

FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA

HANDBOOK

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H. & H. LUMBER CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

Located 321 East 8th Street.

Owned by Oren M. Hendrickson and J. A. Herbster.

Employees: Nondas Sheets

See O. M. Hendrickson Lumber Co.

TWO LUMBER & COAL FIRMS CONSOLIDATE

Rumors of an important consolidation of two large business firms in Rochester were confirmed Monday with the acknowledgement by O. M. Hendrickson and J. A. Herbster that they would consolidate their two lumber and coal firms into one within a short time.

Plans for the consolidation which will be completed as soon as the details can be worked out call for the making of one firm with Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Herbster as the owners but the operation of the two yards will continue just as they are now.

The O. M. Hendrickson Company, located at Main street and the Erie railroad, is one of the old firms of the city and has long been under the ownership of Mr. Hendrickson. The Rochester Lumber and Coal Co., under the managership of J. A. Herbster for a number of years, is owned by a corporation.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, February 23, 1925]

[photo] H. & H. Lumber Co., East 8th St.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, December 6, 1934, p. 15]

A Well Known Name

Probably no name in Rochester's business roster is better or more favorably known than The H. & H. Lumber and Coal Co., operated at its modern quarters on East Eighth street by Messers Oren M. Hendrickson and J. A. Herbster.

While conducted under its present name only since 1925, its operators date their business history in Rochester several years back.

Mr. Hendrickson began his retail experiences here in September 1909, when he opened the O. M. Hendrickson & Co., lumber and coal yards on north Main street at the Erie tracks. Mr. Herbster came to this city in 1917 as the manager of the Rochester Lumber & Coal Co., in the location now occupied by The H. & H. interests.

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Under the consolidation of 1925 with the merged stocks of lumber, cement, lime, plaster, builder's hardware and coal, Rochester was given a modern, up-to-date building and repair source where quality has always been the essence of business and prices have ever been attuned to the hall mark of service, value and dependability.

Rochester's civic picture has changed rapidly in the past, and The H. & H. Lumber and Coal Co., have given much to that transformation. Their slogan - "Don't serenade the Landlord - Sing your own Home, Sweet Home," has proved an inspiration to many of our people with the result that Rochester is primarily a home-owners city, for which this enterprising concern may well take much credit.

The Rochester of 1934 will continue in the future as the past to grow in beauty and sturdiness and it is safe to prophesy that behind that growth will be found the best efforts, service and quality of H. & H. products.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, December 6, 1934, p. 15]

H. & H. LUMBER COMPANY SOLD TO BLUFFTON FIRM

Oren Hendrickson of the H. & H. Lumber & Coal Co., 321 E. 8th street, this city today announced the sale of this old established business concern to the F. L. Mercer Lumber Co., of Bluffton, Ind. Mr. Hendrickson and J. A. Herbster, his partner, gave immediate possession of the property to this new firm as of today.

The F. L. Mercer Lumber Co., is a well-known firm which owns and operates lumber yards at Bluffton, Ind. and Mentone. Mr. Herbster will remain with the new firm in the capacity of manager, it was stated. The present personnel will be retained and new employees may soon be added, it was stated. In normal times the H. & H. employed from 8 to 12 people.

In an interview with Mr. Hendrickson, Sr. member of the H. & H., he stated the sale which was completed today was somewhat of a coincidence as it was just 36 years ago to the day that he started in the lumber business in this city with the firm of Brandenburg and Fogle.

Brandenburg and Fogle's yards and offices were located on the west side of main at the Erie R.R. crossing. On January 1st, 1925 Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Herbster purchased the lumber yard on East 8th street from H. I. Isbell Lumber Co. Mr. Herbster had served as manager for the Isbell yards here since 1917.

During the partnership the H. & H. made several extensive improvements and additions until it has become known as one of the best-equipped yards in northern Indiana.

Mr. Hendrickson plans to retire from the lumber and coal business and take a much needed rest. He will, however, retain the agencies for the Winkle stokers and the Original Pocahontas Automatic stokers in Rochester and surrounding territory.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, September 1, 1945]

A CORRECTION

Oren I. Hendrickson, former member of the H. & H. Lumber Co., stated today he was in error when he gave out the report that the local lumber and coal company was sold to the F. L. Mercer Lumber Co., of Bluffton, Ind. The purchaser of the H. & H. firm here was Fred S. Swisher, Trustee, of Bluffton.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 6, 1945]

FULTON COUNTY LUMBER & COAL CO. INCORPORATE

Articles of Incorporation for the Fulton County Lumber & Coal Co., to succeed the H. & H. Lumber and Coal Co., have been filed at the office of the county recorder.

Incorporators are: Fred S. Swisher, Bluffton; C. O. Taylor, Gas City; and Paul McGill, Ft. Wayne. Mr. Swisher will act as president manager. Incorporation includes 300 shares of stock with a par value of \$100 each.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 5, 1945]

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H. M. C. CAFE

See Akron, Indiana

HACKETT & STAYTON [Leiters Ford, Indiana]

Butchering business operated by Lawrence Hackett and Fred Stayton, by the railroad tracks, west of the elevator.

Two trains stopped there every day: the Milk Train early in the morning and again in the evening. Dressed beef could be sent to Chicago on the morning train. We butchered nine or ten hogs, six or seven cows, veal each week. Meat was cheap and in demand especially for the "threshing rings." We sold meat for farmers from a 15-mile radius. In the hot summer months, there was no refrigeration or ice and the meat would have to be used soon. We would drive to Culver and sell steaks and roasts to people around the lake. They would purchase it up till 10 a.m. for their noon meal.

[Stayton Family, Mrs. Robert McGriff and Mrs. Ralph Stayton, *Fulton County Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard]

HACKS [Rochester City]

Horse-drawn hacks were used to transport passengers from one railroad station to the other; to carry them to and from the railroad to a hotel; and to take them to and from Lake Manitou.

Photo, about 1910: the drivers included Hank Entsminger, Charlie Knight, Fred Yeazel, Nick Robbins, Bert Mow, and Viv Essick. Charles Kilmer and Joe Castle were helpers.

[Earle Miller, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard]

HADERMAN, LOUIS [Argos, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

HADLEY FURNITURE BUSINESS [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Wile Department Store

HAGAN, JOHN [Fulton County]

BIOGRAPHY

John Hagan, one of the men of Fulton county who has been the promoter of his own success, was born within a quarter of a mile from where he now resides, April 25, 1854; son of Frederick and Hannah Hagan. They were both born in Germany, the father March 6, 1826, and the mother in 1824. In 1851 they emigrated to the United States and settled in Fulton county, Ind., where the father died June 12, 1889, and where the mother now resides with her children. By occupation the father was a farmer and, as a man and citizen, he was most highly respected. John Hagan is the second eldest of four living children. As a boy he worked upon the farm and attended district school. At about twenty-two years of age he began life for himself and settled where he now resides. This land at the time he settled upon it was one dense forest, which Mr. Hagan converted into a fine farm of ninety-three acres, five and a half miles southwest of Rochester. Of this land, seventy acres are under cultivation. In 1877 Mr. Hagan was married to Miss Rosa Goss, a daughter of Emanuel and Margaret Goss. Mrs. Hagan was born in Liberty township, this county, Jan. 23, 1856. To Mr. Hagan and his wife there have been born these seven children, viz.: Charles W., Edward V., Pearl E., Mollie J., Omer D., Otis H. and Effie May. In politics Mr. Hagan supports the democratic ticket in national affairs, but in local matters he supports the men who, in his judgment, are the best fitted for office. He is a member of the orders

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of K.O.T.M. and Tribe of Ben Hur, while he and wife are prominent members of the United Brethren church.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, p. 79]

HAGAN, OTIS [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

NEWS OF THE DAY

Otis Hagan, of this city, will leave Sunday morning for Marion, where he will be entered in some motorcycle races at the fair ground. He will probably be accompanied by several motorcyclists of Rochester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 8, 1912]

O. HAGEN INVENTS MOTOR SLED

Otis Hagen, local motorcycle racer and agent for the Harley Davidson machine, has made the first motor sled ever seen in this city or perhaps in the whole state.

People on the street Saturday were startled when the contrivance made its appearance. At first it is hard to understand how the machine is propelled. The sled runners are about four inches high with a road clearance in front of about eight inches. The engine taken off of a motorcucle, is placed in front and the drive leads to a motorcycle wheel in the center of the sled. The wheel is wrapped with chain to prevent skidding, and is fixed between supports, the handles of which are held by the driver. If he wants more speed he bears down on the wheel and if he sees an obstruction in the road, he can lift the wheel clear off of the ground. The machine is guided with the feet.

Hagan said that his machine is capable of making 25 miles an hour. Many people have read of motor sleds in tales of Arctic exploration where they have proved a success. The local man has used his own ideas in constructing the sled and was aided by John Becker and Dick Hart, blacksmiths.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 2, 1914]

HAGAN BROS. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Louderback Garage

[Adv] Work Wanted. Since buying J. W. Kern Vulcanizing outfit, we are now prepared to repair all kinds of bicycle and automobile tires at our new location on [608] Main street in the room formerly occupied by Chapman's harness shop. We will continue to sell Harley Davidson motorcucles and conduct a first class shop for the repair of bicycles and mtorcycles. - - - Hagan Brothers, opposite Zimmerman's Furniture Store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 30, 1915]

BUSINESS REVIEW OF ROCHESTER MERCHANTS

This vulcanizing shop has built up a large business, not only in this city, but in the surrounding territory because of the satisfactory manner in which they perform their work. Every tire that is vulcanized at this establishment receives the special care and attention of an expert. No work is tuned out unless it is exactly right and every tire that is repaired here is inspected by men who thoroughly understand the tire business.

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One of the ways to keep down expenses of operating an automobile is by closely scrutinizing the tires. Every auto owner should watch his tires closely and as soon as the casing begins to show wear, should take them to a high class vulcanizing establishment and have them looked after. That place is here.

This shop has constantly increasing business, the machinery it uses is most modern, and they understand their work. Every customer who comes here is given the most courteous and obliging treatment. They are the distributors for the Hydo-Toron Tires.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 17, 1922]

TO SELL FORD PARTS

The Hagan Vulcanizing Shop on North Main street has installed a complete stock of genuine parts which they purchased of the Babcock Motor Company, Fulton county dealers in Ford products.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 19, 1925]

[Adv] Radio Repair. EVANS RADIO SERVICE. We service all makes of radios. Drive-in CAR RADIO Service. Supplies and service for electric irons, vacuum sweepers, washer motors (gas and electric) and other electric appliances. Radio Batteries - Lamp Bulbs - Car Batteries. New Location - Drive In Service at HAGAN BROTHERS, 606 Main. Phone 183. Open Evenings.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 21, 1936]

NEW HUDSON=TERRAPLANE AGENCY OPENS SATURDAY

The Hagan Bros. garage is undergoing some extensive improvements preparatory for the establishment of a new Hudson-Terraplane auto agency which will be open for business Saturday.

The new agency is being opened by Jiggs Stanger, who for several years operated the Hudson-Terraplane agency at Converse, Ind. Mr. Stanger stated he would set up a repair and parts service department at the Hagan Garage which would be in charge of an experienced mechanic. This new auto dealer and several drivers left for Detroit Thursday to bring back several 1937 models.

The Evans Radio shop which was located in the Hatgan building has moved to east Ninth street in the store room formerly occupied by the Wilhoit auto agency.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 29, 1937]

HAGGERTY, FRANCES [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Wile Department Store

HAGGERTY & KESSLER GARAGE [Rochester, Indiana]

YOUNG MEN LEASE ROOM, WILL OPEN A GARAGE

Harley Haggerty and Dale Kessler have leased the building at 621-623 North Main Street and will operate a garage and filling station. George J. Miller and Sons who have operated an implement business in the building for the past year have moved to Logansport. The move was made early this week. Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Kessler are well known in this city. Mr. Haggerty has been the manager of the Linco Oil Company filling station of North Main street, resigning the position to lease the garage. Carl Biddinger has assumed the management of the filling station. At the Haggerty and Kessler garage the Phillips Oil Company products will be sold.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 1, 1932]

HAIMBAUGH, ANDREW J. [Newcastle Township]

BIOGRAPHY

A. J. Haimbaugh, president of the Fulton County Agricultural and Mechanical association, and one of the representative farmers and stock raisers of this county, was born in

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Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1854. He is a son of Henry and Apalina Haimbaugh. The family came to Fulton county in 1855 and settled in Newcastle township, where the parents of Mr. Haimbaugh still reside. The subject of this review is the second oldest of six children, all of whom are living. He was a student at the public schools of Newcastle township. On his father's farm he continued to work until he gained his majority, and then took up farming upon his own account, and this avocation in connection with stock interests has been his business. In 1892, having disposed of his farm in Newcastle township, he purchased what is known as the John Walters farm, located two miles south of Rochester, upon the Michigan road. This farm consists of 275 acres of well improved land, and it is considered one of the best farms in Fulton county. In 1896 Mr. Haimbaugh was elected president of the Fulton County Agricultural and Mechanical society, after having held the office of vice-president for two years, and ever since his connection with the society he has labored for its success. He was united in marriage in 1876 to Miss Sarah A. Waugh, a native of Ohio. To this union are these three children: Lulu B., Katie W. and Henry Porter. In politics he is a free silver democrat, or at least believes in the theory of 16 to 1 ratio and is for tariff reform and a sufficient revenue to satisfy all the legitimate demands of the government economically administered. He and wife are leading members of the First Baptist church of Rochester, and in July, 1895, Mr. Haimbaugh was elected superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday school of Rochester. Mr. Haimbaugh is recognized as one of the leading men of affairs, and one of whose honesty and integrity there can be no question.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 79-80]

BIOGRAPHY

Andrew J. Haimbaugh is one of the respected citizens of Fulton county who was brought here by his parents in 1855, and has continued to make Fulton county his home ever since. He was born in Ohio September 28, 1854, had his education in the local schools in Indiana and in 1876 married Miss Sarah A. Waugh. He remembers that the day he got his license was the day that Governor Williams spoke in Rochester. He cast his first presidential vote for Tilden in 1876. He is a farmer and breeder of fine Percherons and Belgian horses. He and his wife are Baptists. They have three children. The eldest, Lulu B. married Walter Brubaker and has two children, Mabel and Jackson. His second, Kate W. is now Mrs. Arthur Deamer and has four children: Pauline, Margaret, Jackson and Robert. Mr. Deamer is superintendent of schools at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The third child Porter H., a farmer, married Clara Allison and has two children, Allison and Isabella. Andrew Haimbaugh's parents were Henry and Apalina (Holmes) Haimbaugh who had six children. The father was a farmer and a democrat. Both were members of the Baptist church. They are both deceased and are buried in a mausoleum near the I.O.O.F. cemetery at Rochester.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 203-204, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HAIMBAUGH, C. [Newcastle Township]

BIOGRAPHY

C. Haimbaugh. - This enterprising citizen was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, November 18, 1827. He spent the days of boyhood and youth with his father on the farm, receiving such an education as he could acquire during the winter seasons in the common schools of his native county. On the 4th of August, 1850, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah King, who was born in Pennsylvania August 23, 1834. During the great gold excitement which soon followed this event, he went to California, where he acquired some of the precious metal. He then located in Marshall County, Ind., where he lived for sometime, then located where he now resides, in Newcastle township, Fulton County, and where he owns a valuable farm of 225 acres under good cultivation. In the year 1872, Mr. H. was elected to the office of Township Trustee, which office he filled acceptably for four years, being re-elected in 1874. He and his estimable lady are

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worthy members of the United Brethren Church, much esteemed by their acquaintances. His father, Henry Haimbaugh, Sr., was a native of Pennsylvania, and of German extraction. He married Sarah Gramlich, of Fairfield County, Ohio, where they lived honored and esteemed citizens. She died in this county in the year 1871, he having preceded her to the other shore some twenty-four years. Michael King, the father of Mrs. Harimbaugh, and a native of Pennsylvania, was born in the year 1818. He married Sarah Slagle, of his native State, who was born in 1805. They came to this county in 1864, where he deceased in October, 1868, leaving his lady to mourn his loss until 1872, when she followed him to eternity. To Mr. and Mrs. Haimbaugh were born eleven children--Mary E., Lydia C., Susan A., Rhoda A., Franklin A., Henry, Mahlon E., Dora B., John B., Thomas and Linnie--all of whom are living but Rhoda, who deceased in 1861 at the age of two years, and Mary, Lydia and Susan are married; all residents of this county.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 49]

HAIMBAUGH, HENRY [Newcastle Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Henry Haimbaugh. - The man whose name appears at the beginning of this article is a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, born February 25, 1830. He received a common education in the schools of his native county. June 29, 1851, he married Apollina Holmes, of the same county, born May 28, 1834. In 1855, they came to this county and purchased their present home, a very valuable farm of more than two hundred acres of good land. Mr. H. is an enterprising farmer and has been very successful. He built the first brick residence in Newcastle Township. Himself and wife and most of his family are members of the Baptist Church, and for many years he has been one of its most substantial patrons. These are the parents of six children--Charles E., Andrew J., Sarah A., Obadiah H., Alonzo D. and Osie M., all living and all married except the youngest two. A sketch of Mr. H.'s parents is given elsewhere in this work. Obadiah Holmes, the father of Mrs. Haimbaugh, was a native of Ohio, and married Eliza Dille, of the same State. He deceased at his home in 1847, but his lady came to this State, where she died in 1856.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 49]

HAIMBAUGH & MERCER SHREDDER COMPANY [Fulton County]

The Haimbaugh and Mercer shredder company enjoyed their annual after husking feast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brubaker, yesterday evening and all had a grand time.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 20, 1905]

HAIMBAUGH ROUND BARN [Newcastle Township]

In 1914 John Haimbaugh hired the Kindig brothers to build the round barn which is one of the county's points of interest.

[Jacob Neff Family, Mary (Molly) Neff Barnhisel, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

HAINES, DR. WILLIAM OAKLEY [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Dr. Haines, Dentist. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction. Teeth extracted painlessly under laughing gas. Work proving unsatisfactory will be made over free of charge. East side of Main street, south of Arlington block.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 14, 1894]

[Adv] Dr. W. Oakley Haines, DENTIST, Office in Deniston Block, opposite Arlington Hotel.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 4, 1895]

WILLIAM OAKLEY HAINES (Biography)

William Oakley HAINES, D.D.S., our leading dentist, is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and is a graduate and post-graduate of the finest dental school in the world -- The Dental Department of the University of Maryland -- both of which degrees were won by hard study and conscientious work before he had attained his twenty-first year. The faculty of the University comprises the names of eminent practitioners as Gorgas, Harris and Uhler, of international fame in Dentistry, and Michael, Miles and Atkinson, in medicine and surgery. Under the splendid system of instruction of these and other distinguished men, Dr. Haines spent three years of his college life. Before his graduation he had become one of the favorite demonstrators in the operating room, winning the confidence and esteem of both students and professors, and so continued long afterwards and until his removal to Rochester. He enjoyed also the rare distinction of being appointed by the popular and progressive Governor Frank Brown, as one of the members of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners, and was the youngest practitioner ever appointed to such a position. He was made secretary of the Board on its organization and when, several years later, he resigned, with the view of moving to the Pacific coast, the venerable president of the Board, Dr. A. J. Volck, (who is celebrated as a sculptor as well as a surgeon) paid him the high tribute of referring to him as his "right hand man." Although the position was without pay or emolument, Dr. Haines devoted himself to its duties with an energy and close attention that were the theme of general commendation among his associates in the profession. During his career in Baltimore it was his custom to spend a portion of the summer in the mountains of Virginia, but before he could obtain a license to practice in that state he was subjected, as required by law, to a most rigid examination by the Virginia State Board, passing triumphantly and taking home with him their hotly contested certificate. While on his tour towards the far west with his accomplished wife, a friend suggested to him to stop and take a look at the pretty little town of Rochester. He did so and they were both so charmed with it and its hospitable, enterprising and cultivated people that they concluded to stay, and this is the way Rochester has become the home of one of the most expert dentists of the period and one of the loveliest of women. Dr. Haines is in all respects an up to date dentist, using the latest and most approved appliances and keeping up with the newest and best literature of the profession. It may be added that Dr. Haines is the oldest son of Oakley P. HAINES, editor-in-chief of that sterling and reliable newspaper, *The Baltimore Sun*.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

HALDEMAN, CHARLES H. [Akron, Indiana]

AKRON

From the News

A deal was opened last week and consummated this week by which Frank Powell retires from business in Akron. Mr. Charles H. Haldeman, the jeweler, bought Mr. Powell's interest in the hardware and implement stock.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 12, 1903]

HALDEMAN, FRANK [Akron, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Frank Haldeman is one of the men of Akron who is aiding in the constructive development of the city, and his flourishing grain and elevator business proves his success. He was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, April 22, 1869, son of Samuel and Polly (Leininger) Haldeman, the former born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, December 21, 1838, died in fall of 1905, and the latter, born in Pennsylvania, in 1843, died May 11, 1914, and both were products of the common schools. For three years in young manhood he was a teacher, but subsequently became a mechanic and carpenter. When war broke out between the North and South he enlisted

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in the Eighty-seventh Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. Soon thereafter he came to Kosciusko county, and buying land, settled on it, and engaged in farming. When he died he still owned fifty-four acres of his original farm. In politics he was a democrat. Both he and his wife belonged to the Church of the Living God, and she was active in Christian work. They had ten children born to them, eight of whom are living. The only other member of the family now residing in Fulton county besides Mr. Haldeman of this review, is his brother Charles of Henry township, a commercial salesman. Of the other children M. A. is an attorney of St. Louis, Missouri, and the remainder are living in different parts of the country, and all are doing well. Frank Haldeman learned the trade of a carpenter with his father, acquiring this knowledge after attending the common schools. A self-made man, he has steadily advanced, his only help coming from his efficient wife, who has aided him in many ways. When they married their capital was \$165, but their efforts have met with success. For five years after his marriage he was a band saw filer at Akron, and then bought a fourth interest in the grain house of F. Stoner & Company. In 1903 he assumed charge of the grain and elevator business at Akron, and in 1916 the name was changed to Frank Haldeman & Company. This concern is one of the leading ones of its kind in this region, and his shipping points extend over the Mississippi Valley. In addition to these important interests he and his wife own two farms, one his father's old homestead, and the other one of eighty-four acres his wife inherited, so that they now have 208 acres. He is a stockholder in the Exchange Bank, the basket factory, the Akron Hotel and the Home Building Company for he has believed in encouraging local industries and enterprises. Politically he is a democrat and his wife is a republican, and he was a member of the first town board of Akron. Fraternally he maintains membership with Cordelia Lodge No. 329, K. of P., at Akron. February 26, 1891 he was married to Lillie May, daughter of Fletcher and Mary E. Stoner, a review of whom is given elsewhere in this work. She was born in Kosciusko county, February 5, 1874, and was reared and educated in that county. Mr. and Mrs. Haldeman became the parents of one son and two daughters, all of whom are living. The eldest, Walter S. was graduated from the Akron High School, and for eleven years was connected with the Exchange Bank, but is now studying for the ministry of the Church of the Living God, and will complete his course in 1924. He married Ariel Clifton, who is a member of the above mentioned church. Neva Ruth, the second child, was graduated from the Akron High School in 1913 and for seven years was a teacher in her home city, and for two years taught in the Gilead public schools. She was then married to N. E. Kinder. She, too, belongs to the Church of the Living God. Tural A., the youngest, was graduated from the local high school in 1917 after which she took a thirty-six weeks' training course at Indianapolis, which collegiate training was also enjoyed by her sister, and she has studied music to good purpose. At present she is a teacher in the primary department of the graded schools of her native city. Like her brother and sister she maintains membership with the Church of the Living God.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 204-206, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HALDEMAN & BAUM [Akron, Indiana]

See Haldeman & Co., Frank; Irelan & Baum, Inc.

See Akron Feed & Grain

ELEVATORS AT AKRON MAKE CONSOLIDATION

A deal has been completed recently consolidating the Akron Grain and Lumber Co., with the F. Haldeman Elevator Co. The new firm will be known as the Haldeman-Baum Co. Frank Haldeman and George Baum, will remain in active charge of the new company.

The move was made with the idea of making Akron a still better grain market, lowering the overhead and increasing the buying power, which will lower the selling prices. They intend to make a number of improvements and will this summer build a coal unloading apparatus. The new

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firm will handle lumber in larger quantities and continue to buy all kinds of grain at the highest market price.

[Rochester, Sentinel, Saturday, March 8, 1924]

MAKING INVENTORY

An inventory is being made of the Haldeman-Baum elevator at Akron preparatory to the purchasing of the place by Mr. Baum. Mr. Haldeman the senior member of the firm died several months ago. Charles Irelan son-in-law of Mr. Baum will be associated with him in the business.

The Haldeman-Baum Elevator has been in operation at Akron for a number of years.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 6, 1935]

HALDEMAN & CO., FRANK [Akron, Indiana]

Also See Haldeman & Baum.

Also See Akron Grain & Lumber Co.

Located N side Erie Railroad E of the depot. Former site of ice house.

Grain elevator. Established around 1896 by Fletcher Stoner and his son-in-law, Frank Haldeman, operating as F. Stoner & Co. The firm name was changed in 1916 to Frank Haldeman & Co.

The elevator burned and Mr. Haldeman purchased an old unused elevator located about a block W. He remodeled and enlarged the building and built additional sheds.

Earlier a group of men went together and built a brick elevator and a large lumber shed across the street N of F. Stoner & Company building. After a few years of operation they sold out to William Ditzler, who later sold to George Baum. Still later Frank Haldeman and George Baum consolidated their two businesses and formed a partnership under the name of Haldeman & Baum.

In 1934 Frank Haldeman died, and Mr. Baum took over the entire business.

Mr. Baum's son-in-law, Charles Irelan, became his partner and the firm was then called Irelan & Baum, Inc.

Later became Akron Feed and Grain.

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[Rochester, Sentinel, Saturday, March 8, 1924]

HALDEMAN MEAT MARKET [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester, Indiana [Historical Review]

HALDERMAN, GEORGE [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

George Halderman, who recently purchased a twenty-acre piece of land on the north side of the lake, is building several buildings on the lake front and will have a bathing beach, boats to rent, lunch room and, it is said, a beer garden.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 3, 1904]

HALE, AMOS [Rochester, Indiana]

Manufacturer and Dealer in Boots and Shoes. Shop on Main street two doors north of Holeman's Drug Store, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

HALL, GLADYS (MRS. JUSTIN) [Rochester, Indiana]

WRITES SONG

Mrs. Justin [Gladys] HALL, of this city, is the writer of the lyric of the song "When The Moon Sails High," which has recently been published by A. Leopold, of Chicago. This is Mrs. Hall's debut in the song-writing world, but she expects to complete others soon.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 17, 1922]

HALL, HARRY [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Farm Equipment

HALL, JOHN T. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From John T. Hall)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From John T. Hall)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Third Letter From John T. Hall)

HALSTEAD, H. J. "HAL" [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Fulton County Defense Council

See: Fulton County Rationing Board

HALSTEAD TO SERVE ON STATE DEFENSE BOARD

Kenneth Ogle, of Indianapolis, chairman of the Indiana Committee for National Defense, today announced the appointment of H. J. "Hal" Halstead, of this city to serve on the State Executive committee to represent Fulton county.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 11, 1941]

'HAL' HALSTEAD NAMED AS DISTRICT COMMANDER

H. J. (Hal) Halstead, of this city, was elected to the post of Second District Commander of the American Legion at the state convention, held last week-end at Indianapolis. Halstead was also named a delegate to the National Legion Convention at Omaha, Neb., September 13-15.

Halstead, who is Fulton county's Civilian Defense director, has been active in local, district and state Legion circles for several years. He is the first Fulton county man to be elected to the post of second district commander, which comprises the same counties as the congressional district.

Earl Sisson, local rationing board secretary, has been appointed by Halstead as second district adjutant. Both men will serve this year and next.

Mrs. Bernice Zolman, of this city, was succeeded as second district chairman of the Legion Auxiliary by Mrs. Rebecca Cannon, of Kentland. Mrs. Zolman served in this post during the past year and could not succeed herself.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 16, 1943]

HAMBURGER INN [Rochester, Indiana]

HAMBURGER INN OPENS AT 508 N. MAIN STREET

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mitchell today opened a cafe at 508 North Main Street which they have named "Hamburger Inn". They will feature 5c hamburgers with relishes and fresh homemade pies at 5 cents per cut. Soups and other foods will also be served at the inn.

The Mitchells have purchased the building in which they opened the new enterprise from the heirs of the late Chris Hoover. The front part of the room has been equipped with a counter and chairs.

Mr. Mitchell for a number of years was the traveling chef for the American and United Hotel Company of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will be in personal charge of the Hamburger Inn here.

The Mitchells' home is at Delaware, Ohio, where they also operate a hamburger inn which is located opposite the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 4, 1938]

HAMILTON, ALLEN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Fairview

HAMLETT, F. C. [Newcastle Township]

See: Civil War - Grave Disinterred

HAMLETT & EISENHOUR BUTCHER SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

CORNELL AND THRUSH BUY MEAT MARKET

Hamlett and Eisenhour Saturday sold their butcher shop on North Main St., to William Cornell and Harold Thrush, who took possession at once. Cornell and Thrush were associated for over a year in the Cornell Grocery Co. in the stand now owned by Earl Adams.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, December 29, 1917]

HAMLETT & KARN MEAT MARKET [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Our Aim -- is to give you The Best Meats that the market affords at Prices that are Always Right. HAMLETT & KARN. Prompt Delivery. . . .

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 31, 1922]

TAKES OVER MARKET

Wash Hamlett this morning concluded a deal whereby he took over Jake Karn's share in the Hamlett and Kain meat market and will continue the business at the old stand. Later Mr. Hamlett intends to redecorate and make some needed alterations.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 12, 1923]

HAMLETT BROS. [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Hamlett Bros., who have just opened their ice cream factory for the season, very generously remembered The Sentinel force with a sample of their output and the same was much enjoyed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 30, 1911]

HAMLETT'S GROCERY & MEAT MARKET, W. [Rochester, Indiana]

[adv] Which opened Thursday, Feb. 4th, is more than pleased with the unstinted support given by Rochester folks. . . .

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, February 5, 1926]

RECEIVER IS APPOINTED FOR W. HAMLETT STORE

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Mrs. Emma I. Heffelfinger, who on Tuesday sued Washington Hamlett on a note, Saturday filed a petition in the circuit court asking the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the grocery and meat market on the south side of the public square owned by the defendant. Judge Carr granted the petition and appointed Ed Mohler as receiver he to furnish bond of \$2,800.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 15, 1927]

HAMLETT'S MARKET [Rochester, Indiana]

Also see Hamlett & Kain Meat Market.

[Adv] All home killed meats . . . Hamlett's Market - W. Hamlett.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 15, 1924]

HAMLETT MEAT MARKET SOLD TO LOU HOESEL

The W. Hamlett meat market in the north end has been sold to Louey Hoesel of Leiters Ford, the new proprietor taking possession next Monday. Vernon Noyes will continue as local meat cutter. Mr. Hamlett has no immediate plans for the future. Mr. Hoesel is well known in the county and was several years manager of the Leiters Ford elevator. He will make several improvements in the shop.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 3, 1924]

[Adv] Announcement to the Public. Mr. W. Hamlett wishes to announce to his many old patrons and the public in general that on Thursday, Feb. 4, 1926, he will open his south side Meat Market & Grocery. - - - HAMLETT'S MEAT MARKET & GROCERY, 115 East 9th St.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 1, 1926]

HAMMAN, RALPH F. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Ralph Hamman)

HAMMEL, MERVIN [Rochester/Indianapolis, Indiana]

MERVIN HAMMEL'S RYTEX CO. GIVEN NATIONAL PUBLICITY

In the April issue of Nation's Business, one of the foremost commercial journals in the United States, a former Rochester man, Mervin J. Hammel received nation-wide publicity in a feature article. "Men Are Still on the Firing Line," which relates the business success of Mr. Hammel, proprietor of the Rytex Company, of Indianapolis.

Almost a score of years ago Mr. Hammel was associated with his father in a clothing store which was located where the Turner Millinery shop is now established. The Hammels resided here for a number of years and Mervin married a Rochester girl, Miss Emma King. After moving to Indianapolis Hammel was employed in an advertising agency and later started in business for himself in the commercial printing field.

That his efforts in this vocation have met with abounding success is evidenced in excerpts taken from Mr. Paul H. Hayward's story in The Nation's Business, which follow:

"Our cab dropped us in front of a loft building out on North Capitol Avenue. Pale gilt letters told those who cared to look closely that this was the Rytex Company, of Indianapolis.

" 'I want you to meet a friend of mine here,' my guide tossed over a shoulder as we climbed a stairway. 'His name is Mervin J. Hammel. He's done - and is doing - some things with fine writing paper.'

"Four or five girls looked up as we entered a plain front office.

" 'Good afternoon,' smiled one to my guide, then turned to a telephone, 'Mr. McWhirter to see you, Mr. Hammel.'

"A door popped open across the room. A slim, dark chap in shirt sleeves beckoned.

" 'Hello, Felix. Come in.'

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“The boss’ office was as unpretentious as the outer room. Bare walls, bare floors, a desk and a table.

“But on the table lay a beautifully embossed sample book, heavy with sheet after sheet of fine writing paper. White paper, paper in warm, delicate tints, each sheet imprinted at the top with a user’s name and address, in a thousand tasteful styles.

“ ‘I want you to tell this man something about this business of yours, Mervin,’ Mr. McWhirter explained.

“Mervin Hammel was deprecatory.

“ ‘Why, there’s not much to it, Felix. I’ll be glad to tell what I can though’

Quality Stationery

“Mervin Hammel began in advertising - advertising manager of a department store, advertising agency work, direct mail advertising. But he wanted to get in business for himself. He wanted to manufacture a consumable product - a product for which there would be repeat orders.

“In 1920 - note the date - he found a partner and they started turning out writing paper in a tiny plant, with one or two employees to help them. But it was a quality writing paper, made of their own specifications, a paper that the heaviest pens, the heaviest ink wouldn’t blot. A paper that had their own watermark in it, so the user would know it for theirs.

“More than that, it was printed with the user’s name and address, to the user’s order - an individualized product of high quality for which there would be repeat orders. And, finally, a product at an attractive price. Fifty printed sheets and envelopes for a dollar - no more, no less.

“A quality product needs quality outlets. They found them in quality department stores, quality stationery stores, jewelry and gift shops.

“Their ideas proved good. The business grew. They added new lines - calling cards, announcements, Christmas cards. They outgrew their original space. Some years ago the partner withdrew from active participation. In 1929 the business was incorporated. Today it occupies three spacious floors of the loft building.

“In 1920 it gave employment to one or two. Today, it employs 125 men and women. In 1920 only the printing was done at the plant. Today practically everything except actually making the paper is done on these three floors. Mervin Hammel makes his own boxes, his own envelopes, the gum that goes on the flaps, his own ink. He has his own laboratory and chemist to test the ink and the gum, the weight and the writing surface of the paper, to evolve new colors and tints. He takes no chances with the quality of his product.

“He has guarded the quality of his outlets no less. His sample books lie on the stationery counters of John Wannamaker’s, Marshall Field’s, and other great stores the country over. His presses impartially print the names of the 400 along with those of the four million. Junior Leaguers and Mrs. Wiggs pay their dollars and take their choice.

“Their orders all come through retail dealers who must pass the inspection of Mervin Hammel’s representatives before he allows them to carry his line.

“And he shoots square with those dealers. The box which carries the imprinted stationery back to the dealer within 72 hours after an order is received bears only the name of the company. No address. Re-orders must come through the dealer.

“The result is such good will that dealers spend their own money to advertise Mervin Hammel’s stationery by the brand name.

“He showed me a letter from one of those dealers, an exclusive eastern store.

“ ‘You can get more for your paper,’ it said in substance. ‘Prices generally are trending upward. A great many of the people who use it can easily afford and would be willing to pay more for it.’

“If Mervin Hammel sought reasons to raise prices he could have found them months ago. Paper prices soared. Other costs went up. He didn’t raise his price then - nor lower his quality. He doesn’t intend to raise his price now.

“ ‘If my price goes up my volume goes down. Less volume means less work for my plant. Less work means laying off workers - new recruits for the relief rolls. Washington

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preachments on higher prices and the economics of scarcity leave me cold. Low prices, high volume and consequently more work for my workers are what have kept this business growing.'

He Worries Over Competition

"And the business has kept growing straight through the depression. Volume has increased from year to year since the business started. Mervin Hammel gets a big kick out of that. He's had a lot of fun building that business.

"It's what I do right within these four walls that's going to make or break this business' Mervin Hammel told me. 'Competition? I don't worry about it. I heard the other day that some of my designs were being copied. I don't care. I bring out an entirely new set of designs periodically. By the time one set is copied I'll have a new set out. It's new ideas that count. Come along, I'll show you.'

"He took me back through his plant, past a long row of busy presses. Opposite each press was a table divided down the middle. Each division represented a state. Orders go first in the type-setting machines, the type goes to the press, the press prints the paper, the paper goes to a table according to the state from which the order came.

"Thus orders are kept in order. At each table stood inspectors, all college graduates. They inspect the printing, check spelling and punctuation. At the other end of the tables, the boxes are wrapped for mailing. Straight-line production, so far as possible.

"We went on through to his laboratory.

"Here's something we've been working on since November, 1933, and which we're just ready to introduce." He pointed to a row of small, gracefully curving bottles filled with delicately colored liquids.

"A new line of quality writing inks which will match exactly - and I mean exactly - the individualized printing inks we use in the letterheads.

"We had these bottles especially designed. We made them decorative, something our customers would be proud to have on their writing desks. That line's going to be a 'natural' as an adjunct to our line of writing paper.

"No, competition doesn't worry me - but other things do. They're outside my control. Fool ideas on economics being enacted into law. The growing burden of taxes. Both promise to increase my costs, maybe force me to raise my prices - I've already had to do close figuring to keep them down. And when prices go up volume goes down and with it the number of people I can employ.

"If they'll let me and other small business men like me run our own businesses, we'll get along and we'll give more work to more people. Keep tinkering with us and adding to the burdens and they'll force up our costs and our prices, our volume will fall and we'll have to put people off the pay rolls. It's funny our law makers can't see that.' "

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 1, 1935]

BUILDINGS ARE SOLD

The Rytex Company of Indianapolis, commercial stationery manufacturers, have purchased two buildings from 430 to 442 North Capital Avenue in Indianapolis. A portion of the buildings are now being occupied by the Rytex Company which was founded seventeen years ago by Mervin Hammel, a former resident of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 14, 1936]

HAMMOND DAIRY COMPANY [Akron, Indiana]

See Arter Ice Business

See Borden-Wieland Company

The Hammond Dairy Company which has had a creamery station in Akron for a number of years is now building a large ice plant there.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 29, 1923]

HANGER, JAMES [Akron, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

HANKS, JOHN [Rochester, Indiana]

JOHN HANKS IS COMING TO TOWN. Mr. Hanks, the Cousin and intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln, our martyred President, will be in Rochester on the 15th of this month. He travels with Yankee Robinson's Consolidated Show, and exhibits many interesting mementoes of our late President; This will be one of the most interesting shows ever exhibited in this part of the country.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 9, 1867]

HANNA & CO WOOLEN MILL [Rochester Township]

J. T. Hanna & Co, five miles east of this place on Mill Creek, have been to a great expense in procuring and putting in order every kind of machinery for the manufacture of Cloth, Jeans, Satinetts Blankets &c from the raw material. It is worth a visit to see the machinery in their factory. Call and see them.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, May 10, 1860]

HANNOL WOOLEN MILLS [Mount Zion, Indiana]

See Mount Zion, Indiana

HANSON, JOHN [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] MILK! MILK! Fresh from the PLEASANT VALLEY DAIRY. Delivered at your door daily at 6 1/4 a quart, or 25¢ a gallon. Delivery to start Monday, Oct. the 7th. Phone your order to JOHN HANSON, Prop. Phone 2 - 40.

HARDACRE, LAMOINE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Lamoine Hardacre)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Lamoine Hardacre)

HARDACRE, WILLIAM [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From William Hardacre)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From William Hardacre)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters [Third Letter From William Hardacre]

HARDIN, MARY [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Louderback Garage

HARDIN, MAX [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Howard & Hardin

See: Louderback Garage

HARDING, JOSEPH [Rochester, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Joseph Harding, farmer, P.O. Rochester. This estimable gentleman, born in England May 24, 1831, is the son of Joseph and Sarah (Kent) Harding, who were natives of England, the former born in 1800 and the latter in 1806. The subject of this sketch was educated at White Chappel, London. He emigrated to America and settled in Knox County, Ohio, in 1852, where he remained

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engaged in farming until 1855, when he moved to Miami County, Ind., where he was also engaged in farming for a period of eight years; thence to Lee County, Ill., where he remained for three years, returning at the expiration of that time to Miami County, where he continued to reside until 1869, when he became a resident of Fulton County. Mr. Harding enlisted January 28, 1865, in Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-first Indiana Infantry, and was discharged September 27, 1865. The event of his marriage took place February 27, 1853, to Mary E. Van Kirk, who was born in the State of New York, February 14, 1831. She is the daughter of Joseph Van Kirk, who was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1793. Her mother, Delilah (Coryell) Van Kirk, was born in New Jersey, January 27, 1807. Mr. and Mrs. Harding have been blessed with six children, viz.: Sarah A., born January 12, 1854; Delilah, born October 15, 1855; Walter, born December 27, 1858; Martha, born April 11, 1861; Julia, born September 4, 1865; and Edward, born October 28, 1868. Mr. Harding owns a finely-improved farm of 140 acres. He and his worthy lady are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are highly respected by all who know them.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 29]

HARDING, WARREN G. [Rochester, Indiana]

SENATOR W. G. HARDING WILL SPEAK HERE SEPT. 9

Senator Warren G. Harding, of Marion, Ohio, came thru Rochester enroute to Minneapolis, Tuesday on a special train, which stopped in the city long enough to take water.

The republican presidential candidate stepped off the platform here and shook hands with a number of prominent local republicans who were at the depot, among them, his boyhood friend, A. P. Copeland.

Senator Harding told the Rochester men that he would again pass thru this city on Thursday on the regular Erie train No. 4, which is due here at 3:52 p.m. At this time it is expected that he will make a short address and meet the people of this locality who will be on hands.

A large delegation will be secured to meet the train which will stop here for about 15 minutes. It is probable that some sort of a demonstration will be arranged to greet Senator Harding.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 7, 1920]

HUGE CROWD TO GREET HARDING LATE THURSDAY

A large number of prominent local republicans plan to be at the Erie depot at 3:52 o'clock this afternoon when Senator Warren G. Harding, republican presidential nominee will go thru enroute from Minnesota to his home at Marion, Ohio.

The Ohio senator passed thru this city Tuesday going west on a special train and while the train did not stop long enough for him to make a speech, he told the men who were at the depot to greet him that he would make them a short address when he came back on Thursday.

Local republicans are planning a demonstration for Senator Harding and a large crowd is expected. This crowd will no doubt be enhanced by farmers of the locality who will be in to attend the fair and the fact that all business houses are closed for the afternoon will also help to swell the assemblage.

Just what subject the senator will take for his brief talk here could only be a matter of conjecture as he made no definite statements regarding this matter during his previous visit to Rochester.

The senator is also expected to make a short talk at Huntington and no doubt speaks at other points on his line of travel from St. Paul, where he spoke at the Minnesota state fair.

[Rochester, Sentinel, Thursday, September 9, 1920]

SPECIAL NOT CROWDED

Today was Indiana Day at Marion, Ohio, and a special train was run from Chicago on the Erie to Marion to take all republicans to the front porch. According to local witnesses, when the special left Rochester Saturday morning there were only two passengers on the entire train of five

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coaches. One was A. P. Copeland, a boyhood friend of Senator Harding's while the other was a woman who got on someplace between Chicago and this city. It is understood that she was going to Ohio to visit relatives and took advantage of the excursion rates on the special.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 11, 1920]

HARDING CAFE [Rochester, Indiana]

CAFE AT 610 NORTH MAIN STREET IS SOLD

The cafe at 610 North Main Street which has been operated for the past few months by Bert Reams, has been sold to Miss Jessie Harding, Mrs. Moneta Harding and daughter, Olive, all of Fulton. The purchasers have taken charge of the cafe. They are experienced restaurant operators and will specialize in serving home-cooked foods. Mr. Reams has returned to his former home at Star City where he will be employed.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 23, 1934]

HARDING CAFE CLOSED

The Harding Cafe at 610 North Main street was closed today by the owners as the building which houses the same has been sold to Harry Hogue, owner of a dairy bearing his name. The Harding sisters may re-open their cafe at another location some time in the fall.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 16, 1937]

HARDING GENERAL STORE [Kewanna, Indiana]

BOUGHT MEAT MARKET

Wednesday Bert Gillespie purchased the James T. Burns Meat Market and Grocery and was given immediate possession. Bert has had experience in the meat business before and needs no introduction to the public of Kewanna. Mr. Burns will devote his time in the future in the Harding general store which he recently purchased. We bespeak for both Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Burns, success in their new ventures. -- Kewanna Herald.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, July 10, 1926]

HARDING MEMORIAL DRIVE, PRESIDENT [Fulton County]

TOWNSHIP CHAIRMEN FOR HARDING DRIVE

Harry Wilson, chairman of the Harding Memorial Drive which will be held all over Fulton county between December 9th and 16th, has announced the chairman of the communities of the county. The money to be raised will be expended in building a memorial to the late President, a tomb and provide an endowment fund of some sort.

Mr. Wilson stated that anyone desiring to contribute could leave their money at any bank in the county. The assistant chairmen are as follows:

Dr. B. F. Overmyer, Leiters Ford.

Howard Frain, banker, Fulton.

Mr. H. D. Stoner, banker, Akron.

Earl Chipman, merchant, Talma.

W. E. Leonard, merchant, Richland Center.

A. P. Coplen, retired banker, Rochester

A. E. Babcock, banker, Kewanna.

Frank Douglas, farmer, Grass Creek.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, November 28, 1923]

HARDINGSVILLE, INDIANA [Wayne Township]

Located NE quarter of Section 22 Wayne Township.

Originally platted in 1852 as the town Hardingsville.

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Had 14 lots and 4 streets. Streets: Main, West, Cross and North.
Grass Creek came into existence with the coming of the railroad in 1883.
Platted just W of Hardingsville June 14, 1902, containing 16 lots and 3 streets.
Streets: Railroad, Main and Pearl.
Hardingsville died out.

HARLAN & CO., GEO. O. [Rochester, Indiana]

Notice. The undersigned are now prepared to pay the Highest Market Price in Cash for Corn, Rye, Barley and Hops, at their Distillery in Rochester.

We will also pay Cash for Stock Hogs weighing One Hundred Pounds and over. Geo. O. Harlan & Co. January 1, 1861.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 5, 1861]

HARLAN HARDWARE [Rochester, Indiana]

New Hardware Store. In another column of our paper will be seen the advertisement of our fellow townsman, George O. Harlan. George has a good stock of Stoves and Tin ware, and in addition to that he has just received a splendid assortment of Hardware, the only stock of the kind in Rochester. Call and see him, you will find his prices suited to the times. If you want anything from a pen knife to a Broad axe, there is the place to get them at the lowest prices.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 8, 1859]

Attention is called to the advertisement of Geo. O. Harlan, in this paper. A good stock of Hardware will be found on his shelves from which to select, and George will do his best to accommodate all who may favor him with a call. The Tin Shop is under the experienced control of Harry Hamblin, and those who wish anything in that line can be accommodated on short notice.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, June 25, 1859]

Geo. O. Harlan manufacturer of and dealer in Tin Ware, Stoves, Hardware, Agricultural implements. Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, July 2, 1859]

HARMAN, ANANIAS [Perry Township, Miami County]

BIOGRAPHY

Ananias Harman is a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, where he was born, March 1, 1847, being the second child and oldest son of Jacob and Sarah (Seitner) Harman, of German descent, both natives of Pennsylvania. They emigrated from Ohio to Indiana and Miami County in 1847, settling in Perry Township, of which they ever afterwards continued residents. The former died about 1870. Our subject remained at home and assisted his parents on the farm until he attained his majority. He received a limited education, such as the facilities of those days afforded. His father was a carpenter by trade and Ananias followed in his footsteps, learning that trade, at which he worked about three years, when he engaged in farming, which he has since made his occupation. June 22, 1873, his marriage with Susanna Miles was solemnized, and to their union two children have been born, viz: Minnie S., born February 11, 1876, and Earl Andrew, born March 17, 1883. Mrs. Harman is a daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Swank) Wiles. In his vocation of farming he has been very successful. He now owns a fine farm of 151 acres handsomely improved. He and wife are members of the Church of God. In politics he is a Democrat.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. p. 730]

HARMONY HALL [Rochester, Indiana]

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Alderman Clay Sheets, who owns Harmony hall on north Main street, has rented the structure to Ira Enyart, who owns a restaurant on east Ninth street. Mr. Enyart will remodel and repair the place for a rooming house.

The people who live upstairs at the present time, have been ordered to move. There are 12 rooms in the building. Mr. Enyart intends to repair the stairway and clean the rooms thoroughly. Road laborers will probably patronize the place extensively.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 9, 1915]

NEW ROOMING HOUSE

I. C. Enyart is going to open a new rooming house in the building north of the Progress Grocery, owned by Clay Sheets. It is being fumigated, has electric lights installed and 18 rooms furnished. On the first floor Enyart will have a lunch counter and lobby. The hostelry will be named the Northern Rooming House.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 18, 1915]

"HARMONY HALL" IS THREATENED BY FIRE

Fire early Thursday morning broke out in the N. Main St. building occupied by the Eagle Poultry Co., the O. S. Goss Ice Cream factory and B. F. Sheward's food store, damaging the structure to the extent of approximately \$500 and causing other property loss of about \$200.

The building, which is located on the [NE] corner of [Main and] Fifth St. and is known as "Harmony Hall," was recently purchased of Clay Sheets by J. Phillips and Son, who represent the poultry company. The Phillips, who sleep in the "Hall," had been working late Wednesday evening and their first knowledge of the fire came when Night Watchman Clayton aroused them. It was then learned that the flames were coming from around the chimney in the rear of the building, where there had been a fire in a stove in the evening.

The prompt action of the fire department in getting three lines of hose on the flames, probably saved the building. Mr. Phillips stated that the building was covered by ample fire insurance, but that the loss on his other property was not covered. Neither Mr. Sheward nor Mr. Goss suffered to any appreciable extent from the fire.

The siren whistle attracted a large crowd to the blaze.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 1, 1918]

HARPSTER, BENNEVIL [Richland Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Bennevil Harpster. - His father was born July 5, 1812, and was united in marriage to Catharine Heeter, who was born October 13, 1814. They came to this county in the year 1848, and began habits of industry and economy which made them successful. The father of Mrs. Harpster is Samuel Plantz, whose history appears elsewhere in this work. The subject of this sketch was born in Pulaski County, Ind., April 11, 1849, and was married to Elizabeth Plantz, April 10, 1870, who was born April 5, 1851. One child blessed this union--William, born April 20, 1871. Mr. H. lost his wife by death September 6, 1880.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 52]

HARPSTER, WILLIAM [Leiters Ford, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

HARRIS DRUG STORE [Akron, Indiana]

See Scott Drug Store

HARRISON, GEORGE [Rochester, Indiana]

SECOND HAND STORE SOLD

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Jacob Eiler, who has long operated a second hand store on north Main St., has disposed of that business. Wm. Ewing got the property and it was again transferred to George Harrison, who is now in charge. Mr. Eiler was quite successful while in business and as to what he will do now he has not decided. Mr. Harrison has had considerable experience and will no doubt make an able successor.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 23, 1909]

HARRISON FUNERAL HOME & FURNITURE STORE [Grass Creek, Indiana]

Located N side of street between saloon and restaurant where Snyder was killed and Clemon's blacksmith shop.

HARRISON FUNERAL HOME [Kewanna, Indiana]

NEW FUNERAL HOME TO BE OPENED AT KEWANNA

Kewanna, Ind., July 15. - An announcement is made of opening of the Harrison funeral home here, which will take place Saturday, July 27. Modern in every convenience necessary to the undertaking profession, including a chapel, slumber room, preparation room, guest bed room and show room the home will be opened with a visitor's day.

Inspection of the mortuary may be made at any time, it is announced by the management. Equipment is to include a Cadillac sedan ambulance equipped with a late model invalid bed and a limousine hearse.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 15, 1931]

In 1944 the American Legion purchased the building on the SW corner of Main and Toner Streets.

In 1959 this was sold to the Harrison Funeral Home with the provision they could continue using the second floor for meetings.

[Kewanna, Thelma Johnston, Wade Bussert, Jan Cessna, and Tammy Evans, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

HARRISON PHOTOGRAPHY [Grass Creek, Indiana]

Owned by J. W. Harrison, who also made gunstocks of walnut.

HARRISON & PHERSON [Kewanna, Indiana]

RUSSELL BROTHERS SELL STORE

Wednesday of last week a business transaction occurred in which Russell Bros. sold their undertaking and furniture establishment to T. L. Harrison and Clarence Pherson.

Messrs Harrison and Pherson will continue the business here just as though no sale had been made. Mr. Harrison is well versed in this line of work as he has been employed in the undertaking business for eight years. He comes here from Battle Creek, Mich., where he has been employed in one of the biggest undertaking establishments in the city.

Mr. Pherson comes from the vicinity of Royal Center. He resides there on a farm. Mr. Pherson has not had much experience in this business, but will soon learn. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. Harrison.

The store will be invoiced and turned over to Harrison & Pherson in the near future.

It is not known yet what the Russell Bros. will do, but it is hoped that they will open some sort of business in Kewanna. Russell Bros. have been in business here for six years and had established a good business and good reputation. Carl first opened the business here, shortly after the death of Frank Berger, and later John was taken in as a partner. Then he sold out to his brother, Fred, and Carl and Fred have been running the business till this later sale.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 13, 1912]

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HARSH, GAIL [Akron, Indiana]

See Muskrat Farms

AKRON TO HAVE LARGE MUSKRAT FARM SOON

Akron, Ind., Feb. 21. - Akron seems to be the center for the fur industry as was made known this week that they are to have a Muskrat farm near Akron. This farm is located one and one-half miles east of Akron on the Wm. Morret farm. On this farm, which is north of the Harding highway, is a small lake which has been leased for five years by George Bolley and Gail Harsh. The lake covers about three acres and is about 20 feet deep.

Fifty pair of Muskrats will be placed on the farm to start with. These rats are of the very best breed and will be bought in the East from large muskrat ranchers. Two pair were received Wednesday morning from Maryland.

The farm is being fenced off and as soon as this is completed the 50 pair will be turned loose on the farm. There will be no pens to keep each pair separated. They will all run together and build their own houses which will eliminate a lot of work.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 20, 1928]

HART, NED [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Shore & Hart

See: Dawson, George V.

HARTER, ANDREW P. [Henry Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Andrew P. Harter, eldest son of Frederick and Lucinda (Strong) Harter, was born in this county May 19, 1853. He received his education in the common schools of the county, and has followed farming for a livelihood since he has been able to work. He was married to Miss Eveline Wood, who was born March 29, 1861, and a native of this county, on April 10, 1880. In the same month after his marriage, Mr. H. and lady located where they now live on a piece of land he had purchased prior to his marriage. They are the parents of one son--Howard.

Mr. Harter's father was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, October 1, 1831; emigrated in 1834; came to Indiana in 1852; married in June of the same year.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 38]

HARTER, C. F. [Akron, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

C. F. Harter, M.D., the son of Andrew and Mary Harter, natives of Germany, was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, November 18, 1834, and attended the common schools of the county until his fourteenth year, when, desiring a more extended education than he was able to receive in the common schools, he entered the Poland Academy, remaining there as a student for two years. During the next four years, having decided that he would take up the practice of medicine for his life's work, he attended lectures at the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, teaching school during the winter to obtain funds with which to support himself during the remainder of the year. He graduated from this college in 1858, and was at once elected as resident physician of the St. John's

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Hospital, Cincinnati, a fitting testimonial of the position he had gained in the esteem of his professors and the directors of the hospital with whom he was acquainted.

