli Republican, Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1973 (Not sure of this date)

Funeral services were conducted Sunday for Mrs. Ethel Underwood, who died early Friday at Medco Annex, French Lick. She had been a nursing home patient for three years.

Rev. Claude D. Wilson and Rev. Jack Fehrman conducted rites from Ritter Chapel, Burial followed in Ames Cemetery.

Mrs. Underwood was a life-long resident of the Ames Chapel community. She was the widow of Edward Underwood. She was a member of the Ames Chapel United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Condra, a son, Harold, West Baden, two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and five great-greatgrandchildren.

From Paoli Republican, Tuesday, April 15, 1975
Arrangements pending at Ritters for Carrol L.
Wininger, 61, French Lick, who died early
Tuesday morning at Orange County Hospital.
Had been a patient there two weeks and
suffered a severe heart attack during his
hospitalization.

He was a member of Ames Chapel Methodist Church.

Surviving: wife, Opal; four daughters, Mrs. Ramona Orr, Mrs. Virginia Woolsey, French Lick, Mrs. Darlene Fouche, French Lick, and Mrs. Diane Nicholson, Indianapolis. Duwayne of Lexington, Kentucky; foster-sister, Mrs. Eulah Kerby, French Lick; and ten grandchildren.

#### In Memoriam

In loving memory of our father, on this, his birth date.

When one is honest, unselfish,

When unkind thoughts of others : possess not one's mind;

When one shows love and concern for all that he would know,

When one would share these things with them, they could only grow;

When even night, a man would cut firewood to keep his family

And rise to thank Him and enjoy the beauty of each morn.

When a man gives to his family all that he can.

When a man gives himself, then truly he's a man.

When one would help a neighbor all that he could. +

When this is only one more proof of his infinite good;

When a man believes that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life

. And that service to humanity is the best work of life,

When because a man believes the Bible, loves his church and trusts in God.

Inere is noveerthly trial through which he cannot trod:

When a man appreciates little kindnesses for him done,

When he makes to others his appreciation known;

When a man is proud of his family and makes it known,

This is one more way his great love is shown.

When a man thanks God for his work, his family and life.

When he asks forgiveness for himself and his wife:

When he feels it is a privilege to take everything to God in prayer.

When he confesses to others of Divine Guidance being near;

When through a man's life he teaches, "It's the little things that count."

When he believes that God has hever let him down - he's a man without a doubt.

When one man is all of these good things, and O, so many more, ...

We know that God will keep him, for beautiful things He has for him in store.

And as our Daddy is taken from us, and with God will always be,

A prayer that a part of his deepest goodness will remain a part of each of us through eternity;

- Poem written by Karen Darlene Wininger Fouche in loving memory and honor of Daddy on the day of his death.
- Read by Pastor Max Toliver during the funeral services at Ames Chapel United Methodist Church, April 17, 1975.
- Printed in memoriam on the birthdate of our beloved Daddy.

Truly the earth's greatest treasure lies in human personality.

The children of The children of Lloyd Carrol Wininger

THE SPRINGS VALLEY HERALD.

FRENCH LICK, INDIANA.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1975

### OBITUARY

LLOYD CARROL WININGER

Lloyd Carrol Wininger, son of Oscar and Luzena Dixon Wininger, was born in French Lick, Indiana, on June 19, 1913.

He departed this life on April 15, 1975 at the Orange County Hospital where he had been a patient for over two weeks, suffering from a severe heart attack. He had fought a good fight but passed away like a vapor, age 61 years, nine months, and 27 days.

The family in his early childhood moved to the farm in the Ames Chapel community where he grew to manhood. He united with the Ames Chapel United Methodist Church in 1939 and was a faithful member. He served as trustee of the church and special committee member, and taught the Men's Sunday School class for several

He was married to Ruthle Mae Brown on June 6, 1937, and to this union were born five children: Ramona, Carrol Duane, Virginia, Darlene and Diane. On June 28, 1972, he was married to Mrs. Opal Smith. Her kindness and devotion were expressed during their short wedded life together.