Holding this position but one year, he came to Akron, Ind., in 1859, and immediately commenced the practice of his profession, which he followed at that place until 1863, when he removed to Rochester and entered into a partnership with Dr. Robins, with whom he practiced for seven years, after which for six years, or during the remainder of the term of his residence in R. He engaged in the grain trade, where he met with some severe reverses of fortune.

In 1876, he returned to Akron and to the work of his profession which he has followed ever since. The genial, wholesouled Doctor has surrounded himself with a pleasant family and the comforts and conveniences of a peaceful life, the just reward of a long, honorable and successful career, which he bids fair to enjoy far beyond man's allotted "threescore and ten."

He was united in wedlock, May 10, 1860, with Miss Clara E. Whittenberger, the only daughter of William and Joanna W., two of the early pioneers of Fulton County, a sketch of whose lives appears elsewhere in this work. The Doctor and Mrs. Harter are the parents of seven children, of whom Clara V., is a student of the Northern Indiana Normal School and a teacher in the common schools of Fulton County; Thomas S., a pupil of the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Indianapolis; Cynthia Odella, Daniel Webster and Orvis R. are still living.

Mr. Harter and lady are members of the Presbyterian Church.

He has succeeded in life through his perseverance and industry during his early youth, the time of his medical studies and throughout all his professional career, which has been a successful one from its inception.

Dr. Harter's father, Andrew Harter, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in April, 1793. Married, in 1823, to Mary Motzer, a native of the same country, born about 1799. This couple emigrated in 1834, and landed at Baltimore during the same year, and immediately proceeded to that portion of the territory of Ohio now known as Mahoning County.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 38]

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. C. F. Harter, the pioneer physician of Akron, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, Nov. 18, 1834, and is a son of Andrew and Mary (Motzer) Harter, natives of Germany, whence in 1834 they removed to America, and settled in Columbiana county, Ohio. The father died at the old homestead in 1880, at the age of ninety years. Five of his family of seven are yet living, namely: John, George, Mrs. Spencer Strong, David and the doctor. Our subject spent his youth on his father's farm and at the age of fourteen became a student in the academy at Polan, Mahoning county, Ohio. Deciding to take up the study of medicine he began reading at East Palestine with Dr. A. Sheets, and in order to defray his expenses at college he engaged in teaching school. He was graduated at the Ohio medical college in 1858, and acquitted himself so creditably that he was at once elected interne of St. John's hospital at Cincinnati. On Jan. 1, 1859, he came to Fulton county, locating in Henry township, where he soon built up an excellent business, and was recognized as one of the most successful physicians in this section of the state. He succeeded Dr. S. S. Terry in this field, and like that gentleman went to Rochester to enlarge his field of operations, there forming a partnership with Dr. Robbins, being absent from Akron thirteen years. He had accumulated a handsome competence, when in 1869 he retired from practice and engaged in the elevator and grain business in Rochester, but within five years he lost over \$30,000 and resumed the practice of medicine, in which he has regained much of his former financial prestige. Dr. Harter was married May 10, 1860, in this county, to Clara E., daughter of William Whittenberger, the founder of the well know family of that name in Henry township. Their children are Carrie, wife of B. F. Templeton, of Le Roy, Ills.; C. Della, who was educated in Battle Creek, Mich., at the National College of Music in Chicago, and is now a teacher of music in Hickman college of Kentucky; and D. W., a stenographer for the Chicago telephone company. The doctor is a democrat in politics, and is a member of the board of pension examiners for Fulton county. He belongs to the Indiana State Medical society, and is an esteemed representative of his profession and a man whom to know is to honor.

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[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 80-81]

HARTER, HOWARD B. [Akron, Indiana]

See Citizens Bank [Akron, Indiana]

HARTER & CO. GRAIN ELEVATOR [Rochester, Indiana]

C. F. HARTER & CO's GRAIN ELEVATORS.

Just west of the I. P. & C. R.R. depot is the daily receptacle of wheat, oats., barley, rye, corn, &c., grown in this county and inasmuch as Rochester is the centre of a larger scope of farming country than any of her surrounding cities, this elevator receives and ships more grain than those at other points.

The main building is thirty-two by forty-two feet, built after the modern style of elevators, and about sixty feet high.

The grain is received from the wagons into large hoppers and weighed, after which, by the drawing of a slide, it pours into large sinks in the cellar. The sinks are divided into several different departments, for the various kinds and qualities of grain. From these sinks by the use of elevators it is carried to the separator and duster in the second story, where all the cheat, dirt, straws, &c., is blown out, and the cleaned grain passes on up to the cupola, where it is received by the register and sent on the downward course again into the bins or repositories, where it remains until it is run out by another process into cars and shipped to other points. Requiring only from ten to fifteen minutes to fill a car.

The corn crib is fifty by fourteen feet, through the bottom of which runs a large belt which conveys the corn in ear to the sheller in the basement from where the grain goes to the cupola to be conducted into a bin, and the cobs to a small room near the engine house.

The engine room is fourteen by twenty feet, the engine is twenty-five horse power capacity, is kept in good order and seems to run the whole machinery with perfect ease.

There are fifteen bins, each capable of holding 1,000 bushels, which would be a total of 24,000 bushels.

The office, where all business is conducted, and the greenbacks paid out for grain, is twelve by twenty feet. The total cost of the elevator is about 12,000.

We failed to inquire concerning the amount of grain received annually, but judging from circumstances it must be very large.

The elevator is owned by Mrssrs. HARTER, MONTGOMERY and WHITTENBERGER. The firm name is C. F. HARTER & CO.

The work of engineering, operating the machinery and receiving and shipping grain is done by Mr. David HARTER, who seems fully qualified for the responsible position, and does his work timely and well.

The wheat raised in this county is unquestionably a better quality than that cultivated in the Wabash valley. The solid, plump grains being heavier and more nutritious, makes a superior quality of flour, so that while the producer does not receive as much per bushel, by from one to five cents, on account of the direction it must be shipped, he is more than recompensed by the excessive weight of the wheat.

[Rochester Union-Spy, Thursday, October 30, 1873]

HARTLE, VERNARD [Leiters Ford, Indiana]

[See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Vernard Hartle)]

HARTMAN, BILL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Bill Hartman)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Bill Hartman)

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HARTMAN, ROBERT "BOB" [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Bob Hartman)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter from Bob Hartman)

HARTMAN AUTO LAUNDRY [Rochester, Indiana]

BUSSERT BROS. PURCHASE HARTMAN AUTO LAUNDRY

Through a business transaction made Saturday the Bussert Bros., operators of the Sinclair Filling Station Corner Main and Fourth Street, became owners of the Dale Hartman Auto Laundry which is located on South Franklin Ave.

The new proprietors assumed active control of the laundry immediately, however, within a few weeks they plan to remove the equipment to their North Main Street location. Mr. Hartman will soon leave for South Bend where he will be employed in an auto laundry service station.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 1, 1934]

HARTMAN GROCERY [Richland Township]

Vernie Bowen reported that Joseph Hartman at one time operated a country grocery at the cross roads south of the Whippoorwill Church.

HARTMAN TILE [Henry Township]

Benjamin Franklin Hartman, a farmer near Antioch school, one and a half miles south of Athens, made tile, according to Estel Bemenderfer, his son-in-law.

HARTMAN'S CAFE [Fulton, Indiana]

Located W side of street in building used in 1909 as a meat market.

HARTUNG, DON [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Don Hartung)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Don Hartung)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Third Letter From Don Hartung)

HARTUNG, H. F. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - For Fine Tailoring. I will make you a suit of a pair of pants, and guarantee a fit, good goods and first class work at the following prices - - - H. F. HARTUNG, The North End Tailor.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 29, 1895]

[Adv] MERCHANT TAILORING. Hartung & Co., opp. Arlington are the fashionable tailors of Rochester. Workmanship and fit guaranteed. Prices reasonable. Call and see samples.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 11, 1899]

HARTUNG, ROBERT W. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Robert Hartung)

HARTUNG & COMMISKEY [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Come in and leave your order for a suit. . . . We are making two piece suits at \$15, to your individual measure and any style you may want. Over 600 different patterns of cloth to select from, also higher price suits. . . . Hartung & Commiskey, 712 Main St., Basement.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 12, 1915]

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[Adv] Tailored to Your Measure Stunning Fall Suits for Men and Women - - - - Hartung & Commiskey, Under Stoner & Black's.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 18, 1917]

HARTUNG & SONS [Rochester, Indiana]

HARTUNG & SONS, Reliable Tailors. Latest Styles, the newest piece goods, the nattiest fits, the best of workmanship. Try us once. 714 Main St.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 1, 1907]

[Adv] Individuality in clothes. - - - - HARTUNG & SON, 714 Main street. Cleaning, pressing and repairing.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 23, 1910]

BUILDING TO BE READY

The new building being erected by A. J. Dillon is nearing completion and it is now announced that it will be ready for occupancy by March 1. The work of plastering is finished with the exception of a small part on the second floor and the interior decorations will be a matter of small consideration. The big drawback has been the absence of the flooring and word has been received that that material is on the way from Michigan. At the same time the plate glass for the front windows will arrive and be installed at once.

The main floor will be taken over by Stoner & Black for their hardware stock and the display of automobiles. This firm will also use the third floor, where they will exhibit farm machinery and other hardware. The second floor will be partially occupied by the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the remaining rooms will be rented to professional men. The basement will be turned over to Hartung's tailor shop and a barber shop, the latter proprietors not being named.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 10, 1912]

HARTUNG & WATSON [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] H. F. HARTUNG & W. P. WATSON have consolidated, and now have the largest line of Goods to choose from, the BEST GOODS, LATEST STYLE, PRICES MODERATE. Every garment bought of us is strictly made here in Rochester, and perfect fit guaranteed. H. F. HARTUNG & W. P. WATSON, Opp. Arlington, Hartung's old stand.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 13, 1901]

HASKETT, C. H. [Rochester, Indiana]

C. H. HASKETT TO HEAD U. S. TROUT HATCHERY

C. H. Haskett, who has been employed as a fish culturist at the Federal hatchery east of Rochester for the past two years, today received word from the Department of Commerce that he had been appointed Superintendent of the Berkshire Hills Trout Hatcheries, which are located at Hartsville, Mass. The message also informed the culturist to report for duty immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskett, the latter who was nee Viola Jones, will depart by auto for their new home in the East, Wednesday morning. Mr. Haskett, who came to Rochester about three years ago after the construction work on the Rochester hatchery was launched, had made a host of friends in this community, all of whom will be glad to learn of his promotion. Mrs. Haskett plans to return to this city on December 1st to assist in the rush work at the auto license branch, where she has been in the employe of her father, Roy Jones, who is manager of the office.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 8, 1935]

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C. H. HASKETT BUYS MOORE BROS. BUILDING

A real estate transfer was reported today through the Fred Moore agency in which Carlton H. Haskett, local insurance representative becomes the owner of the Moore Building now occupied by The Chester White Record Association and The Barnhart Van Trump Co., publishers of The News-Sentinel.

Under the terms of the sale Haskett will take possession Jan. 1. James R. and Levi P. Moore, and Mrs. A. B. Shore held the title to the real estate as part of the estate of the late Frank F. Moore and the Moore Bros. Co.

The building, erected in 1876, was a part of the Centennial Block. The first tenants were Feder & Silberberg who came to Rochester from Cincinnati, and opened a clothing and merchant tailoring establishment, then one of the largest stores of its kind in this section of the state. Later The Big Store was opened in the building by the late George H. Wallace & Sons. A disastrous fire practically destroyed the store several years ago.

Following the fire Moore Bros. Co. purchased and remodeled the property to house their Chester White Journal and the record association, with The Van Trump Co., sharing the building in the printing and publishing business. In December, 1924, a consolidation of The Rochester Sentinel and The Daily News, brought into being the Barnhart-Van Trump Co., which, with the Record Association has since tenanted the property. The second floor of the building is divided into three modern apartments.

During the 70's, when the Centennial Block was Rochester's pride other tenants along the block included the Shepherd & Deniston hardware, where the Kepler Motor Sales are now located; Rochester Woolen Mills Office, where the Haskett & Jones office is now located; Chess Chamberlain grocery, where the Grove Hardware is now situated; Rochester Postoffice, under A. T. Bitters, postmaster, where the Thacker Music. Co. now operates.

Second floor of the block was Opera Hall, the city's first theatre, which following erection of the Academy of Music at Main and Fifth streets, became the Armory Hall. On the corner of Eighth and Madison was located the Kendrick Hotel.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 28, 1945]

HASKETT & JONES INSURANCE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located 124 E 8th.

Wayne Smith employed there in 1949, and in 1969 he purchased the agency, which became Smith, Sawyer & Smith Agency, Inc

INSURANCE COMPANY CHANGED

An important change has been made in the Jones and Jones Insurance Agency, through the retirement of Charles Jones, Sr. The new firm will be known as Haskett and Jones Insurance Company. C. H. Haskett, son-in-law of Roy Jones, has taken over the interests of Charles Jones. The personnel of the new agency will be Charles Jones, Jr., and C. H. Haskett. Mr. Haskett recently resigned his position with the Rochester Federal Fish Hatchery.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, December 3, 1935]

WADE JARRETT BUILDING LEASED BY MOOSE LODGE

At a meeting held this afternoon by the building committee of the local Manitou chapter of the Moose lodge, it was decided to lease from Wade Jarrett his building at 124 East Eighth street, now occupied by Haskett and Jones Insurance Agency and the Fulton County Auto License Branch, for use as new lodge clubrooms.

Tom Marshall, governor of the local lodge, stated that remodeling will begin on the building as soon as possible. The rooms are to be redecorated, and will take care of the rapidly-expanding Moose membership list, largest in the lodge's history.

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Members are still being enrolled in the lodge, Marshall said, and the acquiring of new clubrooms is expected to greatly increase our present enrollment.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 14, 1941]

HASKETT AGENCY BUYS SWINDEMAN'S BUSINESS

The Haskett & Jones Insurance Agency in Rochester yesterday afternoon purchased the Ewing Insurance Agency from R. L. Swindeman, present justice of the peace. Swindeman has had the insurance agency since the death of his father-in-law, William Ewing, who handled the business for 35 years.

Mr. Swindeman has not as yet announced his plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 20, 1943]

HASLETT, FOSTER [Rochester, Indiana]

See Polay & Haslett

See Haslett Bros.

See Haslett Poultry House

BOUGHT BROTHER'S INTEREST

A deal was closed Thursday by which Foster Haslett of the firm of Haslett Bros. bought out his brother, Stuart's, interest in the business. The deal covered not only the business, but the building and property on North Main street complete. The new owner will direct his entire attention to the poultry business in the future and expects to build up the business to a high standard. The retiring partner has not fully decided on the future course of action, but may turn his attention to his large business interests in Gary.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 2, 1912]

HASLETT BROS. [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Haslett Bros. have received a new gasoline truck that will be used in their traffic business. A passenger top having a capacity of twenty persons is an extra accessory and will be utilized on Sundays to carry people to Manitou.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 1, 1909]

HASLETT BROTHERS RETIRE

The Haslett Brothers have retired from the poultry business and have leased their plant at the north end of Main street to J. Swindell & Brother of Plymouth. The change becomes effective next Monday, and J. S. Bishop, of Plymouth, is already on the ground to assume charge of the business. Mr. Bishop will be the local manager of the business, and as the Swindell Brothers are widely known throughout northern Indiana as progressive commission men, it is expected that the local branch will do a large and profitable business.

Haslett Brothers will devote their attention to their real estate interests at Gary, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 26, 1912]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The article in Monday's Sentinel to the effect that the Haslett Brothers had leased their poultry business in this city to J. Swindell & Brother of Plymouth, was erroneous in that the Rochester business is no longer owned by the Haslett Brothers, but Foster Haslett, who recently purchased the interest of his brother, Stewart. Now that Mr Haslett is out of the poultry business he will devote his time to other regular business and will run his auto hack to the lake during the summer months.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 27, 1912]

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HASLETT POULTRY HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located NW corner Main & 4th.
Burned. Rebuilt.

HASLETT TANNERY [Fulton, Indiana]

First tannery in Fulton. Established by John Haslett.
Fulton had two tanneries in the 1850's, the second being the Ziegler Tannery.

HASSENPLUG, CHAS. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

HASSENPLUG, WILLIAM BYRON [Richland Township]

BIOGRAPHY

William Byron Hassenplug is a son of Henry Edward and Ellen Noma (Hartman) Hassenplug, she from Wood county, Ohio and he from Mifflinsburg, Union county, Pennsylvania. He was born November 10, 1864. His father's father was Henry Hassenplug who with his wife Matilda lived in Pennsylvania. His mother's parents were Mr. and Mrs. William Hartman of Flat Rock, Ohio. Henry Edward Hassenplug was educated in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio in 1861 to work on a farm. In the midst of his first job came the call to arms for the Civil War. He enlisted and served for three years, seven months of which were spent in Andersonville prison. When the time came for his exchange he had been reduced from a man weighing two hundred pounds to a mere skeleton and never regained either health or vigor. Sometime during the progress of the war he married the sister of a comrade in arms. He was mustered out at Fremont, Ohio and remained in that state until the spring of 1874 when he removed to Fulton county, Indiana to the farm on which his son now lives, in Richland township. Here he lived for ten years then moved to a farm two and a half miles east and there died. Five children of this remarkable man were left to mourn his memory while two died in infancy. The children were William Byron (the subject of our sketch), Luella, Rosella, Elbe and May, all of whom are living. William Byron Hassenplug was educated in the Ohio schools and partly in Indiana. He owns a hundred and sixty acres upon which the good buildings were erected by either him or his father. His parents passed away in 1912 and 1920. General farming has occupied most of his life. He was married in 1894 to Miss Mary Louisa Olds, daughter of George Olds who came to this vicinity in the Seventies. The family of our subject are Grace and Edward Byron both at present at home. He is at present a member of the county advisory board.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 206-207, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HATCH, ROSCOE J. [Macy, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

HATCH & CARVEY [Macy, Indiana]

See: Carvey & Crouder
See: Carvey & Tombaugh

FOUR ROADS IN HENRY TWP. ARE SOLD BY BOARD

The county commissioners adjourned Thursday afternoon after letting the contracts for the construction of the four Henry township gravel roads recently voted in by the people.

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- - - - and the Smith road to Hatch and Carvey of Macy for \$9,750. Nine and 10 contractors bid on each road and as usual the bids varied to a great extent. - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 9, 1915]

STARTING PUBLIC WORK

Hatch & Carvey, contractors, are just beginning work on the cleaning of Mill Creek, east of Macy, and expect to begin work about the 10th of October on a two and a half mile gravel road beginning at Akron and running south to the county line.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 23, 1915]

ROAD BUILDERS BUSY IN COUNTY

Hatch and Carvey, who have the contract for the Smith road in Henry township, have 30 men employed. The work is moving along rapidly.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 28, 1916]

WILDERMUTH ROAD LET TO MACY MEN FOR \$7,866

The contract for the construction of the three mile Wildermuth gravel road to run thru Millark was let Thursday afternoon by the county commissioners to Hatch and Carvey, of Macy, for \$7, 866. Four other men bid on the work as follows: A. C. Davisson, \$13,395, Oren J. Simmons, \$10,977; D. B. Clevenger, \$9,775 and Coplen and Smith \$10,210.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 7, 1916]

CONDEMNS GRAVEL ON MATHIAS ROAD

In answer to complaints about the quantity and quality of gravel being placed on the new Mathias road, west of the Burton church, Chas. Becker, president of the board of commissioners, Tuesday visited the scene and condemned both pits from which the material was being taken by the contractors, Hatch and Carvey. He stated that there was too much sand and clay in the gravel and that the contractors must secure first class material. Complaints had been made by many farmers living in the community and the action by Mr. Becker was prompt, as it usually is.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 24, 1916]

HATFIELD, DOROTHY [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Louderback Garage

HATFIELD, FERRIS [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Wile Department Store

HATFIELD, MILTON [Rochester, Indiana]

See Starr Put-Put Company

HATFIELD'S GENERAL STORE [Talma, Indiana]

Located in Talma. Last operated by Ralph Hatfield.

HATHAWAY'S SWEET SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

BUY SWEET SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Montgomery, of Akron, have purchased Hathaway's Sweet Shop, and will take up their residence in Rochester. Earl Hathaway will take a position for the winter with a Hammond firm, but his family will probably remain here this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery will reside in the John Barr home on west Ninth st., as Mr. and Mrs. Barr leave Monday to spend the winter in California.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 27, 1915]

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HATTERY & SECOR GARAGE [Akron, Indiana]

TO BUILD GAS STATION

A modern gas filling station will be erected on the site of the Armour cream station at Akron by Hattery and Secor, new owners of the East Garage according to an announcement made last week. A drive and canopy will be constructed and the Armour station will be moved back.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 13, 1924]

AKRON GARAGE WAS SOLD TUESDAY TO ROY SHEETS

A business transaction took place at Akron Tuesday night, when the Hattery and Secor garage owned by Ralph Hattery and Daniel Secor was sold to Roy Sheets, who is, at the present time, employed at the Palace garage. Mr. Sheets will take possession Monday. The garage will be known as the Hudson-Essex garage and Joe Wilhoit will have charge of the sales department. Mr. Sheets has had 14 years of experience in the garage business and he is also preparing to do welding in connection with the garage work. Floyd Fitton, who has been employed by Hattery and Secor will remain as an employee under the new ownership.

Mr. Hattery and Mr. Secor state they have no plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 19, 1927]

Tuesday morning the East Garage formerly owned by Hattery and Secor was turned over to the new owners, Ray Woodcox and Fred Imhoof. Mr. Woodcox comes from Plymouth, Ind., where he was in the garage business for the last five years. Fred Imhoff is well known in and about Akron having lived near there all his life. Hattery and Secor state they have nothing definite in mind for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, January 5, 1929]

HAVLICK, CHAS. [Rochester, Indiana]

OPENS GROCERY

Chas. Havlick has purchased the Brower Grocery on West Third street, this city, and will open the store for business Saturday. Mr. Havlick is a son-in-law of William Brown, and is an experienced grocery man.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 12, 1935]

HAWKINS, ALBERT [Macy, Allen Township, Miami County]

See: Carl, Louden

HAWKINS, PERCY [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Central Cafe.

See: Club Cafe

See: Hawkins and Overmyer Meat Market

See: Hawkins Cafe

See: Hawkins Saloon

HAWKINS CAFE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Club Cafe

[Adv] Special Thanksgiving Dinner - - - - HAWKINS CAFE, 719 Main St., Phone 526.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, November 27, 1935]

NEW HAWKINS' CAFE DINING ROOM

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Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hawkins, who have operated their restaurant here for 18 years, announce the opening of their new private dining room that is expressly adapted to the use of banquets, parties luncheons. Not shown in the photo above is a piano and speaker's stand. Clean white table cloths and chair covers, attractive curtains and new lighting add to the cheery appearance of the room. Entrance to the new addition is through the present restaurant. The old building in the rear of W. H. Howard's store has been modernized to make the handsome new room. Right down to the flowers on the tables the room is most inviting. Service is handled through the pantry. Long tables and small tables are attractively grouped.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 28, 1939]

SALE OF HAWKINS CAFE ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY

Mrs. Minnie (Hawkins) Martin announced today the sale of the Hawkins cafe, 719 Main street, to Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Munive of Chicago, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Munive have had years of experience in the restaurant business and plan to take possession of the local eating establishment Thursday morning.

Mrs. Martin, for 20 years owner and operator of the cafe, will manage the dining room of the Lakeview hotel. The lake resort is owned by Mrs. Martin's husband, Emil (Pop) Martin.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 31, 1944]

HAWKINS CAFE PURCHASED BY PLYMOUTH RESIDENT

Mrs. Goldie Hindel, experienced cafe operator from Plymouth, has purchased the Hawkins Cafe, 719 Main street, from Sebastian Munieve, it was learned here today.

Munieve bought the cafe from Mrs. Emil Martin, June 1st and sold the establishment because of the illness of his wife, who is now confined to a Chicago hospital.

For a number of years, Mrs. Hindel owned a Plymouth restaurant and had charge of the Plymouth Country club for several seasons. She plans to reopen Hawkins Cafe, Sunday, July 30th.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, July 28, 1944]

[Adv] Announcing the opening of GOLDIE'S GRILL, (formerly Hawkin's Cafe) Thursday, Aug. 3rd, 12:00 o'clock noon.

Having purchased the Hawkins Cafe, I wish to announce that a new food policy will be placed in effect. All home cooking, excellent, efficient service with honest prices prevailing.

For clubs, public dinners and banquets the Fiesta Room will be available to the public. GOLDIE HINDEL, Proprietor. Favors for the ladies attending opening dinner.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 2, 1944]

CLUB CAFE SOLD

Walter Eckart, owner of the Club (Hawkins) Cafe, 719 Main street, today announced the sale of tht business to Mrs. Goldie Hindel, of Plymouth. Mrs. Hindel, a former owner of the cafe, is also the owner of the Puritan cafe, Plymouth, which she has leased. Following new decorations and certain changes, she will open the Club for business, probably sometime next week. The sale was made through the Fred Moore real estate agency of this city. Mr. Eckart has not as yet announced his future plans.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 8, 1945]

HAWKINS and OVERMYER MEAT MARKET [Rochester, Indiana]

PERCY HAWKINS BUYS HOESEL MEAT MARKET

Percy Hawkins and his son-in-law, Charles Overmyer, have purchased the Louey Hoesel meat market on North Main street. Invoicing will start tonight and the new owners will take possession Monday. Mr. Hawkins who was the proprietor of the American restaurant for four years will have charge of the shop, while Mr. Overmyer will retain his position with the Northern

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Indiana Power Company. Fawn Hudkins, who has been employed by Mr. Hoesel as meat cutter will remain with the new owners as will Theodore Teel as buyer and butcher. The new shop will specialize in fancy home killed meats. Mr. Hoesel has no immediate plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, April 10, 1926]

The Hawkins and Overmyer meat shop at 526 Main street was sold to Hugh Guise.

Mr. Guise, who lives on a farm 8 miles northeast of the city took possession of the shop. He intends to raise all of the meat sold in the shop on his farm. Mr. Guise will retain Fawn Hudkins as cutter and Theodore Teel as butcher. The retiring owners have no plans for the immediate future.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, September 10, 1926]

HAWKINS SALOON, PERCY [Rochester, Indiana]

Located next door to Shore Drug & Grocery in Commercial Block.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Adolph Biccard has sold his liquor business to Percy Hawkins and will now devote all of his time to the law practice. He and ex-Clerk M. O. Reese have an office in the commercial block wher they are now prepared to give their entire time to the wants of clients and general legal matters.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 27, 1901]

NEW GROCERY

P. O. Cornell has leased the room on North Main St., formerly occupied by the Hawkins saloon, and will open a grocery store there at an early date.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 8, 1919]

HAWORTH, WALLACE/WILLIAM

See Manitou Lumber Co.
See Rochester Lumber Co.

HAWORTH, WILLIAM MAX

See Rochester Lumber Co.

HAYNES, RAY C. [Rochester, Indiana]

RAY HAYNES IS NAMED CODE ADMINISTRATOR

The appointment of Ray C. Haynes, of Rochester, as Federal Administrator of the Excelsior Products and kindred industrial codes, was today announced by George L. Berry, Divisional Administrator of N.R.A., Washington.

Mr. Haynes has gone to Washington to assume his new duties.

The appointment came by reason of Haynes' previous industrial experience as president of Associated Gypsum Industries of the United States, a position held by him for seven years.

Mr. Haynes and family have been residents of this community for the past two years, during which time they have resided at the lake. His family will remain here until the expiration of the present school year.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 24, 1934]

HAYS, WILLIAM [Rochester, Indiana]

CAFE IS SOLD

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Mr. and Mrs. William Hays have purchased the Goss Cafe at 513 No. Main street, owned several years by Mr. and Mrs. Obie Goss and have now taken possession. Home cooking will be specialized. Mr. and Mrs. Goss will move to a farm near Plymouth to reside.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 11, 1931]

HAYWARD & BRYANT [Rochester, Indiana]

THURSDAY

Hayward & Bryant, dealers in new and second hand goods of every description, want your trade. If you need anything in their line and want to save money, give them a call. Phone 227.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 24, 1902]

PURCHASES HALF INTEREST

LeRoy Bryant has purchased a half interest in the Wm. Haywood second-hand store and they will soon start a big 10 cent store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 24, 1906]

[Adv] The Economy 5 & 10 Cent Store - - - HAYWARD & BRYANT, Proprietors, North Main Street.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 3, 1906]

HAYWARD & MITCHELL [Rochester, Indiana]

HAYWARD & MITCHELL

Second Hand Dealers

These gentlemen have been doing business in Rochester for the past year, their place of business is on east side of north Main street. Messrs. HAYWARD & MITCHELL buy and sell all kinds of second hand goods.

They handle everything from clothes pins to pianos, and pay the highest cash value for the same. You will at all times find their rooms stocked with all kinds of household goods, sewing machines, &c., some of which are nearly as good as new and are sold at about one-fifth the price of new goods. They have an auction sale every Saturday, when you can buy anything in their store at your own price. Messrs. Hayward & Mitchell always have on hand a large stock of brooms of their own manufacture, which take the lead for durability and workmanship. Give them a call; it will pay you when wanting anything in their line.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 29, 1888]

HAZLETT, DR. P. G. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Dr. P. G. HAZLETT, Dentist. Office Phone 417. A. B. Shore Bldg, Rooms 5 and 6.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, January 3, 1924]

DR. HAZLETT WILL MOVE PARLORS TO MARION, IND.

Peter G. Hazlett, local dentist, who established his parlors in the A. B. Shore building three years ago announced today that he has closed a deal with Dr. S. E. Stouffer, of Marion, Ind., whereby he has purchased the entire equipment and good will of this long-established dental parlor.

The offices are located at corner of 5th and Washington street. Ill health, from which Dr. Stouffer has been suffering for the past two years, was the cause of his retiring from business. Dr.

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Hazlett will take active charge of the Marion parlors on the first of the coming month. The furniture and equipment of this local office will soon be removed and sold.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 23, 1926]

HAZLETT BROS. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Mitchell, Charles A.

FIRE DESTROYS PACKING HOUSE

A blaze originating in the stable in the rear of the Hazlett Brothers' big poultry packing establishment, on north Main street, Sunday afternoon, was the beginning of the most damaging fire Rochester has had in recent years and as a result the handsome new brick building, along with all other buildings, sheds and equipment are in ruins.

The origin of the fire is a mystery and the only conceivable manner it could have started was by spontaneous combustion in the hay lofts, and the hay along with the roof of the barn was all ablaze when first noticed. Many people had seen the great clouds of black smoke that were raising from the barn, but many thought it smoke from an Erie locomotive, while others believing it a fire started in the direction from whence it came. At the time the fire alarm was turned in a large crowd of men had gathered at the scene of the fire and were doing the best they could in fighting the blaze with garden hose, buckets, etc. The hose truck from the first ward fire house was rushed and the men in charge had water pouring on the fire at a remarkable short time after the alarm had been given.

Water Pressure Was Poor

After the first hose had been attached little or no good could be done, as the pressure of the water seemed to be very light, despite the fact that all the pumps at the water works station were working at their full capacity. There was practically no force to the water, which was partially due to the size of the nozzle used, an inch and a half one on a two inch and a half hose. The pressure was so weak that it would not break the windowglass, and stones were thrown through them so that the water could be gotten inside the buildings.

Fire Spread Rapidly

The fire was first noticed at about 4:30 p.m. and ten minutes later all the frame buildings belonging to the Hazlett Brothers were afire, the blaze leaping at times forty feet in the air. Other hose trucks had arrived by this time and water was being poured on from the front and rear. The first hose to arrive had been kept in the rear throwing water on the stables and apparently did more damage than good, as it seemed, it fed the fire rather than quenched it.

The Rochester Laundry caught fire and the one hose was turned on this, but despite the water that could be thrown the fire gained headway rapidly as everything was dry as powder. The trees in front of the laundry served to check the fire and burning splinters from being blown across the street, and thus, without a doubt, saved several dwellings and frame buildings there.

Firemen Worked at Disadvantage

The volunteer fire department worked at a disadvantage in every way. The fire had spread so rapidly that by the time the second hose truck arrived the men could not get to the fire on the inside of the yard as the ice houses and frame wagon shed in the front were burning and they could only pass these at the peril of their lives. And had they have gone into the yards, from where they could have thrown water on the handsome new brick building, and possibly saved it, they would have undoubtedly been suffocated by the hot fumes and smoke.

The brick building, supposed to have been fire proof, caught from the rear in the second floor, in which part, was the packing department, feathers, light boards for making of crates and paper fibers were stored there, and ignited quickly. The fire spread through the building as if a bolt of lightning had passed through and burst out the front windows, where the flames, at intervals, leaped thirty feet above the top of the building.

Hard to Gain Control of Fire

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The stables and buildings at the rear had by this time fallen in and the firemen were unable to extinguish the flames. Nothing could be done with the brick building, except to keep the fire there and, little by little, as the light substance stored within was consumed, the firemen began to gain control. The roof fell in and a few minutes later a portion of the wall came to the ground with a great crash. The floors of the building had already fell [sic] to the basement and by pouring thousands of gallons of water on the burning mass, it was finally thought to be totally extinguished at about 6:30 o'clock.

Fire Breaks Out Second Time

At about nine o'clock the smouldering ruins broke into another big blaze and the fire department was again called out. The blaze was in the southwest corner of the brick building, where a car load of strawboard paper, used for fillers in egg crates had fallen from the second floor, and had not been extinguished completely. At this time the water pressure was the best and a minute after the hose had been turned on the fire was put out.

Damages Are Heavy

The damages fell on Hazlett Brothers very heavy, and this morning, they estimated that their loss would undoubtedly reach fifteen thousand dollars. Their main building was erected three years ago at a cost of six thousand five hundred dollars. Their equipment was valued at about four thousand and the amount of live poultry and butter, eggs and poultry in cold storage and the other buildings and their contents were worth about four thousand five hundred dollars.

The carcasses of six horses burned and charred until the flesh cracked open have been pulled from the ruins and two horses and a mule were taken out alive during the fire. Two other horses reached the door but fell and were burned to death. People who arrived at the fire at the beginning, say that the poor horses kicked and whinneyed in their agony, and rats and mice of all sizes came from the frame buildings in swarms and ran for hiding in adjoining places. All that could be gotten out of the main building was three chairs, a desk containing the books and accounts, nine cases of eggs, and the wagon and a dray were removed.

The Rochester Laundry had three machines destroyed and their building is almost a total wreck. All the laundry and several machines, along with other equipment, was removed. The loss to Vawter & Co. is estimated at about five hundred dollars. They carried two hundred dollars insurance.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zimmerman is badly scorched on the east side and had not the continuous stream of water been kept pouring on the house it would have been badly burned. All the windows in the east side of the residence were broken by the heat.

On all buildings, within a half square of the fire, were men throwing water on the buildings and watching flying sparks. A small frame residence building owned by Samuel Keely, on a lot near the race bridge, caught fire and a small hole was burned in the roof.

Building to be Rebuilt

When interviewed by a SENTINEL representative the Messrs. Hazlett stated that they will rebuild and work of cleaning away the ruins will be commenced as soon as possible. The new plant will be erected on the foundation of the old one and the building will be almost the same. Until the new building is erected they will rent some room. Their trade is being supplied by the Beyer Brothers' company until they are able to take care of it.

The proprietors of the Rochester Laundry have already begun work of rebuilding, and will do their work in tents in the yard to the rear of their destroyed building, until the new one is ready for occupancy.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 5, 1904]

HAZLETT FRUIT FARM [Rochester, Indiana]

FANCIER BUYS FRUIT FARM

G. O. Hazlett, of near Fulton, recently purchased the Jacob Myers fruit farm, near the fair grounds and he will do quite a bit of improving and make the place an ideal apiary, fruit and poultry farm. Mr. Hazlett is a chicken fancier, and has bred buff Plymouth Rocks exclusively for 17 years. His experience with bees dates back almost a quarter of a century. He will soon move his

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bees to the new home where he will keep 50 to 100 colonies. The fruit business is not a new venture as strawberries has been his hobby for 18 years and on the newly purchased home he will, in the spring, put in acres of strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 4, 1917]

HEATH, GLEN [Rochester, Indiana]

See Heath & Waymire

HEATH & WAYMIRE [Rochester, Indiana]

HEATH & WAYMIRE OPEN PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICES

A new business concern opened in Rochester Saturday morning in the offices formerly occupied by the Rochester Monument company, corner of Madison and 8th street. This enterprise will operate under the caption of Heath & Waymire, public service and attorneys-at-law. The personnel of the partnership is composed of Mrs. Glen Heath and Mrs. Madge Waymire, both of this city.

Mrs. Heath has been a member of the bar for several years and has also had extensive practice in local business and civic interests; while Mrs. Waymire, also a member of the Fulton County Bar Association, has had a thorough schooling in business and official matters through her years of experience in the office of County Auditor.

These ladies will specialize in the collection of small or large accounts, stenographing, commercial law, notarial work, auditing and other clerical duties. Already, the new concern has quite a bit of work on their business calendar and it is believed Rochester merchants and other Fulton county businessmen will find much use for this new service company.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 3, 1928]

MILLER PLUMBING SHOP NOW IN NEW LOCATION

The H. Gordon Miller Plumbing and Heating shop, which for several years has been in operation in the building directly east of the jail, on Saturday completed moving into its new location at the corner of Madison and 8th street, west of the post office.

The new location offers far more spacious quarters for the housing and display of the plumbing equipment. Sharing the office rooms with Mr. Miller will be the public service firm of Heath and Waymire. This building was formerly occupied by the Rochester Monument Works.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 17, 1928]

HECKATHORN, W. G. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From W. G. Heckathorn)

HECKATHORN'S COUNTRY INN [Nyona Lake]

Operated by Mrs. Jerry (Helen Maxine Hartman Powell) Heckathorn.

HECTOR, DR. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Wile Department Store

HEDGE'S / HEGE'S FORD BRIDGE [Newcastle Township]

Notice to Contractors . . . for building a bridge across the Tippecanoe River at Hege's Ford, near Bloomingsburg in Newcastle township.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 12, 1859]

HEDGES, CARL D. [Rochester, Indiana]

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See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Carl D. Hedges)
See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Carl D. Hedges)
See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Third Letter From Carl D. Hedges)
See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Fourth Letter From Carl D. Hedges)

HEDGES, SAM [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Tinsmiths. Give us the chance to do any and all the Tinsmith Work you may have. The results will gratify and the small cost will please you. Phones: Bus. 154. Res. 336-01. SAM HEDGES.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 21, 1925]

HEETER, ADAM [Aubbeenaubee Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Adam Heeter. - This man is of German descent, and was born in Union County, Penn., December 3, 1818. He is the son of Adam and Catharine Heeter, both of whom were natives of Northumberland County, Penn. They emigrated to Seneca County, Ohio, in the year 1827, where they both died. The subject of this writing was the fifth of a family of seven children. He received a common school education from the district schools, but spent the greater part of his time in working on the farm. He was married to Mary Young, in April, 1841, and now have a family of seven children--Elizabeth, Levi, Amelia, George, William Ellen and Mary. The two oldest were born in Pennsylvania, the third in Seneca County, Ohio, and the others in Indiana. Lewis and Mary Young, the parents of Mrs. Heeter, were both natives of Burks County, Penn. Mr. Heeter came to Indiana in 1848, and settled in Pulaski County, where he lived for seventeen years. Then sold his farm and came to this county and purchased his present home farm. By industry and strict economy, he has made a beautiful home, and surrounded by his family passes the latter years of a well spent life in the enjoyment of the fruits of hard labor. They are members of the German Reform Church, and well respected by all neighbors.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 34]

HEETER, EDYTHE [Rochester, Indiana]

See Manitou Beauty Shop

HEETER, NOAH [Henry Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Noah Heeter was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, September 12, 1832, and is the son of George and Elizabeth Heeter, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively, and of German and English descent. He acquired his education in the common schools and chose farming as his life's vocation.

June 15, 1854, Mr. Heeter was united in marriage with Miss Susan Clayton, who was born in Montgomery County, January 11, 1835.

Three years after marriage, Mr. H. and wife moved to Wabash County, this State, where he followed farming for two years. In 1829, he moved into the wilds of Fulton County and settled on the site of his present homestead, making the first opening for a log cabin, which was replaced ten years after with a neat frame dwelling, which is now surrounded with a farm of 175 acres, of which 100 are well improved.

The wedded life of this couple has been blessed with five children, four of whom--Mary Ellen, Warren, Sarah Alice and Laura Belle are living and married, being settled near their father's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Heeter were for a number of years members of the German Baptist Church, of which he was an Elder, but owing to a difference in belief and practice Mr. H. has become a

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member of the Progresssive Branch of the Brethren, or German Baptist Church, in which he has become an Elder. Mr. Heeter has been a busy, successful farmer and an enterprising citizen, and has seemingly the fair prospect of enjoying the reward of his industry for a number of years to come.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 38]

HEETER, WILLIAM [Delong, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

William Heeter, postmaster and merchant at Delong, was born in Pulaski county, Ind., Nov. 10, 1854, and is a son of Adam Heeter, who was born in Union county, Pa., Dec. 3, 1818, and whose parents were Adam and Catherine Heeter, both of whom where naives of Northumberland county, Pa., and of German desdent. In 1827 they emigrated to Seneca county, Ohio, and there died. Their son Adam, was united in marriage to Mary Young, in 1841. Unto that union were born Elizabeth, Levi, Ameila, George, William, Ellen and Mary. Adam and Mary Heeter came to Indiana in 1848, settled in Pulaski county, lived there seventeen years, then removed to Aubbeenaubbee township, Fulton county, where they now reside. They are members of the German Reform church. William Heeter, the subject of this sketch, was brought up on the farm, and worked at farming up to 1884, in which year he began working on the railroad as a section hand, and continued at the same up to 1892, when he opened a general store in Delong. Since then he has followed merchandising with success. He became postmaster of Delong in 1893. May 3, 1894, Mr. Heeter married Roxy, daughter of the late George DeMont, of this county. Mrs. Heeter was born Jan. 29, 1859, in Marshall county, Ind., where her parents were early settlers. Geroge DeMont and wife, whose maiden name was Kisire Owens, were natives of New York. He was of French descent. Mr. and Mrs. Heeter are members of the M.E. church. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a democrat in politics.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, p. 81]

HEFFLEY, JOHN WILLIAM [Rochester, Indiana]

OBITUARY

John William Heffley, the son of Samuel and Sarah Frances PENCE HEFFLEY, was born near Rochester, Indiana, March 30th, 1855.

Mr. Heffley obtained his elementary education at Rochester, Indiana. He later secured his preparatory work in the study of medicine at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana. His medical study was pursued at the Eclectic College of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated.

Owing to his early age upon graduation he was obliged to wait a short time before he could begin practice at the age of 21. The doctor began his work at Wolcott, Indiana. Later he practiced at Millark, Palestine, Burket and Sevastopol, Indiana for short periods of time until he finally located permanently at Mentone, Indiana, where he served the people of that vicinity for thirty years.

His early professional career was filled with the difficult interesting experiences of pioneer days, when poor roads in the Springtime made necessary the use of the saddle horse to reach his patients. It was back in the days of chills and ague and attending hard time, when quinine, a prime requisite and potatoes vied with each other to reach the peak of prices. One was just as necessary as the other, and later the doctor and his wife used to enjoy talking about the difficulties of gaining a livelihood in those early days. In the midst of these difficult times, the first son, Samuel R. Heffley, was born at Palestine, Indiana. Three years later a little daughter arrived, Bertha Adell, to give her older brother company.

The family circle was completed when Donald Carlos was born, after Doctor Heffley had moved his family to Sevastopol. Very soon the young physician took his wife and little folks to Mentone, through which point the new Nickle Plate railroad was to pass. Here he found ample activity to occupy his time and he served his people in an unusually efficient and conscientious

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manner. He placed the emphasis upon service to his patients rather than upon the remuneration he was to receive and gave so unstintingly of his time and energy that his health broke under the strain at the early age of forty. A respite from the exacting practice served to restore his health in a degree, but he was unable to do for the community, thereafter, what he would like to have done.

While in Wolcott, Indiana he met his good wife Hannah Gregory, where later they were married. Mrs. Heffley contributed much to his life during her long illness and her passing when he was at the age of 62 partly served to break his health to such an extent that he retired from active practice in 1916 and after spending six months with his son, Samuel R. Heffley, Los Angeles, California, he went to live with his daughter, Mrs. John R. Abbott.

He remained with Mrs. Abbott until his death, which occurred at 1:10 p.m. August 2, 1927 at Muskegon, Michigan, after a life of usefulness to his time and generation. He was particularly successful in his treatment of children and elderly people. His humor contributed much to the happiness and healing of his patients.

During his declining years his daughter, Mrs. Abbott, her husband and fine family did all in their power to care for him and to make his stay with them a happy one. All together he was under their loving care for more than ten years, four and one-half years of which time he was partially helpless and under the care of a nurse.

He was a very active member of the Lodge of I.O.O.F. and the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp Number of Mentone, Indiana. For several years he served the Woodmen as their Camp Clerk in such a way that it meant much to his fellow Woodmen and their families.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mentone, Indiana and was as active in its affairs and those to the benefit of the community as his profession and health would permit. He was frank to a fault in his profession and honest in his dealings with his fellow men.

Remaining to survive him are: his three children, Samuel R. Heffley of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. John R. Abbott of Muskegon, Mich. and Donald C. Heffley of Fort Wayne, Ind.; three sisters, Mrs. John W. Smith of Hollywood, Calif., Mrs. Edwin C. Mercer and Mrs. William P. Ross of Rochester, Ind. Mrs. H. Cooper, formerly of Rochester, Ind., preceased him; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service was held at 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of August 4th, 1927 in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rochester, Ind., his childhood church home, under the direction of Rev. O. Tavis Martin, his last pastor at Mentone and Rev. R. R. Crowder of Rochester, Ind. Rev. Martin is now Pastor of the Simpson M.E. Church, Fort Wayne, Ind. The pall bearers were Mahlon Mentzer, Wm. Clark, Frank Manwaring, Stanton Lash, Allen Dille and Addison Bybee of Mentone, Indiana.

The body was interred in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at Rochester, Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 5, 1927]

HEFFLEY, SAMUEL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

HEFFLEY BRICK KILN [Rochester, Indiana]

Brick! Brick!! Brick!!! We are happy to inform our readers that Mr. Samuel Heffley has succeeded in making good Brick, he will have Seventy five thousand burned ready for sale in a few days. . Gentlemen lets see who will start the first brick storeroom in town!

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 31, 1866]

Building Material. 160,000 more good Brick for sale at the Brick Kiln of Heffley & Co., 1 mile South of Rochester.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 26, 1866]

HEFFLEY CARRIAGE AND WAGON FACTORY, SAMUEL

[Rochester, Indiana]

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[Also See Hill & Son, John G.]

The undersigned having bought the shop and stock formerly owned by G. G. Heston . . . is now ready to furnish to order Wagons and Carriages of any pattern, on short notice . . . Blacksmithing . . . Horse Shoeing and job work. Samuel Heffley, Rochester, June 19, 1858.

[Rochester *Gazette*, December 9, 1858]

The undersigned would give notice to all who are indebted to him by account or note, to settle up immediately, as he is very much in need of funds. Having recently lost his property by fire, assistance from those who are indebted to him would be at this time opportune and valuable-- indeed, will be absolutely necessary. Samuel Heffley, August 12, 1859.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 13, 1859]

Dissolution of Partnership. The Co-partnership heretofore existing between Samuel Heffley and Joseph Heffley in the Carriage and Wagon making business, under the name and style of S. Heffley and Brother, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The notes and accounts of said firm are in the hands of Samuel Heffley who is the sole owner of the same. Samuel Heffley, Joseph Heffley. Dec. 13, 1859.

N.B.-- The business is continued by Samuel Heffley at the old stand where he may always be found ready to accommodate his old customers and the public generally. Samuel Heffley, Rochester, Feb. 4, 1860.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 4, 1860]

Samuel Heffley. Manufacturer of all kinds of Wagons, Buggies, Buckboards, &c -- also blacksmithing done on the shortest notice. Shop on Main street, at the old stand, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

John Kewney, Manufacturer of Plows, Kettles and Castings of every kind. Shop on Main st at the sign of the Plow -- one door north of Heffley's Wagon and Smith Shop, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

Austin McFall Takes this method of informing the public that he is now prepared to do all kinds of House, Sign, Wagon, Carriage and Ornamental Painting . . . shop on Main street in Heffley's Wagon & Smith Shop. Rochester, March 1, 1860.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 8, 1860]

All persons in any wise interested, will please take notice that after Sept. 1st 1861, Ready Pay will be required for all Repairing and Job Work done at my shop. All kinds of country produce will be taken in payment, but no work will be permitted to be taken away from the shop without payment, either in cash or trade. Samuel Heffley, Roch. Aug 29, 1861.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 31, 1861]

We notice that Mr. Heffley has removed his wagon shop one door north of his old location, having devoted the whole of the former shop to his blacksmithing department. . . .

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, November 6, 1861]

Grubbing Machine. I would call the attention of the Farmers of Fulton county to the fact that I have purchased the right to manufacture the Elkhart Grubbing Machine, said to be the best in use, and is warranted to do the work right. . . . Samuel Heffley, Rochester, Nov. 28, 1861.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, December 5, 1861]

Samuel Heffley, Manufacturer of all kinds of Wagons, Buggies, Buckboards, &c., Rochester, Indiana. Blacksmithing done on short notice. Shop on Main Street, at the old stand.

Samuel Heffley, Manufacturer of Wagons, Carriages, Buggies, and also of the noted Elkhart Brugger . . . Attention is especially called to the very large Stock of Lumber & Materials on hand, all Thoroughly Seasoned in the Shade . . . Horse Shoeing. I have removed my wagon

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shop one door North of the old location and have fitted up the old shop for a shoeing shop. John Rannells will be found there . . . Call at the sign of the Big Horse Shoe . . . Shop on Main street, two doors South of the Foundry. Samuel Heffley.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 10, 1862]

Carriage & Sign, Ornamental and Fancy Painting . . . Shop at Samuel Heffley's Union Wagon and Carriage Shop. H. S. Farrington, Rochester, Feb. 5, 1863.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 5, 1863]

H. S. Farrington . . . has purchased (Heffley's) Wagon and Carriage Shop. UNION WAGON SHOP . . . Wagons, Lumber wagons, Spring Carriages, Shovel Plows . . . Repairing. Rochester, April 9, 1863.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 9, 1863]

Jonathan W. Ross, Manufactures all kinds of Chairs, and also keeps on hand a good assortment of Chairs from the celebrated Factories at Mishawaka, all of which will be sold at reasonable prices.

Shop over Heffley's Wagon Shop, near the Rochester Foundry. Rochester, March 19th, 1863.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 16, 1863]

Notice. All persons indebted to Samuel Heffley will please call and settle the same which is left in my hands for collection. E. B. Chinn. Jan 26, 1865.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, January 26, 1865]

Wagons! Wagons! New Wagon Shop (One square South of the Court House) . . . Samuel Heffley, Rochester, Ind. April 5, 1867.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 11, 1867]

Attention. We call particular attention to Samuel Heffley's Advertisement in another column Mr. Heffley purposes [sic] manufacturing Wagons better and cheaper than Studebaker Bro's or any other manufacturer . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, January 9, 1868]

HEFFLEY'S WAGON AND CARRIAGE MANUFACTORY

Of all the manufactories and business enterprises heretofore written and yet to come, perhaps there are none which are deserving of greater commendation than this one. Mr. Heffley commenced here several years ago, and by industry, frugality and enterprise has worked his way up from a small beginning to the fourth wagon manufactory in size and importance in northern Indiana.

Four large buildings are now used to carry on this business, viz: the wood work and paint shop, two stories; the blacksmith and trimming department, two stories, and two large out buildings used for the storage of seasoned lumber, spokes, &c., and for completed farm wagons on exhibition for sale.

The wood shop is 22x50 feet frame, which affords ample room for this branch of the business; the second story is divided into two rooms, and is used as a painting and general finishing department.

The blacksmith building is 26x60 feet, two story, brick, containing five forges and a furnace for heating and setting tires. The second story is used for the trimming department and general storage room for incomplete work. The principal business is the manufacture of farm and lumber wagons, and yet a large number of fine carriages, buggies, spring wagons, sleighs, sleds, &c., are turned off annually. Of these we noticed the Diamond buggy, three springs, cut-under, trotting buggy, Jenny Lind, and Phaeton, all beautifully painted, ornamented, mounted and

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trimmed in the latest styles and colors. Mr. Heffley in order to be always fully up to the times is a regular subscriber to the "Carriage Monthly" and the "Hub," which keep him posted in all the various styles and patterns in the line of carriages and sleighs. The \$500 Lancaster Phaeton, lately turned out for Mr. Fred Fromm may be considered a fair sample of the fine carriage work done at this establishment.

Our subject in this article is not so much to show up the extent of this manufactory, as to refute arguments of other manufacturers to the effect that wagons are not made of as good material in this county as in regions further north, and that wagons are not so completely put together in smaller shops as those in larger manufactories -- the unreasonableness of which shows that the whole statement is false, and that the facts are right the reverse. In the first place all work in large establishments is done by the job, or by the piece, and contracted for by the lot and it is very reasonable to suppose that piece workmen will hurry work through in the fastest possible manner, only being careful to make it appear well so that it will pass inspection. Second, it is claimed by their agents that Mr. Heffley does not use as good and well seasoned timber as their manufacturers, to which we answer that we happen to know something about how the lumber is seasoned at these large establishments, and the facts are that they are almost always driven for seasoned material, and for this reason it is hurried through the steam vats and the dry-houses in such a way that it is not only not fully and completely seasoned but the life and vitality in many instances is materially destroyed.

This system of hurrying piece-work is not only true of the wood work but also of ironing and painting, and any person conversant with this system of carrying on business will at once see the reasonableness of this brief statement of facts. The manufacture of wagons is not unlike the manufacture of clothing, boots, shoes and numerous other articles, manufactured for wholesale, and who is willing to believe they are better than the home-made?

On the other hand Mr. Heffley has an abundance of material always on hand and ready accession to more, giving it ample time to become thoroughly seasoned without the use of steam and hot dry-house, and can select with his own hands, without the use of contracting agents, just such material as will best serve his purpose and will make first class work.

Again, nearly all the workmen employed at this establishment served their apprenticeship in Europe and consequently put up their work in a firm and superior manner.

[Rochester Union-Spy, Thursday, December 18, 1873]

FEED MILL

It will be well for farmers to know that at Heffley's wagon factory there is a feed mill where all kind of rough feed is ground on Tuesday and Friday of each week. Corn is shelled and ground at the rate of five cents per bushel.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 28, 1885]

[Adv] Don't Buy a Buggy until you visit HEFFLEY'S FACTORY! Where you will find the finest display of Home Made and Eastern Buggies to be found in Rochester. Also the Heffley Patent Sand Band and truss wagons.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 21, 1886]

[Adv] Do you need a WAGON? or a fine BUGGY? - - - - Wagon Repairing and general blacksmithing a specialty. ARTER, SNYDER & CO., Successors to Sam'l Heffley.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 22, 1890]

[Adv] See Me First! and see me last. The Patent Sand Band beats them all. Every Wagon Warranted. SAM'L HEFFLEY, Manufacturer. So Main St., Rocheter.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, September 25, 1899]

NEWS OF THE DAY

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The remodeling of the old Heffley shop property on south Main street into a livery and feed barn looks like an imposition on the Baptist church and the nice neighborhood thereabout. Of course a man has a right to build what he likes on his own ground, but a livery and feed stable is not a desirable adjunct to a church and a nicely built up residence district.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 10, 1904]

BUYS BUILDING

John Hill has purchased the Heffley building on Main street just south of the Baptist church, which he has occupied for a number of years and in which is located his wagon repairing and blacksmith shop.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 17, 1922]

HEIERSDERFER, EDWIN A. [Rochester, Indiana]

ELLIOTT STUDIO SOLD

A deal was consummated today whereby the Elliotts disposed of their photographic shop to Edwin A. Heiersderfer of Celina, O., who will take possession about July 20. Mr. Heiersderfer comes recommended as an expert photographer and a good artist and will no doubt give the same satisfaction which the Elliotts have in the past. He is at present connected with the Lewis studio at Celina.

The retiring owners, the Elliotts, have always given much satisfaction to patrons and have added considerable to the up-to-dateness of the town by their excellent work. Mr. Hugh Elliott, who has been in poor health for some time and is at present in charge of the studio, will give up possession about July 20. He does not know at present what he will do.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 1, 1909]

HEILBRUN, FERD [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Downs Sawmill

HEILBRUN, JOE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

HEILBRUN, SAM [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

See: Downs Sawmill

HEILBRUN & CO'S., BEN [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Largest, Finest, Cheapest and Most Complete assortment of Dress Goods, Trimmings, Buttons, Sacks and Good Silks, Carpets, Boots & Shoes- - BEN HEILBURN & CO'S.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, Saturday, October 7, 1882]

[Adv] BANKRUPT SALE. The large stock of Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, etc., of Joseph Levi must be sold regardless of cost. Now is the time to get bargains. B. HEILBRUN, Assignee.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 10, 1885]

HEILBRUN & GIBBONS [Rochester, Indiana]

See W. S. Gibbons

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[Adv] Old Line Insurance. Cheaper than Fraternal! If interested see us before Saturday night, Aug. 6th. All figures guaranteed in policy. HEILBRUN & GIBBONS.
[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 3, 1904]

HEILBRUN CLOTHING & GROCERY HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Levi Heilbrun, agent, has opened an extensive assortment of clothing in the room formerly occupied by Dan. Gould. He has also a complete stock of groceries . . .
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, October 29, 1868]

[Adv] An Elegant Assortment at the very Lowest Figures. - - - Mills Woolen Hose, Ladies, Children and Gents. - - - Boots and Shoes - - - Grocery and Hat & Cap Departments are complete. - - - Highest market price paid for all kinds of country produce. - - - L. HEILBRUN & CO.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 26, 1881]

[Adv] Down She Goes! Another Great Crash. We have purchased the immense general stock of CHAPIN & BROTHER, and hereby proclaim to the Public that this Great Assortment of Goods will be sold AT BARGAINS hitherto unknown in Rochester. Call at Chapin & Bro's old stand North End of town, and come early for Bargains. We Mean Business. HEILBRUN & CO.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 14, 1882]

HEILBRUN & SONS, L. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Attention! Farmers and Patrons! Contrary to the so-called established CASH RULES adopted by several of our competitors, we inform you we are prepared to offer at OUR MAMMOTH DOUBLE STORE, Opposite Public Square, at prices that defy any legitimate competition, All the Goods You Need ON CREDIT. We represent the only full and complete line of DRY GOODS in town, besides our usual grand display of Boots, Shoes & Groceries. For Rules and Terms Call at our Office. L. HEILBRUN & CO.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 5, 1879]

[Adv] Dry Goods, Carpets, Boots & Shoes, Groceries, &c. - - - Don't mistake the place at my old stand opposite the Court House. L. HEILBRUN.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 7, 1882]

From the Rochester *Sentinel* of Vol. XX, No. 27, issued Saturday, July 7, 1877, a few items will interest local citizens who still remember and perhaps provide names in this community's early history to the younger set.

Joe Lauer advertised men's suits at \$6. Ernsperger and Jackson advertised ladies' hose at 5 cents a pair. L. Heilbrun and Sons advertised good bleached yard-wide muslin for 6-1/2 cents yard. The Merchant's Dining Hall charged \$3 a week for meals.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Friday, September 11, 1959]

[Adv] OUR GOOD-BYE SALE! We Leave Rochester on the 20th of next month, and all those desiring to purchase anything whatever in the line of Dry Goods, Carpets and Wall Paper will have the opportunity to buy these goods at prices never before given in Rochester.

This is no advertising dodge, but we mean what we say. Thanking you all for the patronage extended us the past 20 years, we will endeavor to partly reciprocate by giving you an opportunity to buy what you want in our line at Give Away Prices. Remember, we Leave August 20, 1889. L. HEILBRUN.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 31, 1889]

HEINZ PICKLE COMPANY, H. J. [Bruce Lake Station, Indiana]

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A salting station open only during the pickle season.

HEINZ PICKLE COMPANY, H. J. [Leiters Ford, Indiana]

Located just west of the stock yards.

In 1920 I became associated with the H. J. Heinz Company and worked 16 years as the "Dill Man" and contracted people to grow pickles. The pickle factory was located west of the stockyards. Farmers would bring the contracted pickles on their wagons to the salting stations in Leiters Ford, Kewanna, LaPaz, Hamlet, Grovertown, Walerton, Atwood or Monterey. I was responsible for maintaining the factories. Many times the farmers would wait long hours in line to unload. Then the pickles were put into large wooden vats, salted, covered with brine and prepared for railroad tank cars to later take them to processing plants.

[Stayton Family, Mrs. Robert McGriff and Mrs. Ralph Stayton, *Fulton County Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard]

HELD, W. H. [Kewanna, Indiana]

KEWANNA

W. H. Held sold his livery stock and business to Beattie & Holz. He will remain and care for the business until Mr. Beattie can close up his business elsewhere and move to this place.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, July 16, 1904]

HELL'S HALF ACRE [Talma, Indiana]

Nickname for Montgomery's Ice Cream Parlor, early 1900's.

HELT, JOHN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From John Helt)

HENDERSON, CHARLES [Rochester, Indiana]

See: First National Bank

HENDERSON, HOWARD [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Howard Henderson)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Howard Henderson)

HENDERSON, LOWELL G. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Lowell G. Henderson)

HENDERSON & BRO. DRUG STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Dawson, George V.

Building. Mr. C. J. Stradley is erecting a fine business room between his store and the Post Office, which, when completed, is to be occupied by Messrs. Henderson & Bro. Druggists, from Huntington. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, September 28, 1865]

Henderson's New Drug Store. . . Sign of the Blue Mortar, Stradley's old stand, two doors South of the Post Office. Charles A. Henderson. Rochester, Ind. Nov. 15th, 1865.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 16, 1865]

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Forest Shaving Saloon. "Phil" Ershman, the gentlemanly proprietor has moved his shop over C. A. Henderson's Drug Store. . . . now has employed another workman . . .
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 12, 1866]

HENDERSON & CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the real estate firm of Henderson & Co is hereby dissolved by mutual constnt. W. S. HENDERSON, SAMUEL KEELY.
[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 20, 1904]

HENDERSON BROS. & CO. [Union Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Henderson Bros. & Co. - Of this firm Bruce and Lee Henderson are members. They are brothers and are the owners of the well known Fairview Stock farm. They are natives of Fulton county and though young, neither of them being yet thirty years of age, they are thorough-going and enterprising business men. They are sons of Joseph and Arvilla (Steevens) Henderson. Their father was born In Pennsylvania, 1840, and died in Fulton county, 1889. The mother was born in Marshall county, this state, in 1850, and died in Fulton county in 1882. They had three children. It was in 1857 that the father came with his father, John Henderson, to Fulton county from Pennsylvania. After his marriage he settled in Union township on a farm and here the Henderson brothers were brought up. They were given a common school education and very early in life were under the necessity of shifting for themselves. Bruce Henderson made his first business at Bruce Lake, this county, in 1887. Later he clerked for about two years in Kewanna, and then opened a store at Marshland, where his store was burned out some nine months later, causing him a loss of about \$700. In the winter of 1890 he was advertising manager for Dr. Scott, of LaPorte, Ind. In 1891, he joined his brother Lee, who had been clerking in Chicago, where for three years Lee had management of the grocery department in "The Fair." In February, 1892, these brothers, with a capital of \$350 between them, began to manufacture and sell (in New York city) what is known as "Henderson's Wild Cherry Beverage," first with indifferent success, but success became more marked as time passed. P. F. Henderson became associated with them, and the firm of Henderson Bros. & Co. soon grew into a mammoth business. "Henderson's Wild Cherry Beverage" is known far and wide, and has been extensively sold. In 1893 the Henderson brothers purchased 150 acres of land just west of Kewanna and established the Fairview stock farm. The next year they began to raise fine horses. They have gained considerable reputation as breeders of fine race, road and draught horses. Among the number of fine horses they own are the following: Jesse, record 2:24 3/4; Tycho, record 2:28 3/4; Rostoko, record 2:24 1/4; Anto J., pacer; and Pandore, a Percheron Norway grey, of 2,050 pounds weight. On July 12, 1895, their barn was burned at a loss of some \$10,000. Since then they have built a new and large barn and have it arranged for great convenience in taking care of their stock. In 1895 Mr. Bruce Henderson's health failing, he moved to the farm and since then the manufacture and sale of their beverage has been under a manager in New York city. Mr. Lee Henderson has been on the road as a salesman of the beverage a great deal. He recently married Miss Celia Centelivier, of Sioux City, Iowa. In politics these brothers are democrats. They are first-class business men and have wonderful success in their undertakings.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 81-82]

HENDERSON PICKLE & VINEGAR COMPANY [Rochester, Indiana]

PICKLE PLANT HERE EXPECTING BUSINESS

Francis SPOHN, manager of the Henderson Pickle and Vinegar Company's Rochester plant announces that activities at the local plant are looking very bright and that a big business is

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expected this year as pickles will be much lower than in years past. Six men have been employed at the Rochester plant all winter sorting pickles shipped here from other salting stations and now preparations are being made to contract for the usual season's supply, for which seed is now being prepared. The pickle harvest starts in August at which time at least 25 or 30 persons are employed here.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 4, 1922]

The Henderson Pickle & Vinegar Company, located on the Erie R.R. in the north part of the city, from now on will be operated the year 'round with about 15 employees, according to the announcement made by G. W. Henderson stated while here that sev- the company, who was in the city Wednesday. [sic] From a mere shipping station for pickles grown in this community the plant will be altered and enlarged to take care of other branches of the industry.

After the present crop is received and cured the factory will be made into a process factory for the making of sweet and sour pickles, something that has not been done here before. The product was simply placed in brine vats and prepared for shipment up until now. Under the direction of Francis Spohn, local manager, the pickles will be sent through a process whereby the salt will be extracted and the pickles made sweet or sour. Vinegar will also be produced for the market.

This year the factory has 75 acres in this vicinity under contract. Considerable dill weed is being grown near the factory. Next year and thereafter neighboring plants owned by the Henderson Company will ship their pickles here where they will be sent into process while the local acreage contracts will probably by increased considerably.

Prices for number one pickles which measure about three and a half inches is now \$1.50 per bushel. Mr. Henderson stated while here that several farmers will make good money from their pickles and that he was delighted with the men he had met here as both the town and country people showed a willingness to cooperate and make the plant a paying proposition for all of them.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 21, 1923]

HENDERSON REAL ESTATE AGENT [Rochester, Indiana]

LOCAL NEWS

The real estate firm of Entsminger & Henderson has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Entsminger will remain in the old quarters and Mr. Henderson will be just across the hall. Both gentlemen expect to continue in the real estate business in Rochester right along.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 2, 1903]

HENDRICKS, C. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Paper Hanging & House Painting. We guarantee our work. Sylvester Spohn & C. Hendricks.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 7, 1913]

HENDRICKSON, CHRINEYANCE [Fulton County]

BIOGRAPHY

Chrineyance Hendrickson, eldest son of Jacob and Catherine Hendrickson, was born in Butler county, Ohio, Feb. 24, 1833. He was about nine years of age when his parents came to Fulton county, and since then he has continued to reside in the county. He remained under the parental roof till March 31, 1853, at which date he married Paulina Smith, and moved upon a rented farm. His wife died in the spring of 1857, leaving a son, George P. Hendrickson, now farming and residing in Wayne township. Upon the death of his wife Mr. Hendrickson again made his home with his father and mother, until the year 1864, when he married a second time, wedding Mary Catherine Minton, who has borne him the following children: Sarah E., Catherine, Jacob, Reuben B., Louella, Hattie Ann, an infant, dying unnamed, and Norma Pearl. Mr. Hendrickson farmed as a renter up to 1873, when he bought the eighty acres on which he now

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resides. Besides this eighty acres he owns fifty-five additional acres. He has a good residence, barn and other improvements on his farm, and as a farmer he has been very successful. Mr. Hendrickson is a democrat in politics, and both he and wife are members of the Baptist church.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, p. 83]

HENDRICKSON, EDWIN R. [Wayne Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Edwin R. Hendrickson, the fifth son of Jacob and Catherine Hendrickson, was born in Butler county, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1838. He was four years old when his parents settled in Wayne township and virtually his entire life has been spent in Fulton county. He gained a limited education, for in his youth he had poor educational advantages. Besides he was under the necessity of aiding his father and brothers in clearing lands and otherwise working on the farm. He has always farmed and, although he began his career with limited means, he has prospered and now owns a splendid farm of 190 acres. He has a fine brick residence and other good buildings and besides farming he has devoted a considerable portion of his time to stock raising. In 1870 Mr. Hendrickson was united in marriage to Caroline, daughter of Henry and Mary (Long) Estabrook, who were pioneer settlers of Harris on township, Cass county, Ind., where Mrs. Hendrickson was born. Unto the above union there have been born five children, as follows: William N., Elsie E., Oron M., teacher in the district schools; Glenn A., and Ida M. Mr. Hendrickson has always been identified with the democratic party. In 1879 he was elected trustee of Wayne township, and as such served two years, making an acceptable officer.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, p. 84]

HENDRICKSON, HAROLD [Kewanna/Rochester, Indiana]

KEWANNA MAN BUYS TIRE STORE HERE; TO ENLARGE

John Speed, owner of the used tire store on North Main street has sold it to Harold Hendrickson of Kewanna, owner of the Kewanna Auto Exchange. Mr. Speed decided on the sale when he was told by physicians that he would be unable to do much work for eight weeks, as a result of the breaking of three ribs on the right side recently when he fell from a chair.

Mr. Hendrickson will continue to operate the local store and will add a used car department.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 1, 1925]

HENDRICKSON, ISAAC [Fulton County]

BIOGRAPHY

Isaac Hendrickson, son of Jacob Hendrickson, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume, was born in Butler county, Ohio, and was brought to Fulton county by his parents when a child. He has always resided in this county, and has followed farming, in which he has been unusually successful. He lived and farmed with his father until the death of the latter. He now owns the parental homestead, where he resides, together with his sisters--Sarah J., Ada Ellen and Ann. His acreage consists of 180 acres of fine land. Mr. Hendrickson has always voted the democrat ticket and has been identified with the representative citizens of his township.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 83-84]

HENDRICKSON, JACOB [Wayne Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Jacob Hendrickson, the son of Matthias and Mercy (Vandeventer) Hendrickson, was born in Monmouth County, N.J., April 25, 1807, and was married, February 23, 1832, to Catharine Shenck, the daughter of ----- and Maria Shenck, natives of New Jersey, and came to Wayne Township in 1841. When Mr. Hendrickson landed at his present location, but little clearing had

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been done, and the first cabin he built was but little better and not very much larger than a rail pen. He now possesses 380 acres of as fine farming land as there is in the township. Mr. H. has served as Township Trustee about nine years, and his fourth son, Edwin R, who married Caroline Esterbrook, has served four years as Trustee. His other children are [Chryance], who married Paulina Smith for his first wife, then after her death married Mary Minton; John, whose wife was Mary J. Halstead; Isaac, still at home and single; Maria Herrold, Sarah J. Matthias, Catharine Murray, and Ada and H., who are still at home.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 61]

BIOGRAPHY

Jacob Hendrickson was born in Monmouth county, N.J., April 25, 1807. His death occurred in Fulton county, Ind., Dec. 27, 1889. His parents were Matthias and Mercy (Vandeventer) Hendrickson, both of whom were of Dutch descent. When Jacob was twelve years of age his parents removed from New Jersey to Indiana, and for a very brief period resided in Dearborn county, whence they removed to Butler county, Ohio, where they lived many years, the mother dying there. Subsequent to her death the father made his home with his son, Abraham, who resided near Frankfort, Ind., and there he died in an advanced age. He was the father of five sons and one daughter, namely, Abraham, Peter, John Isaac, Deborah and Jacob. Isaac was killed in battle, in the war with Mexico. In Butler county, Ohio, Jacob Hendrickson and Catherine Schenck were united in marriage, Feb. 23, 1832. She was born in New Jersey March 24, 1812. Her death occurred in Fulton county April 6, 1875. She was a daughter of Chrineyance and Maria Schenck, whose ancestors originally came from Holland to America. Jacob Hendrickson settled in Wayne township, Fulton county, Ind., in the year 1841. He located in the dense forest, and the first cabin he built was constructed out of rails. It was nothing more than a rail pen, with a large door on one side, just on the outside of which the family made fires, burning from logs. This place of habitation was used only long enough to enable Mr. Hendrickson to cut logs and build a rude hut 16x20 feet, which served as a residence for some twenty years. When he came to this county his family consisted of himself, his wife and five children. In this log hut were born unto him and his wife all his other children. The following are the names of all his children: Chrineyance, John, deceased; Isaac, Peter, died in infancy; Edwin R., Maria, Sarah J., Jacob, died in infancy; Mathias, Catherine, Ada Ellen and Ann. Some two or three years after Mr. Hendrickson came to this county, he went to Cincinnati, and from there brought the first cook stove into Wayne township. In an early day, when there were three trustees for each township, Mr. Hendrickson served as one of these trustees for nine years in Wayne township. The records show that for his first year's service he received a compensation of seventy-five cents. He was among the very first settlers of the county, and when he came to the county, but little clearing had been done. He cleared much land, reared a large and industrious family, grew prosperous, owned nearly 600 acres of land at the time of his death, and had gained the respect of a wide acquaintance, when death called him from the scenes of many years of commendable life. His wife preceded him in death some fourteen years. She was a devoted wife, a loving and kind mother, and a faithful friend.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 82-83]

HENDRICKSON, MATTHIAS [Fulton County]

BIOGRAPHY

Matthias Hendrickson, the youngest son of Jacob and Catherine Hendrickson, was born in Wayne township, Fulton county, Ind., Jan. 13, 1848. Mr. Hendrickson's life pursuit has been farming. He remained at the parental house, farming with his father, till he was nearly thirty-two years of age, or until he was married. He was married Sept. 17, 1879, to Carrie, the daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth Traver. Mrs. Hendrickson was born in New York state, Sept. 14, 1859. In the spring before his marriage Mr. Hendrickson purchased a tract of eighty acres, where he now

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resides. Upon this tract of land he moved immediately after his marriage. He has a good frame house and barn, which he built after moving onto the farm. Besides the above eighty acres he owns two other tracts of land, forty acres in one and thirty in another. Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson's home has been blessed by the birth of the following children: Harry, Walter C., Frank, Annie, deceased; Jacob Roy, deceased, and Minnie. In politics Mr. Hendrickson has always been a firm democrat. He is a member of the I.O.O.F. and is one of the progressive men of his township.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, p. 84]

HENDRICKSON, ORON M. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hendrickson Lumber Co., O.M.

See: H. & H. Lumber Co.

BIOGRAPHY

Oron M. Hendrickson, a successful lumber dealer of Rochester, was born in Fulton county, Indiana, February 19, 1877, the son of Edwin R. and Caroline (Estabrook) Hendrickson, the former of whom was born in Ohio on February 8, 1838, and the latter in Cass county, Indiana, August 13, 1848. Jacob and Catherine (Schenck) Hendrickson, the grandparents of our subject, came from New Jersey, where the former was born in 1807, and settled on land in Wayne township, Fulton county, Indiana. They had the first cookstove in the township and brought it from Cincinnati, Ohio, on a wagon. Jacob Hendrickson was active in politics, and for many years, he was the trustee of Wayne township. They had twelve children all of whom grew to maturity and three of whom are still living. He died in 1892 at the age of eighty-three years and his wife died in 1875 aged sixty-five years. Edwin R. Hendrickson came to Fulton county with his parents when he was a boy and was educated in the public schools of Wayne township. He then engaged in the occupation of farming and continued in this for the remainder of his life. He was actively interested in politics, serving for many years as township trustee and in 1900 taking office in the capacity of county treasurer which position he filled for four years. He was married in Fulton county and to this union five children were born: William N., Elsie E., Oron M., Addie Glenn, and Ida Mae, deceased. Edwin Hendrickson was a charter member of the Rochester Lodge No. 79 F. & A. M. He died August 2, 1917, his wife having died in 1884. Oron M. Hendrickson was reared on the home farm in Wayne township and received his elementary education in the public schools of his home community. During the years from 1895 to 1897, inclusive, he studied at the State Normal school at Angola, Indiana, and then returned to his home to teach school for four years, at the conclusion of which he took a business course in the Vories Business College at Indianapolis. Following this, he served as county treasurer for four and a half years, after which he attended medical college for one year. In 1906, he entered the lumber business, going to Arkansas for one year as the representative of the United Walnut Company. For three years thereafter, he was in the employ of the American Lumber Company, of Chicago. On September 1, 1909, he went into the lumber business for himself in Rochester, Indiana, and in this venture he has been eminently successful. He was married on September 4, 1907, to Minnie Imogene Haines, of Iowa. In fraternal circles, Mr. Hendrickson holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in the Masons, being a Thirty-second Degree Mason and a member of the Consistory at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He and his wife are devout members of the First Presbyterian Church and take an active interest in all of its affairs.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 207-208, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HENDRICKSON BROS. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Hendrickson Lumber Co.

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CHANGE OF FIRM

The lumber firm of Hendrickson Bros. of this city, has been dissolved and a new man has been added. William Hendrickson, who has been identified in the business with his brother, Oren, has retired and Oran Hendrickson has taken in Gus S. Brown of Neoga, Ill., as a partner. Mr. Brown is a brother-in-law of his partner and, although he will not reside here, will exert considerable influence in the business. Mr. Hendrickson will be secretary and treasurer of the new firm, which is to be known as O. M. Hendrickson & Co., while G. S. Brown will be president.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 19, 1911]

HENDRICKSON GROCERY, R. B. [Rochester, Indiana]

ARNOLD STORE SOLD

A. M. Arnold Thursday sold his grocery on 13th street to ex-county recorder R. B. Hendrickson, who took possession at once. Arnold will remain in the store as clerk until the first of June, when he expects to move to some college town where his son will enter school. Mr. Arnold owned the store for over three years, buying it from Alva Bennett.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 16, 1916]

PURCHASED GROCERY

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Whittenberger have purchased the Reub Hendrickson grocery store in East Thirteenth street and have taken possession. The Whittenbergers will live in the Mackey property at Thirteenth and Monroe street which is on the same lot with the grocery store building.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, April 21, 1937]

HENDRICKSON LUMBER CO., O. M. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Hendrickson Bros.

See H. & H. Lumber Co.

LUMBER YARD SOLD

A deal has been consummated whereby Mr. Oren Hendrickson, of Chicago, son of ex-treasurer E. R. Hendrickson, becomes the owner of the lumber yard and coal business of F. Brandenburg & Co., in this city.

The work of invoicing is now going on and the new owner will take possession at once.

The retiring proprietor has been in business at the same place for a number of years and in that time has built up an excellent patronage owing to his proper business methods and his selling out will be a loss to the city's business world.

Mr. Hendrickson, the incoming owner, is a Rochester man and is well known in this city as an upright citizen, who always has the welfare of his fellow townsmen at heart. This fact, coupled with his business integrity bespeaks nothing but success for him in his new venture, which will be welcomed by all his many friends.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 7, 1909]

[Adv] Just Received two car of especially fine anthracite COAL. - - - - HENDRICKSON BROS. Successors to F. Brandenburg & Co. N. Main Street.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, November 10, 1909]

[Adv] Our Line of Building Material is selected from a quality basis. - - - - It pays to trade at home. O. M. Hendrickson & Company, Lumber & Coal.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 17, 1914] [sic]

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INSTALLING 800-TON OVERHEAD COAL-POCKET

O. M. Hendrickson and Co., are about to begin the construction of an 800-ton overhead coal pocket, for convenience in handling this fuel at their yard on No. Main St. All coal will be unloaded from cars by machinery, a Godfrey conveyor having been purchased, and loaded into wagons by gravity. The company has purchased a number of logs and set up a small saw mill just south of the Erie elevator to saw out the lumber needed for the work.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 29, 1919]

BUSINESS REVIEW OF ROCHESTER MERCHANTS

There are few, if any, cities the size of ours which have the advantages of the location in their midst of an establishment as this well known firm maintains.

By reason of their improved and modern facilities, they are able to execute all classes of work and to furnish unexcelled service with promptness and dispatch.

By reason of buying power this local concern is able to enter the world's largest markets and secure vast quantities at prices so low that they offer the local public astounding values in lumber of every description

The power of such large buying can not be too emphatically stated. It gives this local concern a prestige and an advantage which no other firm enjoys and this accrues to the benefit of all of its customers.

This stock which arrives in carload lots is offered to the public at reasonable prices. Shingles, doors, casings, sidings and roofing -- but what's the use trying to give even a brief review of the stock of this large concern. Suffice to say that they have absolutely everything that there is in the general building material line. Throughout this part of the country it has come to be known as headquarters for all of these many things, and by far the honest dealings with the contractors and the public the company has not only increased its patronage, but held the trade of old customers for years.

Lumber and building material prices have now dropped to a point where it is cheaper to build than to pay the current rents.

Thoroughly conversant with every feature of the business and the large establishment which they manage, this popular concern has won the everlasting friendship and patronage of its hundreds of customers. Able and efficient but at the same time genial and accommodating it has become one of the prominent concerns in its line in this section and deserves the success that it has achieved and the commendation that is being given it by the public.

There is no establishment in the county that has a greater influence for the better upon the building industry. Contractors have come to know that whatever they desire in their business can be secured from this firm with a knowledge that it will be of the highest grade consistent with the price.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, August 17, 1922]

TWO LUMBER & COAL FIRMS CONSOLIDATE

Rumors of an important consolidation of two large business firms in Rochester were confirmed Monday with the acknowledgement by O. M. Hendrickson and J. A. Herbster that they would consolidate their two lumber and coal firms into one within a short time.

Plans for the consolidation which will be completed as soon as the details can be worked out call for the making of one firm with Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Herbster as the owners but the operation of the two yards will continue just as they are now.

The O. M. Hendrickson Company, located at Main street and the Erie railroad, is one of the old firms of the city and has long been under the ownership of Mr. Hendrickson. The Rochester Lumber and Coal Co., under the managership of J. A. Herbster for a number of years, is owned by a corporation.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, February 23, 1925]

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HENDRICKSON, I. E. [Rochester, Indiana]

The I. E. HENDRICKSON Real Estate Co., located across the hall from MOORE'S Gallery, Rochester, Ind. - - - If you want to Buy, Sell or Trade, Call on Us.
[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 16, 1901]

HENDRICKSON, ISAAC E. [Union Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Isaac E. Hendrickson. - This young man, who now resides in Wayne Township, was born in the township April 20, 1855, and is a son of Chrineyance and Pauline Hendrickson. The subject of this sketch attained a common school education and then attended the Normal at Valparaiso. After quitting school, he followed farming and teaching school for a few years, when he engaged in the general hardware business in Kewanna, Ind. Mr. H. was married to Phila, only daughter of Simon and Betsey Wheeler, of Wayne Township, April 27, 1881. During the fall of 1881, Mr. H. sold his hardware to Mr. Blair, and moved on the farm with his father-in-law, where he is engaged in farming and dealing in stock. Mr. and Mrs. H. have one child about a year old.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 57]

HENDRICKSON & SON, I. E. [Kewanna, Indiana]

[Adv] Exhibition of the 1915 "Wonder Car" Starts Today - Maxwell - 17 new features - \$695.00 Full Equipment - - - - Holds the Road at 50 Miles an Hour. I. E. Hendrickson & Son, Kewanna, Indiana.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, January 7, 1915]

HENPECK, INDIANA [Newcastle Township]

See Bigfoot, Indiana

HENRIOTT, PAUL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From P. D. Henriott)

YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME ABOARD THE U.S.S. OAKLAND

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

For five years of his youth, Paul Henriott lived life to the fullest as a gunner's mate on anti-aircraft cruiser, the USS Oakland, which for almost two years was in the thick of World War II combat actions in the Pacific Ocean.

Today he's retired and living in his native Rochester. but he's not forgotten the Oakland and what it meant to him and to others who served on it, some of whom gave their lives.

He has expressed that devotion by designing, creating and constantly monitoring a remarkably interesting and musical Internet web site as a tribute to the ship and to the U.S. Navy. The site is worth a look (<http://www.rtccl.com/-oakland>). Be forewarned, though, if you're a Naval person or World War II buff, it could become addictive.

Over 150 web pages can be spun off Paul's web site, making it the largest on the Rochester Telephone Company's Internet Service Provider. These pages contain a mass of information about the Oakland itself, its career in war and peace, its men and other data that goes on, seemingly, ad infinitum. One could call it a short course in Navy studies.

Paul put in 8 to 12 hours a day for 18 months creating this gargantuan site and first went on-line with it on October 18, 1996. One can click to see how that rather rudimentary home page compares with the finished product.

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For Henriott, who has been studying computer science for 15 years, this web site is a labor of love for his ship, his Naval service and his shipmates. He and many other surviving Oakland personnel will be reuniting in Scottsdale, Arizona, in October, as they have every two years since 1972.

Stop in at the Oakland web site next time you're surfing the Net. This month there is an Independence Day tribute to Col. William R. Higgins, the Marine colonel murdered in 1988 in Lebanon by terrorists. Further surprises, such as a remembrance of the five Sullivan brothers who went down on the Oakland's sister ship, the Juneau, are just clicks away. If there was little else, the site is entertaining just for the music.

After the war Paul spent two on a destroyer, then enlisted in the Army for 13 years and retired as a senior warrant officer. He was a freshman at RHS when I was a senior. As bright as he is, I should have paid more attention to him then; I might have learned some things. You know how it is with seniors, though. They think they already know everything.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 7, 1998]

HENRY, GEO. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Raymer & Henry

HENRY TOWNSHIP

EARLY SETTLERS

Prior to the year 1836, it is believed, there had been no attempts to utilize or improve the land within the present limits of this township. There may have been those who located here temporarily, more intent upon the pursuit of game than the cultivation of a farm, for this class was found everywhere in the west, and it is safe to assume that some of their representatives were here at some time. Of these, however, there is no record, and the real history of the township begins with the advent of those who were its pioneers in the true sense--who left homes in the older States and came here to clear farms and establish homes in the heart of the wilderness. Josiah Terrell, Joseph Terrell, William Biddle and Caleb Stradley, with their families, were the first who came with this end in view. They located here in February, 1836, and during the same year were joined by others who identified themselves with the township in its earliest civilization, and with the improvements of later years. In June, 1836, these pioneers were joined by William Whittenberger, with his family of twelve persons, who came from Medina County, Ohio. Mr. Whittenberger located upon a tract of land south of the present village of Akron, where his widow still resides. In his journey hither, he was accompanied by Dr. Joseph Sippy and family, Asher Welton, with his wife and ten children, Henry Bristol, with his wife and seven children, Moses Werdon, wife and child, Uriah Bragg, wife and two children, and Nathaniel Coggeshall, an unmarried man, who was the brother-in-law of Dr. Sippy and Uriah Bragg. These settlers engaged at once in the usual labors of the pioneer, and ere long their presence was attested by many substantial improvements in the way of cleared fields and growing crops, though as yet their dwellings were the log cabins so universally characteristic of early days. But these rude dwellings were only made to serve a temporary purpose, and not many years elapsed ere they were succeeded by substantial frame residences. As the years rolled on, new families continued to arrive in the settlement, and from the year 1836 until all its unoccupied land had been taken up, improvements and progress were continuous. Before the close of 1836, Thomas Clifton, Sr., and Thomas Clifton, Jr., each with a family, joined the ranks of advance guard of the pioneers who had

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preceded them, and did their part in the clearing and cultivating of the wilderness. Hugh Bryant and family, Henry Hoover and family and John Ball and family were among those who located in the township in 1837; Jacob Bright and family were among the settlers of 1838, and Jacob Cutshall and family, Isaac Pontious and family, Henry Curtis and family, John Cutshall and family, Elam Curtis and family, and William Kreighbaum were prominent among those who came in 1839. William Ball and family, Jacob Whittenberger and others came in 1840, and during the next ten years came many who were fully entitled to the distinction of early settlers, while they were not among the pioneers in the strictest sense. It is unfortunate that a full list of such names cannot be obtained, but such being the case, it is deemed best that the account of the early settlement close with the period at which we have left it, thus avoiding any appearance of partiality in the mention of some name, and omitting others equally entitled to personal mention. Those whose names here form the roster of pioneers were those by whom the first settlement was actually begun--who first craved the hardships and privations of an uninhabited region, and those who came at a later date only followed where the former had led.

In this township, as elsewhere throughout the county, large tracts of Government land were entered by capitalists or speculators, who were never themselves settlers, and hold their lands for advanced prices in later years, when the public lands should have all been taken up by actual settlers, and those of a later date be compelled to purchase at second hands. Many of these lands were held until a period comparatively recent, and many of them are still unimproved and only partially cleared.

Early Events

In a new settlement, events which elsewhere are of only passing importance, become of absorbing interest, and claim recognition and remembrance as being the first of their kind in that particular locality. Thus the first death, the first wedding, etc., create an interest never felt in after years, save by those immediately concerned, and become topics of history in the annals of that place. In this township the first death occurred in 1837, the victim being a Mr. Perry, who had been here but a short time, and was probably in the employ of Joseph Terrell. He was buried on Mr. Terrell's farm, and in after years this spot was consecrated to that purpose, and was long used as a public cemetery, but is now disused and neglected. In the fall of 1837, Miss Adeline, daughter of Asher Welton, died, and within a few days was followed by her sister Fanny. They were estimable young ladies, and their untimely death cast a deep gloom over the little community who then constituted the population of the township. In August, 1838, Asher Welton, the father, also died, and was buried on his home farm by the side of his daughters.

The first public cemetery regularly deeded for that purpose was located just south of the present site of Akron, and was donated to the township by Dr. Joseph Sippy. Another was donated, at a later date, by William Rannels and Henry Hoover, and both are still used as public burial places.

In 1838, the first marriage ceremony in the township took place, the contracting parties being Hiram Welton and Hannah, daughter of Dr. Sippy. The officiating clergyman was a local minister of Rochester Methodist Episcopal Mission, and the guests were treated to a repast considered sumptuous, if not equal to the stately banquets that are a leading feature of similar occasions in our own day. The bride of that occasion is now living in Wisconsin, at a mature age, but her husband is deceased. It is believed that Laura, daughter of Asher Welton, was the first white child born in the township. She was born in 1838, and grew to maturity here. She was married to Thomas Sippy, and now resides in the State of Wisconsin.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, pp. 35-36]

HENRY TOWNSHIP NAMED

When a new township was formed from the east end of Rochester Township in 1838, it was named Henry Township in honor of Henry Isaiah Hoover by unanimous consent of the petitioners. This honor was bestowed on him as he was the oldest man in the township, being 53 years old.

[Hoover Family, Ernest Hoover, Jr., *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

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See Fulton County Townships.

HENRY TOWNSHIP CONVENTION [Henry Township]

F. Marie Slaybaugh Bright was president of the Henry Township Convention for a number of years in the 1950's.

[Jacob Whittenberger Family, Velma Bright, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

HENRY TOWNSHIP DETECTIVE COMPANY [Athens, Indiana]

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Akron News.

This office printed a set of constitution and by-laws this week for the Henry Township Detective Company, with headquarters at Athens. The company is a very strong aggregation of the best citizens of that part of our county and has been in existence for over ten years.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 1, 1908]

HENRY TOWNSHIP FARMERS' ASSOCIATION [Henry Township]

FARMERS AND SHIPPERS NOW ONE ORGANIZATION

The Rochester Township Livestock Shippers' Association is no more. The organization went out of existence by the decision reached at a joint meeting at the court house Saturday afternoon of that body and the Rochester Township Farmers' Association.

The farmers' organization will, in the future, handle all of the business formerly carried on by the shippers. Similar action was taken Saturday with the Henry township organizations, which met at Akron.

This step has now been made by all of the township organizations in the county, with the exception of that in Liberty township.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 10, 1921]

HERALD, C. E. [Akron, Indiana]

LOCAL and MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. C. E. Herald the successor of Lamson in the restaurant business at Akron has as neat a place as Fulton county affords and he invites everybody who goes to Akron to give him a call.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 1, 1897]

HERBSTER, J. A. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: H. & H. Lumber Co.

BIOGRAPHY

J. A. Herbster, a prominent lumber and coal dealer of Rochester, was born in Snyder county, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1882, the son of Jeremiah and Barbara (Oldt) Herbster, both natives of Pennsylvania where the former died in 1892 and the latter in 1910 and where they are buried in the Troxelville Cemetery. The subject of this review was educated in the public schools of Snyder county, and at the age of fifteen years, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he accepted employment in a grocery store, receiving fifty cents a day for his services at the outset. For ten years he worked in the same store in Cleveland, and tiring of the work, he went to New Mexico where he remained for six and a half years, the major portion of that time being spent in the grocery business. He removed to Elkhart, Indiana, in 1911 to enter the employ of a lumber company, and within two years he was made manager of the concern. His ability in this line of business could not be questioned, and for a year, another lumber company in Claypool county, Indiana [sic] was also placed under his direction. At that time he came to Rochester and assumed the control of the Rochester Lumber and Coal Company. His experience in the enterprises at

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Elkhart and Claypool county [sic] was invaluable to him in his latest venture, and the company is doing a thriving business under his efficient management. On September 21, 1909 he married Anna P. Mattern and to them have been born two children, Luther and Madeline. Fraternaly, Mr. Herbster is a popular member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are devout members of the First Presbyterian Church and take an active interest in all of its affairs.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 208-209, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HERENDEEN, W. E. [Rochester, Indiana]

Fair flowers at the CHICAGO FAIR. Get your Spring and Summer Hats there. Ladies' and Gent's Fine Shoes, very cheap. WAKE UP and don't be asleep. You can't afford to let other dealers sell you Shoes at \$2.25 when you can get a pair of genuine Dongola Button Shoes for \$1.45, and a Leander in Gent's Calf Congress for \$1.25, at my store. W. E. HERENDEEN, Proprietor.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 1, 1891]

[Adv] Mrs. Herenden's MILLINERY STORE is just two doors north of the Citizens' Bank - - W. E. HERENDEEN.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 2, 1893]

HERMAN, DAN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

HERNANDEZ, FANNIE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Stranded Show Troupe

THE ROCHESTER REFUGE OF FANNIE HERNANDEZ

Considered Comment
by Jack K. Overmyer

In 1870 Rochester was in its fourth decade of existence and in many ways still was a rude settlement in the emerging farmlands along the Michigan Road.

Cornfields stretched southward from its Courthouse square, the first brick building on Main Street was but two years old, sidewalks were unheard of and the town's railroad connection to the outside world had been completed only the previous year. Its population was less than a thousand.

These early inhabitants, who lived lives far removed from ours, were in one sense no different than us: they were people of compassion and charity.

There's proof of that in the compelling and little-known story of Fannie Hernandez and her three talented children, who wandered into our midst a little more than 127 years ago.

Fannie's life contained elements of both triumph and tragedy. Born Fannie McCoy in 1831 in Vermont, she grew up in Boston, where as a young girl she became attracted to a career as dancer and actress. With beauty and grace to complement her talent she became a sudden sensation in that city at the age of 15. A year later she was dancing second-bill at the Howard Atheneum to a noted French ballet star, Blange.

A stage career then beckoned and as Fannie Mowbray she appeared before large audiences in major Eastern cities beginning in 1848. While performing in Savannah in 1851 she fell in with, and married, Joseph Hernandez. It was a fateful decision for the 20-year-old actress. Although Hernandez was handsome, suave and alluring, these qualities concealed the heart of an abusive scoundrel.

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What followed was a 17-year marriage that produced three children and constant physical and mental mistreatment. Fannie often attempted escape, but each time was returned by Hernandez under threat of harm. While performing in Omaha, Nebraska, on October 13, 1868, she left once again and with the children went to the home of a sister. There Hernandez followed, shot her and narrowly missed hitting her nephew who subdued the enraged husband. After a sensational trial, Hernandez was sentenced to 21 years in prison.

Although she recovered from the shooting, Fannie realized that her death because of it was an early inevitability. So she concentrated upon training her three young children in the theatrical arts that could sustain them when she was gone. When she considered them worthy she billed the troupe as the Fannie Hernandez Juveniles, and took them on through Minnesota, Illinois and, finally, Indiana.

It was then, in early December of 1869, that Fannie and her children came to Rochester. Fannie's health was failing as she arrived and she decided the family must winter here. They took up quarters at the Wallace House at Fifth and Main, site of today's Topps Garment plant.

The children- Montie, 15; Mary Louise, 13, and little Pinkie - sang, danced, joked and gave plays. They performed nightly for a time in the courtroom of the Courthouse. In January they were featured at the grand opening of the exhibition hall of the Odd Fellows building at Seventh and Jefferson Streets where the Grace Methodist Church stands today. The youngsters also went on the road from their local base, appearing at Akron, Kewanna, Argos, Peru, Logansport and Plymouth.

While the children were charming their way into hearts of the locals Madame Hernandez, as she billed herself, confided details of her tragedy and her early life to inhabitants.

The combination was irresistible and the community responded instinctively.

Citizens turned out in force at each of the troupe's local performances to give financial support. Robert Wallace staged a cotillion (dance) party at his hotel as a family benefit. At the suggestion of the city's first banker, A.C. Copeland, sympathetic citizens staged a benefit drama entitled "The Drunkard, or The Fallen Saved," with townspeople filling parts not taken by Madame Hernandez and her brood. It was widely advertised and presented to a packed courtroom.

Such an outpouring of affection from strangers must have cheered Fannie's soul as she waited in this remote sanctuary for her health to revive. The wait was in vain. On Thursday, February 24, 1870, she died in her room at the Wallace House. She was 39.

Friday and Saturday, the Hernandez children expressed thanks to Rochester's citizens by performing at the Odd Fellows Hall, assisted by relatives including the nephew who had interrupted the 1868 shooting. On Monday the children with their guardians left their three-month Rochester haven to pursue theatrical careers in Chicago and thereupon disappeared from our history.

So too, apparently, has Fannie. Although she was reported to have been buried at the IOOF cemetery, no record exists of her burial there or at any other local cemetery.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 29, 1997]

FANNIE HERNANDEZ JUVENILES

This talented troupe are now giving nightly entertainments at the Court House. . . Marie Louise, a lass of 13 years, is a perfect vision of loveliness . . . Master Montie, a lad of 15 years perhaps, develops extraordinary talents for the stage . . . But the queen of the flock is La Petite Pinkie, who dances with grace and ease . . . Patronage extended to this troupe is assistance rendered a worthy and intelligent family, who are struggling hard to support themselves in an independent manner. The Cotillion Party to be given at the Wallace House to-night, is for their benefit.

[Rochester Union-Spy, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, December 10, 1869]

The Fannie Hernandez Juvenile Troupe have taken up winter quarters in Rochester. They will give occasional entertainments during the season.

[Rochester Union Spy, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, December 17, 1869]

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New Hall - Grand Opening. The Odd Fellows have fitted up the lower room of the building owned by them, and it is now a comfortable and commodious exhibition hall . . . Tomorrow night the hall will be opened to the public by the Fannie Hernandez Juveniles. . . The Juveniles visit Argos tonight, and contemplate early visits to Akron, Pleasant Grove, Plymouth, Peru, Logansport and other neighboring towns . . .

[Rochester Union Spy, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, January 14, 1870]

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin and Troupe will return here on Saturday . . . Harry Rainforth makes his first appearance here Saturday evening. He is said to be the best comedian in the West. Our citizens should not fail to attend these Entertainments, as the Troupe will leave us as soon as Madame Hernandez's health will permit. . .

[Rochester Union Spy, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, February 18, 1870]

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On Saturday morning, Feb. 19th, 1870, at the Wallace House, Rochester, Indiana, Mrs. Fannie Hernandez, aged 39 years.

Mrs. Fannie Hernandez, whose maiden name was McCoy, was born in Waterford, Vt., in the year 1831. She was, however, from her infancy a resident of Boston, Mass. At an early age of fifteen she went upon the stage, where her grace, beauty and talent, soon attracted general admiration. After only one years practice, she danced second to Blange the great French Danseuse, at the Howard Atheneum, in Boston. Her fame as an actress soon spread abroad, and from 1848 to 1851, "Fannie Mowbray," (the name by which she went when upon the stage) was noted as one of the most popular performers of the day. She appeared before large audiences at Washington, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and other large cities, and many of the theater goers of those days will remember her as a brilliant Star. In 1851 she visited Savannah and Macon city, Georgia, and in the latter part of that year, she was married to Joseph Hernandez, of Savannah. This man had the manners and appearance of a gentleman, but under his suavity and blandness was concealed the heart of a desperate villain.

She was advised against this union; but being young and entertaining an ardent affection for him, she married him despite the warnings of her friends. She was thus united to one who, though sworn to love and protect her, was eventually to be come her murderer.

The history of her life is replete with incidents which if written, would fill a volume, showing how much torture a bad man can inflict, and with how much patience and resignation a good woman can endure. At many different times she endeavored to escape from him, but he invariably followed her and by threats of assassination compelled her to live with him. On the 13th day of October, 1868, her persecutions having become unendurable, and being in fear of her life and that of her children, from his repeated threats to murder her, she at length informed him plainly that from that time forward they must choose separate paths; that she could not and would not live longer with him as his wife.

They were at that time in Omaha, Nebraska, where her sister, Mrs. Selden Irwin resided. On the same day she, with her children, repaired to the residence of Mrs. Irwin. Hernandez pursued her, saying that he wished to speak to her privately. She followed him into another room, when he immediately locked the door and drawing a pistol said, "You talked yesterday, I'll talk today." Without further words he fired. She fell to the floor and cried murder.

Mr. Harry Rainsworth, her nephew, who was passing in the hall, hearing her cries, burst open the door and entered the room. Hernandez immediately fired at him, but the ball missed its mark and passed into the casing of the door. Rainsforth then sprang upon him, and succeeded in wrenching the pistol from his hand. Hernandez was arrested and tried for the double shooting. He was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment for shooting his wife, and 7 years for shooting at Mr. Rainsforth, making his total term of imprisonment 21 years, which he is now serving in the Penitentiary at Omaha. The affair created great excitement at the time of its occurrence. Mrs. Hernandez's life was for a long time despaired of, but she at length recovered sufficiently to

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travel. She had received her death wound, however, and finally died, murdered by the hands of her husband. Although she knew from the time she was shot, that her days were numbered, and that she was slowly dying, she yet devoted her time assiduously to the instruction of her children, and endeavored to make them proficient in the calling which she herself had pursued.

She accompanied them on a tour through Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois, exhibiting their performances at all the principal towns, and playing for a short period with great success at Aiken's Museum, Chicago. She was traveling through Indiana when arriving at Rochester she became too ill to go further. Many of the citizens becoming aware of her past misfortunes, enlisted themselves in her welfare, and that of her children. Under their auspices the children gave a series of entertainments at this place, which were well attended, not only on account of the skill of the actors, but out of sympathy for their unfortunate condition.

Robert Wallace, and family, Mr. A. C. Copeland, and the members of the Rochester Silver Band were particularly noted for their strenuous exertions in behalf of this worse than widowed mother, and more than orphaned children.

On Sunday morning, surrounded by her weeping family and mourning friends, she breathed her last. Let us hope that her worn and tired spirit is now at rest.

[Rochester Standard, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, February 24, 1870]

On Friday and Saturday evening will be held in the Odd Fellows Hall, the last performances in this place of the Hernandez Theatrical Troupe. The Juveniles will be assisted by Mr. & Mrs. Selden Irwin, and Mr. Harry Rainforth.

[Rochester Standard, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, February 24, 1870]

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin, together with the Hernandez Juveniles left Rochester Monday morning for Chicago. . . . A great deal of sympathy is felt for the orphaned children of Mrs. Hernandez . . .

[Rochester Union Spy, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, March 4, 1870]

YARN CALLS BACK AN OLD BENEFIT DRAMA

By Albert W. Bitters

Some time in 1871 or 1872, an actress and her three small children drifted into Rochester, stranded. The story was told that in a jealous rage her husband had shot her, at some town in Iowa, and by some manner she came to Rochester and was entertained by sympathetic citizens until she could make recovery. During her sojourn and recuperation, a home-talent drama was provided as a benefit performance for the unfortunate lady and her children, the latter being quite talented in their line. The drama was entitled "The Drunkard; or The Fallen Saved," and was put on the "boards" in the court room of the old Fulton County Court House. The amount of benefit derived for the actress is not known, but her wound finally proved a tragedy, and while a guest at the old Wallace House, hostelry then located corner of Main and Fifth streets, Madame Hernandez died.

The late Arthur C. Copeland, first Rochester banker, bought a lot in I.O.O.F. cemetery, where her remains lie today. No marker surmounts the grave, that fact constituting another regret for Rochester citizens. What became of her children is a question not answered. The cast of characters for that drama was made up of Rochester amateurs, except for Madame Hernandez and her three children. Following are the names of participants, all but the last named now arisen to advanced life beyond the smiling and the weeping.

Robert C. Wallace, elected sheriff on Democratic ticket about fifty years ago, W. F. Truslow, merchant tailor, James M. Beeber, Civil war veteran, Arthur C. Copeland, first banker (1886), Vida Wallace- Cornelius, Nelson G. Hunter, Judge of court in Florida, and John G. Pearson, cornetist and violinist, the only one of the number now living, resides at No. 2 Winifred Place, Kansas City Mo. The children of the actress were on the cast as "Master Montie," "Master Josie" and "LaPinkie." The facts of this account originated by the finding of one of the old theatre bills which were printed in the old Rochester Union Spy office in 1874. When the office ass moved into the Odd Fellows' building, the bill was preserved as a relic by this writer, until it was

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included with other effects and put in the corner stone of the Rochester post office building on April 2, 1925. It is very doubtful whether there is any person now living in Rochester who attended that dramatical performance in the old court house in 1872.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, December 6, 1934, p. 14]

HERRELL, BUD [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Bud Herrell)

HERRELL, EDGAR [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Edgar Herrell)

HERRELL, LOYD [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Loyd Herrell)

HERRELL, RAYMOND L. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Raymond Herrell)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Raymond Herrell)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Third Letter From Raymond Herrell)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Fourth Letter From Raymond Herrell)

HERRELL, VERN E. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Vern E. Herrell)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Vern E. Herrell)

HERWICK JUNK YARD [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

William Ewing will erect a new shop at the corner of 9th and Monroe streets. It will be occupied by the Herwick junk firm. He will also put a high fence around the yard.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 24, 1907]

HESTON WAGON & CARRIAGE SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

The undersigned having bought the shop and stock formerly owned by G. G. Heston . . . is now ready to furnish to order Wagons and Carriages of any pattern, on short notice . . . Blacksmithing . . . Horse Shoeing and job work. Samuel Heffley, Rochester, June 19, 1858.

[Rochester *Gazette*, December 9, 1858]

HETTMANSPERGER, NEIL [Rochester, Indiana]

NEIL HETTMANSPERGER (Biography)

Neil HETTMANSPERGER was born in Wabash county in 1852. Spent his early life on farm, and at the age of 20 years apprenticed himself to learn the harness trade, and by close attention to his work soon became a proficient workman. Then he concluded to enter the business arena for himself, and opened a shop at Roann, where with the energy that has characterized him all through life, he soon built up a good trade. He was married in 1881 to Miss Lulu S. SWAUGER, an estimable lady of Roann, and soon afterward removed to Wabash and remained there three years when he came to Akron, where he has ever since been engaged in the harness

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business, with success. He was appointed postmaster of Akron by President Cleveland in 1892, which office he still holds to the general satisfaction of the public.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

HETZNER, MICHAEL [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The short order house that has been managed by Robbins and Hetzner has been sold to Michael Hetzner, who took possession today.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 1, 1904]

HETZNER, PAUL [Rochester, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Paul Hetzner, farmer, P.O. Rochester. This worthy gentleman, born in Dittenheim, Germany, May 26, 1830, is the son of Michael and Margaret (Beck) Hetzner, who were natives of Germany. The subject of this sketch was educated in his native country, and there served an apprenticeship of cabinet-making. He became a resident of the United States in 1851, and worked at his trade in New York City until 1854, when he became a resident of Peru, Ind., where he continued to reside until 1863, when he became a resident of Fulton County. He owns 354 acres of land in the county, and is extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising. Mr. Hetzner was married in March, 1854, to Christina Gnerim, who was born in Olsfalt, Germany, September 21, 1826. This union was blessed with three children--Charles F., born February 27, 1859; and William P. and John T. born May 21, 1861. Mrs. Hetzner died April 26, 1863. Mr. Hetzner then battled with the hardships of live alone until 1865, when he was married to Margaret Traller, who was born in Germany November 17, 1849, and a daughter of John Traller. There have been born to this union five children, viz.: Gustave A., born Novemer 1, 1865; Annetta, born February 18, 1868; Henry, born March 13, 1875; George, born November 31, 1877; and Albert, born April 28, 1880. Mr. Hetzner is widely known as an industrious, entrprising and influential citizen. He and his worthy lady are members of the Lutheran Church.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 29]

HETZNER, W. B. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Cigar Makers and Manufacturers

HETZNER'S [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] The New TOP RESTAURANT AND BAKERY will open its doors Saturday morning, and we cordially invite our many friends and the general public to give us a call. The room is newly and nicely fitted up and a large commodious lunch counter will be ready for you Saturday noon

Also a fine line of candies, cigars and toabcco. Meals night and day. One door north of Wert's shoe store or opposite Zimmerman's furniture store. Respectfully, HETZNER'S.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 15, 1899]

HIATT, DEE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Farm lighting plant batteries refilled and charged. Guaranteed for two years. Rebuilt batteries \$5.00 and your old battery. Guaranteed for one year. DEE HIATT. I.W.A. Battery Solution. Your battery refilled and charged in one hour, guaranteed for one year. Cannot be overcharged or will not freeze. 218 Pontiac Street, Rochester, Indiana,

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 28, 1927]

HIATT, T. S. [Kewanna, Indiana]

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KEWANNA

T. S. Hiatt, the hardware man, is unloading two car loads of plows and machinery to supply the needs of the farmers.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 11, 1904]

HIBBARD, INDIANA [Marshall County]

HIBBARD HAS ELECTRICITY

No longer will the residents of Hibbard strain their eyes with kerosene lights, for now they are enjoying electricity as the result of their own activity and enterprise. The service was turned on the latter part of the last week.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 19, 1909]

HICKMAN, CLARKSON S. [Rochester, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

In the events of the history of any county or part of a county, there would be an incompleteness were the actors left unnamed. Not that these actors are the chief cause of great changes, but are important factors in the changes effected. The subject of this sketch was born in Harrison County, Va., May 28, 1832, and two years later came with his parents West, and settled in Marshall County, Ind., which was then an almost unbroken wilderness, inhabited by Indians. The journey from their Eastern home was as perilous as it was long and tedious. There was no railroad with palace coaches, not even a stage-coach line, and they traveled the entire distance on horseback. He was then two years old, and was the constant companion of his mother. They settled on a farm, or rather in a heavy wooded district, in Marshall County, Ind. Here he spent his early years in the arduous labors of making a home, and it was here that he learned the habits of industry and frugality, which form the basis of all true success. And while he had not the educational advantages of today, he was energetic and in the race of life gathered sufficient knowledge of books and business to enable him to carry on any kind of trade and tend to his many affairs. He was united in marriage November 21, 1853, to Martha J. Ross, a native of Sandusky County, Ohio, and born April 27, 1834, and at that time a resident of Marshall County. These parents have four children living--Isabelle, born August 4, 1856; Lulla, December 30, 1862; Alberta, June 25, 1866; and James B., June 3, 1868. At the commencement of the late war of the Union, he enlisted in Company F, of the Eighty-seventh Indiana Infantry, and served until failing health compelled him to receive a discharge. Yet he is numbered among the brave survivors of the fearful three years' drama of the Union's existence. He came home from the war and resumed his farming interests and at the same time became a dealer in live stock on an extensive scale, at which he continued up to 1879, when he became junior partner in the firm of Leiter & Hickman, proprietors of the Pottawatomie Flouring Mills of Rochester. He is a member of the I.O.O.F., No. 47, and of Encampment No. 24. He is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which he has been connected since he was nine years of age. He is a very agreeable and obliging gentleman, strong in support of friendship and thoroughly alive to the best interests of his business and the general public good.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 23]

HICKMAN, CLYDE [Rochester, Indiana]

CLYDE HICKMAN BUYS DRY CLEANING BUSINESS

The Manitou Dry Cleaning shop located at 707 Main Street, this city, was purchased Wednesday by Clyde HICKMAN from Howard BUNN. The new owner assumed the management of the establishment Thursday morning. Mr. Bunn, who started the business a little over a year ago has not as yet announced his future business plans.