He was a farmer but in later years he worked on construction. His quiet disposition and amiable character made friends with all with whom he was associated. Rich in his faith in God and the Lord Jesus, it seems that he well may have said, as did Paul; (Second Timothy 4:7,8) "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the

faith; henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

May we all who have known him and associated with him, receive an inspiration to live better from his life which has been so rich in deeds of love, sympathy and

kindness.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Opal; four daughters, Mrs. James Orr of West Baden, Mrs. Ronald Woolsey and Mrs. James Fouche of French Lick, and Mrs. Steven Nicholson of Indianapolis;

one son, Carrol Duane, of Lexington, Kentucky; one foster sister, Mrs. Raymond Kerby of French Lick; 10 grandchildren, and several cousins and many friends.

"Whose love can equal the love of a father; whose devotion so loyal and true:

Who suffered so much with such joy for another, who works with such pleasure as father for you; You half with delight the friendship of others, you revel in love of the goods that you've won.

Yet where do you find a devotion like father's, unbroken, till death calls and life's work is done."

#### Card Of Thanks

He would wish to thank each and every person who exhibited interest and concern with prayers, cards, visits and professional care during his hospitalization. Words cannot express our deepest feelings of appreciation and comfort due to the many prayers, cards, flowers, calls, visits, concern, and little kindnesses done during the time of his hospitalization and upon the passing of our dear loved one

A special note of sincere appreclation to all those in the medical profession and ministerial field for their truly professional and human concern, care and prayer.

The wife and family of Lloyd Carrol Wininger

Courtesy of

Mrs. James (Karen D. Wininger) Fouche Bloomington, Indiana

#### **OBITUARIES**

Luzena Dixon Wininger, daughter of Alfred and Clorinda Pinnick Dixon, was born March 14, 1878 near West Baden Springs (Indiana) and departed this life November 12, 1962, age 84 years, 7 months, and 28 days.

She was married to Oscar Wininger on August 16, 1910. Two children were born to this union, namely, Harold Ray who died in infancy and Lloyd Carrol.

The family later established a home in the Ames Chapel community and were blessed by a foster daughter, Mrs. Eulah Boyd Kerby, who came to live with the family at the age of nine years. She loved and cared for her as her own.

She united with the Church of Christ of Prospect in early life and remained a devoted member. She had great faith in God, trusting and believing that He would ever sustain and comfort in every trial.

Most of her lifetime was spent in Orange County, where during her younger life she taught school for ten years.

Her husband preceded her in death on January 1, 1962.

She was a mother of unassuming conduct who went about daily, ministering where she could as long as her health permitted ... not in a public way, but steadily doing, if comfort was needed she knew how to sympathize. Well can it be said of her, "She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not of the bread of idleness."

She leaves to mourn her departure, the son and wife, and foster daughter and her husband, 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, a brother, William S. Dixon of West Baden Springs and a number of nieces and nephews.

#### "Beautiful Hands"

Such beautiful, beautiful hands!
They're neither white nor small,
And you, I know, would scarcely think
That they were fair at all.
I've looked on hands whose form and hue
A sculptor's dream might be,

Yet are these aged, wrinkled hands Most beautiful to me! Such beautiful, beautiful hands! Though heart were weary and sad. These patient hands kept toiling on That the children might be glad. I almost weep as looking back To childhood's distant day. I think how these hands rested not When mine were at their play. But, oh, beyond this shadow land Where all is bright and fair. I know full well those dear old hands Will palms of victory bear: Where crystal streams, through endless years, Flow over golden sands. And where the old are young again. I'll clasp my Mother's hands!

- Ellen M. Gates

#### **OBITUARIES**

Oscar Wininger, 80, passed away January 1, 1962, at the Orange County Hospital, Paoli, Indiana, after an illness of many years.