Hickman, who is a local young man, has had several months experience in the business. He plans to operate the business along the same methods of efficiency and service as the former proprietor.

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[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, March 7, 1929]

CHANGES ARE MADE IN LOCAL BUSINESS FIRMS

Two changes were made this morning in local business institutions when the dry cleaning and pressing establishment owned by Clyde Hickman at 707 Main Street was sold to Herman Meischke of Peru, and the Blue Room Cafe at 513 North Main street was sold by Mr. and Mrs. Russell See to Mrs. O. S. Goss and Mrs. Jack Wilson.

Mr. Meischke, who purchased the Hickman dry cleaning and pressing establishment is an experienced man. He worked for Allen and Thomas in Indianapolis for six years, Fenton Dry Cleaners at Cincinnati for three years and the Bell Cleaning Company of Peru for the past year. He will move his family consisting of his wife and two children to this city this week. Mr. Hickman has no immediate plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 24, 1929]

HICKMAN, JOHN A. [Fulton County]

ECHO FROM THE PACIFIC

By John A. Hickman

Yamhill, Oregon

Having read the Old Settlers' stories of early days, and through solicitation of my better half, I am induced to add my mite to the history of the place of my birth.

Although I have traversed this continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the great lakes to the southern shores, and found many beautiful and good places, I have carried with me a fond remembrance of the scenes of my childhood, where, in the earlier days, we lived in our humble log cabins, sometimes using greased paper for window lights. We had comparative no facilities for learning what was going on around us, so knew no trouble except what happened in our own immediate neighborhood.

Those were surely the days of contentment. But little cleared land was necessary for the production of a living, the land being new and well tilled. Climatic conditions were more favorable then, so that what we sowed we expected to reap. The chief products of the land were wheat, corn, buckwheat, and I might properly add pumpkins and other vegetables. Flax was grown in small quantities. But little cash was needed. Small grains were cut with a sickle, later with a cradle, threshed with a flail or tramped out by horses. There was no waste of anything. Our mothers and sisters made our clothing of wool and flax, from start to finish, swept their puncheon floors and dooryards with splint brooms, made of small hickory saplings. They did the housework, milked the cows, and in some instances helped to till the land. There were few weakly girls then, and few idle boys. All worked. The necessary farming implements were one or two plows, hoes enough for the family, a sickle, a mowing scythe, a rake, a chopping ax or two, one cross-cut saw would do for a whole neighborhood; harrows were simply brush dragged over the ground. Some of the ground was so rooty that what we called jumping shovels had to be used. These were large single shovels with a rounding coulter or cutter, made fast to the beam, and ran down close to the point of the plow. When it struck a root it could not cut, it jumped over it, but it cut most of them. They were sometimes hard on shins. The coulter could be taken off and the plow then be used as a cultivator. Hogs could mature in the woods, ready to be put in the pen to be fed a short time, to harden the meat.

The country abounded with the choicest wild fruits, such as the cranberry, which is a luxury today, the swamp huckleberry, which is unexcelled, the blackberry, which was better than the domestic berry of today, strawberries, plums and grapes. Coupled with all this was the excellent maple sugar and syrup, something that we cannot get pure in the west. Wild meat was also plentiful, deer, squirrels, turkeys and many other birds and animals. I have killed, in two or three hours, and on a few acres of ground, about all the squirrels I wanted to carry out.

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All people were equal and happy. Talk about the difference between primitive ages and the present, though we would not want to be set back to the former, we must admit that their manner of living, and lack of knowledge, was bliss compared with the life of today.

It comes to my mind that as I have spoken of flax, the young reader might be interested in a description of how it was manufactured in those days. In the fall, at a certain stage of its growth, it was pulled and thrown on the ground to rot. Thus the straw, or woody part, became brittle, but the lint, which in a sense was the bark, remained strong. When ready, the flax was taken up and thrown across what was called a flaxbreak, which broke the flax into small bits. Then the broken flax was held across the end of a board which stood erect. A sword-shaped piece of wood was used to knick the straw from the lint, then came the hacking process. A hackle was a piece of wood, or board, with a number of very sharp steel teeth set in it. The lint was thrown on and drawn through these teeth until it was split in fine threads and separated from the coarse lint, which was called tow, then spun and wove.

About the year 1833 my grandfather, A. C. Hickman, came from Virginia and settled in Marshall county, on the Michigan road, his being one of only three white families between Rochester and Plymouth. My father, L. H. Hickman, was then eight years of age. His playmates, for some years, were Indian boys. They were peaceable, but treacherous at times. One night they came to my grandfather's cabin to kill him. It had only one door and one small window. They tried the door, but, finding it hard to move, they went to the window. Grandfather stood there with ax in hand, intending to chop heads off as fast as they were put through, but they did not gain an entrance and went away. Next day he went to the chief, and found that they thought he was on their land. He explained the matter to him satisfactorily, but later some of them found that grandfather kept whiskey about the house. One day he was away from home. A large Indian, by the name of Keenuck, came to the cabin and demanded whiskey. Grandmother, feeling compelled to do so, gave him whiskey. He staid there the rest of the day, bothering her all he could. When grandfather came home in the evening, Keenuck lay across the hearth in front of the fireplace, pretending to be asleep. After hearing what had happened, he said, "Let me get a bite of supper and I will show him how to come around here." At that moment Keenuck jumped up and said, "By God, me just as good a man as Hickman." They came together. Grandfather was a small, frail man, but he had the grit and was a good knocker. He soon had the Indian senseless on the floor and dragged him outside. Some time during the night he regained consciousness, got on his pony and rode away. Next day grandfather met him on the road and said to him, "Keenuck, what hurt you?" He replied, "Oh, pony throw me off." The lesson is that pioneer women had nerve, unlike the modern man or woman, they regarded such incidents as small matters.

The second family was that of Michael Shore. He built a log house with two apartments, but under one roof. It was known as Shore's tavern. It was on the Michigan road, six and one-half miles north of Rochester. He was the grandfather of Perry Shore and Kline Shore, now in Rochester; two of his daughters are now in Portland, Oregon. The third family I do not remember.

My grandfather moved from Marshall county to Fulton county, where he lived many years, the last few years of his life being spent in Rochester, in the mercantile business. At the age of nineteen years my father married Miss Amy Rogers. Some of her people live in Fulton county now. Fourteen months later I came on the scene. Was born on the 26th day of June, 1846, in Marshall county, close to the south line, about a mile west of the Michigan road. On this place occurred an event which I remember as distinctly as though it was but yesterday, yet my mother always contended that it happened before I was born. Here it is. My father lay sick with a fever. A flock of wild turkeys came into the field near by. He called for his gun, raised on his elbow, and through an open windfow shot one of them. It ran into a thicket of briars near the house, and I helped my mother to catch it. Well, now I think I hear you say, "He must have a wonderful memory." Such things are liable to make such deep impressions on the young mind that they can hardly be erased. My father was a wagon maker by trade. Never staid long in one place. Always looking for a better location. We lived in Rochester, and at all points of the compass, around but near there, so lived on the place where I was born twice afterward. You can see how my mother could have been mistaken. Father built the truck on which was hauled the heavy timbers used in

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the construction of the iron forge built on Tippecanoe river, just above the Michigan road. This was about fifty-five years ago. I was small then, but remember just how the truck looked when completed. About that time Young Ralston built the first saw mill between Rochester and Plymouth. It was an up-and-down, or vertical saw. Could not cut clear through the log, so left a stub-shot" on the rear end that had to be sawed off or split apart. There wer no circular saws then.

Also, about this time, the first telegraph line in the country was stretched along the Michigan road. Messages were dotted on paper, instead of being read by sound. This road was a stage route at that time. When these improvements were made the people thought the country was making great strides. People knew each other for miles around. Many of them were fanatically religious. My parents were Methodists. They attended church regularly and took me along with them, and although I thought as they did then, I noted many things. The meeting house, as we then called it, was a plain log structure, with puncheon floor, and benches made of the same matrial to sit upon. It was used for both school and church. The preacher who could make the most noise could get up the greatest excitement. All joined in singing hymns without instrumental music. Some of the old ladies would often shout and sometimes fall over and be carried out, but the world has changed and people have become more enlightened on such subjects.

My experience in the school room was on the Michigan road, about five and one-half miles north of Rochester. There I spelled v-i-p-e-r (snake). I remember quite well that the rod was not spared, and that the spelling book was one of the principal text books, yet I never became master of it.

I dare say that perhaps many of the young people of Fulton county would not believe that no longer ago than I can remember there were a multitude of swamps, lakes and springs in Fulton county, which are not there today. They bred billions of mosquitos and the prevalent ague. I lived there long enough to see some of the swamps go dry, and some of the once quite large lakes fill up and grow over. I mowed wild grass some three miles southwest of Rochester, on the head of Mud creek prairie, on ground that lay within the boundary of what was a lake, perhaps a mile wide, the center of which had not yet grown over. There were some two or three acres there that was too thick to swim in and too thin to walk on. A variety of a willow grew out over the water, and the grass followed. Where I was mowing the ground could be shaken for many rods in all dirctions, by tramping upon it. I have since learned from good authority that most of the swamps are dry, some of them being burned to a depth of several feet, consequently many of the springs have gone, and more of the lakes have filled, been ditched, and are now being cultivated. I am led to believe that Jasper Packard, of (I believe) LaPorte, Ind., who was my colonel in the civil war, was right when he wrote that the water was gradually leaving the surface, that the earth would eventually become dry, and consequently dead, but I think there is yet some water in Manitou lake.

One writer speaks of the fabulous stories about the great monster, or devil, and the fish that were caught and let go in the lake. Reminds me that I once did some fishing in that lake, myself. We then lived near the head of the lake. My grandfather Rogers, who was a great fisherman, lived with us. He kept a nice boat on the lake all the time. I frequently went with him at night. A torch was placed in the bow of the boat. One sat in the stern and rowed over ground which overflowed by the damming of the lake, to a depth of about three feet, the other would stand just behind the light and throw a spear into the fish as we passed them. We caught many nice ones, but did not let many go, neither did we see the devil, and I have serious doubts as to whether anyone will ever see him. I have swum the lake at its widest place. On one occasion I was in the lake swimming with two other boys about my age. If I am not mistaken, one was Hiram True, the name of the other was Richardson, who could not swim. We got into a boat, ran out some distance from shore, turned the boat upside down, then True and I would get under the boat and lay there until we consumed the air, then would dive out, refill it with air and do the same thing over again, while Richardson sat on the boat with his bare back to the burning sun, he being afraid to get into the water. He was burned so badly that the skin peeled off from the back of his neck down. I have also skated from one end to the other of this lake. I remember that I was once skating there, in company with James Chapin, who started off briskly and cut his name in the ice

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with his skates, as perfectly as though it had been carved there. He was a fine fellow, and I believe was a clerk in the store of Robert Wallace at that time.

I remember when the race was cut from the lake down to Rochester, where the mill was built, that afterward was owned by Hickman & Leiter, both uncles of mine. I also remember the wagon loads of buffalo fish taken from the race, after drawing the water off.

I remember too many names to mention all, so excuse me if I mention only those whom I remember as being there when Rochester was yet a small village. Sidney Keith and K. G. Shryock, attorneys at law; Jesse Shields, Robert Wallace and Levi Mercer, merchants; William Wallace, a miller; there were William Hill, A. K. Plank and Charles Brackett, physicians, and a man by the name of Johanna, who was proprietor of the first carding machine there and, by the way, a writing medium. Though a small boy, I assisted my father in building the water wheel which drove that machine. Southeast of Rochester were the McClungs, the Steffeyes, Frank Porter, John Pence, and a Mr. Stone, who, I believe, was step=father of Gus Sinks and his two sisters. North of Rochester were Young Ralston, David Ralston, Clarkson, David and Talbert Shore, William Hall, John and James Robbins, Ben Wilson, David Mow, Mat Reed and Joseph Jackson. I remember David Mow as one of the best marshals of the day that I ever saw. When he mounted a horse, donned the red sash, he had a commanding way about him that always kept a procession in order. This reminds me that Jack Holmes was officiating in such a capacity when he was thrown from his horse, the fall bursting his heel, which caused his death. A wound in the heel is next to sure death, unless the foot is amputated. I have known several who were shot in the heel, and all proved fatal.

When I can first remember, people there had only a few acres of cleared land each. I helped to burn, and make into rails, timber that would now be worth more than the land. As time passed, people became more selfish, more antagonistic politically, and times became harder, on account of the so-called money then in use, called "wildcat bank notes." About the years fifty-eight and nine my father was in the grocery business for a time, and I was a clerk. We then took what was called a "Daily Detective," to tell us each day what money was good, and then it often happened that we would take in money that was reported good that day, which would be worthless next morning. There was no gold and very little silver in circulation. Any man having a little property could start a bank, print his own notes, float a hundred thousand or more, put himself in a shape not "comeatable," and then go broke. This was the result, and about the terminus, of democratic rule. The coming into power of the republican party, at the time it did, although very nearly five years of darkness followed, was certainly the salvation of the nation. They soon made money that everybody wanted. It could be laid away for a lifetime with safety, but then came the dark days of the rebellion. Sumter was bombarded. The young republicans and some of the democrats answered the call to arms, and most of them never returned.

Now, the most of the men left at home were democrats, who sympathized with the south. What reason they could have had for doing so is more than I can tell. They seemed bent on making life miserable for the loyal people at home, especially women. They would quarrel with, and say all manner of mean things to the soldiers' wives, daughters, mothers and sisters, and tear down the stars and stripes that were hoisted by loyal women on public days. Some of these women actually ran them away from their homes with hot water. No one will ever know, except those having had the bitter experience, the trials of the loyal women during that awful struggle. It was enough to mourn for husbands and sons who had gone into the army.

In the fall of '63 I entered the service, my father having gone a year before, in the 87th Ind. I enlisted in Company G., 128th Ind. Rendesvoused for the winter at Michigan City, Ind. While there I nursed Nelson Kirkendoll through a severe case of smallpox. Went to Georgia in the spring of '64, participated in all the battles of that campaign, under Billy Sherman, as he was known by the boys, Columbia, Franklin and Nashville, Tenn., and Kinston, N.C. We followed Johnson's army, and he surrendered at Greensboro, N.C., which ended the war. We were in the city of Raleigh, N.C., a short time, and while there Lincoln was assassinated. Safeguards were placed at all points of importance throughout the city, to prevent soldiers from burning it, or doing bodily harm to any one. It happened that I was stationed at the residence of an old man, who

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taught Andrew Johnson his trade, that of tailor. He seemed quite intelligent and free to talk. He pointed out the building in which they worked, and said that Andrew Johnson, at the age of nineteen, got into trouble there, and ran away. He did not then know the letters of the alphabet, but he went to Columbia, Tenn., where he married a widow, who educated him. I will say no more on this subject, for what I might write about the war would be like mentioning all the names of those I know in Indiana--it would make a book of itself, but will conclude with the events of the new day.

On the 10th day of April, 1866, we were mustered out of the service at Raleigh, N.C., and on the 20th day of the same month I arrived at home, four and one-half miles north of Rochester. I brought home with me several relics, among the most important was a Springfield rifle, which I took from under a dead confederate at the battle of Franklin, Tenn. He was ramming the charge when shot dead and fell forward on the gun. I brought a silver penholder and gold point, which cost me three and one-half dollars. Now, there was one Rev. J. M. Donaldson, a Methodist minister, who preached in our neighborhood at intervals, and always made my father's house his home while there. After a while he saw this pen, and straightway he wanted me to give it to him, but I said no. I kept it until late in the summer, when he again got after me. My parents interceded for him, saying that he needed it worse than I did, and I yielded. Then my parents undertook to joke me, by telling him that I would want to get married some time, and then I would be after him. "Very well," he said, "I will marry you for that." I said nothing, but resolved that minute that I would turn the joke on him, for all arrangements were previously made for that event, but myself and intended only knew it. In due time I sent him word that I would be there on the 30th day of December, 1866, to be married. My wife-to-be was Miss Mary M. Cole, reared by her uncle and aunt, Abial and Betsy Bush, who lived five miles north of Rochester. At the appointed time we were there. A goodly number of guests had gathered in to witness the ceremony. Among them was Lou Spotts, as I then knew him, who, if I mistake not, was editor of the *Union Spy*, printed in Rochester, and I understand that he now edits a paper in Roann. After we were married and introduced in the new name, I said to Mr. Donaldson, "I suppose you remember the understanding between you and I." He said he did, but I thought from his looks that he did not expect to be called on in that way. We then took our leave of them, and went our way rejoicing back to Bush's, where a wedding supper awaited us. Rev. Donaldson was then on the Rochester work, living in the Methodist parsonage there. We remained in Fulton county until February, 1870, when we started westward to grow up with the country, taking with us our only daughter, born to us in Hoosierdom. We took up our abode in Kansas, where we lived for some eighteen years. Four sons were born to us there. All are living and well. The babe is now about twenty-three years of age. We were not "stuck on" Kansas, so in '88 I came to Oregon. My family came to this state a year later, where we now live, and where we will probably remain the rest of our days, as there is no more going west, unless we take water.

[Marguerite L. Miller, *Home Folks*, Vol. II, 1910, pp. 8-15]

HICKMAN & LEITER [Rochester, Indiana]

William Leiter and Clarkson Hickman, brothers-in-law, in 1879 formed a partnership and operated the flouring mills, built in 1858, located at SE corner of Erie RR and Main.

A. C. Hickman & Co. We understand that our worthy merchant Mr. Hickman, has taken his son-in-law, Mr. [Leiter], into his Store as a partner. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 21, 1867]

See Pottowattamie Mills.

HICKMAN & WEBBER [Rochester, Indiana]

HICKMAN & WEBBER

Hardware

An important feature in connection with the progress and prosperity of our city, is the well conducted hardware houses. And as a work professing to represent in a reliable and attractive

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manner its commercial facilities, this enterprise deserves special mention. One of the most attractive, best stocked, and best conducted houses of this class, is that of the firm whose names head this article.

This firm was originally organized as WILE & PETERSEN; four years ago Mr. WEBBER bought a third interest in the business. Mr. PETERSON buying Mr. Wile's interest changing the firm name to PETERSEN & WEBBER. The business was continued one year under this head, then Mr. HICKMAN buying Mr. Petersen's interest again changed the firm name to HICKMAN & WEBBER.

The stock of goods exhibited at this place of business is large and complete in every department. In the hardware line may be found a general assortment of everything to be found in a well-stocked hardware. The list embraces a complete line of shelf and heavy goods, all kinds of mechanics tools and supplies, horse shoes and nails, a large stock of tinware and house furnishing goods of every description, a general line of English and American cutlery, all kinds of builders material, mill and factory furnishings, and they are prepared to fill all orders promptly.

This firm keeps constantly on hand the finest line of stoves to be found in this section, among which are the justly celebrated Garland stoves and ranges, besides many others for both wood and coal, at prices that defy competition. They also carry a full line of sporting goods such as revolvers, fishing tackle, ammunition &c. In agricultural implements, this firm has from time to time secured the best implements manufactured, until they have now for sale some of the best known in the United States. This may seem a broad assertion, but can easily be proven to anyone who will take the time to visit Hickman & Webber's place of business. They have just received a car load of the celebrated Reed's harrows from Kalamazoo, Michigan, for which they are the sole agents in this section. At this house will be found a large stock of glass, sash, doors and blinds; in fact everything that can be found in a first-class hardware.

They have a large tinshop in connection employ none but first class workmen, and are prepared to do all kinds of work in this line, such as roofing, guttering, spouting, &c at the lowest possible prices. In fact, the facilities enjoyed by this firm are extensive, enabling them to compete successfully with any of the leading houses of the surrounding country.

Messrs. Hickman & Webber are among our most esteemed citizens and business men. They have a well established reputation for just treatment of all patrons, no matter what their circumstances in life, and it is but a merited compliment to say that they enjoy the entire confidence of their large list of customers and the public in general.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 29, 1888]

HICKMAN'S BAKERY [Rochester, Indiana]

Christian Kamerer, Blacksmith. Shop in Adam Shmetzer's old Cooper Shop in rear of Hickman's Bakery.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 23, 1859]

HICKMAN'S DRY GOODS STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

New Milliner shop. Miss Mary J. Moore would respectfully announce to the Ladies of this place and vicinity that she has opened out a stock of Milliner Goods one door north of A. C. Hickman's Dry Goods Store . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 19, 1866]

Removal. The Rochester Post Office, Chester Chamberlain Postmaster, has been removed from the Wallace Block to the new building just erected by Angerman and fitted up for that purpose, north of A. C. Hickman's Dry Goods Store.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 7, 1867]

A. C. Hickman & Co. We understand that our worthy merchant Mr. Hickman, has taken his son-in-law, Mr. [Leiter], into his Store as a partner. . .

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[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 21, 1867]

Removal. Messrs. Shryock & Enyart have removed their Law office from Washington street to Main street, second door North of A. C. Hickman's Dry Goods Store.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 9, 1867]

Dan. Gould . . . has purchased the building and entire stock of goods belonging to A. C. Hickman, and hereafter may be found at both his old and new place of business.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 14, 1868]

HICKMAN PUMP DEALER [Rochester Township]

Pumps! Pumps! The undersigned is the sole agent for Fulton County for the Rumsey Pump. . . residence three miles North of Rochester. L. H. Hickman. Sept. 1st, 1868.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, September 3, 1868]

HICKMAN'S STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

Book Store. Mr. Piper has just opened a new Book Store north of A. C. Hickman's Store on Main Street in this place. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 27, 1865]

New Store. John Shore, son of T. C. Shore, deceased, has opened a New Grocery Store one door north of A. C. Hickman's. John is a good business young man. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, January 25, 1866]

HICKS, FRED [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - For a Clean Shave, Good Hair Cut, or Fine Shampoo, Give FRED HICKS a call, at the old stand, three doors north of Baptist Church.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 1, 1883]

HIGHLAND DISTRICT [Henry Township]

My great-grandfather and grandfather lived in what is known as the Highland district of Henry Township. This district was in the southeast part and bordered Wabash and Miami counties.

[Thomas Carpenter Family, Walter F. Carpenter, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

HILAND, MILT [Kewanna, Indiana]

[Adv] Furniture - Undertaking - - - -

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, March 31, 1877]

BIOGRAPHY

Milt Hiland was born in Wayne Township, Fulton County, Ind., August 18, 1848. His parents were natives of Ohio, and died in Aubbeenaubbee Township, his father in 1861, and his mother in 1851. Mr. Hiland was apprenticed to C. S. Graham, at the carpenter's trade, and after serving his time, did jour work and worked for himself about home, and also in several of the Western States. Returning home, he built the house of Logan street, Kewanna, for himself, and not wishing to live alone, he married, in December, 1872, Miss Mary Heimberger, whose parents reside in this place. Mrs. Hiland's father is a native of France, and her mother is a native of Virginia. In 1876, Milt engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, and his energy and industry being rewarded, he has, with A. E. Hudkins as a partner, added a planing mill and lumber yard to his establishment, which is being duly appreciated and patronized by the community. Mr. Hiland built several houses in town, and now resides on Main street, near the Methodist Episcopal

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Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hiland have two children--Annie, aged eight years, and a little boy aged about one year.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 57]

HILL, ALMON G. [Wayne Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Almon G. Hill, one of the best known farmers of [Wayne] township, was born in a log cabin on the bank of Fletcher's Lake in [Wayne] township, Fulton county, Indiana, in the year 1860, the son of Stephen J. and Hannah (Conrad) Hill, pioneer farmers of Fulton county. Stephen Hill came to Fulton county at an early date and engaged in farming near Fletcher's Lake, where he operated a mill in the early days, making his home at this place until his death, which occurred in 1875, his wife dying in 1899. He and his wife reared five children, all of whom are living, and they were affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church until their deaths. Almon G. Hill was educated in the district schools of [Wayne] township and his studies were necessarily limited, for the educational facilities at that time were pitifully inadequate. At the age of fifteen years, he engaged in farming, an occupation that he has followed since the first, and he still cultivates the ninety-acre farm on which he has made his home since he was nine years old. His industry and close application have made it one of the valuable pieces of farm property in the township. He has the distinction of having held the office of trustee of the United Brethren Church for over forty years and is the oldest member to hold such a position. In an address delivered at the Old Soldiers' Picnic at Fletcher's Lake in 1920, Mr. Hill said, "I was born on the south bank of that lake," (Fletcher's Lake) and when I die I want to be buried by the side of father and mother in the old church yard across the lake on the north side."

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 209-210, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HILL, CLARENCE F. [Rochester, Indiana]

THIRD IN LINE OF ARTISANS

The John F. Hill Co., a business established under that name in 1929, dates its embryo to post Civil War days as a small business trying to establish itself in the hectic environments of reconstruction.

John G. Hill, an officer in the Northern Army, came to Rochester in the early 70's to establish a wagon shop. At that time wagons, buggies and carts were the chief vehicles of transportation and practically all of them were made in small shops by various individuals in each community, along with repair facilities, which were, of course very necessary.

At about the same time two other citizens, Samuel Heffley and John B Fieser started operation of similar manufacturing concerns. Mr. Hill, joined with Mr. Fieser and for several years this concern did a thriving business in the building now occupied by the John Becker blacksmith shop on west Seventh street.

After a few years, Messrs Hill and Fieser dissolved the partnership and Mr. Hill established his shop in the building on north Main street now occupied by the Miami Produce Co. Three other buildings occupied by him in the early years have since been razed.

In 1883, Mr. Hill's eldest son, John F., returned from Peru and joined his father in a partnership which became known as John G. Hill and Son. The firm also built wagons, buggies, etc., and enjoyed a good custom. This firm opened the first Deering agency in Fulton County.

In the early 90's they purchased the Heffley interests and moved their own equipment to the Heffley old stand. A few years following, this business was sold to Snyder & Dillon, at which time the senior Hill retired while his son John F returned to Peru.

In 1898, John F. Hill returned to Rochester and purchased the business from Messrs Snyder and Dillon and during the ensuing thirty-one years operated it as the sole owner.

In 1929 a new firm was organized with John F. Hill as the senior partner and his son, Clarence F., as the junior. Since that date, it has been known as The John F. Hill Company.

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The present site of the company, located just south of the Baptist church on Main street embodies about half of the original plant, a frame building having originally stood between the present quarters and the church building.

With the advent of the automobile, the wagon and buggy business passed into the limbo of the forgotten as archaic and inadequate. The day of \$400.00 town surreys and rubber-tired buggies had passed and with the new way, there came the hour of auto repairs, acetylene welding and specialized mechanical service. And Clarence F. Hill, third in the line of descent of the Hill interests in Fulton County, steeped in the inherent tea of family heritage and surrounded by ample facilities, machinery and appurtenances, became the leader in his profession in this community. A position he occupies today.

Mr. Hill is a City Councilman elect, and will assume office on January 1, 1935. He is married and lives at 507 Fulton Avenue, this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 6, 1934]

CLARENCE HILL NAMED BY COUNCIL AS MAYOR, WILL SUCCEED MINTER

By unanimous vote the Rochester city council on Tuesday evening named Clarence Hill, 507 Fulton avenue, to succeed Capt. Otis I. Minter, resigned, as mayor of this city. He will serve until Dec. 31, 1947.

The selection came in a continued session of the council, after members had agreed to defer action for one week at their regular meeting July 24.

Installed Last Night

Summoned from a movie which he was attending with his wife, Hill was given the oath of office, administered by City Clerk-Treasurer Bess Baker. The mayor-elect indicated in his acceptance remarks that he would give the city an administration based upon the precepts of honesty, efficiency and decency. He stated further that he might consider some changes in present city appointees, but stressed the point that such changes, if made, would be only in the interests of efficiency.

Hill, a Republican, served two terms as a city councilman and as a member of the city board of works from 1935 until 1943. He is a graduate of the Purdue university school of engineering, class of 1920, a member of Grace Methodist church, Masonic, K. of P. and Moose lodges, and the Rochester Lions club. He is married and the father of two children.

Like his predecessor, the new mayor is a World War I veteran and is now serving his third term as vice-commander of the LeRoy C. Shelton post, American Legion. He is the owner and operator of the John F. Hill Co., metal works, at 1014 Main street, a business established by his grandfather in this city about 70 years ago.

With Mr. Hill in the new administration will be all Republicans.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 1, 1945]

CLARENCE HILL, THE FIRST ACTIVIST MAYOR OF ROCHESTER

Considered Comment

by

Jack K. Overmyer

For 35 years after Rochester became a city in 1910 its seven mayors were drawn from one or another of the professions, genial citizens who found time somehow to direct city government as well as practice their callings.

They were people representative of their times, sensitive to the unsettled conditions of the economy, wary of change.

Then 55 years ago, came Clarence F. Hill and with him the era of passive Rochester mayors ended. The activism and leadership he displayed from City Hall has been accepted ever since as a maxim for the office and because of that he deserves to be remembered.

Hill's time, unlike that of his predecessors, cried out for change and this the Purdue chemical engineering graduate was uniquely qualified by talent and temperament to provide.

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Hill was a Republican and the third generation of a Rochester family. His 6 1/2 years as mayor began unexpectedly on June 12, 1945, when Mayor Otis I. Minter resigned and the City Council appointed him to the Job. He had served as a City Councilman during the two previous administrations, during which time he designed and supervised construction of a new water works, and thus was not totally unprepared for the mayoralty. He did so well at it that in 1947 he was elected to his own four-year term.

When Hill moved into the mayor's office, the end of World War II was in sight and Rochester's many servicemen soon would be returning home, more worldly and resolute, expecting to find here the means to a secure future for themselves and their families in the postwar world. Hill understood this and knew that the city's response to them lay in modernizing and in building an industrial base that would provide the jobs to keep them here.

He shortly sold his family business and became a full-time mayor. He then set out to marshal all the forces of the community - prominent individuals, civic groups and governmental units — to meet the challenge. First, the dormant Chamber of Commerce was revived and the mayor became its secretary and front man for negotiations with industrial prospects. These efforts subsequently resulted in the location here of three plants: Joyner Corporation of Warsaw, Sealed Power Corporation of Muskegon, Mich., and Safway Steel Products of Milwaukee, 'Wisc. Mayor Hill became a triple-threat in the Sealed Power negotiations, As mayor, Chamber secretary and engineer/surveyor, he arranged the purchase of the plant site, the extension of storm and sanitary sewers and widening of the Lucas Street access. The plant, opening here in 1948, operated for 50 years.

Safway Steel, also because of efforts by Hill and the Chamber, agreed to build on a site east of Sealed Power but in the end occupied the Wabash Avenue plant being vacated by Joyner. The latter's factory had been lured here in 1946 by the mayor and civic leaders but was unable to survive its labor troubles. Safway then opened in 1952 and operated here for 41 years. The Hill administration created or cooperated in significant progressive changes during the immediate postwar years. The fire department was modernized with new equipment and new housing. Sanitary sewers finally were brought to East Rochester. whose Fourth Street connection to the rest of the city was improved with a modern bridge. Introduction of hot mix asphalt began a transformation of the city's deteriorating streets.

Concurrently, a private developer opened the Manitou Heights subdivision on the east side providing space for residential and commercial growth. Hill and his Council saw to the quick installation of city streets and services to the area. The mayor also was active in forming the citizen investor group that erected the Oakwood apartment building, now Manltou Manor, along East Ninth Street in the Heights.

When this flurry of municipal and commercial activity was at its peak. Mayor Hill remarked that "Rochester was on its way" to postwar vitality. So it was, and each of the eight mayors succeeding him have been challenged to meet the problems of their time as well or better than he did. Hill's abilities had impressed executives of Safway Steel so that they induced him to become the local plant's first manager after he left office in 1952. He later worked for Saiway at Milwaukee and then returned to Rochester.

Back here and until his 1972 retirement he was development engineer for Magnetic Shield, later to become Ad-Vance Magnetics. He was 86 when he died April 23, 1984, in Muncie, where he and his wife had moved to be near son John and family.

Clarence possessed an ingrained interest in Rochester. He was the grandson of a Union Army officer, who came to Rochester shortly after the Civil War to establish a wagon-making business, an occupation that father John also followed. Clarence graduated from Purdue in 1920 with a degree in chemical engineering and worked in the Oklahoma oil fields until 1925, when he joined his father here in the family business that by then involved welding, machining and steel supply. The Hill firm was located on Main Street, immediately south of the Baptist Church.

While at Ad-Vance Magnetics, the exmayor helped to design and build parts for the Apollo moon landing program, a significant achievement for a man, who as a child had made horse-drawn wagons with his grandfather.

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Beyond metals and machines, Clarence was a man of many parts. As a musician, he was accomplished on clarinet, oboe and bassoon. He played professionally in St. Louis, with Purdue's band and symphony and with every civic band that performed here in his lifetime. He was a locksmith and talented with drawing pen. His intense interest in local history, coupled with a prodigious memory, enabled him to leave behind a fascinating memoir of past events and personalities that was published by the Fulton County Historical Society.

Hill's wife was the former Eva Irene Killion, who for many years operated a beauty shop at the family home at 331 West Fifth Street. Their two children survive. Son John has been associated with Ball State University for 32 years and currently is director of its off-campus education program for schools. Daughter Betty is Mrs. Robert Story and teaches art at Rochester Middle School.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, November 28, 2000]

HILL FAMILY

by Clarence F. Hill

John F. Hill began at an early age learning the wagon and buggy business but spent most of his time in the paint shop. He loved the woodwork shop and was an artist at both. Painting was an art. Everything had to be done just so-so, and it all had to be done the hard way, so I thought. Painters bought their colors dry in wood drums and their liquid mix, such as turpentine, linseed oil and japan dryer, in five and ten gallon wood veneer-covered cans. These were then mixed and ground in a hand-powered paint mill. Varnishes were always put up in gallon or quart cans. A buggy required about twelve coats of paint, the body a few more, the running gears a few less. A wagon would suffice with half of that. Every coat had to be sanded, wooled with steel wool or pig hair to a fine surface; then there were always two more varnish coats, a rubbing varnish and a finishing varnish, sometimes the slow drying English varnish. Masury colors ground in japan dryer were available in paste form in five-pound pressure cans. Valentine varnishes were generally used for everything. Striping was an art and was used to the fullest extent often accompanied with gold leaf or a picture, or letters or scroll on transfers (decals).

Samuel Heffley was not a mechanic but was more of a business financier. He obtained rights to an idea for a wagon axle skein and boxen (old plural for boxes) as well as an attached band box sand protection. He had this patented and it was called "Heffley's Truss and Sand Band Skein." Grandfather was still using the common skein same as Studebaker at South Bend, but Heffley's skein was really something in this sandy area. Locally Mr. Heffley was not too willing to let his competitors have his patent skein. In due time Mr. Heffley sold out to Snyder and Dillon. Mr. Snyder had been Grandfather's top woodworker and again Mr. Dillon was more of a financier than a mechanic, so eventually Heffley Wagon Works became known as John G. Hill and Son, manufacturers of fine handmade wagons, buggies, and sleighs, with full right to use the Heffley patents, however, the real estate and buildings remained a part of the Heffley estate until 1920 when my father and I bought it at 1014 Main Street.

When I stated handmade wagons, I meant just that. Beech hubs were bought, of course, turned and partially morticed; also white oak spokes came semi-finished from specialty suppliers. Fellows were sawed out of three-inch plank with a band saw but were replaced later with oak half rims steamed and bent into half circles in a number of wheel sizes. Aside from the wagon hardware, iron tires and paint, the rest came from local forests. Grandfather and Dad would select standing timber have it sawed and delivered to the roofed open-air drying sheds each year to season, where it seasoned for four years before being used.

Our annual buy for the shed would be something of this order: 100 white ash wagon tongues, 200 shell bark hickory axles, 100 hickory double trees, 100 hickory elm coupling poles or reaches, 200 red oak bolsters and always a sizeable amount of two and a half and three inch oak plank for howns (V-shaped part that holds the axle). There was also wagon box lumber such as sixteen-inch-wide yellow poplar for sides and twelve inch and ten inch poplar for side boards, seats and end gates. The floor of the wagon box was tongue and groove four and six inches wide hard pine which came from the South and was obtained from the local lumber dealers. White oak

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spokes and beech hubs were ordered from suppliers and at one time from the Rochester Hub and Spoke factory which later burned; this location later was used by Beyer Brothers and later again by Armour Creameries, now by U Trail-Co on East Fourth Street. Of course the steel and iron were ordered as a rule from Indianapolis, Fort Wayne or Richmond in bar lengths 12 to 16 feet in length. Wagon tires were round edge iron three and four inches wide and one-half and five-eighths inch thick and were bought for as low as 90 cents a hundred weight.

Buggies were different. Hickory wheels were made complete in Richmond, Muncie, and Cincinnati (with or without tires), also shafts, dash boards, single trees. Most of the hardware such as steps, fifth wheels, axles and springs, bodies, seats and tops were made in Goshen, Elkhart, Fort Wayne or Wapakoneta, Ohio.

The firm of John G. Hill and Son did a fine business of manufacturing and servicing vehicles of all kinds and shipped wagons as far as Kansas. My father told me that one of our leading merchants, Fred Fromm, ordered a special "phaeton" (a type of carriage) from the Hill firm at a cost of \$400 which he took on a visit to his old home in Germany, as a memento of his visit. Father also spoke of the special wagon, which he called the "Dewey Wagon" displayed at the old fairgrounds (now Rochester City Park). This was made by the Hill firm commemorating the "Battle of Manila", with Admiral Dewey's picture artistically hand painted on both sides by our local master painter, Orten Metz or "Metzey," as everyone called him.

I started in the shop at an early age, learning the alphabet by watching my father letter or stencil wagon boxes. I was given a paint brush and a door to work on, but usually came home with most of the paint in my hair or on my face. He wanted me to be an artist and couldn't understand why I always preferred to work with metals and, of all things, wanted to be left-handed. He had forgotten that my mother's family were all specialists in metal, especially guns, also that some were left-handed but still ambi-dexterous, as I finally turned out to be. As time went on, I learned the trade in its entirety and I could still build a wagon or buggy today if necessary. A word about prices: a two-horse standard three-inch-tire wagon sold for \$65 with triple box, spring seat, patent and gate, neck yoke, doubletrees and singletrees and chains. Buggies were about the same, some more, some less, depending on the extras. Rubber tires were \$16 more. The firm normally had 12 to 15 men working. Top blacksmith got \$12 a week for six twelve-hour days; top woodworker \$14 a week, trimmer and upholsterer \$12 a week; painter \$7 to \$10 a week. There were no taxes like withholding and all wages were paid in cash Saturday night. Apprentice helpers started at \$2.50 a week. I started at \$1.25 a week with a 15 cent lunch thrown in at Karn's Restaurant, then located at 719 Main.

Just east of the Arlington Hotel were two fine livery stables both facing 7th Street and east of the alley. On the north side was Ward and Huffer's and on the south side was Clary and Onstott's. These liveries provided the salesmen that stayed at the Arlington with transportation for as long as a week while they called on their customers in the rural area, usually within a radius of 15 miles. Some would drive themselves and some would hire a driver. For the Hill firm this was good business so we had a standing order to keep all vehicles in excellent repair and well painted. These two liveries also had cabs and special vehicles for funerals which were rented on such occasions. These were refinished as well as the hearses which were also kept here.

Sickness in the family caused me to return and take over my father's business under the name of John F. Hill Company in 1925, incorporating welding and machine work along with the old line of business and the supplying of steel to the general trade. We operated this business at 1014 Main Street.

[Hill Family, Clarence F. Hill, *Fulton Co. Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard, p. 187]

HILL, ED [Rochester, Indiana]

ED HILL ENTERS BUSINESS

Ed Hill of this city has launched in business by a deal which was closed several days ago, when he purchased the Turnam dry cleaning establishment on Ninth street. Mr. Hill took possession at once and will try and build the business up to a high standard of efficiency. The

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business has been allowed to drag by the former owner and it will be a sort of uphill climb for the new proprietor. Mr. Hill has been connected with the tailoring business for a good many years and his wide experience will do much toward making his venture a success.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 2, 1912]

HILL, ISAAC C. [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Isaac D. Hill was born in Union township, Cass county, Ind., Feb. 29, 1856. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Cragon) Hill. His father was a native of Cass county, Ind., and a son of Joseph and Elizabeth Hill, who were pioneer settlers of Cass county. Soon after the marriage of Joseph Hill and Mary Cragon, they came to Fulton county. Two years later they returned to Cass county, where they resided until 1863, in which year they returned to Fulton county, and here lived for thirteen years and then moved to Starke county, where he died several years later. His wife preceded him in death. They had twelve children, viz.: Patrick, John, Marshall, Isaac C., Edward, Caleb, Josephine, Lucinda, Etta, Milo, Mollie and Minnie. Isaac C. Hill began the battle of life for himself at the age of seventeen years. He learned the carpenter's trade, and has followed this, together with farming, all his life. He was married in 1878 to Rebecca, daughter of Hiram Lunsford, Esq., of Pulaski county. For five years after Mr. Hill's marriage he resided in Union township, this county, but since then he has resided in Aubbeenaubbee township. He has operated with success a saw-mill at Leiter's Ford; owns a good farm and is in prosperous circumstances. Unto him and his wife there have been born the following offspring: Infant, deceased; Walter, Harvey, deceased; Roy, Elmer and Bessie, deceased. Mr. Hill is a firm democrat in politics, and in 1890 was elected trustee of his township. As trustee he served five years with satisfaction to the people. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church, and they number among the leading families of their community.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, p. 85]

HILL, J. P. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] POWER - SAFETY - SPEED. Let me tell you about this Marion [automobile] model, it is guaranteed. J. P. HILL. 216 Bancroft Avenue.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 11, 1913]

[Adv] Fully Equipped Self Starter. \$1,195. THE REO Has been on the market for 26 years and has never failed to give satisfaction. Timken Bearing throughout, 112 inch wheel base. For particulars call or telephone J. P. HILL, Phone 245-01/

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 10, 1913]

HILL, J. W. [Rochester, Indiana]

J. W. HILL

Bus Line Operator

A well conducted bus line is always worthy of one's patronage. If we are going away and love to be dependent on the bus man to wake and take us to the train, there is a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that we will be called for in time, our luggage properly looked after, and that done in an agreeable and gentlemanly manner. Mr. [J. W.] HILL possesses all these requirements. And has never been known to miss a train, or get a person left during the time he has been in business. His headquarters are at the Central House and all orders left there will receive prompt and courteous attention.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 29, 1888]

HILL, JOHN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

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HILL, JOHN F. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] FROZEN AUTO ENGINES have always been a problem. If you have been unfortunate and found that freezing weather has cracked your auto cylinder block or engine head - let us WELD IT. - - - We specialize in welding. Oxy-acetylene and electric arc. Satisfaction guaranteed. THE JOHN F. HILL CO., 1014 Main Street, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, December 2, 1929]

HILL, JOHN G. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Hill & Son, John G

See Hill, Clarence F.

John G. Hill, Blacksmith & Wagon-maker, Fulton, Indiana. Wagons, Carriages, Plows, Sleds and Cutters made to order. Plow points for sale. Repairing of all kinds, and other work done promptly and at short notice. Work and charges warranted to give satisfaction.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, July 16, 1868]

[Adv] SOMETHING NEW! Wright's Sand Arrester Skein! Best protection for Spindles of Wagons and Buggies in the World. Used on all Wagons Made by JOHN G. HILL & SON, Dealers in Honest made Farm Wagons, Fancy Harness, Buggies and Carriages. North End of Main Street, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 10, 1892]

JOHN G. HILL (Biography)

John G. HILL was born in Hessenstarn-Stadt, Germany, and came to this country in 1858, settling in Miami county where he lived until the war of the rebellion when he enlisted in the Union Army and served three years. After the war he came to Rochester, entered into the manufacture of carriages and wagons, and has built up such a reputation for work that his machinery is never idle. His specialty is the manufacture of fine rigs to order, and as he is a practical workman of the old school his work is practical and durable. His shops are located on North Main street where friends and patrons are always welcome. Mr. Hill has always been prominent in the advance of progress in Rochester and is one of our substantial citizens.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

BIOGRAPHY

John G. Hill, the veteran carriage maker of Rochester, and one of the most progressive citizens of the county, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Dec. 18, 1835, the youngest of the five children of Matthias Hill, who was manufacturer of novelties, a land owner and sheep raiser. He married a Miss Green, and their children are: Margaret Beeker, of Logansport, Ind.; Anna and Elizabeth, who are also married, and our subject. The father was a soldier in the German war against Napoleon. John G. Hill acquired his education in the public school of Germany, and at the age of eighteen came to America in search of fortune. From New York he went to Philadelphia, and soon afterward to Harrisburg, Pa. His first work was as a day laborer on the Harrisburg & Reading railroad, and later he went to Lebanon, Pa., where he learned the blacksmith's trade. When he had mastered the business, he managed the shop for Christ Hoover, for several months in Lancaster, whence he removed to Myerstown, Pa., where he had charge of a carriage shop. Later he again spent a brief period in Lebanon, then attempted to join the Union army, but the quota of three months troops was filled. In search of employment he made his way to Peru, Ind., where lived his brother-in-law, and there established a custom shop, working for a year. With the true patriotic spirit of a native American, Mr. Hill then enlisted in the Fourteenth light artillery, was ordered from Indianapolis to St. Louis and thence south, reaching Mississippi in time to take part in the battle of Corinth. On account of illness he returned to Jackson, Tenn., and there was detailed for duty as a blacksmith in the government shops in Paducah, Ky., at which place he was

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notified of his promotion to a second lieutenantcy in the Eighth United States heavy artillery, a colored battery. In 1864 he was one of the gallant two hundred and fifty who defended Fort Paducah against six thousand rebels of Gen. Forest's army. At Port Anderson, Paducah, Ky., on march 25, 1864, he received a severe gunshot wound in the left thigh, which disabled him for six months. In this engagement the enemy lost eight hundred, the Union troops thirty-seven. Returning home at the close of the war, Mr. Hill established a small carriage shop at Fulton, whence in 1871 he removed to Rochester. After working for a time by the day for others, he entered into partnership with J. B. Fieser, building buggies, and then for two years was in the grocery business with Louis Felder, and then sold out and became a partner of Noah Craven in the carriage and wagon business. The new firm did a successful business until 1883, when our subject sold out and established the firm of J. G. Hill & Son, which profitably operated a shop until 1895, when John G. Hill became sole propeietor. The firm sold buggies, carriages and wagons all over the West as far as Kansas, and success attended their well directed efforts. Mr. Hill was married in Lancaster, Pa., in 1857, to Lizzie, daughter of Daniel Good. She died in Fulton in 1868, leaving a daughter, Amelia Leed, by her former marriage, and the followiing children by her marriage to Mr. Hill: Rosa R.; Elixabeth, deceased; John, who married Annie Smith; Mary, deceased, wife of George Rule; George A., and Theresa, now Mrs. J. H. Warner, of Elkhart, Ind. In 1872 Mr. Hill wedded Miss Bomberger, who died in 1873. His present wife was formerly Maggie Oneth, and their only child is named Minnie. Mr. Hill is a member of McClung post, No. 95, G.A.R., and the Knights of Honor. He has a beautiful home on Jefferson street in Rochester, and is regarded as one of the most progressive and valued citizens of the county. Politically Mr. Hill is an uncompromising republican and for many years has taken an active part in the affairs of that party.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 85-86]

[Adv] BARGAINS IN HARNESS. I handle a complete line of hand-made Buggy and Wagon Harness that I am selling lower than anyone in this city. - - - Also making special prices on fly nets, dusters, whips, etc. Get my prices on Buggies, Carriages and Wagons before buying. JNO. G. HILL, Heffley's Old Stand.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 8, 1897]

CARD OF THANKS

I was engaged in the manufacture of Carriages and Wagons in Rochester for sixteen years. During all that time I had the favor of the people, and now that I have quit the business I wish to thank all my friends and patrons for the patronage so kindly bestowed. JOHN G. HILL.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 14, 1899]

HILL, JOHN J. [Rochester, Indiana]

HOUSE MOVING

Having purchased the tools and outfit formerly owned by Jacob Hartman, I am prepared to move buildings of all kinds, on short notice, cheaply and safely. Give me a call. JOHN J. HILL.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 18, 1896]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Downs Bros. have purchased the John Hill moving apparatus and are prepared to do any work of that kind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 31, 1904]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Negotiations were closed today whereby John J. Hill, the well known mason and contractor, leased the Bowers Miracle Pressed stone works in this city and will take possession at

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once. Mr. Bowers' health is such that he felt he could not give the growing business the attention it needs and so he made Mr. Hill a proposition that was acceptable and the latter will now be situated to make the stone for his own use and also for others who use pressed stone or concrete blocks.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 3, 1907]

[Adv] The most substantial building material of this age is cement. I build homes, barns, foundations, porches, sidewalks, and in fact anything that is made with cement. Would be pleased to submit an estimate on your work. JOHN J. HILL, residence phone 328-02. North Main Street.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 23, 1910]

HILL, MARSH [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] HIGH GRADE CEMENT. Marsh Hill has on sale at all times the genuine imported German Portland Cement. - - - MARSH HILL.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 9, 1903]

[Adv] WE PAY MONEY for what you throw away. Such articles in iron, rubber, rags, etc., that are useless to you we can buy. It will pay you to save them for us. Also cement work and burial vaults. MARSHALL HILL, 400 Main Street.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 23, 1910]

[Adv] GOING TO BUILD? I carry a complete line of Concrete Blocks and Cement and do all kinds of contract masonry work. Inspect my burial vaults. MARSHALL HILL, 400 N. Main St., Phone 394-04.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 18, 1913]

[Adv] Cement blocks, burial vaults, urns, fence posts - In short anything you might need in the way of permanent, durable, material. Construction Done. Work Guaranteed. MARSH HILL, Cor. Main and 4th Sts, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 19, 1916]

MARSHALL HILL SELLS

Marshall Hill, Friday sold his cement block manufacturing plant on North Main Street to A. A. Tatman of Akron, who will take possession next Wednesday. Mr. Hill, who has owned the plant for the last 10 years, will now engage in contracting work. Mr. Tatman has had some experience in the cement business and his son is now engaged in that work in Akron.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 24, 1917]

HILL, ROBERT [Rochester, Indiana]

OPENS BARBER SHOP

Robert Hill, who resides near Fulton, has opened a barber shop in the room at 430 North Main Street. Mr. Hill is a licensed barber and has had five years experience.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 22, 1934]

HILL, ROLLIN [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] OLD FURNITURE MADE NEW. I am again located in Rochester and am prepared to do upholstering in a first-class manner. - - - Leave orders at John G. Hill's shops or call telephone 40 and I shall be pleased to call at your home with my samples. ROLLIN HILL.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 18, 1898]

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HILL, ROY [Rochester, Indiana]

BARBER SHOP SOLD

Roy Hill, Monday purchased the Wall Street Barber Shop, located in the 30 block of East Ninth street, from Rufus Thrush. Mr. Hill has taken possession of the shop and will continue to operate the same. Mr. Hill has been a barber for the past four years and has been employed in tonsorial parlors in Logansport, Fulton and Rochester. Mr. Thrush, who has operated the shop for many years, is retiring because of ill health.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 8, 1941]

HILL, WILLIAM [Rochester, Indiana]

WILLIAM HILL (Biography)

Elder Wm. HILL, the pastor in charge of the Seventh Day Adventists church, has been a citizen of Rochester since 1861. He practiced medicine until 1888 when he turned his attention almost entirely to church work. He has been treasurer of the state conference of his church for seventeen years, and has received and disbursed a hundred thousand dollars of church funds during the time. He is now one of the ministers of his church authorized to preach whenever and wherever duty calls him.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

HILL, WILLIAM [Rochester, Indiana]

INSPIRATION--DETERMINATION

By Dr. William Hill

Having kept no continued diary of the history of my active life, I will have to call up from memory's halls a few of the scenes and incidents written there along the stream of time.

Being engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, the greater portion of my life from early manhood, the incidents mostly brought to view will be those that at times came across the pathway of the busy doctor while engaged in his professional calling.

I was born in a log cabin on the 3d day of March, 1832, in the state of Michigan, Oakland county, town of Farmington, Pontiac being the county seat. Among my early recollections, my mind goes back to that memorable night of Nov. 13, 1833, that will live in history while the world stands. I was lying in my cradle, looking out through the window, and saw the "stars" falling thick and fast towards the earth, father and mother going out at the door to view the scene. I called to them to bring me some of the stars. They said they all went out just before they struck the earth. It proved to be the largest meteoric showers of falling stars ever brought to view from the earliest period of recorded time, excepting the Seer of Patmos had antedated, and witnessed the scene near eighteen centuries before. My field of vision was somewhat limited to the narrow zone of my cabin window, so I will use the eyes of one of maturer years to describe the grandness of the scene. The following is a description of this event published in the Des Moines (Ia.) *Register* by the agricultural editor, an aged man who was then one of the few surviving eye witnesses of the phenomenon:

"The agricultural editor of the Register was out alone with a team and a load of lumber on that never-to-be-forgotten night; and he cannot now consent to hear of human fireworks being superior to that most grand and sublime spectacle ever before or since beheld by man. Immense meteors, mingled together with smaller shooting stars, fell like snowflakes, and produced phosphorescent lines along their course. Intermingled with these, large fireballs, some larger than the moon, fell or shot in the arc of a circle of thirty or forty degrees. These left behind them luminous trains which remained in view several minutes and sometimes half an hour or more. Some of these luminous bodies, whatever they were, remained stationary for a considerable time, irregular in form, emitting brilliant streams of light. There was no moon, but starlight, and as the whole firmament was lit up and descending in fiery torrents, everything was on a grander scale than man may ever aspire to imitate. This display extended all over North and South America and the West India Islands. Patent fireworks were no nearer this wonderful phenomenon than lightning

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bugs are equal to the sun. The display lasted from about ten o'clock on the evening of the 13th until it was obscured by the light of the sun on the morning of the 14th of November, 1833."

At another time I was lying in my cradle when several Indians came into the cabin. The Squaws came to my cradle and pointed me to their pappoose on their shoulder. Some of their men followed, pointing to their papposes, and passed on. Their dark complexion caused me to look at them sharply. Later on I learned that every fall they would come to trade cranberries for corn bread which my mother baked for them. Doubtless they belonged to some of the tribes that Tecumseh came from Michigan to Indianapolis to join the nine tribes that fought the battle of Tippecanoe, Nov. 7, 1811, some twenty-two years before. His brother brought on the battle while he was away, against General Harrison and his men, but lost the victory. The nine tribes scattered to their native homes, peace soon came to the whites and Indians, spreading her mantle over the historical valley of the Tippecanoe and many of our children hardly know that the very ground we live on was ever trodden under foot by hostile tribes.

Our brains in early childhood, are very impressionable, something like the sensitized plate in the photographer's box. Scenes, incidents and words impressed there while young, will remain for a life time, and we can call them up even in old age, apparently living them over again, unto the parting of the ways.

My parents soon got tired of living in the wilderness and moved back to York state, Ontario county, where I attended the common schools of the country. In the fall of 1839 we moved to Miami county, Indiana, where I continued to attend the country schools, later on, only during winter seasons. In summer worked on the farm. One hot day in June I was plowing with one yoke of oxen, slowly ascending the hillside in the field. I stopped the oxen to have a rest, as they were warm and tired, and sat down on the plow-beam. Then I began to meditate and think of the future, counting my age, found that I had three years to stay at home before I would be of age. Three years seemed a long time to stay with Father and Mother. Should I stay my time out or arise and go to the far distant west and lead a strenuous life? I concluded to stay and be a plowman, returning home as the curfew tolls the knell of departing days. Then the thought came to me,-- "What shall I follow after I become of age?" Giving the subject mature thought I decided to study medicine and become a physician. Arising from the plow-beam full of courage and hope, grasping the plow handles, I spoke to the oxen to move on.

At the first opportunity I told my father that I was going to study medicine, and after I became of age I would make the study and practice of medicine my life work. Said I would buy some medical books and commence right then. Would study of evenings and work through the day,. "All right," he said, "I am in debt some on the farm and do not see how I could spare the money to buy the books." I answered: "If you will give me the time, I will go out and work and get money and buy the books." He said he would. I then took the ax, maul and iron wedge, started for the woods. A man offered my fifty cents per hundred for making rails. Went to work and made one hundred rails the first day. That was all I could make in one day. Averaged that for ten days, receiving five dollars in cash for the same.

I wrote a letter to a New York firm, to send me a copy of a new book they had just published, price being \$5.00, on "The Principles and Practice of Medicine and Surgery, Obstetrics, Materia Medica, Therapeutics, Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene." I took the money and had the postmaster put it in the letter in my presence, seal it up and put in the mail for New York, as there were no money orders to be had in those days. In about ten days the letter was returned to me from the New York house, stating that there was no money in the letter when received, and they had opened the letter in the presence of witnesses. The letter had been robbed and the money taken out.

When the news came that the letter was robbed, my prospects along medical lines were under a cloud. Since then I have read of "Black Friday," in New York and Chicago, but it did not seem to me as dark a day as mine was. Should I give up the study of medicine and remain on the farm? After studying over the matter four weeks, I concluded to try again. Taking my tools to the woods I made another one thousand rails receiving another five dollars. I mailed the money at another postoffice, other witnesses, to the same firm. Why should not a two-thousand-rail maker,

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or splitter, become a doctor--if not, why not? As I read of a rail splitter becoming President of our country.

In about ten days the book arrived all right in good shape. Then I called off my hounds from the chase and laid aside my hunting outfit. Commenced my evening studies, working through the day and reading up to nine or ten o'clock at night. When the three years were up, I had pretty well mastered the book and several others besides. I studied and practiced medicine for ten years, then went to Philadelphia, attended medical colleges and hospitals there, graduating with honors, bringing home three diplomas as evidence of the same. I received the appointment from the government as Examining Surgeon for cadets at South Bend, Ind., for this congressional district during the civil war.

Afterward, I received the appointment as Examining Surgeon for pensions, for Fulton county, from the Commissioner of Pensions. In that capacity I served the government for twelve years and three months.

At this point I pause, and my mind goes back over the long journey in coming to this county.

Battle--Hounds--Deer

The great battle of hounds and a buck deer, comes to mind, as being one of the hardest fought of modern times, and doubtless rarely excelled if ever equaled between hounds and deer. It was approximately near sixty-four years ago this winter, and has never been published heretofore. The battle ground was located on the side of the foothills east of Weesaw creek, in a thicket of oak grubs, about four miles north of Eel river, in Miami county.

One morning I called the two hounds and told them to go on the school path, or trail, and clear the surrounding woods of wild animals, making it more safe to go to school. I stood on our back porch, saw the hounds run along the trail, on the ridge, across the prairie, creek and prairie again, then out of sight in the jungle of the far hills, over three-quarters of a mile away.

The trail extended beyond the foot hills, through a dense forest, to the school house. We blazed the trees, so we would not get lost by the way in time of storm, cloudy days or the long walks home at nights from the spelling school, two miles to our home. I returned from the porch and sat down by the fire. My mind became absorbed in other topics and forgot the hounds had not returned, and had been gone about four hours. I took a gun and started down the trail on the run, reaching a high ridge I stopped, listened and heard them bark in the foothills about a half-mile away. They were located and the battle was on, the sharp voices of the hounds indicating the fight was to a finish. Soon covering the distance, I noticed the bark of the hounds became less and less, ceasing almost entirely. Then I found myself on the battle field. Limbs were broken from the oak grubs, bark peeled off, many places snow and leaves torn from the ground and blood all around. Passing through the brush, I saw a large buck deer with large and heavy antlers, lying perfectly still on the ground, with feet and legs drawn under him, paying no attention as I approached. The hounds were on guard, at the head and rear, within two feet of the deer. Both hounds were tired out and panting for breath but were in position to continue the fight should their adversary move. The deer however, was done for, his horns and hind legs ruined in the fight which had lasted four hours, and covered a quarter-acre of ground, ending within a few feet of where it began, for undoubtedly the deer laid in a fallen tree up all night, and the hounds had come upon it evidently, when they first struck the trail. I raised my gun to put him out of his misery and he rolled over on his side dead. Thus ended the fray.

I left the hounds on guard and went home after the horse and sled, to haul the slain monarch. I saved his hide and antlers for years. I soon abandoned the hunter's life for that of the plowman.

Ten years ago I stepped on the platform at the Lake Erie & Western station, and saw a young man with a repeating rifle capable of exploding sixteen consecutive times. He allowed me to examine the gun, which I did carefully, recalling the progress made in firearms, in the last fifty years. The spirit of my early hunting experience came back and I half desired to buy such a rifle and go to the woods. It seemed that if I could have owned that gun fifty years ago, I could have brought down a half herd of deer without removing it from my shoulder.

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That very night I was shown in a dream the danger of the gun, and the suffering resulting, at times therefrom, which cooled my ardor for taking innocent life from that day to this. In the dream I was permitted to take the gun and go to the woods to hunt for game, and the first I saw was a pheasant, sitting on a limb. I raised the gun and fired, the bird fell to the ground near by, shot in the wing. Then it seemed gifted with human speech and ran to me crying "I am shot! I am shot! I am shot!" A man then came along and taking the bird suspended it by the neck, ruthlessly stripped the feathers from its body by one downward stroke and with the feathers went its life and its cry ceased. I then turned into the wood to hunt for bigger game. I saw the frame and antlers of deer in the bushes, again raised my gun and fired. It was only a glancing shot, for they hurried away. But beyond the deer, unknown to me, arose the dying groans of a hunter. With the aid of others he was carried to his home, then I awoke from the dream.

I was so glad it was only a dream, yet how often we read of some one being shot by standing in range of the hunter's gun.

Oh, how careful we should be in handling the deadly gun and remember that birds and animals can suffer as well as we.

Child's Life Saved By A Plunge Bath

Something over twenty years ago, I stepped out of my kitchen door and heard the sharp, shrill scream of a woman. Looking up, I saw Mrs. S. O'Blenis coming out of her room with her child in her arms, saying her child had been scalded to death. I ran to meet her on the porch, and took the child from her arms, plunged it into a large open rain barrel full of water that stood at my side, and took out my pocket handkerchief and wiped the water from eyes and nose. I told the mother to bring a dry woolen blanket, then slipping the wet handkerchief over the face and neck, I lifted the child out of the water and wrapped it closely in the woolen blanket, replaced it in its mother's arms and she carried it back into the house.

I told her to sit down in the rocking chair and hold the child twenty-four hours and allow no air to reach its surface, except a small amount to the mouth for breathing, which she did. In a half hour, the child quit crying and went to sleep.

The child could not quite walk alone, but could stand by holding on to something. The mother had placed a washtub on a low stool and half filled it with boiling water, and gone to the cistern to get a pail of cold water, and got as far back as the door. By this time the child had crawled to the stool and taking hold of the edge of the tub pulled it over on itself, the boiling hot water passing down over its arms and chest, bowles, limbs and feet, thoroughly saturating its clothing. The wild screams of the child, with the piercing cry of the mother as she ran to meet me, grasping the child, the plunge in the rain barrel of water, the wrapping in the blanket, and return to the rocking chair, was a dramatic scene long to be remembered.

I visited the child about once every hour, to see that no air came in contact with its body. When the twenty-four hours were up, I took off the blanket, carefully loosed the clothing and found the skin in good condition, with only one small blister between the two little fingers of the left hand, which soon healed, and there was only a slight discoloring along the margin of the scalded skin. In a few days the child was well and grew to womanhood and still living in this county a few years ago. The cold, wet pack had done its work, and this is the first time that it was ever made a matter of record.

Most Remarkable Coincident of Modern Times

Two incidents at the same hour, near eight thousand miles apart, unknown to each other by previous arrangement. One the real thing, the other an imitation of the real.

In the days of Dr. A. K. Plank, twenty-five or more of his friends were invited to a social party at his home. After partaking of an elaborate supper, the subject of the Franco-Prussian-German war came up in conversation. As the telegaph brought word that the German army had invaded Paris, it was suggested that we play a charade, depicting the surrender of Paris and the French army, of the Kaiser and his army. This met with the hearty approval of all present, and we proceeded to carry out the plan. Orderlies were dispatched to collect proper regalia, and officers selected, King, Emperor, Great Field Marshals, Captains and other Great Counselors of State. Uniforms were brought and every officer dressed according to his rank. Their military appearance

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was grand. Then came the division into different rooms, the French Emperor, his Field Marshal, Captains of the army, Councilors of State, in one room, the Kaiser, the German ruler with his Marshals, Generals, Bismark and Conselors of State in another. There was a flag of truce, capitulation and surrender.

The great doors of the rooms were thrown open and the high dignitaries of state and army introduced. The French Emperor gracefully bowed to the Kaiser, hat in one hand and sword in the other as he advanced and presented his sword in a few well chosen words, surrendering the City of Paris and French army to the Kaiser. The dove of peace seemed to fly through the room.

Retiring to our homes, we thought our parts had been well played in the world's great drama soon to be enacted beyond the sea. Next morning the telegraph brought the news that peace had been declared between France and Germany. The most remarkable thing of all was, when we learned that in a house in Paris, the same night, hour and minute, a peace treaty was negotiated and surrender of Paris and the French army made to the Kaiser of Germany.

As near as could be learned from reading, about the same program was carried out there as we enacted here. I have always regarded this as a remarkable coincident.

A Cavalry Charge

Near forty-five years ago the moon had not risen above the horizon and night had spread her broad and sable mantle over the face of the earth in this latitude. In the gray dawn of the star light, might be seen the faint outlines of a lonely horseman starting from Young Ralstin's, six miles north on the Michigan road, coming to town in great haste for a doctor. Under whip and spur, at times out of sight in the darkness of the night, as he descended in the valleys of the hills, north of the Tippecanoe river. He soon left the hilly country and descended to the plane, the clatter of his horse's hoofs and creaking of the bridge might have been heard while crossing Tippecanoe river. Suddenly he beheld the forms of two men coming out of the hazel brush on each side of the road, a little in advance of him, and both sprang for his horse's bridle. The horse, under the excitement of the moment, and command of the rider, sprang forward at full speed and both men missed their hold. The rider came on to my office. He said, "I want you to go with me to see a patient north of town. Mr. Ralstin is very sick." He then related his experience. I asked him who he thought the men were. He said he did not know. I replied that they might be highway robbers. Do you think they will be there when we return? He said he thought they would. I then asked if he was armed. He said no. Told him I did not feel like making the trip without something to defend myself. I knew of a road that left the main road, quarter of a mile this side of them and ran in a circle through the woods and out on the main road just this side of the bridge. We can take that and flank them, said I, but they will have that guarded too. They may be a band of guerillas. We will have to charge the enemy's lines to go through. It will be the safest to take the forest route for the darkness of the night will be in our favor as they can't see us. Then I stepped up to my instrument case, taking out a large amputating knife. I said, "I can use this as a saber. It is about eighteen inches long. Taking up some cotton batting and roller bandage, I made a temporary scabard, carefully wrapping cotton around the blade and following it with the roller bandage, leaving them both loose at the handle end of the knife. Then taking up the knife and placing it up my overcoat sleeve of my left arm, I said: "I have read of General Santa Anna, I have read of a charge of five hundred union cavalry against the Confederate lines at the battle of Cumberland Gap. I have read of Sherman's ride of twenty miles away, but who in all history had ever read of two lone troopers, in the darkness of the night, charging the enemies' lines, both civilians, only one armed, one a doctor and using for a sword his amputating knife?"

I told him we would train our horses to run close together, neck and neck until we get to the culvert, half-mile this side of the enemy's lines, then we will not speak or make any noise until we arrive at the bridge. Should our horses' bridles be caught by men, one lick with the amputating knife will cause them to let loose. I will use it right and left and the rapid charge of the horses will carry us through the lines and we will pass on. With these preliminaries all arranged we mounted our horses and started from my office where now is located the Shore grocery. Our horses started in moderate gallup down North Main street, then to a full run for a half-mile or more, then slacking the speed, and so on until we arrived at the culvert near the turning off place in the

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woods. We reined up and spoke to our horses to go forward. They sprang forward in a full run into the darkest forest I ever traveled. So dark one could not see the horse he was riding. For the first quarter-mile we expected to be attacked any minute, also the last quarter. We swept on at the speed of a race horse, through the mile of forest, and safely came out on the Michigan road at the bridge. We were happily disappointed in not meeting the enemy.

Found the patient dangerously ill, gave him medicine and stayed with him the balance of the night and left him somewhat improved. Came home next morning and saw the hazel brush and men's tracks in the sand in the road where the would-be holdup took place. They could not have selected a better place.

It was afterward learned that a plan had been laid to capture the U. S. Marshal on his return home, to whom Gov. Morton had sent a company of soldiers to assist in enforcing an enrollment for a draft in Fulton county, during the civil war. Wiser councils of noble men prevailed that it was useless to resist the draft. If one hundred soldiers already here was not enough, one thousand more would follow, and if that was not enough ten thousand more would be supplied.

I read in sacred history of those that stayed at home and cared for the homes shared equally in the spoil, with those that went to battle.

We can all say that America's flag is our flag. The United States of America is our country. We all should enjoy the rights of civil and religious liberty and the rights of conscience guaranteed to us by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of our country.

Looking out of my window I see our flag elevated high on the flag staff, with stars all shining in sparkling light, with ample folds spreading to the breeze. I look again and it is flying half-mast, and now it represents our soldiers' dead, whose life was largely spent that the flag may still continue to wave. The soldier has laid his armor down, wrapping his blankets around him he is quietly moved out to the silent camp of the soldiers' dead. I look again, and the flag is raised at full mast. The American eagle has taken his place on his perch close to the shining stars of light, with his talons in the ample folds of the flag of our nation, crying with a loud voice, as he goes flying through the midst of the states, the immortal truths of the Declaration of American Independence "that all men are endowed by their creator with certain rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." And further guarantees of constitutional rights of civil and religious liberty and the perfect freedom in worshipping God according to the dictates of his own conscience. I look up and say, "Wave on, wave on, wave on, most noble flag! May thy influence for good be felt in every land and in every clime, and from wave to wave on every sea, on your great march around the world carrying peace and good will to all mankind."

[Marguerite L. Miller, *Home Folks*, Vol. I, 1910, pp. 29-38]

HILL & McKEE [Rochester, Indiana]

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the partnership known as Hill & McKee has this day been dissolved by mutual consent and that Albert McKee continues said business at same old stand and is in a position to continue in the contracting and general cement work.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 1912. ALBERT McKEE, J. HILL.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 22, 1912]

HILL & SON, JOHN G. [Rochester, Indiana]

Located E side of Main between 4th and the alley just south.

Manufacturers of buggies, wagons and sleighs.

Later Located W side of street at 1014 Main. Building first owned by Frank Dillon, and housed the Heffley Wagon Factory, which business was purchased by John Hill.

Later known as John F. Hill Company.

See: Hill, Clarence F.

See: Hill, John G.

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[Adv] Look at These Prices. New top buggies of our own make, \$70 to \$90; spring wagons at prices to suit everybody. 100 Old Buggies Wanted to repaint at prices as low as the lowest and guaranteed to stand - - - We are also agents for the celebrated Common Sense Sand Band, superior to all other makes, and will put them on old wagons and buggies at very reasonable prices. Horseshoeing and general repairing done to order - - - JOHN G. HILL & SON.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, September 1, 1886]

[Adv] NEW WAGONS. Wagons Repaired Buggies Repaired. If you want to buy a New Patent Sand Band Wagon - - - JOHN F. HILL, Heffley's old stand. Main Street.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 3, 1902]

John Hill has purchased the Heffley building on Main street just south of the Baptist church, which he has occupied for a number of years and in which is located his wagon repairing and blacksmith shop.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 17, 1922]

[Adv] JOHN F. HILL, 1014 South Main Street. **Iron and Steel** - We carry a complete line of round and flat steel and make anything to your specifications. **Wagon and Buggy** - We've built 'em - we ought to know how to repair 'em. Correct tire setting. **Trimming** - We can supply your needs from a new top to curtain repairing. **Painting** - Auto painting - we use nothing but the best varnishes, paints and enamels. **Welding** - Oxy-acetylene and forge welding. We weld ANYTHING - castings, aluminum, springs, etc., in fact, if it's broken, we'll weld it. Special attention to sickle bars, cultivator shovels and plows. **Soldering and Brazing**.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 26, 1924]

HILL & WOLDERMUTH [Rochester, Indiana]

LOCAL NEWS

Hill and Woldermuth, manufacturers of ironing boards and clothes racks have just received two car loads of lumber from Tennessee.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 11, 1900]

HILL, WILDERMUTH, LAIDLAW CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

ANOTHER FACTORY

It may be news to many of our residents to learn that Rochester has a new industry that may branch out in greater dimensions than any thing we have dreamed. This morning the Hill, Wildermuth, Laidlaw Co. leased the big planing mill and all the machinery of Samuel Barkdoll for a term of years and took possession at once.

The new firm will continue in a regular planing mill business, and have retained Mr. Barkdoll and Mr. Chamberlain to take charge of that department, while the members of the new firm will give their personal attention to the manufacture, on a large scale, of their ironing boards, clothes racks, and other novelties in wood. They start off with about ten men at work in the shops and two men on the road to sell the goods, and at the rate these articles are being sold where introduced it will not be long before it will be necessary to build an addition to the mill and work seventy-five or a hundred men. Plans for the addition are being made, and new machinery has already been ordered, and the hum of industry in that neighborhood has a cheering with Mr. Barkdoll and "Jack" Chamberlain at the head of the house building and planing mill part of the business and Messrs Hill, Wildermuth and Laidlaw with their line of novelties there is every reason to believe that this will soon become one of the leading industries of this part of Indiana.

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The goods made are easy and ready sellers and orders are already in for goods enough to hurry the present force to fill them.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 9, 1901]

HILL'S BARBER SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

BUYS INTEREST

Announcement was made today that Roy Hill who operated a tonsorial parlor in Fulton for some time has purchased a half interest in Bob's Barber Shop at the corner of Fifth and Main streets of his brother, Bob Hill. Roy Hill will be associated with his brother in conducting the shop.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 2, 1939]

HILL'S GROCERY [Akron, Indiana]

Guy Hill, Jr., owned and operated Hill's Grocery on the northeast corner of Mishawaka and Rochester streets in Akron for several years. [former location of E. O. Strongstore; and Merrill Kendall's store]

[Jacob Whittenberger Family, Velma Bright, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2*, Willard]

HILL'S STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester 5 and 10 Cents Store

GRAND OPENING OF HILL'S NEW STORE SET FOR SATURDAY

Fred Hill, formerly manager of the Gamble Store here, announces the formal opening of Hill's new store in the same location, 824 Main street. Mr. Hill has completely revamped the store. A new, modern front has been built, interior displays have been constructed and changed, to make room for additional merchandise.

Such nationally advertised home appliances as RCA radios, Bendix washers, Hotpoint ranges, Armstrong linoleums, and Smith-Alsop paints are headliners in this new display.

Aluminum, enamel and ovenware items are stocked to enable the modern housewife to equip her kitchen conveniently. Gift items and sundry things for the home are arranged on clean new counters.

Paneled sidewall displays have been constructed for refrigerators, stoves and washers. The new paint department is colorful and complete. A new sign announces to all that the store has a new name and the spotless white front holds forth a cheery welcome.

There will be roses for the ladies who visit the new store Saturday, grand opening day.

Mr. Hill will be assisted on opening day by several factory representatives who will demonstrate various types of appliances. Robert House is manager of the new store's service department.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 2, 1938]

LOCAL RETAILER FILES VOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY

South Bend, Ind., Jan 18. (INS) - J. Fred Hill, Rochester retail hardware merchant, has filed a petition in the Federal court of South Bend for voluntary bankruptcy.

Mr. Hill listed assets of \$10,843.29 and liabilities of \$10,949.87.

The petition was turned over to Alvin Marsh of Plymouth, who is the bankruptcy referee for the northern Indiana district. Mr. Marsh set Tuesday, Jan. 28th as the date for the first meeting of creditors. The meeting will be held at the Rochester courthouse at 2 p.m.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, January 18, 1941]

HILL HARDWARE STORE OPENED FOR BUSINESS

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The Hill Hardware Store, 824 South Main street, which recently went into bankruptcy, was opened for business today by the trustee, Kenneth A. Ball.

The store was opened under authority of Alvin Marsh, Plymouth, referee in bankruptcy for the Northern Indiana United States District Court at South Bend.

The store will be operated as a going concern and the same opening and closing hours as in the past will be observed.

Mr. Ball is authorized not only to sell and replace the stock but to accept time payments on contracts in force under the former ownership.

The personnel of the store is the same, Roy Chapman and Miss Joan Haggerty.
[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 31, 1941]

[Adv] BANKRUPT SALE, Monday & Tuesday, March 10th-11th - - - FRED HILL
HARDWARE, 824 Main Street, Rochester, Ind. Maurice Murtha and Jack Helm, Auctioneers.
[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 8, 1941]

HINER RED BALL LINE [Rochester, Indiana]

Also see Rochester-Logansport Bus Line
Also see Kern Transit Co.

NEW LOGANSFORT-S. BEND BUS LINE THROUGH CITY

Verifying a rumor current several weeks, the Hiner Red Ball Bus Line on Saturday, or just the day before the new Indiana law which placed these utilities under the control of the public service commission went into effect and which would have made it obligatory for them to get a franchise for this route, established a line from Logansport to South Bend following the Michigan road, which will connect with another line which the company operates from Logansport to Indianapolis.

The first trip over the line was made Saturday night in a large Mack bus. R. L. Hiner, secretary and son of R. W. Hiner, president of the Hiner Bus Lines, accompanied the trail blazer on its initial trip. Mr. Hiner stated that the company had 10 bus lines in operation in Indiana at the present time, all centering at Indianapolis. Mack busses, with a seating capacity of 30, and which can attain a speed of 55 miles an hour are used exclusively.

Mr. Hiner stated that at the present time but two round trips between Logansport and South Bend would be made by their busses, which will leave Rochester north bound at 9:40 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. and South Bend at 1:20 p.m. and 7:40 p.m. Mr. Hiner said it is the intention of the company eventually to make 8 round trips a day between the two cities. The Logansport and Indianapolis line at the present time is being operated on an 8 round trip a day schedule.

The rates charged by the Red Ball people are on a 2 cents a mile basis for middle distances.

The running time to Indianapolis from Rochester is three hours and 20 minutes.
[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 2, 1925]

The Tasty Maid Coffee shop has been designated as the local depot for the Hiner Red Ball Line. Miss Etta Emmons is the agent, who will be glad to furnish information to travelers as to connections made with other bus lines by the Hines company.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, March 3, 1925]

POWELL BUS LINE SALE APPROVED BY P.S.C.

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Sale of the bus line of Charles Powell, between Rochester and Logansport, to the Hiner Red Ball Lines, Inc., was approved Friday by the public service commission.

The Inter-City Coach company's application for operation of a passenger line between Peru and Indianapolis was approved.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, July 25, 1925]

HINER BUS LINES SOLD TO HOOSIER STAGE LINES, INC.

Indianapolis, Aug. 21. - (By I.N.S.) - The Hiner Red Ball Bus Lines, Inc., operating throughout Indiana and into adjoining states was sold today to the Hoosier Stage Lines, Inc., for a reported price of \$2,000,000. - - - - -

It is said the Hoosier Stage Lines, Inc., is a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania railroad company. Logansport is destined to be a division point of the system, it is also reported. - - -

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 21, 1925]

HINKLE SAW MILL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Downs Sawmill

BIG HOOP FACTORY

Rochester is to have a very live new industry and it will be doing business by the middle of August. It is the Rochester Hoop Factory, and will be operated by a company of four experienced hoop manufacturers of Ohio.

They have purchased the Hinkle saw mill, located at the Erie Ry. yards, and will remodel it and add to it buildings and machinery at an outlay of four or five thousand dollars. It will be equipped with the latest hoop making machinery and when in full operation about thirty hands will be employed.

The firm will manufacture elm hoops and nothing else. It will buy all the elm that can be had in teaming distance of Rochester and ship logs in from points ten to twenty miles away. The hoops manufactured are all finished ready for putting on barrels and the firm is assured a ready market for all its Rochester products as it already has a substantial trade established through several Ohio factories which are in successful operation.

Mr. E. E. Morris of Harod, Ohio will be manager and he will be assisted by Messrs Wm. Davidson and S. C. Baughman, all of whom seem to be the kind of energetic and companionable gentlemen Rochester welcomes to her good citizenship.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 6, 1906]

HISEY, JOHN C. [Rochester, Indiana]

DO YOU NEED A WELL?

In addition to driven and tubular wells I am now prepared to put down artesian wells from four to eight inches in size. My machinery is new, and all work will be promptly and satisfactorily executed. Repairs of all kinds constantly on hand. I also sell the Monitor windmill, which is without an equal. JOHN. C. HISEY.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 6, 1892]

HISEY & BRUBAKER HARDWARE [Rochester, Indiana]

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LEAVES HARDWARE AFTER THIRTY YEARS

A deal was completed Wednesday whereby Joel Stockberger, for nearly 20 years a local hardware merchant, disposed of his interest in the Stockberger and Hisey Hdw., cor. Main and 9th sts., to Walter Brubaker, brother-in-law of Lee Hisey, the other partner. Mr. Brubaker and "Bink" Stinson, auto agents, will sever their relations and the former will enter his new business Nov. 1, taking with him the agency for one of the popular cars he has helped handle. Mr. Stockberger will retire from business for the present.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 11, 1916]

NEW GARAGE

The Hisey and Brubaker Hardware is erecting a large cement block garage at the rear of their present location, cor. Main and 9th Sts.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 11, 1916]

HISEY AND BRUBAKER HARDWARE SELLS OUT

Rochester now has but one hardware store, strictly speaking.

Lee Hisey and Walter Brubaker Thursday sold their business, at the corner of Main and 9th Sts., to Louis P. URSCHEL, of North Manchester, who will move the stock to that town at once.

Mr. Brubaker will retain the agency for the Buick automobile but Mr. Hisey has no definite plans for the future. They only disposed of the shelf goods in the store, which will probably invoice at \$8,000, while the heavier machinery will be sold by the local firm.

The sale closed out a store which was started 30 years ago by Thomas and Joel Stockberger. Butler later sold out to Henry Hisey and at the latter's death, Lee Hisey, the son, went in as a partner. Mr. Stockberger continued in the store until about two years ago, when he sold to Walter Brubaker.

The Thursday deal was made thru W. E. Mohler of Rochester and John Isenbarger, of North Manchester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 1, 1918]

HISEY FIVE AND TEN CENT STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

JOHN HISEY SELLS STORE

John Hisey has sold his five and 10 cent store on north Main St., to John Marshall who will take possession soon. Mr. and Mrs. Hisey will move to their property in East Rochester. They have owned the store on North Main St., for a number of years.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 7, 1917]

HISEY'S BARGAIN STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] OUR MOTTO "Quick Sales and Small Profits" Saturday Specials - Ten qt. Galvanized Pails 10¢ Dust Pans selling at 4¢ The famous Red Band Candy per pound 10¢ HISEY'S BARGAIN STORE, 510 Main St.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 21, 1913]

[Adv] Your attention is called to the Many Bargains at Hisey's Bargain Store - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 17, 1914] [sic]

JOHN HISEY SELLS STORE TO ORVILLE ZIMMERMAN

John Hisey, proprietor of Hisey's Bargain Store on north Main street, sold his business Friday to Orville Zimmerman, who takes possession two weeks from Monday. Mr. Hisey sold the store, which he purchased from George Hayward three years ago, because of the hard work

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connected with the business. Mr. and Mrs. Hisey are past 70 years old. They will spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Minta Richardson, in East Rochester. Mr. Zimmerman, the new owner, has had considerable experience in the retail business and for some time worked at the Big Store north of the court house, which was closed recently by Ray Babcock.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 13, 1915]

HITCH RACKS [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rocheser Hitch Racks

HIZER, AARON D. [Wayne Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Aaron D. Hizer was born in Wayne township, Fulton county, in 1852. He had few advantages in life and practically no schooling. Nevertheless he has done well, being now the owner of a farm of two hundred and twenty-two acres. In 1873, at the age of twenty years, he began farming for himself and took for his wife Miss Louisa Sommers. The married life was a short one, the young wife dying six years later. She left two small children, Martha and Rosanna, both of whom grew up and became members of the U. B. church. Aaron Hizer married for the second time Miss Caroline Sommers, the sister of his first wife, by whom he had five children: Daniel, William B., Dennis, Joseph, and Nelson. Mr. Hizer now lives where he began life forty years ago, on the same land. He is a staunch Republican by political faith. His parents were Alfred and Lucinda (McCumber) Hizer, who came to Indiana in 1827 among the early settlers from the East. They were both Baptists and got their land by homesteading according to the old fashion and were greatly respected by their neighbors. The husband died November 3, 1916, the wife on June 5, 1907, and both are buried in the Round Lake cemetery in Fulton county. Mrs. Hizer, the wife of the subject of our sketch is the daughter of Daniel and Rosanna (Fisher) Sommers, both natives of Germany who landed in the United States in 1842 going first to Ohio and ten years later into Indiana. He followed his trade as blacksmith and was active in the Republican party until his death which occurred July 30, 1870. His wife died in 1903. Both rest side by side in the Presbyterian cemetery in Cass county. Their daughter still carefully preserves an old German sabre which the father used when he was a recruit in the German army.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 210-211, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HIZER, ALFRED [Grass Creek, Indiana]

MAY BE A MURDER

Because Saloon Keeper William Snyder of Grass Creek refused to sell liquor to, or allow Alfred Hizer in his saloon Saturday evening, a quarrel followed, and as a result, Hizer shot Snyder two times. The first ball passed through the fleshy part of Snyder's leg and the second penetrated his abdomen. Snyder was taken to a hospital at Logansport Sunday and may recover. Hizer is still at large.

Alfred Hizer is about twenty-four or twenty-five years of age and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hizer who reside five miles northwest of Culver. For the past three or four months Hizer has been working near Grass Creek, a part of the time for James Costello, but recently cutting wood on the Brunk place. Saturday Hizer went to Grass Creek and became intoxicated. Late in the afternoon he was at the Ambrose O'Brian saloon and there shot a hole in the floor.

Before leaving the O'Brian place, Hizer is said to have made a statement that he was going to Snyder's and if Snyder said much, he would fix him. Entering the Snyder saloon about six o'clock, Hizer wanted to show he was a good fellow and ordered the drinks for the house. Snyder told him he had had too much and for him to go on out. Hizer refused to do this and the two men quarreled. Hizer told Snyder to go out in the street and he would whip him. The two men started out, Hizer in advance. Upon reaching the center of the road he turned, drew a

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revolver and shot Snyder who was then about five feet outside the saloon door. The injured man walked into the saloon and was carried home.

In the excitement which followed, no attempt was made to capture Hizer. He was seen to go to the Vandalia station immediately after the shooting, and as a freight pulled out a few minutes later it is thought he rode that out of Grass Creek. The last seen of him was at the Vandalia depot.

Sheriff Miller was notified immediately after the shooting and a few minutes past six o'clock he and his deputy Bud Ware, were on their way to Grass Creek. Several hours were spent in fruitless search Saturday evening, and almost all day Sunday, the Sheriff and deputy hunted for Hizer. It was learned a horse had been taken from a barn south of Grass Creek, Saturday evening, and turned loose some place west of there. From this the officer believes Hizer left the Vandalia train at the grade south of Grass Creek, took the horse, drove it west, and there turned it loose.

Sheriff Miller has telephoned in all directions and the search will not be given up until Hizer is captured.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 10, 1907]

NO TRACE OF HIZER

Up until a late hour this afternoon neither Sheriff Clem Miller nor his deputy Bud Ware, had secured any trace of Alfred Hizer, who shot and probably fatally injured Wm. Snyder, the Grass Creek saloon keeper, after their quarrel Saturday evening.

It is now believed by Sheriff Miller that Hizer left the Vandalia freight train after riding about two miles south of Grass Creek and from there taking one of his relatives' horses and driving it away. At least a horse belonging to Hizer's uncle was taken from the owner's barn and kept away several hours. The horse returned Sunday morning without a driver. What direction Hizer went, of course can not be learned, nor is there any way of finding out. The telephoning and telegraphing by Sheriff Miller has aided but little if any, as other officers had no pictures or aids toward identifying Hizer beyond a meager description.

Deputy Sheriff Ware was in Wayne township today trying to secure photographs of the missing man and if he is successful in this, local officers will be greatly assisted by foreign police officials in locating Hizer.

If Hizer succeeds in escaping the officers, no blame should be placed on Sheriff Miller or Deputy Ware, as they are doing everything possible. At the same time, if Hizer escapes, the men who were at Grass Creek Saturday evening at the time of the shooting should be censured as Hizer remained there fifteen or twenty minutes after committing the act he is now wanted for. In fact it is definitely stated that Hizer waded over to the other saloon in Grass Creek and bought a drink.

People who have known Hizer for some time say he had previously been guilty of gun play. It is said that he drew a shot gun on a man at Bass Lake and shot, but as the man was not injured and Hizer said he was only trying to scare the fellow nothing was ever done about it.

Hizer is about five feet eight inches tall and of rather heavy build. When last seen he wore a black suit of clothes and black cap. Sheriff Miller says it would be an easy matter for anyone to identify him if they but knew his walk, as he swings along a good deal on the style of "Tommy Jefferson."

William Snyder, Grass Creek saloonist and victim of the revolver of Al Hizer, is at St. Joseph hospital at Logansport. Reports from the hospital late last night stated that it was expected that he would not die immediately but that little hope was ultimately extended as the shot had punctured the intestines and bladder. In the latter a three inch hole had been torn.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 11, 1908]

SNYDER IS DEAD

When Alfred Hizer, the man who shot William Snyder, the saloon keeper at Grass Creek, Saturday evening, is arrested, it will be on the charge of murder, as William Snyder died at St. Joseph Hospital, at Logansport at 7 o'clock this morning. As soon as the hospital physicians examined the wounds of Snyder they had little hope of his recovery. But Snyder, being in robust health at the time of the shooting, gained strength after the first collapse and it was believed he

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would recover. All hope, however, was given up early Tuesday evening, as Snyder suddenly began losing strength.

The body of the murdered man was taken from the hospital to the home of one of the murdered man's daughters at Logansport, this afternoon. It will be taken to Grass Creek Thursday morning. The funeral will be held at St. Ann Catholic church at Grass Creek Friday morning. Snyder was 52 years of age, and leaves a wife and three daughters.

Because of the death of Snyder, it is believed a reward will be offered for the capture of Hizer. This will take some time as it will be necessary to hold a special meeting of the County Council to get an appropriation to pay the expense of the search and the reward. However, Sheriff Clem Miller is not waiting for an appropriation, but is doing everything possible to run down Hizer. Photographs of Hizer have been secured and a large number of copies are being made to be sent to all parts of the country.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 12, 1908]

MURDERER STILL AT LARGE

Alf Hizer, the murderer of William Snyder, former Grass Creek saloonist, is still at large. A Logansport paper says blood hounds were used in an effort to get track of him, but the dogs were unable to take up the trail. The crime was committed a week ago and the owner of the dogs, when making the attempt to trail the fugitive, had very little hope of doing so. The general belief is that Hizer has not fled the country. Many are inclined to believe that he is lurking in the neighborhood of Grass Creek. They think that if a systematic search of the surrounding woods be made that the murderer would be rounded up. Hizer, who had been engaged in cutting timber, had lived in a little shack in the woods. He had done his own cooking and lived a sort of hermit existence. When questioned as to why he did not come into the town and live he remarked that he much preferred the woods; that he liked the woods and its loneliness. It is for this reason that many think he is hiding in the woods.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 18, 1908]

STILL AFTER HIZER

Alfred Hizer, the badly wanted slayer of Wm. Snyder, the Grass Creek saloonist, is still at large and although the officers have been putting forth their every effort they have been unable to find the slightest clue as to his probable whereabouts.

Nearly every house in the Grass Creek neighborhood has been searched and men of that locality who were detailed by Sheriff Miller to be on the lookout for the man have reported nothing doing. Deputy Sheriff Bud Ware went to the home of Hizer and there he found all of the fugitive's clothes just as the day he left.

The officers feel that Hizer has flown the neighborhood and at present is many miles away from the scene of the murder. The theory that he might be living in the woods near Grass Creek, as he is said to have loved out of door life, has been shattered as those who know every crook and turn in that part of the country declare that it would be impossible for him to stay in hiding long in any of the log huts of that vicinity without detection.

The Fulton county council will meet Friday for the purpose of making an allowance for a \$900 reward for the capture of Hizer. If this is done Sheriff Miller feels that it will be the means of getting the man in short order.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 27, 1908]

HIZER IS CAUGHT

A telegram to Sheriff Clem V. Miller this morning, received at 9 o'clock and dated at Three Rivers, Mich., said: "I have Alf Hizer under arrest. Will come without requisition. Come at once." Signed Carl C. Wing, Sheriff.

The message followed a letter of some days ago which indicated that the Michigan Sheriff had a clue to Hizer. This letter was in reply to a telephone message sent to the Michigan officer by Sheriff Miller the next morning after the shooting asking him to have someone watch

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the home of Hizer's sister, which is at a little town near Mottsville. Sheriff Miller sent similar messages to officers at other places where Hizer's relatives live in the belief that he would go to some of his relatives.

Sheriff Miller and deputy Ware, armed with the proper warrants to arrest Hizer as a murderer left on the first train for Michigan expecting to arrive here tomorrow at noon.

The SENTINEL's special News service failed it today in a most disappointing way. The heavy wind storm of the forenoon put all telephone and telegraph service in southern Michigan out of business and there was no means whatever to get more than the few words of the Sheriff's telegram.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 6, 1908]

SHERIFF HAS HIZER

A telegram from Sheriff Miller who went to Michigan yesterday to get Alf Hizer, arrested there as a suspect of being the murderer of Wm. Snyder telegraphed from Nottaway, Mich., as follows:

"I have Hizer fully identified and will be home by way of the Erie."

Which way he will come and when is not known but it's a sure thing the Sheriff has the much wanted man.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 7, 1908]

HIZER HERE IN JAIL

There were disappointed hundreds at each of the south bound L. E. & W. trains Saturday when Sheriff Miller and deputy Ware failed to arrive with Alf Hizer the Wayne township man who shot and killed saloon keeper Wm. Snyder and then fled to the home of his sister in an isolated place in Michigan. The officers also were disappointed in not getting here but a washout on a Michigan railroad held their train for nine hours and then they had to come home by Fort Wayne, Huntington and the Erie reaching here Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

Hizer was taken to jail when but few people were on the street and so his coming created no excitement and he was in jail taking a much needed bath before his presence was generally known.

How he Got Away

Hizer talked frankly of his disappearance after he shot Snyder. He says he threw his revolver away, went down the railroad track to the end of the switch, thence west a mile and a half, thence north to the C. C. & L. railway and thence east to the Vandalia on which he walked all the way to South Bend. He did not see anyone from the time he left Grass Creek until after daylight next morning when he was several miles north of Plymouth. From South Bend he went to Elkhart by trolley and from there to White Pigeon, Mich., from where he worked his way overland across country to Mottsville where he thought his sister lived. When he reached Mottsville he found his sister had left and the postmaster informed him that she was living 8 miles away near a little saw mill center called Union. He walked over there through deep snow and found her and stayed there until arrested, the snow being so deep most of the time they could only get out to get wood, the woodscountry roads being completely blockaded with drifts.

How he Was Caught

When Sheriff Wing, of Centerville, Mich., received word from Sheriff Miller to watch the house of Hizer's sister, Mrs. Strout, at Mottsville, he set about to do so but soon learned that the Strouts had moved away and by his meager, overland means of communication, could not learn of their location for some time. When he did hear that they were in the Union neighborhood the snows were so deep there were not roads broken to where the Strouts lived and it was impossible to drive over the stumpy country and so he waited for the thaw. And through the rain and soft snow he drove thirty miles to get Hizer. When he reached the place where they lived Mrs. Strout said Alf Hizer was not there. But when the Sheriff told her the law was very severe to

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people who tried to shield suspects from officers of the law she weakened and opening the door told the Sheriff to come in and look for himself. He did so and in the second room in a dark corner beheld a door he found Hizer and arrested him without any trouble and took him to the county seat jail. Hizer was very nervous when told he was arrested for murder and was greatly surprised to hear that Snyder was dead as he said they had not heard anything from home since he left. He said he would come with the Rochester officers without any trouble and he did so.

Hizer Will Make Strong Defense

A SENTINEL representative saw Hizer at the jail and talked with him. He occupies a cell and the cell hall is the second story and no other prisoners are on that floor. He is a fine looking specimen of lusty young manhood -- much better looking than his picture recently published in the SENTINEL. He cannot read nor write and has made his own way since his mother died when he was ten years old. He talked guardedly of his going away but nothing of his trouble with Snyder and referred the writer to Attorneys Geo. W. Holman and Jas. H. Bibler, who are retained to defend him. When seen Mr. Bibler said they have little to say for publication except that they will put up a strong defense against the charge of murder in the first degree. He says the cause of the shooting was wholly due to the dispute over a \$8.75 drink bill Snyder claimed due him from Hizer and that the report that Snyder had offended Hizer by talking about his sister is not true. He said they would be able to prove Snyder a dangerous man, one with a bad reputation as a fighter where he lived before coming here. He said there would be other strong evidence to show self defense but did not deem it prudent to say what it is until it is given to the jury.

Murder in First Degree

The affidavit against Hizer charges murder in the first degree. Deputy Prosecutor Baker says the state will have evidence to show that Hizer said he was "going over to fix Snyder" when he left O'Brien's saloon just before the shooting and that Snyder did nothing but refuse to sell him liquor, order him out, and follow him to the door and stand there until he was shot. The trial will probably occur the next term of court.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 9, 1908]

HIZER TRIAL IS ON

Twelve men were secured to serve as a jury in the Hizer murder trial at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. A surprisingly small crowd was in attendance at a trial of such notoriety most of those present being witnesses and persons indirectly connected with the case. The jury is composed of the following: Richard Leavell, Fred Maxwell, Charles Yoder, Wm. Biddinger, E. D. Collins, Chas. Horton, Chas. Hoffer, Silas Fisher, A. M. Burkett, Isaac Cook, Otto Groninger and O. J. Borden.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Baker made the opening statement to the jury of what the state expects to prove. He said, in substance, that it will be proven that Alf. Hizer had frequently made threats against Wm. Snyder before the day of the murder.

On the afternoon of the 8th of February, Hizer entered O'Brien's saloon at Grass Creek and was talking to the proprietor. Several others were present. A man named Freeman, came into the saloon, said that Snyder had thrown him out of his place and exhibited a bruise on his head caused by the fall. He and Hizer then held a whispered conversation, which ended by Hizer saying that he would fix him. He then drew a revolver, shot through the floor and went out. He walked directly across the street into Snyder's place and called for a drink but was ordered out, Snyder coming from behind the bar. Hizer walked to the middle of the street and the saloon keeper followed to the door. Here a conversation ensued in the course of which Hizer cursed Snyder and the latter advanced out on his front porch. At this point Hizer drew his gun and fired at Snyder, the bullet hitting him in the thigh. Seeing that he did not fall, Hizer fired again. This time the bullet penetrated Snyder's abdomen. Hizer then turned and went into O'Brien's saloon again. Here he was told that he had hit Snyder. He coolly replied that he never missed.

He then went out, came back later and went out the back door. He was not seen again until captured about the middle of March at his sister's home in Michigan. In the meantime, the

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prosecutor continued, Snyder had been removed to his home and Doctor Howard called. He in turn called Dr. Hetherington of Logansport who performed an operation and then removed his patient to a hospital in Logansport. Here on the 12th of February, Snyder died from the effects of his second wound.

The widow of the murdered man, Mrs. Mary Snyder, was first on the witness stand. She said she had been called to the saloon immediately following the shooting, and had had her husband removed to their home. Dr. Howard was in attendance. She also told of Snyder's removal to Logansport and of his death.

Ambrose O'Brien, the Grass Creek saloon keeper was next on the stand. He testified as to the things that occurred in his place on the day of the shooting, saying practically the same as Atty. Baker had in his address. Here court adjourned for the day.

This morning the court room was crowded, many Grass Creek people being present. James Weasoner was first called. He said that he had been in Snyder's saloon before Hizer came in. He heard the talk between the two and was a witness of the shooting.

Dr. Hetherington, of Logansport, was now called. He testified concerning the wounds and operation, and that the victim of the shooting died in the hospital as a result of the wound in the abdomen.

Michael Griscol and John Dunovan, of Lucerne, were now called in the order named. Both were present in O'Brien's saloon and testified as to the things which occurred there. Here the court adjourned for dinner.

Dr. Howard, of Grass Creek, was first on the stand this afternoon.

The state expects to have all of its evidence in this afternoon. The defense rested its case until the state has finished. They have made no move yet but it is probable that the defense will be self-defense.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 30, 1908]

TRIAL CONTINUES

The Hizer trial still occupies the attention of the court. The court room was filled with spectators today, who seemed to be greatly interested in the proceedings. Hizer, the prisoner, was in his usual place, at Deputy Sheriff Bud Ware's side. Continued confinement has bleached him out considerably. He chews tobacco continually and seems confident of the outcome of the trial, as he does not take the interest in the proceedings which one in his serious position would seem likely to. Mrs. Snyder, the widow of the murdered man, and her two children occupy seats well toward the front of the room. Her drawn and pale face shows what suffering she has gone through.

Dr. Howard of Grass Creek was first put on the stand yesterday afternoon. He testified concerning the wounds and the operation, in which he assisted.

Wm. B. Hizer, a cousin of the defendant next took the stand. Upon being questioned by Prosecutor Baker, he said that he was in O'Brien's saloon on the day of the shooting, which he saw through the window. He later saw Hizer and received the gun with which the shooting had been done. He also observed Alf get on the Vandalia freight, by which means he escaped.

Sheriff Clem Miller next took the stand and identified the gun and the cartridges. At this point the revolver was examined by the jury. It is a 32 caliber, long barrel blue steel.

John C. Luey was next on the stand. He said that he had heard Hizer threaten Snyder on December 17, 1907. This occurred in front of the latter's saloon.

Harry Hizer, another cousin of the prisoner, was now examined. He was an eye witness of the shooting. "Alfred shot twice at Snyder, who walked back into his saloon. Hizer then turned away," said the witness.

James Connery, who followed young Hizer, also saw the shooting. He was standing about six or eight rods away, saw the two flashes and reports of the gun and saw Hizer go away, but did not observe Snyder very closely.

Howard Caton was the next witness. He was in O'Brien's saloon, when Freeman came in. He saw Hizer and Freeman whisper together, observed Hizer get out his pistol, load it, shoot through the floor, and go out. Caton also saw the shooting.

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Mrs. Mary Snyder again took the stand and stated that her husband had died in the hospital at Logansport.

Here the state rested its case and court adjourned for the day. This morning at 9:00 o'clock, the defense began its case.

The attorneys for the defense, Holman, Stephenson and Bibler, began their case at 9 o'clock this morning. From the plan of action, it would seem that the argument will be self defense.

Ex-Surveyor A. C. Davisson was first called. He explained the plat of the shooting which he had made under the direction of several witnesses of the murder.

Warren Cummings followed. He was standing in the street when the quarrel took place and saw shooting. He said that the men were about fifteen or twenty feet apart. He also stated that Hizer did not move during the shooting.

Levi Bundy of Grass Creek was called next. An attempt to prove that he and Snyder had quarreled four years ago was overruled by Judge Bernetha. Mr. Bundy stated that he had heard that Snyder was quarrelsome.

Ray Thomas of Grass Creek was the following witness. He stated that Snyder was a fiesty man about six feet tall. He knew nothing of Snyder's temperment.

Marion Nelson was next called. He was an eye witness of the trouble. He heard Snyder say as he stood in his door, "Shoot your toy pistol" and "I'll give you a dollar if you will come here." Snyder then walked from his door toward Freeman who was standing near. Freeman ran and then the saloon keeper turned toward Hizer. The shooting followed.

Harry Hizer was now called again and said that Mr. Davisson's plat was correct. Here the court adjourned for noon.

Dr. Howard took the stand after dinner and testified that he was in Snyder's saloon on the afternoon of the shooting, but did not see Mrs. Snyder there.

Elmer Brower was next. He was in his house, diagonally across from Snyder's saloon, and witnessed the shooting through the glass in a door.

Leslie Campbell testified that he had never heard that Snyder was quarrelsome.

Mrs. Snyder, who was again put on the stand, denied that she had made the following statement in her husband's saloon after the shooting: "This is no surprise to me; it is just what I have expected."

John Burns, of Grass Creek, who followed her, stated that he was in the saloon after the trouble and did not hear Mrs. Snyder make the above statement.

At 2:30 o'clock the court had a brief recess and at 3:30 o'clock adjourned until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 1, 1908]

NEARING A CLOSE

The testimony in the Hizer murder trial was all in at eleven o'clock this morning and the lawyers began their argument. Atty. Montgomery spoke first for the state, Atty Holman followed him for the defense, Atty Emmons spoke next; he is to be followed by Atty Bibler. Atty Baker will finish for the state and close the case. The case will then be given to the jury. Each side is allowed two and one-half hours for argument, and some interesting details may be expected.

After the short adjournment of the court yesterday afternoon Bert Hizer, a cousin of the defendant, took the stand. He stated that he considered the man Freeman mentally unsound and also thought that Snyder was quarrelsome.

Aaron Hizer, who followed, corroborated his statement that Freeman was mentally unbalanced. Here court adjourned for the day.

A. C. Davisson was first on the stand this morning. He again explained his plat of the scene of the shooting, stating that the information for it was given him by Harry Hizer.

Aaron and Bert Hizer, who were next, both testified that there were hitchracks with rigs tied to them on both sides of the street on the day of the shooting. Here the defense rested and the state in rebuttal examined several witnesses.

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John Kumler, Ex-trustee, E. J. Buchanan and Henry Harold all testified that Snyder's general reputation had been good.

Mrs. Snyder was again examined and stated that her husband was badly afflicted with rheumatism on the day of the murder, so badly in fact that he was compelled to support himself when he walked.

This ended the testimony and after a short recess Attorney O. F. Montgomery began the argument for the state.

He spoke for thirty-five minutes and made an eloquent plea for the conviction of the prisoner. Attorney Holman spoke in Hizer's defense, this afternoon. He was followed by Atty Chas. Emmons who made his maiden speech to a jury and succeeded well

The attorneys may finish today and if so it is probable that the jury will get the case this evening. The outcome is rather doubtful.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 2, 1908]

PRISON FOR LIFE

At about ten minutes after three o'clock this afternoon word went out that the Hizer jury had agreed on a verdict after having been out since 6 o'clock Friday evening -- 21 hours. At 9 o'clock this morning the jurors asked for the court to read the instructions again and it was done.

When the report went out that the jury had agreed on a verdict there was a great rush for the court room and it was soon full. Hizer came in with Deputy Bud Ware looking as cool and unconcerned as though he were only a curious spectator. He let his eyes play over the audience and seemed perfectly at ease as he tilted backward and forward in an easy chair.

Judge Bernetha and the interested attorneys in the case took their places and there was a dead hush in the room as Sheriff Miller entered the court room in charge of the jury. When they were seated the Judge asked the foreman, Charles Horton, if they had a verdict. The reply was, "We have," and it was passed up to the Judge and he read as follows:

"We, the jury, find the defendant, Alfred Hizer, guilty of murder in the 2nd degree and fix his punishment at imprisonment for life."

The attorneys for the defense gave notice of motion for a new trial. Judge Bernetha thanked the jurors and discharged them. Deputy Ware picked up his hat and motioned to Hizer to come on and he left with the officers looking as unconcerned as if nothing had happened.

The jury stood 8 to 4 in favor of 2nd degree murder on first ballot and finally all voted with the majority.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 3, 1908]

HIZER REMAINS WITH US

Alf Hizer who was sentenced to prison for life by a jury last Friday was in court Saturday and through his Attorneys gave notice that they will take the thirty days the law allows them to file motion for a new trial. If they do this within the thirty days then the matter cannot be considered until the next term of court which opens late in October. Judge Bernetha asked that Hizer be brought into court to be sentenced but his attorneys were ready with their notice that they will take the thirty days the law allows them to file their motion and that means that Hizer will remain in jail here until further action in his case and as this can only be had in regular term time he will be here until October.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 6, 1908]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Alf Hizer, who was found guilty of murder in the 2nd degree and his sentence fixed at life imprisonment, seems utterly oblivious to his future, as far as the horror of his fate is concerned. He sings, whistles and appears happy at all times. His appetite is unimpaired and in all the impression is left that he either does not realize his predicament or does not care.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 7, 1908]

GRASS CREEK'S TWO SALOONS PRODUCE A FATAL SHOOTING

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Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

Considering its sleepy appearance when passing through it today, one would not suspect that life was rather lively in Grass Creek when the village was a market center for Wayne Township and neighboring Cass County. It could get a bit too lively, in fact, as it did in the winter of 1908.

At that time, would you believe it, Grass Creek had two saloons catering to visiting menfolk. Therein lies a tale of reckless murder in the street, desperate flight, intense manhunt and an unconvincing plea of self defense in a trial at Rochester.

It began on Saturday afternoon, February 8, when Alfred Hizer walked into Ambrose O'Brian's Grass Creek saloon. He was intent upon doing some serious drinking to forget the aches and pains of a week's labor at woodcutting on the Brunk farm. Hizer was a husky young man of 24 years, 5-8 in height, an illiterate who had been on his own since 10 when his mother died. He lived somewhat of a hermit's life in a shack in the woods and supported himself with odd jobs.

It was said later that Hizer was no stranger to gunplay, having fired a shotgun at a man during an argument at Bass Lake. On that February day he was carrying a .32 caliber revolver, long barreled, of blue steel.

Late in the afternoon, after Hizer had imbibed somewhat more than several drinks, into the O'Brian saloon walked a man named Freeman, complaining of a bruise on his head from being tossed out of Grass Creek's other saloon by its proprietor, William Snyder.

This aroused the inebriated Hizer, for there was bad blood between him and Snyder that had developed during previous visits to the Snyder saloon.

Hizer spoke briefly to Freeman about the incident, announced to all present that he intended to "get" Snyder and left O'Brian's, but first fired his revolver into the floor to punctuate his intentions.

Walking across the street into Snyder's saloon, Hizer called for a drink. Snyder refused and ordered Hizer to leave, walking from behind the bar to see that he left. Hizer went into the middle of the street, cussing at and offering to fight Snyder, who followed and stood on the front porch facing him.

Suddenly Hizer drew his revolver and shot Snyder twice. The first bullet struck him in a thigh, the second in the abdomen; Snyder fell with a mortal wound. Hizer returned to O'Brian's, bought a drink, boasted that he never missed when firing his gun, and went out through the back door. Nobody made a move to restrain him.

Snyder was taken to the Logansport hospital where he died four days later. He was 52 and left a wife and three daughters. Fulton County Sheriff Clem Miller launched an immediate manhunt for Hizer that went on for almost a month. Daily reports of its progress were published in Rochester and Logansport newspapers.

The search ended on March 6 when Hizer was found hiding at the home of a sister near a small Michigan sawmill center named Union, located just across the Indiana line north of Elkhart. Sheriff Miller had learned Hizer's sister lived there and sought help from the local sheriff, who had to wait until deep snows melted to investigate. Hizer surrendered without resistance, expressing surprise that Snyder had died.

Hizer later told the sheriff that after leaving O'Brian's saloon, he walked along railroad tracks all the way to South Bend, unnoticed until north of Plymouth. Taking a trolley to Elkhart, he then entered Michigan and found his sister after walking eight miles through the deep snow that kept him housebound until his arrest.

Hizer's trial for first degree murder opened in Fulton Circuit Court June 30 and after four days a jury of 12 men found him guilty and sentenced him to life in prison. His three local attorneys attempted to prove that the shooting was in self defense, that Snyder had a reputation of being a quarrelsome, dangerous man and probably had threatened Hizer. Testimony to establish this case proved thin and unconvincing.

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All during the trial, Hizer chewed tobacco continually, apparently oblivious to the proceedings and when the verdict was announced he seemed at ease with it. Or so it appeared to The Sentinel's reporter.