He was born in Orange County, near French Lick, Indiana, August 26, 1881, to John W. and Susan Shoaf Wininger, but at the age of 13 months his mother died and he was left with kindly neighbors. His father then married Addie Wortinger who gave Oscar the love of a real mother.

As a result of his Christian training in the home and church, he began a Christian life by joining the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church in his early life where he left his membership. This loved one established good morals and standards by reading and discussing the Bible with his family as their devotions. Recently, he expressed his desire to be baptized by immersion in the First Baptist Church in West Baden, a church he had helped to build.

As a young man, Mr. Wininger followed the carpenter's trade, then moved to a farm near Ames Chapel where he spent the latter half of his life. On August 16, 1910, he married Luzena Dixon, and to this union two sons were born: Harold Ray, who died in infancy, and Lloyd Carrol, who with his family have lived with his parents and been associated with his father in farming until recently.

At the age of nine, little Eulah Boyd (Kerby) was welcomed into the Wininger home and became a loved member of the family. She brought many pleasant moments and happiness into the home and loved these parents and foster brothers as her own.

Oscar leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Luzena Wininger; one son, Lloyd Carrol Wininger; his foster daughter, Eulah Kerby; one half-sister, Mrs. C. E. Shanks, Salem, Indiana; a half-brother, Lemuel, Guthrie, Oklahoma; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Wininger; a son-in-law, Raymond Kerby; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and other close relatives. One half-brother, Raymond Wininger, preceded him in death.

Oscar was greatly loved and respected by all who knew him. He worked hard all his life, but was ever willing to share what he had with all those around him, and though he will be missed by his loved ones, his rest is well deserved.

He will be greatly missed By all who loved and cared, He leaves his many structural arts To be admired and shared.

 Courtesy of Mrs. Ronald (Virginia Wininger) Woolsey French Lick, Indiana



# A MESSAGE TO FUTURE HISTORIANS OF EARLY ORANGE COUNTY METHODISM AND OF AMES CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



It is the author's hopes that somewhere, sometime, someone will find a copy of this work and continue where it if finished with the date of September 16, 1979. It may be that the copy will be old and yellowed with brittle pages. The author may be "resting with his ancestors" in Ames Cemetery, awaiting the Resurrection.

I would hope that the same respect will be given to the people in this book as the author has shown them. Many of the people the "old timers" told the author about when he was but a lad and many of them he remembered. This book has been the results of a labor of love and dedication. It took many hours of research, writing, re-writing, collecting, interviewing, much detailed doings and just plain, hard, tedious work to bring this book into a reality.

As this book was being put together, somehow the author did on occasion let his imagination run loose. He seemed to relive the experiences with the people; Peter Cartwright, on horseback and his horse's muscles straining as it climbed the northern banks of the Ohio River, on their way to preach the Gospel to the people living in the "wilderness of Indiana"; he listened in on the Class Meetings that later became Nelson Chapel, watched them roll logs and build their church; could see the stage coach as it rambled along the New Albany-Vincennes Road and could almost hear the rattling of the coach as it went by the little church. While on this fantasy, it was interesting to watch them unload the gold and secure it "safely" within the Inn and to watch as the guests sat themselves down to a simple, stable food . . . to see the church divided (peacefully) so one group could establish another church on another main road of the day, the Hayesville-Paoli Road . . . to see the representatives of Nelson Chapel and Smith Chapel select a building site for the new church . . . to listen in on their discussion of what to name the consolidated church and to hear them talk with Moses Ham about securing some land for the church and a cemetery.

The author could almost relive the revival meetings ... he could see (with his imagination) a young teenage girl bowing at the altar in the new Ames Church, praying, crying and repenting of her sins . . . the

light, the joy, the happiness that radiated from her face as the Spirit witnessed to her soul. So grateful for her life and her influence on her family that was passed on to the present generations—listened to the music of the old pump organ, the singing of the people and the preaching of the Word. The author could nearly smell the smoke of a burning church building, frantically wanted to help rescue the contents, wishing he could extinguish the fire—felt the people's hearts ache on that Spring morning the church burned—nearly shedding tears with them—rejoiced at the dedication of the new brick building. The author relived the past one hundred years, only to be suddenly jolted into the reality of the Twentieth Century.