This, by the way, was the last episode of a regretful period in Wayne Township history that previously was recounted here. There was a 15-year feud between neighbors that ended in 1885 with the killing of Michael Kain by Patrick McGuire, who three years later escaped punishment for it when a Fulton County jury failed to convict. That was followed in 1886 and in 1888 by the suicides of two township young people, each act coming after rejection by the object of their affection.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 25, 2000]

HIZER, ROLAND C. [Fulton County]

See: Service Men, World War II, (Letter from Roland C. Hizer)

HIZER GENERAL STORE [Grass Creek, Indiana]

Owned by J. C. Hizer, who also had the post office.

HIZER HATCHERY [Grass Creek, Indiana]

Operated by Daniel and Anna Herrold Hizer

Started about 1939 by Dan and Fred Hizer. Dan and Fred worked together as partners through the 1940's.

Through the 1940's and the 1950's the Hizer Hatchery was a prospering business and had customers coming from as far north as South Bend, as far west as Monticello, as far south as Michigantown and Kokomo, and as far east as Peru and Mentone.

[John Hizer Family, Alan F. Hizer, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

HOBBS & WHISMAN [Rochester, Indiana]

CHAMBERLAIN GROCERY SOLD

Douglas I. Hobbs and L. F. Whisman, both of Winchester, Kentucky, have purchased the Jesse Chamberlain grocery store, on the south side of the court house, and have already taken possession. Mr. Hobbs completed the invoice the first of the week and will manage the store alone until he is joined later by his partner who at present is operating in the Kentucky oil fields. Mr. Hobbs has just recently been discharged from the service.

The new owners have been in business in Kentucky for years and come well recommended to the community. Mr. Hobbs will move his family here at once. Mr. Chamberlain has not yet announced what business he will enter.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, September 3, 1919]

[Adv] Carry A Basket - Pay Cash - Save More - - - Hobbs & Whisman Cash and Carry Grocery and Market. South Side of Public Square.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 20, 1920]

CORNELLS PURCHASE HOBBS-WHISMAN STORE

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A deal was completed Thursday afternoon whereby P. O. Cornell & Son purchased the Hobbs & Whisman grocery store which is located south of the court house. The new owners took possession at once, the invoice being completed Thursday night.

Cornell and Son will move their stock now in their north end store down to their present location after Saturday night when they will close their old place of business. They will conduct the new grocery along the same policy as followed before. Their delivery system will be continued. In addition to the grocery they will also conduct a butcher shop and sell all fresh and smoked meats.

Mr. Hobbs will return shortly to the oil fiends in Kentucky where he has several holdings. Mr. Whisman will also probably go to the same place.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 7, 1920]

HOCH, HERBERT [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Farm Equipment

HOCHSTEDLER, E. T. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Laundry

[Adv] E. T. Hochstedler, Successor to B. Noftsgger. Dealer in Wood, Coal, Flour, Seeds and feed of all kinds. Remember the place, at Noftsgers old stand. Telephone No. 66.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 15, 1899]

LOCAL NEWS

E. T. Hochstedler has removed his feed and fuel store to the room formerly occupied by Ed Zook's hardware store, opposite Zimmermans where he will keep a full line of coal, wood, flour, lfeed, salt, etc., etc., And all at lowest prices.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 2, 1900]

HOCHSTEDLER, SALEM [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Laundry

HOCK'S / HOCH'S STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

Leonard Downs has opened a Meat Market in the basement of Samuel Hock's Store . . . Rochester, Ind. May 12, 1864.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 12, 1864]

Great Excitement! The attention of the people is called to the great sale of Dry Goods and Embroidery, at the Auction Rooms, (Hock's Hardware Store) . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 2, 1865]

Jonathan W. Ross, the mechanical genius, has purchased a selected stock of Chairs, he keeps at his old stand, on Main St., north of Sam Hoch's Grocery and Tin Shop. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 24, 1865]

HOESEL MARKET [Rochester, Indiana]

HAMLETT MEAT MARKET SOLD TO LOU HOESEL

The W. Hamlett meat market in the north end has been sold to Louey Hoesel of Leiters Ford, the new proprietor taking possession next Monday. Vernon Noyes will continue as local meat cutter. Mr. Hamlett has no immediate plans for the future. Mr. Hoesel is well known in the county and was several years manager of the Leiters Ford elevator. He will make several improvements in the shop.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 3, 1924]

[adv] Hoesel's Meat Market, 526 Main St.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, August 27, 1925]

[adv] Hoesel Market Try our own cured hams and bacon. Chickens, Fish and Oysters.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, February 26, 1926]

SAM POWELL OPENS NEW MEAT MARKET TUESDAY

Sam "Kime" Powell has opened a new meat market in the room at 525 North Main street. The room for many years has been the site of meat markets and the fixtures in the same were purchased by Mr. Powell at receivers sale after the failure of the Hoesel Meat Market. Mr. Powell, who has named his new store the Rochester Meat Market, will handle all kinds of fresh and smoked meats, pastries and groceries. Mr. Powell is well qualified to conduct a meat market through many years of experience gained in other establishments of the kind.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 8, 1928]

HOFFENBACHER, EDDIE, FATHER

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Father Eddie Hoffenbacher)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Eddie Hoffenbacher)

HOFFMAN, A. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] A. HOFFMAN has opened a new Tin Shop - with Stoner and Black in the new Dillon building and is prepared to give PROMPT attention to all kinds of Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron work. Furnace work and Heating a specialty. All work guaranteed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 28, 1912]

HOFFMAN, ADAM [Henry Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Adam Hoffman is known in his vicinity as one of its most enterprising and successful citizens. He is the son of Jacob, Sr., and Magdalena Hoffman, mentioned elsewhere in this work, and was born in Stark County, Ohio, October 20, 1835. He had such opportunities at school as the common schools of the country afforded in pioneer days. He came to this county with his parents at the age of nine years. When a young man, Mr. Hoffman served an apprenticeship at carpentry, which trade he carried on successfully for many years, but has for a number of years devoted all his time to farming. He married Miss Hester Pontious, a daughter of Solomon Pontious, spoken of on another page of this work. She was born March 27, 1838. To them have been born four children--Alsines E., Flora, Charles and Arthur. The first two are married, but the merry laugh of Charles and Arthur yet gladdens the home circle.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 38]

HOFFMAN, BILL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

HOFFMAN, CHRISTIAN [Henry Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Christian Hoffman, son of Jacob, Sr., and Magdalena Hoffman, was born in Bavaria October 29, 1826. In 1844, he came with his parents and located near Akron in this county, and remained with them on the farm until 1863, when he was united in marriage with Mrs. Elizabeth Brockus, a daughter of Ephraim and Ann Daugherty, born in Fayette County, Ohio, June 26, 1838. Of her first marriage were born to her two children, James E. and Charlotte Brockus, of whom the

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later is deceased. Of her marriage with Mr. Hoffman have been born four children--Lawrence and Laura, twins, and Jacob and Emma, all at home. Mr. Hoffman is known as an industrious, hard-working and successful farmer.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 38]

HOFFMAN, F. N. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - Stock of NEW HARDWARE - - - I have Tinware, Cutlery, Oils, Paints, Varnishes, Brushes, Hammocks, Stationery, Queensware, Glassware, Rope, Lamps, Fixtures, and a thousand and one other articles not herein mentioned. - - - Our store is in Citizen's Block, second door east of M. L. Killen's Grocery. F. N. HOFFMAN, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 4, 1887]

HOFFMAN, GEORGE EDGAR [Rochester, Indiana]

LOCAL NEWS

Dr. G. E. Hoffman wheeled to South Bend, Thursday morning, to attend the meeting of the State Medical society, and returned yesterday evening.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 18, 1901]

LOCAL NEWS

Dr. Hoffman will read a paper on "Personal Sanitation" to the University Association, this evening.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 8, 1901]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Dr. G. E. Hoffman received official notice today that he has been appointed legislative delegate for Fulton county for the National Medical Association and any physician having needed legislation in mind can hurry it along by forwarding it to the National Association through Dr. Hoffman.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 26, 1903]

BIOGRAPHY

George Edgar Hoffman, M.D., the health officer of Fulton county, was born in Miami county, Indiana, October 22, 1865. He received his elementary education in the public schools of his home community and then attended the McDonough County Normal Academy in Illinois. He graduated from Monmouth College in 1886, and from the Indiana State Normal in 1887. In 1893, he was graduated from the College of Medicine of the University of Michigan and became an interne in a hospital at Ann Arbor, Michigan, for one year. He returned to Miami county, Indiana, and began practicing at Macy where he remained for two years, leaving at that time to come to Rochester, Indiana. Dr. Hoffman was made a member of the medical staff of the Longcliff Hospital for the insane, and here he remained until 1912. At that time, he returned to Rochester and has been in active practice since then. He was married on June 28, 1920, to Ethel [Yoder], of Miami county, and to this union has been born one son, John Frederick. Dr. Hoffman is a member of the American Medical Association, the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, the Tri-state Medical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Thirteenth District and the Fulton County Medical Associations. He also holds membership in the Masonic order, being a Shriner and a Thirty-second Degree Mason. Dr. Hoffman is recognized throughout the state as one of the best informed men in the medical profession. His reputation as a diagnostician is indeed an enviable one, and his opinion and expert advice is sought in the most puzzling cases that arise. He was made County Health Officer of Fulton county in March, 1923, and upon his knowledge of science and medicine rests the public health of the county.

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[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 211-212, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HIS FIRST CRASH

Doc Hoffman, who recently blossomed out with a new motorcycle and outfit to match, had his first difficulty Saturday afternoon when he was one of the participants in a collision. Doc was going north and through the business district of the city when he came up behind Seymour Blacketer with a horse and buggy. Doc started to go around him at the Seventh street crossing just as Seymour started to turn left. Doc violated the traffic rules and was on the west side of the dummy, but his motorcycle hit the other vehicle amidships and pushed it along for some distance. The total injuries consisted of an injured leg on the part of the Doc. No damage done.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 4, 1924]

DR. G. E. HOFFMAN BABY IN NATIONAL CONTEST

The picture of John Fredrick Hoffman appeared in a recent issue of the *Prairie Farmer* nationally known farm publication in a baby contest which will be decided in an early issue. This the third Fulton county resident to receive a complimentary writeup in the farm journal during the last two months. The picture and the story which appeared in the *Prairie Farmer* are reproduced in the *News-Sentinel* through the courtesy of the *Prairie Farmer*.

John Fredrick Hoffman, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Hoffman, Rochester, Indiana, enjoyed having his beauty "snapped" for the Hoosier farm baby contest for which 19 pictures are appearing in the current issue of *Prairie Farmer*. John weighed 20 at the age of five months when this picture was taken.

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From a total of 439 pictures submitted, a staff committee selected 19 to submit to a vote of subscribers as to the best.

[The *News-Sentinel*, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, April 7, 1928]

OBITUARY

Dr. George Edgar HOFFMAN, a pioneer citizen of this city passed away 1:30 a.m. today at his home 1012 South Madison street. Death which came suddenly was attributed to a coronary embolism. He had been in failing health for the past few years. He was downtown yesterday and voted and last evening he was seen in one of the restaurants where he was eating his supper.

Dr. Hoffman had followed his medical profession here in Rochester for practically all of his adult life with the exception of eight years which he spent as assistant superintendent of the Northern Indiana Hospital, at Logansport. He was one of the founders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of this city and for the past several years served as president of that institution.

He was born October 22, 1865 in Miami county, on a farm near Macy. His parents were Frederick and Susanna (ZIMMERMAN) HOFFMAN. He was married to Ethel YODER, of near Macy and she preceded him in death on January 28, 1924.

Dr. Hoffman was a graduate of Ann Arbor (Mich.) and Monmouth (Ill.) medical colleges. He was a member of the Fulton County Medical Association which organization presented him with a 50 year service pin a few years ago. During his long years of practice in this community he served several years as both city and county health officer. He was a keen student of civic, national and world affairs and was one of the leaders of the Rochester Great Books class.

Survivors are a son, John Frederick HOFFMAN, of Chicago; a brother Frederick HOFFMAN, of Long Beach, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Clara RHODES, of this city.

Dr. Hoffman was a member of the Macy Methodist Church.

Dr. Hoffman's funeral services will be held at two p.m. Friday at the Rochester Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles M. SMITH officiating. Burial will be in the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

The body will remain at the Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home where friends may call until the hour of services.

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[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, Nov 7, 1951]

FUNERAL

The following out-of-town relatives and friends attended the funeral services for Dr. George E. Hoffman here, Friday afternoon:

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Yike and Mrs. Leon Babcock and son, David, of South Bend; Mrs. Raymond Kreig of Plymouth; and Jim Yike of Indianapolis; Glenn Southerton of Ann Arbor, Michigan where he is attending college; Mr. and Mrs. John Frederick Hoffman, of Chicago.

Mrs. Grover Tillett, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Butt, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Proyer, Willard and Julius Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Southerton, all of Peru; Ellisand Kenneth Yoder and Mr. and Mrs. Butt and Mrs. Anna Wentzel of Rich Valley; Harriet Von Ehrenstein of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Listenberger of Culver; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yoder, Hammond; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ault and Mrs. Miller Ault of Nyona Lake; and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hendrickson of Fulton.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, November 10, 1951]

ADMINISTRATOR NAMED

The estate of the late Dr. George Hoffman, who died early during the morning of Nov. 7, was admitted for probate here yesterday. C. B. Harms and Howard Wertzberger were named as co-administrators and were ordered by Judge Kline Reed to post bonds of \$20,000 within five days.

Dr. Hoffman's son, J. Frederick Hoffman, relinquished his prior right to administer the estate and at his request Harms and Wertzberger were appointed.

Efforts are being made to rush the clean-up of Dr. Hoffman's personal possessions so that in inventory and an appraisal may be made.

To date no will has been found, and it is not known whether Dr. Hoffman ever executed such a will.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, November 15, 1951]

LIFESTYLE

"Never let your possessions possess you!"

That old adage crops to the fore in a most impressive manner as the two administrators of the estate of the late Dr. George Edgar Hoffman continue their Herculean task of salvaging scores of the more worthwhile articles to be found in Dr. Hoffman's residence on South Madison and South Franklin Ave., this city.

The Madison street home, a two-and-a-half brick structure, which the writer, (who has been a friend of the late Doctor), believes was remodeled around 1922 or near that date, was one of the town's modern homes for a span of four or five years.

The residence had a mitre laid, hardwood floors, panelled woodwork, a circular staircase, leading to the Doctor's observatory where he studied the mysteries of the heavens through a powerful telescopic lens; a large tile front fireplace and an office furnished in mission furniture made by Dr. Hoffman.

Soon after the brick home was remodeled, the old barn at the rear was torn down and to the north of the residence a large two-car brick garage, with tile roof matching that of his home was erected.

While for several years the outward appearance of the Madison street home was kept in a fair state of repair, the Doctor gradually became more lax in its upkeep. When he became a widower he lost incentive in both the interior and exterior appearances of his home and premises.

Gradually as the building up of the sands of a delta, Dr. Hoffman's home began filling up with his valuable personal belongings and hobby paraphernalia. Inasmuch as his interests were varied just so were they reflected in his home by a thousand and one articles.

Being a student of literature, medics, science, photography, music, astronomy, psychology, politics, state, national and world affairs and mechanics it may readily be understood why his place gradually became a storage house.

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In fact, this process of constant accumulation of various and sundry items in a few years began to tax the capacity of his spacious Madison street home. Nooks and corners, crannies and closets, tables and furniture soon began to load up with the Doctor's personal belongings.

The physician's office room which was an annex to the residence proper, likewise was used as a storage space for medical books, journals, papers, along with pieces of antique furniture, electrical appliances, photographic supplies and thus its original intent became practically obliterated with its conglomeration of contents.

No doubt, Dr. Hoffman, at some time or other had planned to go through his maze of possessions and arrange them in proper order, but for some reason that time never came. In lieu of this, he purchased a brick home at the corner of Franklin Ave. and E. 12th street and resided there where the same process as to "accumulation" taking place was experienced as at the Madison St. home.

Dr. Hoffman resided in the smaller residence in the southeast section of the city until two or three years ago, when he returned to the larger house which mayhap offered him a bit more space in which to live. Despite these hampered and restricted living conditions the Doctor kept on purchasing new devices, new books, new electric appliances, scores of antiques. The interior of this story and a half home became bulging with its contents and the elderly doctor again took up his residency in the cramped quarters of his Madison street dwelling, where he spent his remaining days.

Among the possessions which closed in so tightly about this highly-esteemed citizen were:

A dozen or so violins, some in various articles of furniture which were piled atop them; cameras of various sizes from the tiny vest-pocket size to the large professional type of cameras. Many of these were equipped with the finest of German and Eastman-made lenses; tripods, developing equipment, frames, photographers bath trays and countless films and slides, both used and unused. In one of the rooms was found a large photograph enlarging apparatus. This was encased in its original wrappings and as the administrators of the estate unwrapped the machine it was noted that the selling price was marked at \$175. This collection also contains one of the original Speed Graphics with a variable back.

In and near some of the photographic paraphernalia was found innumerable rolls of films and film slides, many of which were never used and of course throughout the years have deteriorated until they have no value. Books and magazines on camera and photographic work were also unearthed in various parts of the home.

One of the collections which is believed to have considerable value was that of his rifles and pistols. These number approximately two score and the type ranges from muzzle-loading rifles up to the modern high-powered and high-priced guns of the present era. The major portion of the guns was found in a small closet which was off the entrance hall in the east end of the Madison street home.

The cache of contents of the unique household also contained all sorts of radios from the head-set type of the early '20's up to the large short-wave and FM models some of which were strong enough to bring in signals from all over the world. Nearby some of the radios were Victrolas, large cabinet design and hundreds and hundreds of records, many of these were in portfolios and others poked away in nooks or shelving.

One of the show places of the Dr. Hoffman home of over a score of years ago was his glass-encased observatory which he had erected atop his two story residence. A 40-powered telescope was installed from where the Doctor studied the larger planets of the heavens.

A spiral stairway lead from what was once the dining room of the residence to the high perched observatory and along its entire length were built-in bookcases which were filled to capacity plus, with books and works by the eminent astronomers. Practically all of this once invaluable material has given away to the ravages of time and perhaps indifference.

But in all of the rooms were found complete works of medical and scientific nature as well as ancient and more up-to-date classics, thousands of magazines, motion picture books, mail order catalogues and hundreds of trinkets and labor-saving devices have also been uncovered by

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the two administrators who are currently on what appears to be an endless task of sifting out the more worthwhile belongings of one of the county's literary and medical geniuses of whom it may truly be said, "his possessions possessed him."

[unmarked, undated newspaper article, presumably from the News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana]

[See report by John Frederick Hoffman, in *Fulton County Folks*, Vol. 1, by Shirley Willard. Also see story written by his son, Fred.]

HOFFMAN, JACOB [Henry Township]

BIOGRAPHY

The subject of this sketch was born in Bavaria, German Empire, November 5, 1817. He is the oldest son of Jacob, Sr., and Magdalena Hoffman, who were born in the latter part of the last century, and married in 1816, emigrated in 1834 from Havre to New York and located in Ohio. Mr. H. received his education in the common schools of his native country, and at the age of fourteen began a three years' apprenticeship at blacksmithing. In 1834, came with his parents to America. April 8, 1839, he was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Lamb, also a native of Bavaria, born November 5, 1821. Her father, Frederic Lamb, was born 1786. Her mother, Catharine Christman, was born 1790. They were married in 1806, and emigrated in 1837. Mr. Hoffman immigrated to Indiana in the autumn of 1844, locating on a farm near Akron, or rather in the forests of that early day. For many years he was known as one of the most enterprising mechanics of the county, as well as a successful farmer. Some years ago he retired from active labor and removed to the village of Akron, where he is enjoying the quietude necessary for old age, respected by his entire acquaintance. To the married life of these people were born twelve children--Jacob, Philip, Lavina, Elizabeth, Adam, Lewis, Silas S., Simon, Mary, Amanda, Frank N. and Carrie. Of these, four have deceased, five are married, and three are yet at home, and Silas, Amanda and Frank are among the most successful teachers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. H. are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, pp. 38-39]

HOFFMAN, LON [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

HOFFMAN, R. C. [Argos, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

HOFFMAN, SILAS S. [Akron, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Silas S. Hoffman, a member of the same remarkable pioneer family described in the sketch of his kinsman Charles H. Smith, was born on a farm on the edge of Akron, Indiana, April 13, 1850, the son of Jacob and Katherine (Lamb) Hoffman. The school he first attended was typical of the ordinary country school of the last century a log structure with long benches for seats and a slab desk made of split logs with wooden pins to hold it up. After several terms in this school he was transferred to the Rochester High School then to the North Manchester High School. It is to be inferred that he was an apt pupil for he got a school himself at the end of his tuition days and taught for four years. He varied his teaching with clerking in a drug store but in all he taught twenty-two years and was counted one of the best teachers in the county. The proof of this is that he was called to take schools where other teachers had failed and earned a higher salary than that usually paid. The fine home in which he now lives he built himself, being a bridge builder and road-maker. He has laid out many roads and ditches in the county in the past twenty years. His political faith is to be a Democrat. In 1872 he married Miss Lydia Royer, who came from Ohio with her parents to Kosciusko county, Indiana, and later moved to Fulton county. Their

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children are: Viola, William, Alvin, Maude, Minnie, Charles, Annie, Sadie, and Abbie. Two more children died young, Clifford Vance and Theodore. Mr. Hoffman lost his first wife and married again to Miss Rebecca Zegafuse, of Miami county. He and his wife are Gleaners. In addition to farming, school teaching, building, and road-making the subject of this sketch represents three leading insurance companies, The Farmers Mutual, the Indiana State Union Mutual, and the Indiana State Cyclone, the two first being fire and lightning protection. Last of all, this versatile man is a Notary Public and still practicing.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, p. 212, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HOFFMAN & GOSS [Rochester, Indiana]

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

The partnership between P. A. Hoffman and Jonas Goss, dealers in marble and granite was dissolved by mutual agreement on January 1st, 1891. Mr. Goss will continue the business at the old stand.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 14, 1891]

HOFFMAN & SONS [Rochester, Indiana]

MILLER BROS. LEASE EAST 9TH ST. BLDG.

Miller Bros. today announced a lease on their present location at 311 East Ninth street to Voris Hoffman & Sons of Elkhart, who will establish a county agency there for Ford Ferguson Implements and parts which they recently purchased from Harry Cooper of the Rochester Equipment Co.

Hoffman & Sons, who are now located in the rear of the Klein Bros. building, Main and Fourth streets, expect to occupy the new quarters Jan. 1, when Miller Bros. will move to their new location at 625 Main street.

In addition to the line of Ford Ferguson implements, Hoffman & Sons will handle Liberty and other makes of house trailers, and will maintain a complete parts department and service for items sold by them.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 6, 1945]

HOG BACK HILL [Richland Township]

Hog Back Hill was just a high hill looking like a giant hog's back. Standing any place on the shores of Zink Lake, looking north and using your imagination a little, you can see what looks like the back of a giant hog.

[Joseph Zink Family, Malcolm Miller, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2*, Willard]

HOG BREEDERS [Fulton County]

HOG BREEDERS OF COUNTY ORGANIZE

About 50 hog breeders of Fulton county met at the court house Saturday afternoon and organized societies, which will have for their purposes the raising of better and purer bred swine and the advertising of sales, probably to be held in Rochester.

Bert Myers was chosen president, Chas. Jones vice president and Harold Hendrickson secretary-treasurer, of the Chester White Society with an advisory committee composed of Bert Myers, A. J. Haimbaugh and James Vilet.

Gresham Bearss will head the Poland China Society, with Alonzo Lowe acting as vice president and Chas. Pyle, secretary-treasurer. Stephen Pyle, Chas. Pyle and Alonzo Lowe were named the advisory committee.

The Duroc-Jersey Society chose for their president, Howard Mutchler, with J. W. Van Lue as vice president and J. J. Werner, secretary treasurer.

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A meeting was set for April 5th, when sale dates will be scheduled. It is probable that societies for other breeds will be organized later.

On Wednesday, April 2nd, members of the County Farmers' Assn will meet with the Farmers' and Merchants' Association to discuss the proposed Erie-Michigan canal. Mahlon Bell, secretary of the F. & M. Assn, spoke to those present Saturday, on this proposition. The April meeting will be held at the Baptist church at 2:00 p.m.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 24, 1919]

HOGUE DAIRY [Rochester, Indiana]

PRIEST DAIRY IS SOLD TO MISHAWAKA PEOPLE

A deal was closed Tuesday in which The Priest Dairy, operated for the past several years by Arnold Priest and sons Robert and Donald, became the property of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Hogue. The Hogues assumed active management of the business at once and will retain Robert and Donald Priest in their service.

Hogues formerly lived in Mishawaka, where for the past few years he has been engaged in kindred work to that which he is now in. Accompanying the family, was Mr. Isaac Hogue, father of the new dairy proprietor who will make his residence on the dairy farm west of Rochester.

Mr. Priest has purchased a grocery and meat market in Mishawaka and has taken over the active management of the business.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 20, 1927]

[Adv] MILK 8¢ Per Qt. at Rochester's most reliable stores - - - - Rochester's Oldest and Largest Dairy, HOGUE BROS. Phone 285.

[Adv] HOGUE BROS. DAIRY. In business for those who want the best QUALITY NATURAL MILK, Not Pasteurized. All cattle tested T.B. and Blood Tests. Two Deliveries Daily, 4-6 and 8-10 a.m. Phone 1195-X. Ask for it at the following stores -- Ewing Grocery, Atlantic & Pacific, Snapps Grocery, Erie Grocery, Johnsons Market, Berkheiser Grocery, Clouds Grocery, Morris Grocery, Renbarger Grocery.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 7, 1937]

HARDING CAFE CLOSED

The Harding Cafe at 610 North Main street was closed today by the owners as the building which houses the same has been sold to Harry Hogue, owner of a dairy bearing his name. The Harding sisters may re-open their cafe at another location some time in the fall.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, August 16, 1937]

HOLDEN, CHARLES A. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Fairview

See Holden Comedy Co.

FARMER AND ACTOR

After May 12, address his mail "Charles A. Holden, farmer and theatrical producer, Rochester, Ind." says the Indianapolis Star. The rural carrier will take the mail to the Holden farm on the banks of the historic Lake Manitau, and Mr. Holden will not be so busy replanting corn but he can stop to read the message.

The Holden farm, with its acres washed by the waters of the lake, is something of a summer resort for theatrical folks. Mr. Holden is a "horse and Buggy farmer," who hires men to supply the needed information along agricultural lines, but in hay harvest, when there is a shortage of workers, he can drive a mowing machine.

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There are no flubdubs about this farm -- no striving to produce the finest cattle or grow the biggest ears of corn. It is more of a play ground for the man who owns it, while his farm house is really a theatrical workshop. In this house Mr. Holden plans the work for his theatrical companies, from here he engages his players, and nearly all of his new plays have their initial production in the little theater in Rochester. From the Holden farm winter routes are laid out and more than one play has been written there between fishing trips on the lake.

Mr. Holden is Hoosier to the core. He was born in Lawrenceburg, and his rearing in Illinois did not take from him his loyalty to Indiana. As a sideline to his farm and theatrical enterprises, he has a hotel overlooking the lake, which is a retreat for fishermen and tired actor folk.

"I keep this farm," Mr. Holden said, "so that when I get kicked out of the theatrical business, I will have a place to go. In my old age I am not going to be an advance agent at twenty dollars a week. I am going to be a plain farmer who rolls in luxury. There are 156 acres in that farm on Lake Manitou. Every time I can round up a few spare dollars I add another acre to it. Years from now when people come out my way, they will point to my farm and say: 'Charley Holden lives there. He's an old-timer in the theatrical business and owns half the land in the township.' I would save up the money with which to buy the whole lake but the government owns the body of water and does not care to sell it."

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 20, 1904]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Wabash Plain Dealer.

Today C. A. Holden, who has held the lease of the Eagles' theater for some time, surrendered it to J. T. Carpenter and C. L. Gilbert, of Pennsylvania, who are now in the city. Mr. Holden, since he has Mr. Edson, has proved a very capable manager. He has proved popular in Wabash and succeeded in getting many excellent attractions here. He will devote his time in the future to theatrical companies and his interests near Rochester. Some time ago he surrendered his Huntington lease.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 31, 1908]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Peru Journal.

Charles Holden, manager of the Eagles theatre at Wabash, and owner of a stock company now playing at the Park theatre at Indianapolis, Thursday morning secured a lease on the Wallace theatre. Mr. Holden is a successful theatrical manager and there is no doubt but what Peruvians will see the best of shows from now on. Mr. Holden takes charge at once. He has not announced as yet whether he will book any shows in this season. The show which was booked for the Wallace for Friday night was canceled on account of the Hoods giving up the lease.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 23, 1909]

HOLDEN TO MANAGE MANITOU

The Manitou theatre is to be again opened to the public Saturday evening. C. A. Holden, the well known theatrical man of this city will be the new manager and promises Rochester people the best motion picture show it has ever been their pleasure to witness.

The program will be one hour long and will consist of all late pictures, accompanied by pictorial songs by Miss Maud DeBolt, of Peru, who is well known in this city.

Mr. Holden is confident of success and what he lacks in confidence will no doubt be soon strengthened by the large crowds which will nightly visit this popular show house.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 24, 1909]

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Charles A. Holden, formerly lessee and manager of the Wallace theater, but now hibernating on his farm near Rochester, was in the city for the first time Saturday since the Wallace theater was taken over by Allardt Bros. - - - Peru Sentinel.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 27, 1914]

HOLDEN IN "CIMARRON"

Rochester people who witnessed Cimarron at the Char-Bell this week saw Charles Holden, a former resident of this city, in the picture. He was in the scene where Mrs. Sabra Yancey was the guest of honor at a banquet following her election as congresswoman from Oklahoma. Mr. Holden's part when the picture was taken was much longer but when the film was released a great portion of his part had been cut.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 11, 1931]

HOLDEN, HARRY [Rochester, Indiana]

LOCAL STARS COMING

Otto Linkenhelt and Harry Holden, both formerly of Rochester, will appear here in the motion picture, "The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin," to be shown June 10 and 11.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 22, 1918]

LOCAL MAN IN PLAY

A picturization of Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island is this week holding the hords at the English theatre in Indianapolis. Shirley Mason plays the leading role and is supported by Harry Holden, who is spending the summer with his brother, Charley, on the east shore of the lake.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 29, 1920]

HARRY HOLDEN NAMED TO APPEAR IN FILMS

Word has been received here from Harry M. Holden, well known actor, who calls Rochester his home, that he has been selected for a part in Jackie Coogan's next picture, to be produced at the Metro studios in Hollywood, California.

Mr. Holden has been in the theatrical business all his life, in stock productions, vaudeville and moving pictures. He is a brother of Charles Holden, retired theatrical man, who now lives at his farm home east of Lake Manitou.

He has appeared in this city at various times, with his own company, in vaudeville sketches and more recently in moving pictures, at the old Paramount Theatre. His first moving picture was made with the Universal company in 1916. Working in various pictures, he remained at the Universal studios until 1920 when he came to manage his own vaudeville sketch which toured the Middle West on B. F. Keith's circuit until a year ago when he returned to Hollywood.

The name of the new Coogan production has not been announced.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 17, 1924]

HARRY HOLDEN ASSIGNED HEAVY ROLE IN NEW FILM

Friends in this city today received a letter from Harry Holden of Los Angeles, California stating that he had been given the important role of President William McKinley in a new picture, the "Rough Riders" being made by the Paramount Film Co. The picture is a film version of the life of the late President Theodore Roosevelt. The exteriors are now being taken at San Antonio, Texas while the interiors will be made at Hollywood. Mr. Holden bears a very strong resemblance to ex-President McKinley and it [is] presumed this is the reason for his being cast in the role by the director. Mr. Holden has also been featured during the past five weeks in a Fox film "Seventh

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Heaven" which has just been released. Mr. Holden for many years was the part owner of the Holden Comedy Company which organization toured the central part of the United States. He has for the last ten years been playing in the movies. There he has starred on a number of occasions.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, September 3, 1926]

HARRY HOLDEN APPEARS IN COMING FEATURE FILM

The motion picture fans of Rochester and vicinity will be doubly interested in the feature motion picture film, "The Yankee Clipper," which will be at the Char-Bell theatre next Sunday and Monday, as Harry Holden, formerly of this city, plays a short but leading part in it. Mr. Holden appears as President Zachary Taylor, in a scene laid in the White House in the first half of the 19th century. Mr. Holden was chosen for this part due to his close resemblance to President Taylor and he carries the part remarkably well. He will be easily recognized as he wears but very little make-up.

The picture was pre-viewed by a representative of the News-Sentinel and he believes it will thrill the audience all the way through. The story of the race from China to Boston around the Horn between a British and American vessel opens way for many thrilling adventures which come in rapid succession to the very last scene.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, April 12, 1927]

HOLDEN, WILLIAM [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

William Holden, of the Holden Brothers, has taken charge of the Eagle theater at Wabash. This gives Holden three houses, Huntington, Wabash and Rochester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 16, 1907]

HOLDEN BROS. [Lake Manitou]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Next Thursday night at the Academy of Music, Messrs Holden Bros. will present John A. Preston in Ingomar. It is many years since this great classic has received a first class production outside of a few of the larger cities. This production will have the advantage of a complete and correct scenic investure, gorgeous costuming, and a perfection of detail never attempted by any attraction that has ever visited this town. The play is fascinating and appeals directly to the minds of every intelligent audience who want absolutely the best. The company engaged by Messrs Holden Bros. to support Mr. Preston have been carefully selected and an artistic presentation is assured. Seats now on sale at the Blue Front Drug store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 17, 1904]

HOLDEN COMEDY CO. [Lake Manitou]

See Howard & White.

LOCAL NEWS

Holden Comedy company No. 2, in charge of Harry Holden, will close the season at Indianapolis tonight, and will arrive in Rochester Monday, to spend the summer at the East Side.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 4, 1901]

LOCAL NEWS

The Holden brothers have purchased twenty acres of land on the east shore of Manitou and if the Wabash-Rochester electric line is built they will put a summer garden and pavilion theater on their lake front ground.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 29, 1901]

LOCAL NEWS - MONDAY

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The Holden Comedy Company, No. 1 under the direction of Charlie Holden, closed their season at Indianapolis, Saturday evening, and arrived at Holden Place, on the Lake, yesterday. Several of them expect to remain here during the summer. Harry Holden's company No. 2, closed the season at Kansas City Saturday night, and are expected home tomorrow.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 6, 1902]

HOLDENS AT HOME

Ever been to Holden home?

No?

Well if you haven't and haven't seen this organizer and owner of theatrical companies and this playhouse manager in his own home you've missed something of interest, says the Wabash Times-Star. If you have you've a pleasant recollection of a pleasant day stored up there in your memory box and it is one of the first to come forth when the lid's opened in a leisure hour and fancies and memories wander afar.

Those who are only slightly acquainted with Mr. Holden and who have only occasionally seen him now and then in this city have never accused him of knowing anything about agriculture. But how wrong. For in fact Mr. Holden owns and personally superintends two farms of 160 acres, and upon these broad acres spends his time when not out on the road. The Holden home is located upon one of the most picturesque spots on Lake Manitou, in Fulton county, and from a high point looks down upon the waters - placid and smiling in the summer time; windbeaten and angry in the winter. But winter or summer Mr. Holden and his accomplished wife find life delightful at their lake side residence and never tire of the pleasures they enjoy upon their farm, thirteen acres of which has a water frontage.

Holden house is a rendezvous for troopers, Holden house is a favorite place for hundreds of friends who find the Holden hospitality a kind that causes hundreds to pull the latch string during the heated months of every summer.

On a wide and screened porch which affords the best view of the lake Mr. Holden spends his evenings in the summer. There he enjoys his Havana between dinner and the hour he retires. "Out here I feel like a millionaire, after my day's work is done, smoking and watching the water. But, when the last ash is flecked away my dream is over." During the winter Mr. and Mrs. Holden enjoy pitch, in which both are very proficient, or an occasional evening at five hundred, when a table can be filled.

With the coming of November Mr. and Mrs. Holden will leave Indiana for the winter. In all probability they will go to the Pacific coast as the former has a show headed coastward at present. Mrs. Holden is also a talented actress and oftentimes is on the road for long engagements.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 28, 1908]

THEATRICAL COLONY LEAVING

The Holden Bros.' theatrical colony will soon have the appearance of a deserted village, the five troupes they will have this year being then on the road.

The "What Women Will Do," company, under the management of Harry Holden, will open at Hastings Mich., next Wednesday.

The "Denver Express" company, with Ralph Ravencroft as manager, will open at Garrett, O., August 21st. Earl Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Guthrie, will be with this company

The "Ingomar" under the supervision of John A. Preston, will open at Elwood, August 24.

The "Nobody's Claim" company will open in Chicago in September. Charley Holden will manage the latter company.

The Holdens are trying a new plan with their stock company, which will be managed by George Edwards. The plan is to play the same cities every thirty days, with a new piece and new scenery. This stock company's first piece will be "Rip Van Winkle" with Harry Jackson as "Rip." This company will open at Kankakee, Ill., Monday, August 21. Nearly all of the troupes have left for the above named places for rehearsal.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 15, 1905]

NEWS OF THE DAY

A letter from Ralph Ravencroft who is leading man with the Denver Express Co in the south, asks Earl Guthrie to come at once to take Mr. Ravencroft's place as "Tommy Tucker" at a handsome salary. Earl is yet in his 'teens but as a comedian he has made good, and he will leave at once to join the company at Junction, Ark. It is a leading position with a strong company and high compliment to a man so young as Earl.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 21, 1907]

FROM DAYS GONE BY

The picture being shown in the Sentinel window brings memories of days gone by when the Academy of Music rang with the startling words, "the Denver Express shall not stop here tonight," etc. The photographer shows the Holden Comedy Company of 1899 which made Rochester its headquarters each summer and started their shows out here in the fall. The troupe consisted of 14 players among them Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holden and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ravencroft. At the time the picture was taken the company was playing "The Denver Express," "A Barrel of Money," and "Nobody's Claim."

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 15, 1922]

Joe GORDON, 62, well known farmer living in the Whippoorwill neighborhood, died suddenly Sunday morning at 6:15 o'clock as the result of heart trouble and complications. He had been in failing health for the past six months due to leakage of the heart. Mr. Gordon, who came here eight years ago and moved onto a farm with his family, was well known in the community as well as at his former home at Indianapolis.

Joseph Ethelbert GORDON was born December 3, 1861 in Indianapolis and died at the age of 62 years, two months and 15 days. Most of his early life was spent in that city. He was the son of George and Mary GORDON, deceased. During his younger days he was on the stage and spent several years with the Holden Players of this city and other companies.

He moved here from Pasco, Washington where he had been a hardware merchant and on August 6, 1903 he married Gladys ALEXANDER SMITH of this city. One son was born to this union, George [GORDON], who survives with the wife. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge.

Other survivors are four sisters, Mrs. Henry H. McCLAIN, Evanston, Ill; Mrs. Frederick HERRON, Mrs. Charles E. HOLLOWAY, Indianapolis, and Mrs. George ANDREWS, Brazil, Ind.

A short service was held Monday afternoon at the home and then the body was taken to Indianapolis for funeral and burial in the Crownhill cemetery.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 18, 1924]

IN OLD TERRITORY

Marion Gibney, vaudeville actress, in this city for a two-day engagement at the Char-Bell, was formerly associated with the Holden Brothers Company, theatrical producers, the senior member of which was Mr. Chas. A. Holden, who is now retired from the show business and resides at his farm home, east side of the lake. Miss Gibney's father was also with the Holden companies, being their leading man for a number of years. The Gibneys spent one summer at lake Manitou.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 7, 1924]

TWENTY YEARS AGO

In the Indianapolis Star of Tuesday in their column of "20 years Ago Today" appears an item which says that the Holden Stock Company presented "Sapho" at the Park Theatre in Indianapolis to capacity houses. Charles Holden was owner and manager of the company.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 27, 1924]

Charley HOLDEN, 65 well known resident of the East Side, Lake Manitou, former actor, play owner and theatre manager, died Tuesday morning about five o'clock at his home as the result of dialation of the heart. He had been seriously afflicted with heart trouble for some time and while his death came as a shock to his wife and relatives it was not unexpected. He was first taken ill about two years ago and as the result of an attack was taken to his bed last January.

While he had been a resident of the lake intermittently for thirty years, about ten years ago he made his year around home there. Last fall he went to Chicago where he spent the winter with relatives at a hotel and it was there that he became seriously ill. He was brought back home a few weeks ago and while he did sit up in a wheel chair he was never able to be up.

Mr. Holden had a very interesting career in the theatrical world and at one time his companies were familiarly known all over the United States. He entered the stage profession early in life and after success as an actor he organized "THE HOLDEN COMEDY CO." which he managed while he and his wife took part as players. Later a second company was made up by him and the two organizations played in towns, large and small over the country.

Prominent in one of his companies were the parents of Clara Kimball YOUNG, the noted movie actress, who was born while the troupe was in Holden's employ.

While on the road his company often made Rochester and he became interested in Lake Manitou, and purchased land here at the East Side. This plot was known as HOLDEN'S PARK and for years during the summer he operated the hotel (now Fairview) and took his companies on the road in the winter. While making his summer home here year after year he also attracted numerous actors to the lake and at one time quite a colony spent their vacations here.

Later he gave up the road and at times managed theatres at Peru, Wabash, Logansport, Huntington and Indianapolis. Then he retired to his present home and operated his farm specializing in poultry.

Charles Arthur HOLDEN was born at Lawrenceburg, Ind., Dec. 14, 1859 the son of William W. and Angeline LYONS HOLDEN. He was married to Miss Maude McCAIN, at Urbana, Ill., on Dec. 14, 1882. He was a member of the K. of P., Elks lodges and the Country Club. He joined the Methodist church early in life.

He is survived by his wife, one sister, Mrs. Ralph RAVENCROFT of Rochester, and one brother, Harry HOLDEN, of Los Angeles, California.

Rev. W. J. NIVEN will preach the funeral sermon while burial will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery here. Other details later.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, April 28, 1925]

HOLDEN'S PARK [Lake Manitou]

See Holden Comedy Co.

HOLE IN THE WALL [Rochester, Indiana]

TRUE STORE SOLD

Mel True has sold his "Hole-in-the-Wall" confectionery store, first door north of the Palm Cafe, to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Walz, of Kokomo, who will move here this week to take possession. Mr. True, after a month on the police force doing relief duty for Nightwatchman George Clayton, will go into the novelty business making fairs, carnivals, etc., this summer.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 9, 1919]

G. W. Mizer, of Peru, has purchased the peanut stand just north of the Palm Cafe of John Walls. Mizer will continue the sale of peanuts, popcorn and candies.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, November 17, 1920]

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HOLEMAN, ALLEN W. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Money to Loan! on good Notes bought by Allen W. Holeman, Agt., Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 7, 1881]

BIOGRAPHY

Allen W. Holeman, whose name introduces this biographical mention, is one of the best business men of Rochester, where he was born. Mr. Holeman is a son of Isaac W. Holeman, who in his day was one of the successful business men of Rochester. Isaac W. Holeman was born in Warren county, Ohio, on Dec. 1, 1820. He died in Rochester, Ind., on Aug. 18, 1870. He was a son of David and Mary (Welsh) Holeman. Both of his parents were natives of North Carolina, and of English ancestry. At an early date in his life David Holeman, who was a farmer, and possessed of migratory disposition, removed from his native state to Ohio. In Ohio he first settled in Warren county, but soon after the birth of his son, Isaac W. Holeman, he removed to Preble county, that state, where he lived till the year 1836, when he settled at Wea Plains, a few miles south of Lafayette, Ind. At that time Isaac W. Holeman was about fifteen years old. The labors of his youth consisted in farm work. Early in life he was taught the value of industry and perseverance. He had gained a fair education in the country schools, when at an early age he became a school teacher. In 1844 he graduated from Wabash college, of Crawfordsville, and soon thereafter took up the study of law, in the office of Beard & Wilson, then a prominent law firm of Lafayette. In 1848 Mr. Holeman was the third lawyer to open an office in Rochester. Here he practiced his profession till 1854, in which year he gave up the law to become a merchant. For a great many years afterward he conducted a general merchandise business in Rochester. He was a successful business man, and was held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens. He served as postmaster of Rochester, and held several other positions of honor and trust. He married Louisa Willitts, who was born in New Jersey. Her parents were Thomas and Mary Willitts; they were natives of New Jersey and of English descent. The subject of this biographical sketch is the only child born unto Isaac W. Holeman and wife. He was brought up in Rochester and given a common school education. When he was sixteen years of age he lost his father in death. His mother is still living and her excellent counsel has been of great aid to him. "Allie," as he is familiarly known, began his business career upon the death of his father. He began as a merchant and prospered, continuing in mercantile pursuits till the year 1885, in which year he sold out his business and embarked in the grain business. As a grain dealer he again gave evidence of good business ability. In the year 1888 he disposed of his grain business and established the Fulton County bank, which he has since conducted, building up a good business. The bank is regarded a strong and safe institution. Mr. Holeman has always introduced honesty and fair-dealing into his business, and consequently he has gained the confidence of a large patronage. He is a pleasant and agreeable gentleman, both in business and social life. He is a member of several fraternal associations, among which are the following: Red Men, Knights of Pythias, Maccabees, Ben Hur and Knights of Honor.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 86-87]

ALLEN W. HOLEMAN (Biography)

One of the solid products of Fulton county is Allen W. HOLEMAN of the Fulton County Bank. He commenced business in Rochester when a boy and conducted a dry goods and grocery business for fifteen years, during which time he laid a strong foundation for an influential financial future and naturally drifted into the banking business. Some years ago he founded the Fulton County Bank and has managed it so carefully that he has never had a draft protested, a record unequalled in northern Indiana. During the panic of '93 Mr. Holeman's bank came to the rescue of the county and purchased its now jail bonds at a time when the county absolutely had to have the

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money and when other banks and bond buyers refused to buy bonds at any price. This conclusively proved the solidity of the bank and made it many friends in business circles. Mr. Holeman conducts a business founded on absolutely safe business principles and is therefore a very prominent figure in the financial affairs of the county, being one of our most extensive money loaners and financial agents. Mr. Holeman is a gentleman in the fullest sense of the term and richly deserves the business confidence he so fully enjoys.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

HOLEMAN, ALLIE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester, Indiana [Historical Review]

HOLEMAN, ISAAC W. [Rochester, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Isaac W. Holeman. This gentleman was a native of Warren County, Ohio, born December 1, 1820. His father, David Holeman, was a farmer and possessed a kind of migratory disposition. Soon after the birth of the subject of this sketch, he moved to Preble County, Ohio, and in 1836 moved to Wea Plains, a short distance south of Lafayette, Ind., where he more permanently located. Here Isaac spent his boyhood years in working on the farm, attending school and teaching as opportunity offered. He finished his college course of study at the Wabash College of Crawfordsville, Ind., graduating in the class of 1844. He at once chose law as his profession, and began a course of study under Beard & Wilson, of Lafayette. In 1874, he located in Rochester and immediately commenced the practice of law, being the third lawyer to open an office in the town. He served as Postmaster of Rochester for a time as the successor of Dr. John Shryock. He abandoned the law in 1854, and opened a general drug store, and later in life engaged in the general merchandise business. He was very successful and soon became one of the substantial business men of Rochester. He deceased August 18, 1870. Mr. Holeman came to the county when it was almost a wilderness, inhabited by more Indians than white men, and grew up with the development of the county, and left marks to show the progress of civilization.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 23]

HOLEMAN'S DRUG STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located NE corner 7th & Main [631 Main].

Rochester *Sentinel* office over Holeman's Drug Store, corner of Main and Washington streets.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 25, 1858]

School Notice. Miss Mattie V. Ernsperger will open a Select School on Monday September 5, 1859, in the room over I. W. Holeman's Drug Store. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 27, 1859]

Amos Hale, Manufacturer and Dealer in Boots and Shoes. Shop on Main street two doors north of Holeman's Drug Store, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

Sidney Keith, Attorney and Counsellor at Law. Office up stairs on the North west corner of Main and Washington streets, opposite I. W. Holeman's Drug Store, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

HOLEMAN DRY GOODS STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located NW corner of 6th & Main [530 Main St].

Operated by Isaac W. Holeman.

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This location was later occupied by Mabies restaurant, and still later by the Evergreen Cafe.

I. W. Holeman would respectfully announce to the public that he has removed into his New Store, opposite to the old stand . . . Nov. 2, '59.

Closing Out Sale. Having determined to close up my business at an early day, I will offer my remaining Stock, consisting of dry goods, groceries, hardware, boots and shoes, hats and caps, clothing &c at prices that will insure their rapid sale. Cheap Cash Store, Bozarth Building, Rochester, Nov. 11, 1859.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 12, 1859]

I. W. Holeman, Rochester and Jacob Tugendrich, Kewanna sell patent medicine.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 4, 1862]

I. W. Holeman has sold out his establishment to A. C. Hickman. Mr. Hickman is now in Cincinnati, for the purpose of purchasing a full stock of goods. He has secured the services of R. P. Smith as a salesman, and all who are acquainted with "Dick," know that he is an excellent fellow, and will give good bargains. Give the new proprietor a call.

Mr. Holeman we believe, designs removing to LaPorte, where he intends going into business.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 17, 1864]

Dry Goods. We are happy to see Mr. I. W. Holeman formerly of this place, but late of LaPorte, with a huge stock of Dry Goods Groceries, &c., which he is arranging in the room recently occupied by H. Miller & Co. Mr. H. is an old citizen of this place and a veteran in the trade, which advantage his old customers have learned we bespeak for him a large "run," as he is "at home" it isn't necessary for us to say more. Remember the place, Holmes & Miller's Block West Side Public Square.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, December 14, 1865]

New Store. Mr. E. Peck has opened up a New Grocery Store, one door North of I. W. Holeman's in one of Mr. Downey's rooms . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 16, 1866]

Removal. Mr. I. W. Holeman, our former merchant in the Holmes & Miller block, has recently removed into his large and spacious room nearly opposite the Central House. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, December 13, 1866]

Dry Goods. A large stock at I. W. Holeman's new store opposite the M.E. Church.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 14, 1867]

I. W. Holeman intends erecting a business house on the corner south of his store, for the use of Mr. A. D. Hoppe as a jewelry establishment . . .

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, June 18, 1868]

HOLEMAN HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Holeman House (Formerly the Elam House), Rochester, Indiana . . . located on the East side of Main street, in the center of the town, has been thoroughly refitted, and the proprietor begs leave to assure the public that no effort will be spared to deserve a liberal patronage. O. B. Holeman, February 13, 1862.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, February 20, 1862]

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HOLEMAN LIVERY STABLE [Rochester, Indiana]

Bill Holeman has purchased Del. Ward's Livery Stable.
[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, December 24, 1868]

HOLEMAN PUMP [Rochester, Indiana]

LOCAL NEWS

The old Holeman pump at the corner of Main and Washington streets, is being removed today by Mart Richter. It was an old landmark but was out of repair and was also much out of place, as it will have to be removed when the sidewalks are extended for the paving of the streets.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 7, 1901]

HOLEMAN & ONSTOTT DRY GOODS [Rochester, Indiana]

Located 824 Main.

OLD ESTABLISHED BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS VERY SOON

One of the most important business changes that has taken place in this city for some time, was made public Friday when it was announced that the Holman and Onstott dry goods store has been sold by the partners to Octavus Phillips, a recent acquisition to the citizenship of Rochester.

Mr. Phillips has resided here since associated with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. He first became known to this city when he was serving as a civil engineer when the Erie railroad was double tracked and later when he married Miss Charlotte Blassingham.

Mr. Phillips has purchased the store but will not take active possession until the first of the year, during which time he will remain with the partners learning the business and becoming acquainted with its customers. No purchase price was named.

John Holman, who has been a merchant of this city for the past 31 years, has been engaged in business in his present location for the past 20 years. Fourteen years ago Mr. Onstott became a partner in the well known firm. Failing health and a desire to get out of the old business rut is responsible largely for the retirement of the partners. Mr. Onstott expects to look after his farming interests and both will spend considerable time with city and lake property dealings. They also expect to build at Winona. Mr. Holman plans to spend much of his time in the summer at the lakes and in the winter intends to do a great deal of traveling.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 3, 1920]

HOLMAN AND ONSTOTT STORE IS SOLD AGAIN

Announcement has been made of the sale of the well known "Holman and Onstott" dry goods store to its original owner. Octavbus Phillips who purchased the store of John Holman and Isaac Onstott two years ago, has now sold back to the original owners he has announced, the change in ownership to take effect some time during the next month. The shoe department of the store will continue under the ownership of Dwight Green. Mr. Phillips says that he has made no definite plans for the future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 1, 1923]

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Next, to the north [of the Stanton & Sterner Book Store] Holman & Onstott sold dry goods and beyond this True & Wigmore conducted a grocery business, later the operation of Frank Marsh.

[Earle A. Miller, The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 14, 1958]

HOLLOWAY, CONDE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Conde Holloway)

HOLLOWAY, GEORGE D. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From George D. Holloway)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From George D. Holloway)

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See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Fourth Letter From George D. Holloway)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Fifth Letter From George D. Holloway)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Sixth Letter From George D. Holloway)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Seventh Letter From George D. Holloway)

HOLMAN GARDEN PARTY [Rochester, Indiana]

An annual event, given by Mr. & Mrs. George Holman at their home at 1402 Main for children. Games were played, prizes given, balloons distributed, and ice cream and lemonade was served.

HOLMAN SHOE STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

TWO BUSINESS CHANGES

There are two business changes in Rochester, one the selling out of E. B. Collins to Isom R. New and Lee Miller, and the other, Ike Onstott, buying a half interest in the J. D. Holman stock of shoes.

Invoicing will begin at the E. B. Collins store the latter part of the week, and the new proprietors will take charge as soon as that is completed. Messrs New and Miller were formerly associated in business, having conducted a large hardware store at Macy for several years. Mr. Miller has had twelve years experience in the business and had recently been employed at the Stoner & Black hardware store.

The J. D. Holman shoe store is at the present time being invoiced and upon the completion of this work Mr. Onstott will become a partner. The new member of the firm needs no introduction to Rochester people, he having been employed in different stores for the past eighteen years. The Holman & Onstott stock will be enlarged and the Turner Sisters will move their millinery store to the Baker room, two doors south of their present location, in order to make more room for the shoe store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 13, 1906]

HOLMAN SHOE STORE PURCHASED BY GREEN

John Holman, who has been in business in Rochester for 31 years and has occupied the same location for 21 years has sold out his shoe business located in the Phillips Dry Goods Store to Dwight Green, who came on from Chicago Friday evening to take possession Saturday

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morning. Mr. Green states that for the time being he will sell on a very close margin in order to establish a good trade and he will go to Chicago Monday where he will purchase a complete line of spring footwear. Mr. Holman plans to build a cottage at Winona and live there during the coming summer and then motor to California in the fall.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 2, 1921]

JOHN D. HOLMAN BUYS THE GREEN SHOE STORE

John Holman, partner of I. H. Onstott in the dry goods business at 824 Main street, has purchased the Dwight Green Shoe store which has been housed in the same room. An invoice will be made Monday, February 1, after which Mr. Holman will take possession.

What is known as the Perschbacher house, owned by Mr. Holman and situated west of his residence at Pontiac and Ninth street, was transferred to Mr. Green in the deal.

For two months Mr. Green will be employed in the store. Mr. Holman will continue to handle the high standard of merchandise Mr. Green has carried.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, January 29, 1926]

HOLMAN, GEORGE W. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Louderback Garage

GEORGE W. HOLMAN (Biography)

Born in Kosciusko county forty-five years ago, raised on a farm, educated in the common schools and Notre Dame University and finally graduating at Bloomington University, George W. HOLMAN had a splendid scholastic foundation for the profession of law which he adopted. He came to Rochester and commenced the practice of his profession with Col. SHRYOCK, but soon formed a partnership with Hon. M. L. ESSICK and continued the same for ten years. Then he was alone until the organization of his present firm of Holman & Stephenson. Mr. Holman has always been an active politician and his effective championship of Benjamin HARRISON for the Presidency gave him the appointment of National Bank Examiner which he held throughout the Harrison administration. He is one of the most energetic and forceful members of the Fulton county bar and has a wife -- Louise BRACKETT -- three daughters and a son, viz: Minnie, Grace, Georgia and Hugh [HOLMAN]. Mr. Holman has accumulated considerable property among which is one of the finest homes in the City.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

HOLMAN FOR U. S. JUDGE

The friends of George W. Holman, of this city, are in the race to get him the appointment for U. S. District Judge to succeed John H. Baker, resigned. A good many influential men in the 13th district and throughout the State are for Holman for several reasons, chief among which are his recognized fitness for the position and the necessity of getting a man outside the Indianapolis factional quarrel over the place.

Senator Fairbanks will name the man, it is said, and he is known to be very friendly to Mr. Holman. Besides Holman's wide acquaintance gained as Bank Examiner of Indiana and as member of the Republican State Committee, and his reputation as a fine lawyer, rallies lots of influential men to his support. There are already four or five men after the appointment, but it is said they have overworked the President and Fairbanks and they are favorably disposed to look for someone outside the list of candidates. The appointment is for life, the salary is \$6,000 per year, and the places of holding court are Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, and Evansville.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 28, 1902]

NEWS OF THE DAY

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Messrs J. M. Studebaker, Jacob Wolverton, I. A. Sibley, P. O'Brien and George Witmer were in Rochester Friday in a 40 horse power Studebaker car. The gentlemen were entertained by Geo. W. Holman and R. C. Stephenson at Manitou. The visitors were also shown through the Beyer Bros creamery, poultry yards and the electric light plant. They were very well impressed with their visit and expressed their opinion that the Logansport-South Bend line would be a winner.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 17, 1908]

BIOGRAPHY

George Wilson Holman, a prominent lawyer of Rochester, was born in a log cabin in Kosciusko county, Indiana, September 30, 1850, the son of Charles Walter and Delilah (Burns) Holman, the former born in Wayne county, Indiana, November 30, 1822, and the latter born in Xenia, Ohio, April 18, 1820, coming to Indiana when she was three years of age. George Wilson Holman, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this review, emigrated from England when he was twenty-seven years old and came to America, settling in Hudson City, New York, where he remained until about the year 1818, when he moved to Dublin, Indiana, dying there at the age of sixty-three years. Thomas P. Burns, our subject's maternal grandfather, came from South Carolina to Wayne county, Indiana. He continued to make his home in this state and died in Kosciusko county, when he had attained his eighty-third year. He is buried in the Nichols Cemetery in Franklin township, [Kosciusko County]. Charles Walter Holman was a well known citizen of his community where he engaged in farming, trading and stock shipping. He had five sons and two daughters, Otis Billings; Thomas P., who died at the age of five years; George Wilson, the subject of this sketch; Amelia, deceased, married Daniel R. Jones, of Fulton county; John D., of Rochester, and Frank. George Wilson Holman received his elementary education in the graded and high schools of his home community and then attended Notre Dame University and Indiana University, being graduated on March 27, 1873, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. On April 27th of that same year, he came to Rochester and was followed by his father, who stayed for a short while. He was married on December 25, 1874, to Louise Brackett. To Mr. and Mrs. Holman four children have been born: Lucile, the wife of Ralph Leonard, of Sandusky, Ohio; Hugh B., of Rochester, who was a captain in the army during the World War and was over seas for two years; Grace Margaret, the wife of George Beach; and Georgiana, who died in 1904 while attending a school of music at St. Louis. Under Harrison's administration, Mr. Holman was the National Bank Examiner, covering the national banks of Indiana, and under Judge Baker, he filled the office of Federal Court Commissioner. In fraternal circles, he is a member of the F. and A. M. and of the Knights of Pythias. He also holds membership in the Hoosier Society of Chicago, the State Bar Association, the American Bar Association of U. S. A., the Indiana Historical Society, the Society of Indiana Pioneers, the Columbia Club of Indianapolis, of which he was one of the charter members, and the Rochester Country Club. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United States Bank & Trust Company, of Rochester.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 213-214, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

GEO. W. HOLMAN, ONE OF FOUR FEATURED IN I.U. ARTICLE

One of Rochester's pioneer citizens who is now spending his usual winter and spring vacation at his home in Winter Haven, Florida, receives joint honors with three other pioneer members of the Indiana University Alumni. The local Alumnus is the Honorable George W. Holman, retired attorney whose home is located at 1402 South Main street, this city.

In the February issue of the Indiana (University) Alumni Magazine appears an illustrated article entitled "Four Oldest Alumni Are 365 Years Young" written by Nathan Kaplan, of Class '40. The story which will be of interest to Rochester friends of Mr. Holman follows:

"A long time ago man devised for himself a measure to mark off his tiny grant of eternity. He called it time and fitted the framework of all life and civilization with its bounds.

According to that measure, Samuel O. Pickens, LLB '73, is the oldest living graduate of Indiana university. He has passed 95 of those units termed years. Next to him in this category is

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Mrs. Mary Hannaman James, AB '72; George W. Holman, LLB '73 and Mrs. Emma Rose Jenning Clark, BS '73. Mrs. James is 92 years old, Mr. Holman 90 and Mrs. Clark 88.

Not Old In Many Ways

"But in many ways, according to many standards that must be as old as time itself, these four are not the oldest graduates of Indiana University. In many ways these four are not old. They are much like the earlier buildings on the campus. The outside is weather-greayed and veined with a tracery of ivy, but what is inside never grows old.

"Perhaps it is best epitomized in the words of Fremont Power, AB '38, writing for the Indianapolis Times:

"Talking to him . . . one soon gathers there's no use asking him questions so often asked of a man his age.

"Mr. Pickens isn't that old."

"No, Mr. Pickens isn't that old. Neither is Mrs. James, or Mr. Holman, or Mrs. Clark . . .

Campus Site Once Forest

"When Samuel O. Pickens received his degree in 1873, the University was housed in a downtown Bloomington building. That was the campus he left. The present site was Dunn's woods, a forest that had not yet begun to sprout limestone monuments to knowledge.

"From that time until seven years ago, Mr. Pickens was active in the legal profession. He served twice as prosecutor . . . and later became allied with the law firm of Pickens, Gause, Pickens and Gause, of which he was senior partner when he retired.

"He took up cigarettes and golf at 64 and gave them up later at 80 in favor of travel. He still lives in Indianapolis.

"Mrs. James has two chronological distinctions. She is the oldest living former co-ed . . . She was born in Indianapolis, 1849 . . . She was an honor student and valedictorian. Her's has been a life of travel . . . abroad . . . west . . . and served as postmaster at Aberdeen, N.C. . . . She was one of the founders of the Kappa Alpha Theta chapter at Indiana. Mrs. James has made her home in California since 1923.

"Mr. Holman best states his own case: 'I was engaged in the practice of law in Rochester, Ind., until I was 85. I have been spending five months a year in Florida. I still retain my home in Rochester, and my citizenship in Indiana.

" 'Some years ago I met Mr. Pickens of the class of '73 and we took a trip to Cuba together. My greatest pleasure in some years past has been in travel, mostly by automobile.'

"Mrs. Clark of Indianapolis, for many years resided in Bloomington. Her husband, Rev. J. T. Clark, was pastor of the First Christian church here up to the time of his death in 1919. For many years after his death, Mrs. Clark conducted the Sunday school, there.

"These are the four oldest alumni of Indiana University, but it is a badge of distinction they wear. It is a deanship. These are the patriarchs and matriarchs of a vast family. These have stood on the heights and watched Indiana University grow beneath their eyes, watched its concepts broaden, its facilities stretch to greater lengths than ever before. From these down through the years to the youngest graduate of 1940 stretches a thread of the family tie that never snaps, is never dropped but the new hands are there to carry it on.

"In this sense are these four the oldest graduates of our University."

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 15, 1941]

HOLMAN, HUGH B. [Rochester, Indiana]

Street contractor, who built brick streets in Rochester off of Main.

Hugh Barnhart was employed as time keeper on this job during his summer vacation from Indiana University.

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LOCAL NEWS

Hugh Holman returned to his studies at Purdue University this morning, after being home to vote. He will graduate in civil engineering in June.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 7, 1901]

LOCAL NEWS

Hugh Holman has accepted a position as assistant superintendent of the bridge works at Ypsilanti, Mich. Prof. Luton, a former professor at Purdue University, is the superintendent.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 30, 1901]

LOCAL NEWS

Hugh Holman, who has been down in Hendricks county the past few weeks working on a bridge for the Big Four railroad, came home yesterday evening. He will now be employed as inspector on the sewer system here.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, November 14, 1901]

LOCAL NEWS

Hugh Holman is home from Charlotte, N.C., where he was interested in bridge building. In a few days he will go to Colorado to accept a position with the Santa Fe railroad in the construction department.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 27, 1903]

HUGH HOLMAN'S SUCCESS

The Las Vegas (New Mexico) Daily Optic has a report of piece of remarks his road work for which Hugh Holman, son of Hon. and Mrs. George Holman, of this city, is chief engineer. The Optic says the Santa Fe Ry Co is making a change in seven miles of track which will be one of the best pieces of engineering in the grand Santa Fe system. The work was commenced the first of the year, and will be completed in August or September. About half of the seven miles is being blasted out of solid rock in the side of mountains, this new route to take the place of one washed away by floods last fall. The new line does away with three bridges and where the track formerly crossed the river four times it now crosses but once and that on a five hundred foot steel bridge. The work is the most expensive piece of track on the Santa Fe and Mr. Holman will win much prominence as a civil engineer by his success in this great piece of railroad building in the solid rock of mountain sides and on the ledges of a great canyon.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 16, 1905]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Hugh Holman arrived home last night from Larimer, Col., where he has been engaged in railroad work. He will remain here for several weeks and then will leave for old Mexico where he has a fine position awaiting him.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 13, 1907]

WAS LOWEST BIDDER

The Bourbon town board Wednesday night opened six paving bids and will in ten days meet and award the contract or reject the bids.

The figures submitted show that the prices are away above those quoted at Warsaw for the same materials. The lowest bidder, H. B. Holman of Rochester, placed Metropolitan block at \$1.40 a square yard.

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The town engineer has recommended that all bids be rejected for the reason that Warsaw recently let a paving contract at \$1.12 per square yard, and that the paving matter be put off until early next spring. One member of the board, who is against paving, refused to attend the meeting.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, August 26, 1910]

ROCHESTER MAN GETS CONTRACT

Akron News.

In special session, with a full attendance of the town board last Tuesday evening, Aug. 27, the contract was let for paving the main thoroughfares of town. There were several bidders investigated the plans and specifications on file in the clerk's office, but when it came down to business there was only one bid received to open and the board began to feel just a little lairy and that if only one bid was submitted that it would be too high to accept. But in this the board was happily disappointed. The bid was lower than they really expected, largely because the job is so small. The bid is lower than any other town about here has had equivalent work done for.

The bid received was made by J. J. Kelleher of Frankfort and H. B. Holman of Rochester and their bid of \$1.14 per square yard was accompanied by a certified check of \$400, as a guarantee that if they were awarded the contract they would enter into contract and do the work under bond as per specifications with local security.

The bid calls for Terre Haute brick, with 5 cents per square yard additional, the cement filler being used on the brick, which will cement the crevices between the brick. This pushes the bid up to \$1.19 per square yard. And for curbing 24 cents for straight line curb and circular curb, 32 cents per lineal foot.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 31, 1912]

LOCAL MAN HAS CONTRACT

Hugh HOLMAN, of this city, now has a gang of men at work at AKRON, where he has the contract to construct a sanitary sewer and pave nearly a mile of streets.

The sewer is being built north from the corner of Rochester and Mishawaka streets, and will run to the W. C. MILLER corner, where it turns and runs east for a short distance. The excavation in front of the interurban station is 11 feet deep.

The brick paving will be done, according to Mr. Holman, as soon as the sewer is finished, and will run north from the corner mentioned to the town limits. The street will be 35 feet wide, the Winona lines being forced to pay the cost of seven feet. On Rochester, the east and west street, the paving will begin at the MILLER [Hardware] store and run east for nearly a half mile. It is hoped the paving may be extended to the west limits of the town, before the summer is over.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 9, 1913]

IS AWARDED \$39,000 CONTRACT

Hugh B. Holman, of this city, was in Columbia City Monday closing up the details of a \$39,000 paving contract which he has secured there after a bitter fight with other contractors. It is one of the largest jobs he has undertaken.

A Columbia City dispatch says:

"Brick paving will be laid on Jackson and Walnut streets during the coming spring, according to a verdict rendered by the members of the city council at a special meeting held Friday night, and the contract for the work goes to H. B. Holman, of Rochester, Ind., his bid of \$39,819.16 being accepted.

"At a former meeting of the council the bid of Chase Construction company, of Fort Wayne, for asphaltic concrete for \$39,996.47 was accepted, but under the law the residents on the street had the right to come in and show the council what kind of paving they wanted and the brick admineres were in the majority and the council granted the contract in accordance with their wishes. Mr. Holman announced to the council that he would start work just as soon as the weather conditions would permit and would rush the work to completion."

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, January 5, 1914]

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SHORT NEWS

Contractor Hugh Holman of this city has begun his \$30,000 paving contract at Columbia City.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 28, 1914]

HUGH HOLMAN HAS LOW PAVING BID

Contractor Hugh Holman of this city will probably secure the work of paving the streets and alleys as advertised, having the lowest bid of four that were opened in the city council Tuesday evening. His bids were: brick \$16,183.56; cement, \$14,222.70. These bids include curbs and gutters and alleys.

Other bidders were Marion Carter of this city, A. A. Gast of Akron and M. McHale of Logansport. Marion Carter bid \$18,923.70 for cement and the same for brick. A. A. Gast bid \$15,199.43 for cement and \$21,124.58 for wood block. McHale of Logansport bid \$14,890.44 for cement and \$19,953.75 for brick.

The specifications call for brick with sand cushion without any cement foundation. The property owners have ten days in which to petition for a certain kind of material. They have the choice of brick or cement. In case they do not petition, the city council will order brick and will award the contract at the next meeting to the lowest bidder. As advertised the work will cover six blocks and alleys.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 27, 1914]

PAVING CONTRACT LET BY COUNCIL

The regular meeting Tuesday evening of the city council proved to be a very long one, it being eleven o'clock before adjournment. All of the business which came before the council was not transacted and another meeting will be held this evening.

Hugh Holman was given the contract for the paving. His bids, both on the cement or brick pavement, were the lowest. Four blocks of the six to be paved will be of cement. The entire pavement on Seventh street will be of concrete, the people residing on this street considering it the best. The other block of cement will be on Sixth street. The alleys east and west of Main street from Fifth to Ninth street, will be paved with brick. Work on the paving will probably begin before the week is ended.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 10, 1914]

STREET WORK IS PROGRESSING

Sixty men and twelve teams are employed by Hugh Holman in the street pavement work here at present. The men are engaged in installing the curbing which will be finished on the streets and in the alleys before the laying of the pavement begins.

The alleys will be ten feet wide and the workmen have discovered that it will be necessary to move several buildings and a large number of telephone and telegraph poles before the curbings can be built. The alleys running north and south will be paved with brick while concrete will be used on the others. The concrete streets will be reinforced with steel. The brick will be laid in sand on top of a grout foundation.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, July 11, 1914]

HUGH HOLMAN WILL PAVE WEST THIRD ST.

Submitting the lowest of the three bids, Hugh Holman of this city was Tuesday afternoon given the contract by the county commissioners for the paving with brick of west 3rd street past the Odd Fellows cemetery to the bridge for \$14,589. The contract is the result of a petition signed by A. C. Davisson and others.

Mr. Holman said that he would begin work as soon as the bonds were sold in September. Bids were also submitted by Mel Hay and the Frankfort Construction Co., at \$15,995 and \$14,980.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 8, 1916]

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NAMED CAPTAIN

The Chicago Tribune Thursday contained an item to the effect that Hugh Hooman of Rochester had been named a captain in the quartermaster's reserve corps. Dr. H. H. Martin of LaPorte, cousin of Gordon Martin of Rochester, has been named an officer of the medical corps.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 10, 1917]

11TH ST. CONTRACT TO HUGH B. HOLMAN

Contract for the construction of a brick pavement on West Eleventh St., west from Main St., to a point just beyond the fair grounds was let by the commissioners Tuesday afternoon to Hugh B. Holman for \$26,900. David Clevenger was the only other bidder. His figure was in excess of \$27,000.

The work will be started, according to Mr. Holman, as soon as the bonds have been sold, and must be completed by December 1st, 1919. The street will be 27 feet wide, over all.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 8, 1919]

NINTH STREET IS ACCEPTED - BARR TO CONTEST PAYMENT

The new pavement on west Ninth street was formally accepted by action of the city council in session at the city hall Tuesday evening, following the report of the engineer and contractor, the engineer reporting that the contractor had carried out the plans and specifications of the paving and that it is one of the finest pieces of paving in this city.

But there will be a little hitch when the time arrives for paying the contractor, as Superintendent John Barr in his report states that Contractor Hugh Holman has made an overcharge of more than \$1,100. The superintendent says that there should be 2,514 feet of paving, while Holman seeks pay for 2,660 feet, which Barr claims is 1,840 yards of excavation too much. The contractor also has reported the installation of 141 feet of curbing and Barr contends that the city should not pay for more than 92 feet and there are but two intakes when there should be eight. This matter will no doubt be settled amicably, according to present indications.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 12, 1921]

BEG YOUR PARDON

In the article in Wednesday's issue of the Sentinel dealing with the acceptance by the council of the 9th street paving the wrong impression was conveyed to the public. It had been stated that the contractor, Hugh Holman, had filed his bill for \$1,100 in excess of the work actually done. This is entirely in error, the facts in the case being that \$1,100 worth of work contained in the original estimate was not performed by the contractor, but on the other hand, too, his bill will not include these items, according to information reaching this office. The pavement, even with this work not performed, is considered an excellent job, and it developed during the course of construction, as is frequently the case, that it was not really necessary.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 13, 1921]

DAMAGES ASKED FROM SIX CITY RESIDENTS

Hugh B. Holman, contractor, who was awarded the contract for the construction of the West Ninth street paving by the city council two years ago, has filed suit for damages in which he seeks to recover \$750 from Andrew T. Bitters, Eldora Barr, Gertrude Terry, Charles Gould, Frank Terry and John R. Barr.

In the complaint Holman sets forth that he was awarded the contract for the paving and that the defendants, by bringing suit to kill the project, caused him delay in doing the work that cost him \$696.48. The complaint alleges that the losses entailed by the defendants' action were caused by an increase in freight rates, amounting to \$555.94, and \$150 and \$40 in litigation, making a total of \$755.94 and to offset this there was a decrease in labor caused by the delay, which saved him \$184.46, making the net loss, the above stated amount. The balance asked in the plea is for attorney's costs.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 30, 1922]

LOCAL CONTRACTOR GETS ARGOS PAVING

Hugh Holman, of this city, has secured the contract for the paving of Sugar street in Argos together with several other side streets. The paving surface to be used will be concrete. Residents of Argos had considerable difficulty in getting together on the nature of the material to be used, a majority having been in favor of asphalt at the outset but changing over to concrete later. Sugar street runs parallel to the main street of the town, which is now paved, and the other streets to be improved are side streets between Sugar and Main streets running east and west.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 21, 1922]

LOCAL CONTRACTOR ASKS FOR DAMAGES

Hugh B. Holman, Rochester paving contractor, filed action in the Kosciusko circuit court against Rodel L. Plummer and John O. Motto, demanding damages in the sum of \$2,500 for alleged statements which the complaint states "were damaging to the plaintiff as a contractor."

According to the complaint, Holman was one of three bidders on the paving work at Winona Lake. He states that his bid was \$1,400 below the bid of E. A. Gast to whom the contract was awarded and that Mr. Gast's bid was below the bid submitted by Mr. Plummer, bidding for the Northern Construction Company of Elkhart. Holman alleges that Plummer told Mr. Motto that he (Holman) was not equipped to do satisfactory work and that Mr. Motto repeated this to other members of the Winona Lake town board.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 4, 1923]

H. B. HOLMAN WITHDRAWS SUIT IN ELKHART COUNTY

Action of H. B. Holman, of this city, road contractor, against Redel Plummer and John Motto, for damages, originally filed in the Kosciusko Circuit court and later venued to Elkhart county, has been dismissed in the Elkhart court and costs paid, according to information reaching Rochester.

The action was the outgrowth of the paving contract at Winona Lake which was awarded early last spring to E. A. Gast. Mr. Holman charged in his complaint that Mr. Plummer, another contractor, and J. O. Motto, member of the Winona town board, circulated false reports relative to his ability to perform the work. He charged that this was damaging to his reputation as a contractor.

Mr. Holman was low bidder on the Winona pavement but the contract was awarded to Mr. Gast, whose home is at Winona Lake.

[Rochester, Sentinel, Monday, January 21, 1924]

HOLMAN NAMED ON REGISTER BOARD

Indianapolis, April 3. - Notification sent today to Hugh B. Holman, of Rochester, his appointment by Governor McCray as a member of the state board of registration for professional engineers and land surveyors. Holman is a contracting engineer of Rochester. He succeeds Carl W. Cole, of South Bend, who resigned because of pressing personal business.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 3, 1924]

BEGAN LAYING CONCRETE

Hugh Holman, of Rochester, who has the contract for the construction of the Glen Hurst concrete road in Miami county, commenced laying the concrete on the east end of the road this morning. The road covers two streets in the town of Macy and runs west a distance of two miles, connecting with state highway No. 1 [US-31].

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 6, 1924]

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LOCAL CONTRACTOR LOW ON AKRON JOB

Bids on the proposed pavement of Depot street in Akron were submitted by contractors Hugh Holman of Rocheser, and E. A. Gast, were opened and considered at the meeting of the Akron town board Monday night. Mr. Gast's bid was \$9,761.00 and Mr. Holman's was about \$100 less. Bids will be under consideration by the board until ten days from date of receiving the bids at which time they may either accept or reject either bid.

It is believed that, barring unusual delays, the street can be completed this fall. Much of the work of paving, including all of the excavation, can proceed without interfering with the construction of the sewer, was the opinion of the contractors.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 9, 1924]

HUGH HOLMAN AWARDED AKRON STREET CONTRACT

Hugh Holman, local contractor, was awarded the contract for the paving of East Walnut street and the paving and curb and gutter for North Maple street in Akron by the town board, which met in special session at the contract price of \$6,339.30, based on the engineers quantity estimate.

The Akron town board's discretion in the paving matter was very limited because out of the several proposed bids only one concrete, Holman's, was regular and subject to consideration. The alternative was to readvertise which would have delayed the improvement another two months. Milo Cutshall's bid of \$6,062.85 was favored by the board until it was found that the certified check which accompanied it did not fulfill the percentage requirements as prescribed by law.

However, feeling Mr. Holman's bid was too high the board was considering re-advertising when Mr. Holman made an offer to credit the property owners with the difference between his bid and that of Mr. Cutshall's, a matter of \$330.45, upon completion of the contract. The offer was accepted after being approved by the town's attorney. By virtue of the agreement, construction will start on the improvement at once.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 23, 1925]

LOCAL CONTRACTOR GETS PERU PAVING CONTRACT

James Burke of Peru and Hugh B. Holman of Rochester were awarded the contracts for the improvement of Miami street and Bayless street, Peru, with hard surface pavement at a special meeting of the city council Tuesday night. Burke was awarded that portion of the improvement between Canal and Seventh street on Miami, while Holman was given the contract for the pavement from Seventh street, northward on Miami street to Bayless street to Broadway.

The pavement from Canal to Seventh streets will be granite top concrete and that from Seventh street northward and Bayless street will be pebble top concrete. These kinds of pavement are designated by the council in accordance with the wishes of the property owners. The bid for Burke's part of the work was \$27,359.80 and the bid for Holman's part of the work was \$13,292.20.

Both contractors indicated they commence the improvements as quickly as possible in order to have the streets completed before fall.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, July 9, 1925]

H. B. HOLMAN MAKES LOW BID FOR ARGOS PAVING

The town of Argos is to have more concrete paving before the season ends as the result of procedure by the town board Wednesday evening. Five bids were received on concrete paving.

H. B. Holman, Rochester contractor, will probably receive the contract on his bid of \$2.12 a yard.

The streets on which paving is proposed are Church, First, Second, South, Center and Fremont streets.

The bids were as follows:

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Reith-Riley Co. - \$2.40 per yard.

John Bontrager - \$1.98

H. B. Holman = \$2.12.

H. W. Reed & Co - \$2.15.

W. J. Nees - \$2.13.

The Bontrager bid was found illegal. In each case an extra bid was made for excavation and for curbs.

The board decided definitely on concrete.

It is expected the contract will be let July 11.

Mr. Holman has laid a lot of paving in Argos where his work speaks for itself. If he and the town dads close contract, activities may be expected soon, possibly before the end of the month.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, July 11, 1925]

HOLMAN COMPLETES PART OF PERU PAVING JOBS

H. B. Holman has completed the work of paving Wabash street and is now preparing to begin active work on another contract, that of paving Bayless street and that portion of Miami street extending north from Seventh street. The Wabash street paving has been opened for traffic from Eighth to Sixth street. Within the next two weeks period the street will be opened for traffic the entire length of the pavement from Eighth to Canal street. -- Peru Tribune.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, July 21, 1925]

ARGOS SIGNS CONTRACT FOR PAVING WITH HOLMAN

The business of the Argos town board meeting of July 1, 1925 was resumed with all members of the board present in the office of Clerk-Treasurer at 8:00 p.m. on July 15, 1925.

The final resolution was passed, designating one coarse concrete as the kind of paving material to be used in the construction of paving of Church St., First St., Second St., South St., Center St., and Fremont St., as described in the petitions and resolutions adopted and passed in the regular meeting of May 6, 1925.

An improvement resolution awarding the contract to H. B. Holman on the six streets above named was passed. The contract was then signed by Mr. Holman and there being no further business the board adjourned.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, July 23, 1925]

GARY MAN SUCCEEDS HUGH HOLMAN ON BOARD

Indianapolis, Feb. 16. - Governor Jackson Monday announced the appointment of A. P. Melton of Gary, to succeed Hugh B. Holman, Rochester, as a member of the state board of registration of engineers. Holman's term expired January 1.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 16, 1926]

HOLMAN AWARDED CONTRACT

Hugh Holman, local contractor, was awarded the contract for the paving of Woodland Avenue in Logansport by the board of public works at a special meeting Thursday afternoon. Mr. Holman's bid was \$36,368. The material to be used is concrete. The Woodland Avenue project was one of five for which contracts were let. Mr. Holman, as well as the McMahan Construction Company, submitted bids on the five projects.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 14, 1926]

AWARDED CONTRACT

Contractor Hugh B. Holman of this city was awarded the contract for the paving of Madison street in Plymouth between Michigan and Walnut by the Plymouth city council at their meeting Monday night. Mr. Holman will attempt to complete the project before winter sets in.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, September 28, 1927]

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AWARDED TWO CONTRACTS

Hugh Holman, local contractor, was awarded the contract for the construction of two small strips of paving in Plymouth by the city council at their meeting Monday night. The total of the two contracts is \$16,226. Mr. Holman built several streets in Plymouth last year, and has his equipment there.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 1, 1928]

HUGH HOLMAN IS AWARDED E. NINTH STREET CONTRACT

The contract for the widening of East Ninth street from the corner of Madison eastward to the city limits was awarded by the city council, held Thursday evening in the city hall. Four contractors submitted bids on this work.

Holman's figures which were found to be the lowest best bid were as follows: For 32 inch curb and gutter 85¢ per lineal foot; for 25 inch curb and gutters 50¢ per lineal foot, and for 7 inch concrete slab \$2.25 per square yard. Engineer's estimate for the improvement was figured at a total cost of \$11,255.52.

Work on the widening of the street will commence within the next ten days and it is believed the entire job will be completed by the middle of next month.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 10, 1930]

HUGH HOLMAN SUFFERS AMPUTATION OF LEG

Indianapolis, Sept. 19. (INS) - The condition of Hugh B. Holman of Rochester, Fulton county Republican chairman, was described as "satisfactory" today, at the United States Veterans' Administration hospital. Holman underwent an operation yesterday for amputation of his right leg.

The G.O.P. county chairman has been a patient at the Indianapolis hospital for the past five weeks. His wife is vice-chairman of the Fulton county Republican organization.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 19, 1944]

HOLMAN, HUGH BANKSON [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Hugh Holman)

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HOLMAN, J. D. [Rochester, Indiana]

- - - - On Saturday, August 8th, John D. Holman will give an OPENING-CLOSING SALE when all Shoes will be sold at actual cost and the sample line at 20 per cent less than wholesale prices. - - - - J. D. HOLMAN, Arlington Block.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 19, 1891]

[Adv] Holman & Foote, NEW FIRM - NEW GOODS. For the purpose of running a first-class store a partnership was formed and the capital doubled. - - - -HOLMAN & FOOTE, Successors to J. D. HOLMAN, 1 Door South of Post Office.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 29, 1893]

[Adv] Most extensive and up-to-date Shoe Store in Rochester - - - - At Holman's old stand, in Sentinel block. THE HUB, R. B. Marsh, Guy Alspach.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 16, 1899]

[Adv] CLOSING OUT SALE! Everything Must Be Sold! - - - - JOHN D. HOLMAN, Rochester, Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 9, 1932]

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See Reynolds, Libby Holman

HOLMAN, O. B. [Bloomingsburg, Indiana]

AUCTIONEER

I tender my services to the public as a competent auctioneer and will engage to sell all kind of personal property upon the most reasonable terms and guarantee satisfactory work. Call on or address, O. B. HOLMAN, Bloomingsburg, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 17, 1883]

HOLMAN & FOOTE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Holman & Foote, NEW FIRM - NEW GOODS. For the purpose of running a first-class store a partnership was formed and the capital doubled. - - - -HOLMAN & FOOTE, Successors to J. D. HOLMAN, 1 Door South of Post Office.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 29, 1893]

[Adv] WE ARE SELLING OUT Lots of Goods every day because - - - fresh seasonable goods at prices that defy competition. Our trade this season has far exceeded our expectations - - - THE BEE HIVE, Holman & Foote.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 1, 1893]

HOLMAN & MARSH [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Fall and Winter Millinery - - - - TURNER SISTERS, With Holman & Marsh.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 24, 1903]

HOLMAN & STEPHENSON [Rochester, Indiana]

LOCAL NEWS

Ira McKee will conclude his work with Holman & Stephenson, as manager of their telephone system at Mackinac, this evening. He has been employed by the Western Union telephone [sic] Co. and will be stationed at Menomonee.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 29, 1900]

HOLMES, A. J. [Rochester, Indiana]

Agency of John H. Manny's Reaper and Mower Combined . . . A. J. Holmes, Rochester, June 6, 1861.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, June 6, 1861]

We understand that Mr. A. Renbarger has lately sold out to Mr. A. J. Holmes, his entire Saddle & Harness Shop. . .

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, July 11, 1861]

Ball's Celebrated Ohio Reaper & Mower . . . A. J. Holmes.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 22, 1862]

Of all the labor saving inventions of recent date, there is none more opportune than the Clothier Wringer . . . Our enterprising citizen, A. J. Holmes, has the Agency of one variety of this useful machine . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 24, 1862]

. . . I am Agent for the Kirby Reaper and Mower for 1863. . . . I would refer those who desire to purchase machines to Theodore Montgomery, or Wm. H. Davidson, each having used the Kirby are fully satisfied of its merits . . . Also agent for the celebrated Springfield Plows, Corn Shellers, Cider Mills, Evaporators, &c. . . A. J. Holmes, Agent. Rochester, June 11, 1863.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 11, 1863]

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A. J. Holmes & Co., South room Holmes & Miller new building, opposite Court House, drygoods, groceries, hardware & other general merchandise. A. J. Holmes, S. Keely, Peter Meredith.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, December 5, 1863]

All kinds of Country Produce taken in exchange for Goods at the New Store of A. J. Holmes & Co.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, December 17, 1863]

Wagons and Buggies. Although James Burton, William Savage, Andrew Oliver, David Oliver, George Merly, Uriah Wilson, John W. Bramen, Adam H. Mow, John Winn and Michael Walters have each, within the last 20 days, purchased one of C. & J. M. Studebaker's South Bend Wagons, there is yet and will be kept constantly on hand plenty more, for sale by A. J. Holmes & Co.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 4, 1864]

We neglected to notice at the proper time that A. J. Davidson had removed his Harness Shop to the rooms formerly occupied for the same purpose by Holmes & Co., and more recently, by Bealle, as a Doggery . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 7, 1864]

We have made the following sales of C. & J. M. Studebaker's Wagons in the year 1864: In Jan. 11; Feb. 4; and in Mar. 8. Total 23. There is yet a good assortment left and for sale by A. J. Holmes & Co.

Dry goods, groceries, queens ware, and highest price for produce. A. J. Holmes & Co.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 2, 1864]

A. J. Holmes & Co., South room of Holmes & Miller's new building opposite the court house. Drygoods, groceries, hardware Queensware, boots and shoes. Produce taken in exchange. Holmes, Keeley & Meredith.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday May 7, 1864]

The Soldier Boy, Frank Brown, who has served his country faithfully during the rebellion, has just opened a large stock of groceries and provisions, at Fred Sturkin's old stand, one door south of A. J. Holmes' store . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 29, 1865]

B. F. Brown. . . Large Stock of Groceries formerly owned by O. Meredith . . . Frank will always be found attentive and accommodating, at his store, opposite Court House Square, one door south of A. J. Holmes & Co's Store. Frank Brown. Rochester, Ind. July 13, '65.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 13, 1865]

Glick & Bro's. are opening a new Boot and Shoe Store in the room formerly occupied by Holmes & Co.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 2, 1865]

HOLMES, MARGARET [Rochester, Indiana]

Penname of Margaret Ernsperger Bates.

See Margaret Holmes Bates.

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Mrs. Frank Hoffman received a telegram Friday informing her of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Margaret Holmes Bates, which occurred Thursday at her home in New York City. Mrs. Bates, who was 87 years of age, had only been ill a few days, death resulting from heart trouble.

Mrs. Bates was formerly Margaret Ernsperger, daughter of Christopher and Julia Ann Ernsperger, and spent her girlhood in Rochester where for many years she taught school. She moved from here to Indianapolis but for the past 25 years has resided in New York City. She leaves one son, Charles Austin Bates, who is quite prominent in advertising work in New York City and is the author of a number of books. Mrs. Ella Berrier, of near Loyal, and Mrs. A. H. Reiter, of this city are also nieces. Mrs. Bates is the author for a number of books, many of which are in the local library. One of her most famous books, "*Hildegard*" a book of poems which is dedicated to her son. The first book to be published by Mrs. Bates was entitled "*Manitou*" the plot of which was centered around Rochester and Indianapolis. The deceased, who was a charter member of the Browning Society in New York City and Ohio and an honorary member of the Indiana Society chose for her last book which was published but a few weeks ago "*Browning Critiques*."

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 21, 1927]

HOLMES, SARAH [Newcastle Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Sarah Holmes. - Mrs. Sarah Holmes, the subject of this sketch, is the daughter of Henry Haimbaugh, Sr., mentioned elsewhere in this work. She was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, November 13, 1833. She lived on the farm with her parents, obtaining such an education as she could acquire in the common schools of her native vicinity, until, in her eighteenth year, she was united in marriage, on August 17, 1851, to Andrew J. Holmes, of Richland County, Ohio. Mr. Holmes was born May 2, 1830, and was educated in his native county. Upon the call of his country, he entered the service when but a mere boy, and did valuable service in the conflict with Mexico. In 1855, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes immigrated to Fulton County, Ind., and located in Newcastle Township, where Mr. Holmes purchased eighty acres of land and engaged in farming. They both united with the Yellow Creek Baptist Church, of which she is still an acceptable member. Mr. H. was quite a prominent man in the history of his adopted county from his first settlement therein, and in the year 1858 was elected County Auditor, and re-elected in 1862, occupying that position eight years. Mr. Holmes was an active, energetic, business man, and was favorably known as a member of the orders of Masonry and Odd Fellowship, occupying prominent positions in these orders at home, and also in their Grand Lodge. On the 26th of April, 1869, he was acting as Marshal in an Odd Fellows anniversary celebration, when he was thrown from his horse and severely injured, from the effects of which he died two days later, universally lamented. His kind disposition, undoubted integrity, great business qualities and close identity with the interests of his county, made his death a great calamity. He had accumulated quite a large estate, the most of which is retained in the family by the industry and good management of Mrs. H. To these parents were born seven children--Clara A., Mary L., Obadiah, Ella, an infant son deceased at the age of two weeks, John B. and Nora. Clara and Obadiah have since deceased, and Mary and Ella are married, while John and Nora are yet under the maternal roof.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 49]

HOLMES & HUGHS [Rochester, Indiana]

Ready Made Harness . . . Shop opposite the Post Office, Holmes & Hughs, Rochester.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 10, 1861]

HOLMES & KEELEY [Rochester, Indiana]

Holmes & Keeley have just returned from purchasing merchandise at Cincinnati for their store, Mammoth Bldg., opposite the Court House.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, November 28, 1863]

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HOLMES & MANN [Rochester, Indiana]

Farmers, Attention! New Firm. Holmes & Mann Saddle & Harness Shop. Having purchased the shop formerly owned by Aaron Renbarger and since added greatly to the stock . . . J. H. League, our foreman, is an accomplished workman . . . Don't forget the place, on Main Street, opposite post office. A. J. Holmes, H. W. Mann. Rochester, July 18, 1861.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, July 18, 1861]

. . . Ready Made Harness . . . Lewis Hughes, our Foreman, will always be found ready to wait upon customers, and take their orders. Shop opposite the Post Office. Holmes & Mann. Rochester, Imarch 13th.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 13, 1862]

HOLMES & MITCHELL [Rochester, Indiana]

0 Mr. Lewis Hughs having volunteered in his country's service, we learn that Mr. Holmes has formed a partnership with Mr. C. A. Mitchell, and they have removed their shop to a fine room just fitted up for the purpose, in the old Hotel building opposite the Methodist Church. The new firm are preparing to drive business, and farmers will know where to purchase saddles, harness, and everything else in that line.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 24, 1862]

HOLZ, LEWIS G. [Rochester, Indiana]

Also see Rochester Canning Co.

BIG PURCHASE

L. G. Holz, of Rochester, Saturday bought the elevator plant, lumber yard and coal business of A. D. Toner at Fulton, valued at \$20,000. Possession was given Monday and J. E. Snepp, formerly of Kewanna, will remain as manager.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Friday, August 8, 1913]

BIOGRAPHY

Lewis G. Holz, county assessor of Fulton county, was born in Warren county, Indiana, March 13, 1862, the son of Matthew and Caroline (Knauer) Holz. The parents of our subject were natives of the province of Wittenberg, Germany, and came to the United States in the days when sailing vessels were still the principal means of ocean travel. His voyage to this country consumed a period of forty-two days. The mother was on the water sixty-four days in the year 1854. They settled first in Warren county, Indiana moving to near Onarga, Illinois in 1864 where they engaged in farming until their deaths, Matthew Holz dying in 1892 and his wife in 1911. Lewis G. Holz attended the public schools of his home community and then took a commercial course in the business college of Onarga. At the age of twenty-one years, he engaged in farming for himself, and at the same time he ran a grain elevator and a general store at Delrey, Illinois. From 1896 until 1916, he pursued farming and clerking at various times, but at the end of that time he removed to Rochester, Fulton county, Indiana, where he became the manager of the canning company. He continued to manage the affairs of this enterprise until 1921. He then undertook to contract for a system of ditching in the county and has been occupied with that work since then. Mr. Holz had always supported the principles of the Democratic party and his integrity caused his nomination for the office of county assessor in 1922. He was elected to that position by a satisfactory majority and took office on January 1, 1923. On September 9, 1891, he was united in marriage to Frances A. Pacey, of Buckley, Illihois and to Mr. and Mrs. Holz were born four children of whom three, Laura, Irene and Harry, are still living. Mrs. Holz is a member of the Methodist church.

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[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 214-215, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HOLZMAN

See Reynolds, Libby Holman

HOLZMAN'S DRY GOODS STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located in Centennial Block, N side of 8th street, across from Court House.

Ready Made Clothing at Cost! G. Holzman has opened a Clothing Store in the Wallace Building, South Room . . . Where he will dispose of a large stock of Ready Made Clothing at cost during this entire month. Garments of all kinds for Men and Boys. May 3, 1861.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, May 4, 1861]

G. Holzman, Dealer in Ready Made Clothing, and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods. Store in Wallace's Building, next door South of Rannells & McMahan.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, May 9, 1861]

See Centennial Block.

Let no one fail to call at the New Clothing Store of Mr. Holzman, late of South Bend. .

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, May 9, 1861]

Clothing Bazaar, G. Holzman, Wallace's Bldg., Rochester.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 4, 1862]

G. Holzman, Dealer in Ready-Made clothing, Gentleman's Furnishing Goods. Store on Main Street, opposite Rannells & McMahan's, Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 10, 1862]

H. A. Lyon, Stove & Tin Shop, recently owned by J. F. Graham, east side Main Street, one door south of Holzman's Clothing Store, Rochester.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 27, 1864]

The Cincinnati Dry Goods Store. Just Opened, in the Wallace Building, the store occupied by G. Holzman, a large and well assorted stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Queensware &c., which will be sold at Cincinnati prices. Louis Feder. Remember the place, G. Holzman's Clothing Store.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 1, 1866]

HOLZMAN & CO. [Cincinnati, Ohio]

Several days ago the story of the heavy failure of Holzman & Co., brokers, of Cincinnati, was reported in the city papers, and created some local interest for the reason that Ross Holzman, the junior member of the firm, is well know here, having been united in marriage with Miss Bessie Holzman, of this city, several years ago.

The Cincinnati Enquirer of today, however, prints a sensational story, some three columns long, alleging that the failure was due to the reckless speculation and that Ross Holzman misappropriated some trust funds in his care, and has fled from the city.

The Enquirer says: "The fireworks began popping yesterday in the Holzman failure."

It was admitted early in the morning that Ross Holzman had left the city for parts unknown. There is reason to believe that he took no one into confidence as to his contemplated departure.

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The treasury of the aristocratic Jewish organization, the Cincinnati Club, on Melrose avenue, Walnut Hills, is bare, and the Board of Governors has been looking to Ross Holzman for the past six weeks for \$7,000, which represented the club's funds. It was learned that the Board of Governors kept the matter as quiet as they could, but finally, members of the club became aware that the funds held by Ross Holzman were not forthcoming. One prominent merchant who had lost considerable money and is a large creditor of the firm and a member of the club, became disgusted when he heard that the club's money had gone the way of other funds, and yesterday morning said: "To h--- with Ross Holzman. He has used the money of friends and customers to gamble, and now he has used the money of the club. I don't intend to keep quiet another minute."

And in another hour the fact that Ross Holzman had taken the Cincinnati Club's money and could not replace it was one of the chief topics on the streets.

Mr. Schwab was asked if it was not his opinion that Ross Holzman left the city with a bunch of money in his pocket. The President of the Cincinnati Club smiled a grim smile and said: "Well, I don't suppose Ross went away naked."

The failure of the company is said to be due to disastrous losses on the cotton exchange. The Holzman brothers seemed dazed after they had seen the money swept away and did not seem to realize the enormity of the losses. Good money was gathered up from everywhere and anywhere in a vain endeavor to recoup, and finally Alfred Holzman, in despair, made the assignment while his brother Ross was absent in Louisville.

"There were other developments yesterday indicating that the most sensational chapters in the crash of Holzman & Co., are yet to come."

Joe Feder, nephew of Lou Feder, and a frequent visitor to Rochester and Lake Manitou, was at one time a member of the firm, and only recently became alarmed at the way things were going, and succeeded in closing his connection with the concern before the crash came.

Mrs. Ross Holzman was formerly Miss Bessie Holzman, of this city and a very popular girl. She taught for several years in the Rochester schools and enjoyed the esteem of a large number of close friends. She is in this city at present, the guest of her mother on north Main street.

Alfred Holzman was in Rochester, last week, presumably on search for his brother, and frequent telegrams from Cincinnati papers to local correspondents indicate that they expect Ross Holzman to visit Rochester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 28, 1905]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Cincinnati papers report that through a misdirected letter it has been ascertained that Ross Holzman, late manager of the bankrupt firm of Holzman & Co., at Cincinnati, is now located in Panama, and further efforts will be made to reach him. The First National bank, of Cincinnati, holding securities for a loss in Holzman & Co., proposes to disobey the order of the referee in bankruptcy and sell the securities to satisfy the loan. The bank contends that only the surplus should go to the creditors.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 27, 1905]

HOME BAKERY [Akron, Indiana]

HOME BAKERY CLOSED

The Home Bakery in Akron, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Weeks, was closed two days ago. The bakery has been under their management since a partnership with Russell Smith was dissolved.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 1, 1941]

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HOME BUILDERS CO. [Akron, Indiana]

A YEAR OLD

The HOME BUILDERS CO., of Akron, is now a year old. The annual meeting of the board of directors was held Friday evening. The company last year built seven homes. If the money needed to finance the proposition can be found, more homes will be built this summer.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 25, 1922]

HOME FOLKS

See: Miller, Marguerite

HOME MEAT MARKET [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] NOTICE. We are still in the Sowers' building and have plenty of home killed pork, bread and milk. We Deliver. Our phone number is 79. HOME MEAT MARKET.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 3, 1933]

HOME PIE COMPANY [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Notice to Housewives. Don't bother to make pies at home. Now you can buy your pies from your grocer at 25¢ each. Pies are baked daily by the HOME PIE COMPANY, Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 12, 1930]

HOME PORTRAIT STUDIO

See Belt, Willard

HOME THEATRE [Fulton, Indiana]

TO OPEN FULTON MOVIE HOUSE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Fulton is to have an up-to-date amusement house. L. E. Easterday, on Feb. 18, next Wednesday will open a moving picture show in the building formerly occupied by the Motor Inn Garage. A projection machine the duplicate of the ones in use at the Circle Theatre in Indianapolis, will be installed. Mr. Easterday is offering a number of prizes for persons who submit names for the theatre.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, February 13, 1925]

PICTURE HOUSE OPENED

The Fulton moving picture theater was successfully opened Wednesday night, with more than two hundred persons attending. Howard Frain won the \$5 prize for naming the show, "The Home." C. B. Gilmore and Glendolyn Reed won second and third prizes, three months and one month passes to the show.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, February 19, 1925]

FULTON BUSINESS CHANGES

Two business location changes have been made this week at Fulton. The Home theatre has been moved to the room recently vacated by the Beatrice cream station. The garage owned by Russell Cooper has been moved opposite the Baptist church into the building vacated by the theatre.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, March 5, 1925]

CLOSE THEATRE

The Home Theatre at Fulton has been closed by the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Loris Easterday, due to poor patronage.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, May 28, 1925]

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HOME TOWN TALES, By "Pioneer" [Rochester, Indiana]

THE KEWNEY FOUNDRY

The Kewney Foundry, owned and operated by John Kewney, occupied the north portion of the 300 block on the east side of Main street. The building must have been erected before the Civil War, for it appeared old and weather-beaten, more than a half century ago.

At the rear of the main building under a roofed addition with open sides, a horse marched miles and miles in a circle, turning a great sprocket wheel and drive shaft, from which the lathes and machinery were powered. If the horse slowed up, which he often did, a boy was lifted to the horse's back, a trust of responsibility, every boy in the "north end" was willing to accept without pay.

At five o'clock, each work day, the blast furnace was opened and into the ladles poured the white-hot metal to be transferred to the moulds. The street doors were packed by neighborhood kids to witness the "fire-works" and there was an occasional fight over a front row position.

Here the Kewney Iron Beam Plow was made and shipped throughout the Central States, years before the Olivers opened a small shop in South Bend.

When the cashier of the Ashton Bank - Rochester's first bank - left town very suddenly, between days, with the deposits and destination unknown, the Kewney Foundry closed its doors and turned the old horse out on pasture.

What could have been? What might have been? A product with an established reputation, and the world in which to market it. We have often wondered.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 28, 1935]

OLD SHADY QUARTETTE

How many present day residents of Rochester remember the "Old Shady Quartette," composed of Dr. Frank Hector, Joe Stephenson, Henry Bibler and Nobby True?

Each member being of one political faith, the sole purpose of that organization was to add "high life" to the dry oratory of Republican "spell-binders" during the campaign of the late 80's and early 90's.

To the tune of "Do Dad Dah" they arranged and sang a hundred verses. Each verse contained a rich "raspberry" for every Democrat candidate, from President down to Town Constable. No Democrat in all Fulton county would vouch that the quartette could either sing or radiate the least comedy. If that declaration was made in the presence of a Republican, three fuses would blow immediately - - sometimes there was a fight.

Regardless of political opinion, "The Old Shady Quartette" was rich in melody. No local event was complete without three or more of their numbers on the program.

All, with the exception of Nobby True, have long since joined the "Invisible Chorus," but the memory of their rich, rare voices, the old songs they sang - - good fellows - - all, still linger with those who have time to remember.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 29, 1935]

ALBERT W. BITTERS

For the greatest number of hours, devoted to a business or profession, the "Laurel Wreath" must be presented to Albert W. Bitters.

We have seen Mr. Bitters leave the Rochester Daily and Weekly Republican printing establishment a few hours before sunrise, and we also have seen him enter the front door to begin the day's grind at an hour that was still dark.

Albert Bitters has written thousands of masterpiece editorials, beautiful or stinging, which ever occasion demanded. Being versatile and having learned his work well, he stepped to

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the type case, set up his copy, placed it in the forms, locked the forms in the big press, turned on the electric juice, fed the press, carried the sheets to the folding machine and sent the carrier boys on their way to deliver the Rochester Daily Republican.

No editor since the founding of the Republican party has written more editorial copy and devoted more valuable newspaper space to that party than Albert Bitters. While he was bitterly caustic in his writings regarding all things Democratic, the local leaders of that party understood and forgave and elected their ticket - occasionally.

As a reward for long and faithful party service, Albert Bitters was assigned the Rochester Postmastership for two terms. Hundreds of local Democrats and Republicans regret that the appointment was not for life. Because he had earned it.

Aside from being a writer of unusual ability, Albert Bitters is an authority on Masonic law, which has been his daily chart and compass for right living throughout his years. Therefore, a reputation no man can attack.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 30, 1935]

JOHN ANGERMAN

South of the alley in the 600 block, John Angleman [his obituary spelled it Angerman, as does also his will. It is corrected accordingly in this article - WCT] owned two frame business rooms. One of the buildings was two story, the upper portion being used as his residence.

No better description can be given of Mr. Angerman than he was the exact duplicate of the little old man, Rip Van Winkle, met and had experience with one stormy night up in the Catskill Mountains. Maybe he was one of them, who knows?

Mr. Angerman's "pet peeve" was "taxes." He also was an economist to the extent that when his wife was ill, pills were cut in halves in order to make the dose last longer. Wherever town improvement work was being done, there was Angerman, cursing the workmen until he became hoarse shouting "Taxes - Taxes - More Taxes."

The Town Council called for a mass meeting of the citizens to discuss the purchase of a hand pump fire apparatus, hose and the digging of twenty or more cisterns about town to furnish ample water supply. At the mass meeting, many speeches were made, for and against. Finally a local advocate of modernization, in a key-note speech, showed "facts and figures" that complete fire protection would reduce fire insurance rates to the extent of more than off-setting the required tax levy.

Not waiting for the speaker to furnish more proof, Angerman pushed his way out of the crowded room, using the strongest possible language as he went. Half way down the stairway, he turned and shouted - "Buying fire engines and hoses and vell diggings, don't cost nobody nottings? Yah, dot sure listens like it."

On the night of March 8, 1888, the night watchman found John Angerman's body on the sidewalk. He had fallen to his death from the open window - his tax worry was over.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, January 31, 1935]

JOSEPH F. DYSERT

Mention Celina, Ohio to Joseph F. Dysert, a conversation is "on" in which you will become simply - a listener.

Whether Joe was born in Celina, or not, is of no material consequence. Love for the old town has entwined his heart with hoops of steel, and there will be memories he will never forget.

His special delight is in relating how the Mersmann's and the Brandts from a very meager beginning fashioned lumber into furniture and became famous throughout the United States as builders of nothing but the very best. How a few Celina citizens started a bank "on a shoestring" that grew and developed an institution housing Two Million Dollars in deposits and rode through the "financial crash" with every dollar still in storage. And without the least sound of braggadocio, he might chance to relate his election to the office of Clerk of Mercer County, Ohio, the first Republican elected to that office since the Celina water reservoir was built.

Joe Dysert landed in Rochester, "for better or for worse" in the year 1907. From that day to this, he has indeed been a valuable citizen to the City of Rochester. Every worthy project for

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the good of the greatest majority has always received his support and financial assistance, and he will never be found on the retired and uninterested list on local affairs.

When Joe left the town he still loves to talk about, Celina, Ohio, lost and Rochester - WON.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 1, 1935]

DR. J. W. IRONS

If there was a Health Officer in Fulton County prior to the appointment of Dr. J. W. Irons, in 1893, the appointee must have served on the Inactive Secret Service Squad - for no one ever heard or saw him.

The placing of quarantine signs on the homes of contagious diseases, inform the occupants that they must remain within, until official notice was given otherwise, to make the rounds of neighboring homes, explaining the full meaning of an established quarantine, requesting the kindly old ladies to remain within the confines of their own back yard, asking the doctors to trim and disinfect their whiskers, to order the grocers to arrange their sidewalk displays above canine effectiveness, was more than a job - but, Dr. Irons did it.

To bring about a change, preach "Sanitation," stop the spread of contagious diseases which heretofore had spread throughout miles of territory, giving reason that would not be understood, made Dr. Irons a very unpopular man.

Grocer, butcher and baker, in fact half of the population of the town of Rochester, talked seriously of hiring the town slugger to cripple the Doctor for life. But he stood his ground -- the very personification of his name -- Irons.

Was Dr. Irons popular? -- of course he was not. Did he suffer the loss of his practice, and on that account was forced to leave Rochester? -- of course he did. All this, being true, Dr. J. W. Irons, was nothing short of a martyr -- he pioneered for a community's good -- he was the first man in Fulton County to give the children -- a chance.

The highest paid officer in Fulton County, should be the Public Health Commissioner. He would be a "bargain" at \$3,500.00 per year -- but he must be a second Dr. J. W. Irons.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 11, 1935]

SANFORD PAINTER

In his shop at the rear of the Hub Shoe Store, is Sanford Painter, still going strong, doing his work better and neater, through training in the College of Experience, fifty-seven years, has brought .

Seated on a "bench" that was put in service twenty years before Mr. Painter learned the trade, one can easily imagine a companionship that would require a King's Ransom to sever. Men and their working tools become an intricate part of each other, provided one loves his work.

Mr. Painter started his apprenticeship in the year 1877. In those days all trades had to be learned under strict guidance of older and finished workmen. The "cub" receiving one lesson at a time, which he mastered, or he pitched camp until he did.

Every step of boot and shoe making has passed through Mr. Painter's hands, from taking a measure, shaping the last, cutting the leather from large rolls, twisting the waxed threads and weaving in the bristle, and the hundred and one other tricks necessary to produce the finished hand-made boot or shoe, in his fifty-seven year - on the same shoemaker's bench.

Time out during all these years, Mr. Painter's fancies will not number more than one hundred days -- to cover slight illness, fishing trips along the old Tippecanoe, and going visiting -- plus a day off to get married. Some record! Who can beat it?

Rattle tat tat, tickle tat too, this is the way to make a shoe," is a line from an old First Grade school song. Here's hoping Sanford, that you see "Rattle tat tat, tickle tat too" -- on up to the time you want to say -- "I'M THROUGH."

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 12, 1935]

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WALT W. STICKLES

Walt Stickles many years ago owned and operated a "Job Printing Shop" adjacent to the second story lobby of the Academy of Music. In this shop the first gasoline engine sputtered and popped as it turned the one and only press.

Walt Stickles was what the late Jack Peters would class "a handsome fellow." He possessed unusual ability as an actor and looked like one. No home talent production was complete without Walt Stickles and no "part" was ever too "stiff" for him to master!

Aside from printer and actor, Walt was the chief of the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department. On a nail near the door of his shop hung the white helmet and nickel plated speaking trumpet of his office.