Because of this writing experience he will never be the same. For you see, in a literal sense of the word, he is a part of those people they were his ancestors. He is one of the many products of that generation.

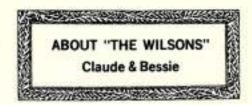
This brings home a heart searching truth. Will people one hundred years from 1979, if Jesus tarries that long before the Rapture, look back and read about our lives, how we conducted our business, how serious we took (or didn't take) our opportunities and responsibilities to God and His Church? Will they say of us, "Thank God for those people of God who lived back in the years of the 1970's. It is because of their faithfulness to God, His Word and His Church that I am a Christian today!"? It really causes one to search his soul!

Thank God for godly ancestors, true, but what they did is now history. It cannot be altered one iota. Today we are making history, that in years to come, will be said of us. However, we can in the process of history making, do it correctly. We can leave a heritage of godliness, holy living and Bible believing influence for the present generations that will influence the generations yet to come.

MAY GOD HELP US TO DO IT!

- The Author





Claude Derrill Wilson, son of Raymond L. Wilson Sr. and Estelle I. Hickman Wilson, was born on the Peter Pope Farm, just across U.S. 150 from Ames Chapel Church on December 18th.

Dr. C. E. Boyd attended this occasion and was assisted by Mrs. Ralph (Sally) Underwood Kirk. He was the youngest new born baby that Harry Love had ever seen. Claude, the youngest of three boys, has two older brothers, Raymond L. Wilson Jr., and Robert H. Wilson.

Most of his early childhood and early manhood were spent in the vicinity of Ames Chapel. Here he received his early church and Sunday school training. It was in the Ames Church, on a cold, windy, winter evening in the mid-nineteen forties, as a backslidden, spirit-troubled youth, he bowed at an altar of prayer and "laid a cornerstone" of true determination to live for God. Luther Ragsdale of Orangeville knelt by him, put his arm around him and prayed with him. The evangelist was Rev. James Ratcliff from the Paoli Methodist Church and the pastor was Rev. Lester Sweeny. All through the many years since, a close, cordial working relationship has been maintained with the people of Ames and the former West Baden Charge. It is with these people he has his roots.

He attended his first year of school at Abbey Dell, where the entire eight grades were taught by one teacher. His first teacher was Raymond McIver. After graduating from West Baden Springs High School, he enrolled in Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, to study for the ministry.

Rev. Wilson has pastored for over twenty-eight years in southwestern Indiana and is an ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene, having pastored in West Baden, Montezuma, Vincennes Reel Avenue, St. Bernice, Paoli, and currently the Zion Church of the Nazarene, west of Bloomington on State Road 46.

He also attended Northwood Institute and is a graduate of I. V. Tech in Emergency Medical Commissions.

Currently he serves on the District Board of Orders and Relations and has served with the District World Missionary Society and Church School Boards. Presently, he is secretary for the Richland-Beanblossom Ministerial Association in Ellettsville.

Bessie, the daughter of Ralph E. and Maggie McFarland Brown, was born on April 8th at the family farm residence about one mile west of the Moore's Ridge Methodist Church. Dr. Hammonds (the father of Dr. Keith Hammonds) attended this occasion and was assisted by Bessie's grandmother, Mrs. Peter (Mary Line) Brown. Bessie has two older sisters, Mrs. Dovie Anderson, Mrs. Ethel Crowe; a brother, Homer Brown and a younger sister, Mrs. Gladys Prow.

Most of her early childhood was spent in the vicinity of Moore's Ridge Methodist Church where she received her early church and Sunday school training. Here, her Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Homer (Nora Pipher) Fisher, had great influence on her life and spiritual decisions.

It was in the Moore's Ridge Church, in the Spring of 1939, she bowed at an altar of prayer and "laid a cornerstone" of determination to live for God. Nora Fisher knelt by her and prayed with her. The evangelist was the pastor, Rev. Earl Denny. Through the many years since she has maintained a cordial, working relationship with the Moore's Ridge people. It is with these people she has her roots.

She attended her first year of school at Number 14 School, where the entire eight grades were taught by one teacher. Her first teacher was Mrs. Albert (Bell) Livengood. After graduating from French Lick High School, she entered employment with the French Lick State Bank as a bookkeeper. (The bank president was W. W. Cave). Now the Bank is The Springs Valley Bank and Trust Company. Here she was employed until she married Claude Derrill Wilson and moved to their first pastorate on the banks of the Wabash in Montezuma, Indiana.

When the family moved from the farm in 1946 to French Lick, Bessie transferred her membership to the United Brethren Church there. Later the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church formed a denominational union. This church is now known as "The First United Methodist Church of French Lick."

It was in this church the Wilsons were married by Rev. Harold Frederick on August 6th, 1954. Rev. Harold Newby of Terre Haute was the best man, Mrs. Roy (Gladys Brown) Prow was maid of honor; Floyd Burton, Roy Prow and Glenn Parsons were ushers. Mrs. Richard (Doretha Brown) Walls of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Rex (Frances Eastridge) Drabing were the bridesmaids. Mrs. Jeanie (Crowe) Harrod was the flower girl. Mrs. Harold (Rosealee) Newby provided the music and Ms. Betty Gromer sang. Rev. Wilson sang to his bride the song. "I'll Be Loving You Always." Rev. Newby sang the wedding prayer song. "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

They have two children; a daughter, Mrs. Danny (Marsha Lynn) Hickman of Paoli, and a son, Derrill Ray Wilson of Bloomington. Also, they are typically proud grandparents—a grandson, Matthew Dustin Hickman, born March 5, 1977 at the Orange County Hospital in Paoli, Indiana.

The Wilsons have a deep sense of appreciation for the influence that Ames Chapel Methodist Church and the Moore's Ridge Methodist Church had upon them in the early, formative years of their lives.



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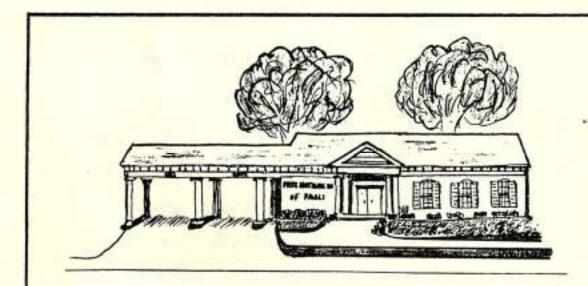
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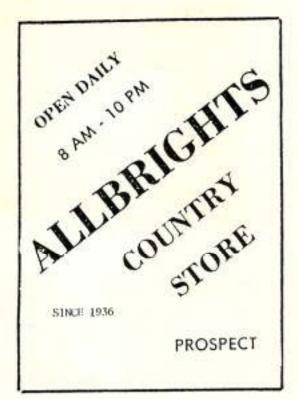
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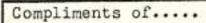
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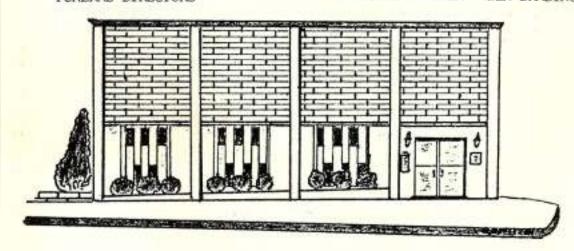
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An' all the house is in a fuss,
An' peace an' joy is mighty skeerce—
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