On a night in February, 1891, the old fire bell awakened the sleeping populace. "Fire," "Fire," "Fire," was heard everywhere and as Stickles ran from his home now on East Eleventh street, he saw the heavens lighted by one of the biggest fires in the history of Rochester. The mammoth Potawattomie flour mill was burning.

Faithful to his office and anxious to do his duty, Stickles ran from his home to the second story shop, unlocked the door, grabbed his trumpet and helmet, fled down the stairway, turned north and stumbled on to take his place.

When he arrived on the scene two lines of hose were throwing weak streams from the old hand pump planted on the Race bank. The big mill was well on its way to ashes and the Volunteer Fire Department was helpless.

Walt, a fire-fighter to the last, placed the trumpet to his lips, puffed as he shouted, "Do the very best you can men, your chief is exhausted."

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 14, 1935]

CLARK CONDON

Down at the old Nickel Plate depot you'll find Clark Condon now doing his 53rd year on the job.

Things have changed down there at the old depot during the past 53 years and Clark Condon has had a part in every one of them. Time was when the ticket seller stationed in the ticket wagon of the large three-ring circus was not half the busy man Clark Condon was subjected to. Before train arrivals the line of customers extended in a tripple row from the 8th street station door to the ticket window. There was anxious demands for tickets for every town, from Tiosa to Keokuck, Iowa, besides inquiries as to railway transfers, hotel rates and if special permission had to be secured from the superintendent's office in order to permit a dog to travel in the day coach. In perfect calm and without the least sign of ruffle Clark Condon plucked the correct ticket from the file cabinet, banged it through the station stamp, made the correct change, answered every question in the catalogue and pulled the ticket window blind just as the train was puffing away from the station.

Those were the days when Lake Erie and Western railway stock stood high in value and demand. Improved highways, motor truck and bus have robbed Clark Codon of many of his past duties and made the old depot take on the activity of a small town cemetery office. But Clark is still on the job, the same obliging, genial gentleman and a good citizen - regardless of the great change.

In a converstation with him the other day he remarked, "Well, we'll never see that big Union Depot over at the crossing that the editors of the Rochester newspapers used to build."

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, February 15, 1935]

KYRAN WALSH

The biggest farmer of his day in Fulton County, was the late Kyran Walsh. Born in County Cork, Ireland, Mr. Walsh retained a brogue both interesting and original.

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Aside from farming, raising one of the largest families in Wayne Township, to whom every member was given a large tract of rich farming land, Mr. Walsh took an active part in politics. He was a Democrat of the old school.

Time came when Mr. Walsh decided that the Democrat party owed him some reward for long service and donations to campaign funds. So he asked that his name appear on the ticket as a candidate for the office of Joint Representative. "It is not for the money," he backed his demand to the party leaders. "It's for the honor."

During the period of this story, mass meetings, selected and filled the party tickets. Mr. Walsh was nominated by a large majority. The meeting was held in the Academy of Music. Immediately following Mr. Walsh's nomination, some one from the gallery shouted, "Speech-Speech", and the obliging Kyran Walsh, strode down the aisle to the front of the theatre.

"I am no speech maker, gentlemen, but I want to thank yeese all, for the great honor you have conferred on a humble Irishman from County Cork. Mind youse this - if I am elected next November, and I take me place in the legislature of the great state of Indiana, if anything comes up for the welfare of the most of the people, I will fight for it with the ta-nacity of a bull dog."

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 16, 1935]

EDMON E. TIPPY

January 20, 1935, Mr. Edmon E. Tippy, a resident of Newcastle township for the past 50 years, reached "Pier No. 90."

By "Pier No. 90" we mean that Mr. Tippy is 90 years - YOUNG - not that many years "OLD" - which fact he can easily prove for he drives and takes pleasure in his automobile, reads and writes without aid of glasses, and with nimbleness equal to any star on the Talma basketball team, he can kick higher than his head.

A party of Rochesterites attending the Newcastle Towship Farmer's institute on last Friday enjoyed a rare visit with this grand and wonderful man. For a man to have NINETY YEARS checked against him, be as light a-foot, mentally more keen and active than the average person of forty years - plus - not an ache or pain, surely all this cannot be a gift - it must be KNOWING HOW TO LIVE.

If there were any oversight whatever in arranging the program of the Newcastle Township Farmer's Institute for 1935, an annual event for many years regarded as one of the outstanding institutes in the state of Indiana, it was the omission of a lecture by Mr. Tippy, subject: "HOW TO BE YOUNG AT NINETY."

If one should read to Mr. Tippy that portion of the 90th Psalm which admonishes: "The days of our years are three score years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet there is strength, labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away," we feel more than sure Mr. Tippy would jokingly remark, "YOU ARE NOT TALKING TO ME."

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 19, 1935]

MARION ERNSPERGER

When it is home grown watermelon time memory carries us back thru the years to a large brick house on a hill, two and one-half miles northwest of Rochester, where Marion Ernsperger once lived.

No farmer in Fulton county cultivated a larger melon patch and there was not a boy in the old "north end" who would enter that patch uninvited.

"Always come to the house, boys, you'll find plenty of melons for everybody. If you sneak into the patch, you'll trample and ruin vines, then nobody can have melons," was Mr. Ernsperger's invitation and order.

So, during melon time each Sunday afternoon "our gang" hiked out to Uncle Marion's. Down at the spring house we would find him waiting for us. He had heard the gang coming up the road and there was to be no disappointment. When he opened the spring house door, there

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they were, row on row of 'em, cooled by a constant stream of spring water that flowed through the house. Mr. Ernspurger would cut melons, red core and yellow core, until we were filled to our necks. On leaving always came the words, "Come back again boys. I'm always glad to have you."

Hiking back to town one Sunday afternoon, everyone of the gang with stomachs bulging forward and upward, as though each one had been inflated at a "free air" station, one of the gang remarked, "Gee, ain't Uncle Marion the finest and biggest man that you know of? When I'm a man I wish that God would make me just like him."

Following a spell of silence the gang's philosopher piped up, "I guess God won't to that job. You'll have to do that all by yourself."

Everyone of the "old gang" have passed "Pier No. 90." Three of them have made Uncle Marion's grade. As for the rest, please don't ask.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 22, 1935]

GEORGE CARDAMENUS

George Cardamenus, a native of Greece, opened the New York Candy Kitchen, 103 East Ninth Street. Possessing a heavy stock of smiles and good cheer, friends and customers were made at a rapid rate. Within George's first year in Rochester, he was introduced into the mysteries of Pythian Knighthood, and nothing was left undone to assure him that he had pitched his tent in a town of golden opportunity.

On came the World's Fair, and after a time, friends saw the first clouds of unhappiness on George's face. Letters received from a sweetheart he had promised to send for, had written of her suffering, the hell of war, sickness, no food, no money, and that garlic was an impossible luxury.

At the close of the war, he immediately sent for her, and in impatient anxiousness he awaited information as to the time he could greet her in New York.

Well - time, the ocean liner and the girl arrived. George was on the pier to greet them all. Finally he saw her - there was disappointment, she was no longer the Grecian beauty he had left in Athens, Xerolhart, or some other seaport in Greece. The havoc and privation of WAR were plainly imprinted. After a few days rest in New York, they were married. A few days later the bridal party arrived in Rochester.

Six months later, one of George's local advisors heard some one say, "Did you know that George Cardamenus had sold his business?" Rushing to find George, to learn the truth of the statement, he inquired of George, and received the following information. "My wife, no like de fush, here," muttered the citizen friend as he kicked himself all the way back to his place of business.

"Can you beat it? Can you beat THAT? Maree didn't like our FISH."

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 28, 1935]

GEORGE W. CLAYTON

Eighteen years, is the record of George W. Clayton, as Town Marshal and Night Watchman. Sixteen years of that period he carried no firearms whatever. Armed with a cane, more for companionship than effectiveness, in his long and lonesome nightly rounds, there was peace and quiet and due respect for "the law" at all times.

Realizing that a belt of pistols was both display and excess baggage he inaugurated and introduced "the Clayton foot", a type of law enforcement that soon became known far and wide. One "adjustment" administered with the "Clayton foot" to an offender's middle rear section restored law and order more quickly than a Governor's call for troops.

Every old offender walked "the straight and narrow" for the remainder of his days, for he had received a sample, and it was sufficient. Clayton's approaching form, two blocks distant, somehow, caused wobbly legs to suddenly gain complete control, turn down an alley, and seek the bosom of his family a perfectly sober man. On call "That will do," from the dark recess of a down town stairway, cut short a barber shop quartette's rendition of "Down on Mobile Bay", just as the tenor was about to get in his best notes. Then too, both railroad water tanks were heavily chalked

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with Hobo Sign Language, advertising "the Clayton foot," to the extent that those brave enough to venture up town, worked the back streets exclusively.

We recall one recipient - now a grand-father - who taked seriously of having an end put to the "Clayton method" through political drag and etc. But the "method" had proven so completely satisfactory to town board and citizens alike, that the protest and demand for a change, failed to gain much momentum.

"Maybe I needed it" - he admitted - "But I want to tell you, it is darn humiliating."

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, March 2, 1935]

WILLIAM ROTH

Mr. William Roth opened the first "Five and Ten Cent Store" in Rochester, in a low wooden building, occupying the present site of the Deniston building. The building previously housed the Copeland Bank, followed by Squire Herman's law office and Justice Court.

It being the first store of its kind to open doors in Rochester, everyone of school age made a daily pilgrimage along the counters and at meal time we told "the folks" all about the one hundred and one things that a nickel or a dime would buy. We were heavy advertisers for Roth.

Just why the name of Roth was eclipsed by Woolworth, should at this late date cause us no undue worry. Maybe it was because he failed to paint the front of the building red. Maybe, it was six other reasons.

More than a half hundred like stores have opened and closed doors along Main street from 1885 down to date. But, the name of Roth was the first. That's something.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 13, 1935]

ROCHESTER GREENHOUSES

Fulton County's first Green House, operated by James Adamson, was located on a farm, now occupied by the home of Walter House, North Shore Drive, State Road No. 14.

It was not much of a "green house" - but - regardless of its primeval magnitude, our great-grandmothers and grandmothers journeyed there for fuchsias, nutmeg geraniums and oleanders - and when the plants bloomed in all their glory, in the south window, joy and happiness prevailed throughout the entire household.

More than forty years later, John H. Shelton, opened the second greenhouse venture on West Eleventh Street. Choice carnations, at thirty-five cents per dozen and American Beauty Roses - all you wanted, at fifty center per dozen, was Shelton's satisfying price. Years later, all thought of posies, flowers and whatnot plants, was sold to Fred Walters, who in turn amid flower loving service, sold his possion to Chalres MacVean, who "Says It With Flowers" in such an adroit fashion that he need not doff his cap to any florist.

Back of Woodlawn Hospital, some years ago, Henry Arnold conducted extensive green houses, which he later conveyed to Pletcher Brothers, moved to North Judson, Indiana, where he established a large Peony Farm. Seeing Mr. Arnold at his work, hearing him explain and fondle flowers, no other thought could be entertained than that he was born to play with flowers.

Following Mr. Arnold, one day, through the aisles of bloom and fragrance of the green house - just listening - for that was all anyone cared to do while Henry Arnold talked about - FLOWERS. On nearing the street entrance one of our party asked Mr. Arnold, "Of all the flowers, which one is your favorite?" "My favorite," he said slowly, as he removed his hat, "It is the hollyhock. The deep pink ones, I mean. My mother always had them in her garden - in Germany."

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 18, 1935]

IZZARD'S WIZZARD SOAP

On East Sixth street, when all Rochester lighted their homes and streets with coal oil, "IZZARD'S WIZZARD SOAP" was manufactured.

The factory was not a gigantic concern, of course, but nevertheless it was built on hope and promise - for every family needed SOAP, and all America had to be supplied - by someone.

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Lack of capital, even at that early day - regardless of need, retarded an advertising campaign to create a desire for "IZZARD'S WIZZARD SOAP" above all.

In a very small way the factory existed for a year or two. Wash machines, not yet produced by inventive genius, the wash board, a strong back, swollen and aching hands, produced the etching of "old age" on the faces and action of every woman of "thirty."

From the days of "IZZARD'S WIZZARD SOAP" a product that had a perfect right to survive through all these years, and today be America's favorite, "in bar, flake or powder," we have traveled far in lightening MOTHER'S weekly wash day burden. Maybe "IZZARD'S WIZZARD SOAP" had its full part in paving the way from drudgery to the pleasures of operating the modern electric washing machine and remove all the blue out of Monday.

Of all the towns in the United States that has in every way tried to forge to the front, the citizenship of little old Rochester, past and present, has confined in musty chests and boxes, dusty and yellow with age - but worthless - more than Five Million Dollars in stocks and bonds - including "IZZARD'S WIZZARD SOAP" stock.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 19, 1935]

J. E. BEYER

An annual Easter custom in the days of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Beyer, occupying the beautiful Beyer home, [SW corner] Seventh and Pontiac streets, was the Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

Days previous to Easter Mrs. Beyer was busy preparing and coloring eggs - never less than 3,500 - boiled and beautifully colored.

Early Easter morning Mr. Beyer and a crew hid the eggs in the bushes and hedge surrounding the Beyer lawn. The job was far too great for a thousand rabbits, but the rabbit was to have all of the credit, nevertheless.

At one o'clock Easter Sunday afternoon, one-half of the child population of Rochester lined the sidewalks framing the Beyer home. In hand were baskets, large and small. Even in childhood crops "the inborn" to get and to grab, whenever and wherever there is the least opportunity. Therefore, in the waiting Easter ensemble were wagons, clothes baskets discarded baby carriages.

Promptly at three o'clock the signal was given - the big scramble and egg hunt was on. Two "Big Children," laughing, shouting and enjoying the event most were Mr. and Mrs. Beyer.

God blest these noble people abundantly. They were Lamp Lighters along the pathway of Child Life. They played with and loved children. They lifted themselves by lifting others and did their part in making many an Easter Sunday a great day.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, April 20, 1935]

PERRY M. SHORE

Back in the days when shop keepers listed their real friends by the number of their customers, Perry M. Shore, founder of the present Shore and Wilson establishment - "The Big Store of the North End" - transacted more business each Saturday than all present day Rochester grocery and drug stores combined.

In those days, no double page display advertisement was necessary. Friendship and a Square Deal was every merchant's Passport to hold that which he had established, or drop out of the commercial picture.

The name of SHORE is one of the oldest names still on signs along our Main Street. For more than sixty years, the name has stood for hustlers of high voltage, ever and always living up to an honorable established name in doing their part in the scheme of things to bring about a bigger day for Rochester and a never failing consolidation - for everybody.

The early day Perry M. Shore establishment was a combination grocery and drug store. Near the entrance was a large container holding three bushels or more of fresh roasted peanuts, kept warm and crisp by a large coal oil lamp in the bottom of the container.

It was the Saturday custom of John Prill famous for maple syrup and a certain variety of elm stove wood, to do his "trading" at the Shore store. Uncle John's first purchase on entering the

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store was always a heavy supply of peanuts, which he ate while making his purchase, scattering the peanut shells on the floor as he went from counter to counter.

Mr. Shore, being a bit nervous during a heavy Saturday grind of business, very politely requested Uncle John to kindly discontinue dropping peanut shells on the floor. "Why, Perry," replied Uncle John, "I bought the peanuts here." "I know you did," answered Mr. Shore. "We also sell pills."

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 22, 1935]

DR. WILLIAM REX

Doctor William Rex was Rochester's first dentist. At the foot of the stairway leading to his office, was a large glass case in which were displayed hundreds of teeth of every shape and size which the doctor had extracted "in cold blood." Painless dentistry, at that early date, was not even a dentist's dream.

It required men and women of iron nerves to ascend the stair after inspecting the teeth and tusk display. In the case was the exact duplicate of the very teeth that caused a sleepless night. Then again, the sight of the glass case and its contents, produced a magic effect - the tooth stopped aching.

We recall Dr. William Rex, as a big jolly man and a Deacon in early Rochester Methodism. His home, now occupied by LeRoy Shelton Post of the American Legion, was a bright spot for all society events. Though we remember him as rough and heartless in his profession, what could one with an aching tooth expect for twenty-five cents?

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 30, 1935]

ROCHESTER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

In the days of true fraternalism, Fredonia Lodge No. 122, Knights of Pythias, ranked supreme in Rochester. While the early membership listed less than seventy members, all were present each Thursday evening and spread the gospel of the Order in every transaction.

Each newly elected presiding officer, faced the ordeal of his life, for test of endurance, temper and every rule of parliamentary law - for he was elected to retain the dignity of the high office against the wit and conjure of Charles D. Sisson, Henry A. Barnhart, Dr. Charles J. Loring, Col. Isaac W. Brown, Merrit A. Baker, Robert C. Wallace, Marion C. Reiter, Sherman Gibbons, Adolph Biccard, James Johnson and Charles Stiver, all loyal Pythians, who long since have lowered their visors and went forth into the Great Castle Hall of Silence, where all true Knights again raise their voices and received the true and full meaning of a simple "Sprig of Myrtle."

The popularity and worth of Pythianism developed a local membership of more than four hundred. Today, the Order and all it teaches, struggles for an existence.

Can it be that men with open hands, open hearts - dispensing time and tolerance, charity, encouragement and inspiration - with equal largeness - have forever passed out of the life of this community?

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, May 1, 1935]

THEATERS

Wilber Mitchell opened Rochester's first moving picture show in the New Miller building, 624 Main street.

The program, all for five cents, consisted of two short reel picture stories and a colored illustrated song. The singer making the song sweet and remembered was May Brockman Touhy.

Next in local motion picture industry came Earle Miller, who opened the "Moving Picture Palace" of its day in the room now occupied by Howard's Variety store, 830 Main street. In his neat little theater Earle Miller introduced America's first "talking motion picture" during the winter season of 1913. While the effort was crude, the star artist being Black Patti, it was the beginning of present-day effect and completeness and we counted it marvelous and good.

In later years the Bassett Brothers opened the "My Show" in the north Heilbrun room, later followed by changed name to "Paramount," which in late years unoccupied, has been a heavy eye sore of decay and neglect. Then came Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Shanks with motion pictures and a

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song, which was followed by Carl Jessen who through advertising and a contest named his picture show the K.G. Following Jessen's venture came James Masterson and Son, opening a moving picture show in the old Academy of Music which was of short duration, due to the fact that "folks" were unwilling to climb stairs. But the venture of all ventures was made by James L. Kimmel in opening a picture show and vaudeville north of the public square. It was the "Biggest show and the most for your money." Two reels of pictures and five vaudeville acts changing three times weekly, cost Kimmel 200 acres of the very best farm land in Miami county.

Up to now Kriegbaum Brothers occupy and hold "the center" for the very best to be shown in pictures. One theater is flashing "The Char-Bell," while in bright lights is announced "The Rex," the latest addition to a long list in theatrical and motion picture Rochester history.

To Earle Miller goes the "Laurel of Entertainment Achievement" of past or present Rochester history. His Mid-Winter Chautauqua of 1914 held at the old Academy of Music brought to Rochester Elbert Hubbard, the beloved sage of the Roycrofters Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the man claiming the discovery of the North Pole, Louise Dunbar and John A. Preston and a supporting company of professional artists in "The Light Eternal," Judge Ben Linsey, famous Juvenile Court Judge, Opie Reed, renowned American novelist and writer and the great Kilty Band.

An early advocate of the "VERY BEST" in entertainment and enlightenment, regardless of the fact that high aim proved a heavy financial loss to him and his associates, Earle Miller carried the banner of true optimism and vital idealism. He he remained and carried on, both fortune and national reputation would have been his reward.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 3, 1935]

ROCHESTER GRADED SCHOOLS

Rochester's first Graded Public School building, consisting of four rooms on the first floor, the Superintendent's office and a large High School assembly room on the second floor, from which graduated "a precious few" each school year, was located on the ground now occupied by the United Brethren Church [SE corner Sixth and Pontiac]. For some unaccountable reason, the building was destroyed by fire in the month of March, 1886.

There were other superintendents, of course, but our memory of Rochester Public School building, which by no means classed as authentic, were Bryant, Williams, Ward and James F. Scull.

When James F. Scull accepted complete control, he inaugurated NEW ideas. He immediately dispensed with the old time fifteen minute recess period, robbed each pupil of their name, and in place assigned - a number.

Hands behind the backs, single file, we paraded around the school house to a watering trough, presided over by Peter Baker, the most beloved school janitor of the many on the long list. At the watering trough, we exchanged every brand of contagion - hoof and mouth disease, included.

On July 20, 1887, the corner stone of the present Lincoln School building was placed in position amid grand Masonic rites, following a monster parade. The town of Rochester was performing a necessity, but there was opportunity for a gala day of celebration, and of course, like all events before or since, Main Street merchants - paid the bill.

The much advertised stellar attraction for the great event, was a balloon ascension - seventy-two foot balloon - "Higher Than The Stars" - by Prof. Frank Casad. The "Professor" floated northward one block, where the daring aerialist garbed in red flannel underwear and a plug hat, landed astride a high rail fence dividing the Judge Sidney Keith estate from the north portion of the Keith orchard, which the Judge sold to the Rochester School Board for the erection of the Lincoln School. And so, another great event became history and our more experience in grand celebrations - as a grumbling and dissatisfied crowd started for - home and the chores.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 9, 1935]

MINERAL WELL HOTEL

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Six miles southeast of Rochester still remains the ruin-remnant of all that once was "The Feece Flowing Well and Sanitarium."

In the year 1885, Rev. William Feece purchased a wood tract of land consisting of 40 acres for the establishment of a home. Well drivers at the depth of 192 feet encountered a gushing flow of water. A strange mineral deposit of the water invited investigation. An analysis proved the water to be rich in magnesium oxide and equal to the water from the famous French Lick Springs. With limited capital, in a meager fashion, Rev. Feece erected a boiler house and a small sanitarium. Its success or failure was hinged on the free publicity two Rochester weekly newspapers could offer and the word of mouth of testimony of the doubting few who came finding health and happiness. William Patterson a Roann, Indiana, druggist, desiring to retire, visioning great wealth possibilities, entered into a contract with Dr. R. Murphy, old in years of experience, leased the buldings and grounds. Believe it or not, the sick and the afflicted under the management of Dr. Murphy, left crutches as their momento.

As a "special attraction" during the summer season each Sunday Maria Woodworth conducted evangelistic services in the great wooded grove and of the sanitarium grounds. Long, crude wood benches arranged in front of a slab wood platform and pulpit, forming nature's great open air cathedral. Maria Woodworth told the simple story of humanitarianism - the forgotten gospel of yesterday - and today.

In the "Temple of the Great out of Doors," before a monster Sunday afternoon gathering, Squire Oscar Johnson, Justice of the Peace of all Henry township and William B. Fenimore, both lawyer and preacher, of Macy, Indiana, entered into a debate on "Spiritualism." In the argument, Johnson, the advocate of Spiritualism, was driven from the platform by Lawyer-Preacher Fenimore. Seeing an opening for an expression of his code of what Jesus really meant in His Sermon on the Mount, Rev. Feece handed his linen duster to his wife for safe keeping, strode to the platform and amid wild, old-time shouting and gesture told his version of true and honest religious code to the complete annihilation of Attorney Finemore and Squire Johnson.

The Feece flowing well still continues to percolate. The well and a small tract of adjoining pasture land is the property of William C. Ewing. Contented cattle, nothing more, sip there daily. Sometimes, someone sure as sure can be will see and read a fortune.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 18, 1935]

MORNINGSTAR BUS AND TRANSFER COMPANY

Time was, when the Morningstar Bus and Transfer Company, was a dependable and profitable business. A long waiting list of envious buyers constantly supplicated Hiram Morningstar to name his price for the business.

At the time Hiram Morningstar lifted a heavy load of "over head" from three local hotels by purchasing their busses, horses and equipment, each hotel conducted "free" transportation, to and from all trains.

At the date of this story, twelve heavily loaded passenger trains pulled into Rochester daily over the Lake Erie and Western and Erie Railroads. Aside from a driver, each hotel bus was commandeered by a carefully selected "slugger" - hired and paid for no other purpose than filling his employer's bus with passengers as fast as they alighted from trains. Fistic encounter between rival "bus bullies" was a daily occurrence much to the pleasure and satisfaction of two Justice Courts, and many a bewildered, clothing torn traveling salesman, bodily thrown into one bus, while his luggage was held in defying possession of rival "free transportation," thank God had had but one life to give to his comp any.

Soon following Morningstar's purchase of all local hotel busses, mail carrier service was established in Rochester. The genial city carrier traveling the route covering the Morningstar Transfer Barns and all of north Rochester, made it a part of his duty to read carefully all outgoing and incoming postal cards.

One morning Mr. Morningstar gave the postman a post card addressed to a farmer residing near Akron, requesting the early delivery of a load of hay. Three days later, the obliging

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postman, holding a reply card in his hand, called to Mr. Morningstar: "Hiram, that farmer says he is too busy to bring you a load of hay." "All right," replied Morningstar, "Tear up the card."

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 27, 1935]

HOME TOWN TIRE SERVICE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Look! Look! Fresh Stock - - - HOME TOWN TIRE SERVICE, 503 N. Main St., Phone 311.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, August 22, 1930]

HOMELESS BABIES FROM BOSTON [Rochester, Indiana]

See Orphans, Children of France

HOMELESS BABIES HERE

A CAR LOAD FROM BOSTON GIVEN HOMES IN ROCHESTER

The arrival of the Rev. Cooper, of the New England Home for little wanderers, of Boston, last Saturday evening with the twenty children to be given away, was an occasion of considerable interest to many Rochester people. The children were neatly dressed and tidily kept little fellows and were nearly all invited out to spend Sunday in prospective homes. On Sunday the Reverend gentlemen accompanying the children preached from the several Rochester pulpits and set forth the conditions on which the children could be taken. In brief, these conditions provide that those taking children agree to receive them into their family as one of their children. To give them a good common school education, to go with them to church and Sunday school, to give them parental care in case of sickness, to report their welfare to the Home every six months, to not dispose of them in any way without the consent of the Home, to return them to the Institution within three months at no expense to the Home if the child is not agreeable or satisfactory, and to surrender the child to officers of the home if not treated according to the articles of agreement.

The plan of the work of the Home consists of securing homeless children, legally given up, cultivate them in morals and manners until sufficiently refined to grace any home and then send them out to homes, the morality and general intelligence of which is indorsed by a minister and two reputable citizens of the vicinity. In addition to this the ministers of the town where the children are located are made a consulting board and the standing of families applying for children are then fully known before placing a child therein. It is an inter-denominational scheme and is supported entirely by private charity. During the twenty-eight years existence of the Home it has provided homes for seven thousand children and its scope is gradually increasing from year to year.

To a SENTINEL reporter who called on Rev. Cooper at the Arlington yesterday morning, that gentleman said: "I have been assisted in this work in Rochester by Rev. Winslow, our missionary agent, Miss Cook, one of our teachers, Miss Hodgkins of our nursery and the most charitable and hospitable local citizens I have ever met. All of the twenty children have been placed in good families, recommended by a clergyman and two reputable citizens under an agreement signed by husband and wife that they will be treated as sons and daughters. They are not legally adopted but may be, but they are to be treated as though born to these families. We have become deeply interested in these children. We have not sought for homes of wealth, although providentially some have found such, but I have reason to believe that as good character, governmental power, and parental love may be found in the humblest as in the wealthiest homes. It is the elements of family life which develop character, and it is character we want our children to have -- moral and christian character.

I return my sincere thanks to you, to the christian ministers, to the trustees of the Presbyterian church, to Mr. and Mrs. Carter of the Arlington hotel for their patience, kindness and generosity, to the Committee who have most judiciously and faithfully helped me in selecting these good homes and protected me from placing children with incompetent and improper

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persons, and to the Christian ladies and kind friends who have so generously entertained the children. A more cordial reception has never been accorded us in any place, and I feel especially gratified to the press. It has helped us in many ways.”

The following is the complete list of families taking these children: Peter Biddinger, boy aged 9 and girl aged 6; A. C. Shepherd, girl aged 8; D. G. Smith, boy aged 3; Leroy Myers, boy aged 5; W. C. Lawson, boy aged 3; James M. Vanlue, girl aged 8; I. A. Kessler, boy aged 5; M. R. Richter, boy aged 4; L. F. Smith, boy aged 21 mos.; J. C. Hays, boy aged 5 and girl aged 4; Wm. Orr, girl aged 9; Floyd Clemans, boy aged 6; Daniel Kuffle, boy aged 2; M. T. Louderback, boy aged 8; C. W. Edinger, boy aged 6; F. W. Hunt, girl aged 11; Geo. W. Fultz, boy aged 8; and G. W. Wills, boy aged 8.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 13, 1893]

WHEN 20 HOMELESS BOSTON CHILDREN FOUND REFUGE IN ROCHESTER

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

Compassion and charity are qualities never far beneath the surface of the inhabitants of this community. Those who have lived here any length of time know that to be true and quickly could cite cases of such practice.

As it is now, so it must have been always.

Consider, if you will, this unusual example of mercy on the part of our citizens that was reported by the Rochester Sentinel on October 13, 1893.

Twenty homeless children from Boston, ranging in age from 21 months to 11 years, were taken that day into the homes of 18 Rochester couples to be raised and educated as one of their own until grown to an independent age.

This unusual charitable collaboration between East and Midwest was initiated by an organization in Boston known as the New England Home for Little Wanderers. It was carried out on the local level by trustees of the Rochester Presbyterian Church and by a special committee composed of local ministers.

The Home for Little Wanderers, I have discovered, was founded in 1865 by 10 Boston area businessmen to care for children left orphaned and homeless by the Civil War. Afterward, the organization cared for all such homeless and by the time it appeared in Rochester had provided homes for 7,000 children in 28 years of existence.

A century or more ago this country was much different than the one we know today. America's population was only 63 million, a fourth of its present total. Most Americans still lived on farms; Rochester was a town of but 3,000 souls.

Times also were hard, the nation being in the midst of an economic depression just as it was recovering from the financial panic of 1873. Governments at all levels paid little attention to social concerns such as homeless children. Solutions to these matters were left to the charity of churches and caring citizens.

Small towns were strongholds of both these categories. So it was that the New England Home reached out to solid Midwestern communities when it sought to expand from its Eastern base.

The 20 children arrived in Rochester by train on a Saturday evening, led by a Rev. Cooper and three assistants from the Home for Little Wanderers. Described as “neatly dressed and tidily kept,” the youngsters spent Sunday in homes of their prospective parents while Rev. Cooper appeared in various local pulpits to make publicly known the conditions under which the children could be taken.

The basic requirements involved each husband and wife agreeing to receive a child into the family as one of their own, provide a good common school education, accompany the child to church and to Sunday School and, finally, provide parental care in case of sickness. Reports of each child's welfare was to be made to the Home each six months. They were not legally adopted but could be if desired. Should any prove to be disagreeable or unsatisfactory, that child could be returned to the Home after three months. If not treated according to the agreement the child must

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be surrendered to the Home. The program was inter-denominational, supported entirely by private donations. Families were fully investigated before custody was granted.

Children under care of the Home had received preliminary training in education, manners and morals before being placed.

By Friday's end of that October week in 1893, the 20 children had been taken into these 18 Rochester families: Peter Biddinger's, boy age 9 and girl age 6; A. C. Shepherd's, girl 8; D. G. Smith's, boy 3; Leroy Myers's, boy 5; W. C. Lawson's, boy 3; James M. Van Lue's, girl 8; I. A. Kessler's, boy 5; M. R. Richter's, boy 4; L. F. Smith's, boy 21 months; J. C. Hays's, boy 5 and girl 4; William Orr's, girl 9; Floyd Clemans's, boy 6; Daniel Kuffle's, boy 2; M. T. Louderback's, boy 8; C. W. Edinger's boy 6; F. W. Hunt's, girl 11; George W. Fultz's, boy 8, and G. W. Wills's, boy 8.

Before departing, Rev. Cook complimented citizens of the community for a reception that was "more cordial than any accorded to us in any place," especially thanking The Sentinel for helping "in many ways."

"We have become deeply interested in these children," he concluded, "and I believe it is the elements of family life which develop character and it is character we want our children to have, moral and Christian character. All of the 20 children have been placed in good families recommended by a clergyman and two reputable citizens."

I was pleased to discover that the New England Home for Little Wanderers continues to exist, 135 years after its founding. Last year it merged with the Boston Children's Services and the two now operate as The Home for Little Wanderers, offering a wide range of care and services for deserving children in the New England area.

How many of those 20 New England children remained with the 18 Rochester parents until their schooling was completed cannot easily be determined after a lapse of more than a century. For a project so nobly conceived and confidently begun, it is nice to believe it was true for most of them.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 18, 2000]

HOMESPUN CLOTH [Fulton County]

Pioneers grew flax and raised sheep for their wool to spin into cloth to make their clothes. Flax was grown and after it matured it was pulled and spread on the ground to rot sufficiently to break on the flax-break. It was then skutched, heckled, and then it was ready to spin. With it clothing was made, and sometimes the cloth was dyed.

The sheep were caught and held while the women would take a common pair of shears and cut the fleece. It was washed, then picked to remove dirt and burrs. Processing began by carding, spinning and reeling it into yarn. In later years the men had regular shears and would go in the spring to farmers' homes to do their sheep shearing.

My grandfather George Moore, IV, was a wheelwright, a chair maker, and cabinet maker. He also made the spinning wheel, reeling wheel, carding tools which they used to process the yarn from which they made their clothing. This cloth was called hopespun cloth.

[Moore Family, Reba Moore Shore, *Fulton County Folks, Vol. 1*, Willard.]

HOMESTEAD DAIRY FARM [Henry Township]

Located in Henry Township.

Owned by George Whittenberger, son of Ruben Whittenberger.

Later, George's daughter Hazel and her husband Harley Rogers, now owned by their son, Earl Rogers, but the house was sold to Jim Ramsey.

[Jacob Whittenberger Family, Velma Bright, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2*, Willard]

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HOMESTEAD INN [Rochester, Indiana]

OPENS NEW CAFE

Mrs. Minnie Capp and son Edward today opened their new cafe on East Ninth street. Mrs. Capp for several years operated the Lake Erie restaurant on East Eighth street.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 7, 1931]

[Adv] HOMESTEAD INN East 9th Street, Now Open For Business. Regular meals, short orders, home made pies. Chicken Dinners on Sundays at popular prices. MRS. MINNIE CAPP, Proprietor.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 8, 1931]

HOMESTEAD REALTY CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Auction sale of building lots. Oakwood Addition. Sat Oct 14th, 1:30 p.m. - - - - Free Silverware - - - - Grand Band Concert. - - - - HOMESTEAD REALTY CO.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 12, 1905]

HOMETOWN TIRE SERVICE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located 503 Main Street.

Fisk tires advertised. [The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thurs., July 3, 1930]

HONEYMOON ISLAND [Lake Manitou]

Honeymoon Island, located due S of Big Island, W of Bessmore Park.

HOOD'S BLACKSMITH SHOP [Bruce Lake, Indiana]

Operated by Jay Hood.

He repairs farm machinery; no horseshoeing

HOOSIER DRY GOODS STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - DRY GOODS! - - - Mr. J. N. FLINN, our manager after ten years experience, feels confident of his ability to keep the selections you desire. Come and see us. HOOSIER DRY GOODS STORE, Same room with Hoosier Shoe Store, South End, Opp. Court House.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 4, 1890]

[Adv] - - - - This is the kind of Bargains the HOOSIER DRY GOODS STORE offers you. Everything first-class, everything cheap.- - - JOHN FLINN & CO., Same room with Hoosier Shoe Store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, January 21, 1891]

[Adv] GREAT CUT-PRICE SALE - - - HOOSIER SHOE STORE, HOOSIER DRY GOODS STORE - - - 2 HOOSIERS, 141 Main Street

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 20, 1894]

[Adv] The Hoosiers' Great NEW FRONT SALE! Our elegant new Store Front is the finest in town and demands a proper dedication, therefore, in commemoration of this event, we will inaugurate a Special Money Saving Sale - - - - HOOSIER DRY GOODS STORE, Vestibuled Front, W. Shuler, Proprietor.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 2, 1898]

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[Adv] FALL OPENING Hoosier Dry Goods Store - - - - Hoosier Shoe Store - - - -
Hoosier is at south end west Court House, 808 Main Street. C. K. Plank, Rochester, Indiana.
[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 25, 1907]

HOOSIER GROCERY [Rochester, Indiana]

The Sheets' room formerly occupied by the Wabash-Rochester [Interurban] office is being fitted for the Hoosier grocery which will move in the first part of next week. The dry goods and shoe departments of the Hoosier will take up the entire room now occupied by the grocery and other two departments. At present Mr. Plank does not know exactly what new departments will be added but will - - - ?- - - business with the grocery department will be carried out in the future as in the past.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 1, 1904]

HOOSIER HIDE-AWAY [Bruce Lake, Indiana]

Trailer court of 70 mobile homes, owned by Richard Moore.
Includes an amusement center, and outdoor church services in the summer.
Previously called Oriental Gardens.

HOOSIER MOTOR CLUB [Rochester, Indiana]

Edward Schneider, of Indianapolis, a representative of the Hoosier Motor Club, arrived in Rochester Tuesday morning to establish a station for the motor organization here, where automobile licenses may be purchased without the trouble of sending to the secretary of state as has been necessary in past years.

The new station will be established at the Louderback agency sales room on the corner of Main and Eighth [?] streets and there appears to be no question that the proposition will go through as planned, according to Mr. Schneider.

Schneider will be here for the balance of the week to solicit memberships in his organization and will visit first the former members now on the delinquent list. The Hoosier Motor Club, affiliated with the American Automobile Association, has done wonders to accomplish good roads legislation and other acts of benefit to the motorists and the station to be established here is one of their propositions.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 26, 1922]

HOOSIER SHOE STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - After the first of August, the Hoosier Shoe Store will sell no goods except for cash - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 22, 1885]

[Adv] - - - Easy Shoes from the "Hoosier" Shoe Store. - - - HOOSIER SHOE STORE,
South end, West of Court House, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 1, 1887]

HOOSIER SHOE STORE

Plank & Brackett Pr's.

There is no branch of business which requires a greater degree of enterprise than the boot and shoe trade and the present proprietors of this established house are among the few dealers entitled to attention in this respect, in these days of shoddy imitations of nearly every article

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manufactured, when the ambition of a certain class of dealers to sell the cheapest instead of the best at the lowest possible prices.

It is always with a great degree of pleasure that we make mention of an establishment whose owners we feel assured will permit only perfect and the best work to pass through their hands. The room occupied by Messrs. PLANK & BRACKETT is located west of the Court House and is the only boot and shoe house in the south end of the city. Their salesroom is large and commodious, nicely fitted up, conveniently arranged, and presents a very attractive appearance. It is completely filled with goods and we are safe in saying the stock is the largest and best in this part of the State. These goods are first class in every respect, and have a well established reputation for lasting qualities. The stock includes a full assortment of standard makes, and everything sold is warranted to be as represented. In fact Messrs. Plank & Brackett will handle nothing but what they know to be alright in every respect. They have established a high reputation for selling satisfactory goods, and will let nothing pass their counters that will mar their reputation.

Among leading goods handled at the "Hoosier Shoe Store" may be mentioned those manufactured by Drew Selby & Co., Portsmouth, Ohio, who make a specialty of ladies fine wear. Thomas Emerson & Sons manufacturers of mens fine shoes, E. H. Stark & Co, Worcester, Mass., manufacturers of mens hip boots and mens fine shoes. Besides these they show a fine line and large variety of medium grades of both gents and ladies wear, from various factories, the assortment of Misses and childrens shoes is the finest in the city. They also handle the celebrated rubber goods made by the Boston Rubber Co., which are unquestionably the best rubber goods to be found in the market.

These gentlemen sell their goods at the lowest prices, and are constantly offering bargains and making special drives on various lines of goods and at each special sale will be found many bargains not attainable elsewhere.

Plank & Brackett have in their employ Mr. Oliver AULT, who is well known and universally liked. He is pleasant and agreeable to all customers and always takes pleasure in showing goods. Don't forget the place. The Hoosier Shoe Store, east of Court House.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 29, 1888]

[Adv] GREAT CUT-PRICE SALE - - - HOOSIER SHOE STORE, HOOSIER DRY GOODS STORE - - - 2 HOOSIERS, 141 Main Street

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 20, 1894]

[Adv] GOING OUT OF DRY GOODS BUSINESS Saturday, July 25th - - - Hoosier Shoe Store - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 24, 1908]

[Adv] NEW SHOE SHOP Mr. Wm. Dague has opened and up-to-date COBBLER SHOP at the Hoosier Shoe Store. Repairing neatly and promptly done. - - - THE HOOSIER.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 19, 1908]

[Adv] - Ball Band . . . Hoosier Shoe Store, C. K. Plank, Rochester, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, September 30, 1926]

JACK STAFFORD PURCHASES C. K. PLANK SHOE STORE

Through a business deal consummated today, Rochester loses its oldest merchant, Chas. K. Plank, who for 51 continuous years has been engaged in the shoe business here. Mr. Plank today sold his store and good will to Jack Stafford, of this city, the latter assuming control of the business Thursday morning.

The new proprietor has been a resident of this city for the past number of years where he was employed as business manager of the Rochester branch of the Chicago Nipple Co. Prior to his residency in this city, Stafford was engaged in business in Colorado. The store will continue

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under the old established name of "The Hoosire Shoe Store." Herschel Berkheiser, an experienced shoe clerk who has been in the employ of the retiring shoe merchant for the past two years will be retained by the new owner.

In an interview with Mr. Plank this morning he stated he entered the shoe retailing business in the spring of 1880, in a store room on the south side of the public square. Within a short period he moved his stock of merchandise to the present location of the Hoosier shoe store, 808 Main street. During the half century plus of business activities in this city the retiring merchant has become one of the most familiarly and favorably known merchants and citizens of Fulton county and his host of friends and fellow merchants will sorely miss him in the city's business activities. Mr. Plank, who is retiring from the business field, will continue his residency in this city and Lake Manitou where he has a summer cottage.

With the veteran shoe man's retirement, it is believed that Alex Ruh, of the Ruh & Son drug store, now becomes Rochester's pioneer merchant.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 16, 1931]

EXECUTION IS SECURED CLOSING LOCAL STORE

An execution was issued yesterday by County Clerk Dow Haimbaugh at the request of Mrs. Erna Stafford against her divorced husband, Jack Stafford, to pay a judgment of \$650 for alimony and interest. Sheriff Boyd Peterson to satisfy the execution levied on the stock of goods and fixtures in the Hoosier Shoe Store, which was owned by the defendant. Appraisers were then selected who appraised the stock of goods in the store. These appraisers were Harry Wilson and William Brinkman. The property will be sold at public auction by Sheriff Peterson sometime within the next two weeks.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 2, 1933]

STORE DID NOT SELL

The Hoosier Shoe Store failed to sell at sheriff's sale today as the only bid was less than the law requires. The law requires that property advertised for sale by the sheriff cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of its appraised value. The appraised value of the shoe stock was \$844. The only bid was for \$330. The stock of shoes will now have to be reappraised.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 14, 1933]

BOSTON STORE PURCHASES THE HOOSIER SHOE STOCK

A deal of considerable import to the people of this community was transacted yesterday when the Boston Store purchased at a Sheriff's sale the entire stock and fixtures of the Hoosier Shoe Store.

Mr. Camblin, manager of the Boston Store, announced today that the stock of shoes was secured at only a fraction of their original cost price and it was his intention to hold a sale and immediately dispose of the stock at just a slight margin over what it cost them. A large advertisement carrying the announcement of this sale will appear in an early issue of the News-Sentinel.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 28, 1933]

HOOSIER STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

Jesse Shields Having become Sole Proprietor of the Hoosier Store, at the Post Office, invites his old friends to come and see his New Stock of Goods. . . April 7, 1860.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 7, 1860]

Jesse Shields recently became sole proprietor of "The Hoosier Store" at the post office, Rochester . . . groceries, dry goods, clothing, boots & shoes, hats & caps . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 4, 1862]

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HOOVER, ALBERT [Henry Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Albert Hoover, eldest son of Abram and Matilda Hoover, was born in Greenville, Darke Co., Ohio, December 13, 1852. When he was two years old, his parents located near Troy, Miami County, where his father died in April, 1859.

Mr. Hoover, Sr., was a native of Miami County, born about 1826, and married Miss Matilda Honeyman in 1843. After the death of her husband, Mrs. H. married Andrew Curtis in 1868, and immigrated to Fulton County, where they yet reside.

Mr. Hoover obtained his education in the common schools of the vicinity of his parent's residence, and commenced business for himself in 1869, receiving no inheritance. He commenced at the bottom round of the ladder of success, and has gradually increased his possessions until he is now the owner of a livery stable worth \$2,500.

Mr. Hoover was married, April 8, 1881, to Miss Emma Rowe, a native of this county, born November 12, 1862.

Her father, Frederick Rowe, was born in Baden Februry, 1834, and at the age of five immigrated to America with his parents. Married Miss Elizabeth A. Sample, a native of Union County, Ind., in 1856, and died in 1863. Mrs. Rowe, who was born December 22, 1839, was again married to Jonas Nye, and is still a resident of this county.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 39]

HOOVER, ALEXANDER N. [Allen Township, Miami County]

BIOGRAPHY

Alexander N. Hoover, one of the enterprising farmers of Allen Township, is a native of the township in which he resides, and was born December 4, 1846. He was the fifth son born to Daniel C. and Frances (Shrofe) Hoover, both natives of Ohio, who settled in this county about 1832. Our subject spent his boyhood and youth working upon his father's farm in his native county. He attended the district school, in which he received a good common school education. In February, 1865, he made a third effort to enter the Union army, having been refused twice already on account of his youthfulness. This time he succeeded, and the name of Alexander N. Hoover appeared upon the roll of Company C, 151st Indiana Regiment. With this he served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge in September, 1865. An attack of a chronic disease, occasioned by exposure and the habitual use of unwholesome food and water, had impaired his health somewhat, in consequence of which two years were spent at the home of his father recruiting the same. As soon as it was sufficiently regained he resumed farming. He, however, availed himself of an opportunity to attend school during the winter time, which he did until the fall of 1871, at which time he took up, for his winter employment, the avocation of a teacher. In this capacity he was successfully engaged for eight years. In order to qualify himself for this pursuit he attended the State Normal School at Terre Haute, during the spring of 1874, one term. Since the spring of 1879 his attention has exclusively been given to farming. He located where he now resides in the fall of 1874. Emma A. Cook, a native of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, born June 6, 1847, became his wife March 26, 1879. She was the daughter of George and Rachel (Albright) Cook, who were respectively natives of Somerset and Bedford Counties, Pennsylvania. This marriage has resulted in the birth of one child, Charles Guy, born January 22, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover belong to the M. E. church. Politically, the former is a Republican. He owns a handsome little farm of sixty-two acres, nearly all of which is in cultivation. He is an industrious and successful farmer, and an honored and worthy citizen. He began with nothing, but through industry, perseverance and economy, he is now in comfortable circumstances.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. pp. 519-520]

HOOVER, CAL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Louderback Garage

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HOOVER, CHARLES [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] GROCERIES We carry a full line of staple and fancy groceries, fresh vegetables, butter, eggs and poultry. - - - Orders for people at Lake Manitou are delivered promptly. Phone 467-01. N. Main St. CHAS. HOOVER

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 17, 1913]

HOOVER, CHARLES E. [Rochester, Indiana]

CHAS. E. HOOVER BECOMES MANAGER NEWS-SENTINEL

* * * * Photo of Charles E. Hoover * * * *

Charles E. Hoover, prominently known throughout the northern Indiana newspaper field, today assumed managerial duties of The News-Sentinel. Mr. Hoover supplants Hugh A. Barnhart in the personnel of The News-Sentinel and the Barnhart-Van Trump Publishing Co., as practically all of Mr. Barnhart's time will be occupied in his duties as head of the Indiana Excise Department.

Mr. Hoover was formerly editor and publisher of the Lagro Press, Wabash county's only Democratic newspaper. Last week he sold his plant to a firm in South Whitley, Indiana.

Following his graduation in journalism at the Indiana University, several years ago, Mr. Hoover worked as a reporter, editor, advertising manager and general manager of The Wabash Plain Dealer, The Michigan City Dispatch and The Peru Tribune and in these connections acquired a varied and invaluable experience in the newspaper and publishing business.

Active College Career

While attending Indiana, Mr. Hoover edited the Daily Student and University yearbook and assisted in the university publicity office. He was president of the I. U. Class of 1932 in which year he graduated. He also was president of the Indiana Union, comprised of all university men; a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity; Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity; the Masonic Order and a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover will make their home in this city as soon as they can locate a residence. Mrs. Hoover attended I.U. and is a member of the Pi Beta Phi and Tri Kappa sororities.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 3, 1937]

CHAS. HOOVER NAMED TO STATE DEFENSE POST

Charles E. Hoover, former business manager of The News-Sentinel, of this city, today was formally named Deputy State Administrator of the Indiana Defense Saving Staff. Mr. Hoover succeeds Wray Fleming, whose appointment as state administrator was announced some time ago.

Mr. Hoover who had resided in Rochester for nearly five years left early in January, to assume special duties in the state Defense Savings staff, with offices in the Illinois building.

Carow, Publicity Director

Louis J. Carow, Jr., of Michigan City was named publicity director to replace Hoover, who had been serving in that capacity for some time.

Both Hoover and Carow have been newspaper editors and advertising managers and both are graduates of Indiana university. Their appointments were made public today by Eugene C. Pulliam, executive chairman of the Defense Savings Staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and two children, Gretchen and David, reside in their own home in the Forest Manor addition, in the northeast section of Indianapolis.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 16, 1942]

PICTURE IN STAR

In today's issue of The Indianapolis Star appeared a two-column picture of Chas. E. Hoover, former business manager of The News-Sentinel; Eugene C. Pulliam, executive chairman of the State Defense Staff and Wray E. Fleming, director of the State Defense staff. Mr. Hoover is assistant director of the State Defense staff. The three are mapping plans for "MacArthur Week" house-to-house canvass in the interest of the sale of defense bonds and stamps.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 30, 1942]

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CHAS. E. HOOVER GETS NEW IMPORTANT POST

Charles E. Hoover, of Indianapolis, Saturday was appointed state field director of the Indiana War Finance Committee, Eugene C. Pulliam, state chairman, announced.

The appointment was made as a part of a general plan to coordinate all phases of war bond sales work in the state, the chairman said, and follows by two weeks the naming of Willis B Conner, Jr., as executive manager.

Mr. Hoover, formerly executive manager of the payroll savings division, will continue to direct this phase of the work under Eber M. Spence, state chairman of the division. In the three years since the Pearl Harbor attack during which Mr. Hoover has been with the war finance committee, Indiana has become the No. 1 industrial state in the nation in percentage of employes investing regularly in war bonds through the payroll savings plan.

The new state field director was formerly publisher, editor and advertising director for newspapers in Wabash, Lagro, Michigan City and Rochester.

While in Rochester, Hoover served as business manager of The News-Sentinel for two years. He and Mrs. Hoover made many friends here who will wish them good success in the new appointment.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 29, 1945]

C. E. HOOVER ASSIGNED TO WEST COAST POST

Indianapolis, Aug. 25 - Charles E. Hoover, state field director of the Indiana War Finance Committee, has joined the Washington staff of the war board organization and will be assigned to the Los Angeles War Finance office during the Victory Loan, Eugene C. Pulliam, state chairman, announced today.

Eber M. Spence, volunteer state chairman of the pay roll savings division, will direct the state's pay roll savings drive during the coming war loan and will be in charge of the over-all pay roll organization and promotion program.

Mr. Spence and Mr. Hoover, working in close co-operation with war finance committees, management and employe groups, placed Indiana in the lead among industrial states in pay roll savings.

Mr. Hoover joined the war finance committee in January, 1942, and served as director of press and radio, deputy administrator and executive manager. He served as advertising manager and publisher of newspapers in Wabash, Peru, Michigan City and Rochester.

Mr. Hoover and family are well known to local people. He served as business manager of The News-Sentinel from 1938 to 1942 and was active in the civil affairs of the community.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 29, 1945]

MAKES HOME IN WEST

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Charles E. Hoover, former business manager of The News-Sentinel and for the past three years field supervisor of the Indiana war finance board will depart soon for Los Angeles, California, where he has been assigned similar duties in the California area. Mrs. Hoover and their three children will move to the west within the next few weeks.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 30, 1945]

HOOVER, CHARLES F. [Henry Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Charles F. Hoover. - This young, enterprising citizen is a native of Miami County, Ind., born August 13, 1857. He is the youngest son of Daniel C. and Frances Hoover, now residents of Akron. His father was born in Miami County, Ohio, May 25, 1814, and was united in marriage to

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Frances Shrofe, in 1834. She was born June 14, 1814. Shortly after their marriage, Mr. Hoover purchased land in Miami County, Ind., to which they removed in 1839, arriving on the 1st day of December, after which they had to build a cabin to protect them from the winter storms. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the youngest. He received the benefit of the common schools, and one or two terms only at a normal school. He applied himself diligently, however, and became an excellent teacher, which occupation he followed for four or five years. April 17, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Huling, daughter of Alexander M. K. and Minerva Huling, a native of this county, born December 4, 1862. Her father was born near Dayton, Ohio, January 15, 1831, and in the early part of 1862, was united in marriage to Miss Minerva H. Wagner, who was born in Miami County, Ohio, August 30, 1835. In August, 1862, Mr. Huling enlisted in the Eighty-seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and died in hospital February 16, 1863, and on the 8th of the following month his lady died at her home, leaving their daughter, at the tender age of three months, doubly an orphan. Mr. Hoover was reared on a farm, where he spent the intervals between terms of school, both as student and teacher. In the fall of 1881, he embarked in the mercantile business at Akron, in which he is intending to continue.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 39]

HOOVER, CHRISTIAN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: First National Bank

C. HOOVER

Furniture & Undertaking

This gentleman, [Christian HOOVER], is one of the oldest and most respected business men in our city. Mr. Hoover has been in the furniture and undertaking business in Rochester for the past thirty-six years. He carries the largest stock of furniture and undertaking goods to be found in Fulton county. His sales rooms and store rooms occupy about 7,000 square feet of flooring.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 29, 1888]

CHRISTIAN HOOVER

For nearly half a century Christian HOOVER has been identified with the business interests of Rochester and Fulton county. Born in Pennsylvania 65 years ago he came west in '52, locating in this county and three years later engaged in the furniture business in Rochester continuing successfully in that line ever since. He has also been engaged as an undertaker for many years and conducted a shoe business for fifteen years, his sons Charley and George [HOOVER], managing this branch. Mr. Hoover has been married twice and has four children, Mrs. Milton REES, George, Charley (deceased) and John [HOOVER] are all widely known and prominent citizens of Rochester. Economy, enterprise, honesty and sociability have given Chris Hoover a wealth of friends and an abundance of property and he enjoys life as a successful man should.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

POET-CARTOONIST SKETCHES C. HOOVER

* * * * * Sketch of C. Hoover * * * * *

EDITOR'S NOTE -- The cartoon and poem herewith were contributed by a friend and admirer of Mr. C. Hoover, in commemoration of his 82nd birthday which occurred this month.

“If you want to be happy, just keep sawin’ wood,”

Says Christopher Hoover, says he.

“For health, wealth and pleasure, this rule will hold good,”

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Says Christopher Hoover to me.
“The man who is lazy is in his own way,
Gets grouchy and old in advance of his day,
I tell you, my boy, that you can’t make it pay,”
Says Christopher Hoover, says he.
“When you tackle the woodpile, stick right to your job,”
Says Christopher Hoover, says he.
“Whatever your task, Father Time do not rob,”
Says Christopher Hoover to me.
“On the Tippecanoe when you cast in a line,
Or when at the table you sit for to dine,
Just keep sawin’ wood; that’s a motto of mine,”
Says Christopher Hoover, says he.

“If you sit in for euchre, my favorite game,”
Says Christopher Hoover, says he.
“In bus’ness engage, or in sport, ‘tis the same,”
Says Christopher Hoover to me.
“And when night comes on and you take to your bed,
Even then, boy, remember to do as I’ve said,
Just keep sawin’ wood, of the spooks have no dread,”
Says Christopher Hoover, says he.

“If you take this advice, you’ll be healthy and strong,”
Says Christopher Hoover, says he.
“Your days will be happy, your life will be long,”
Says Christopher Hoover to me.
“For four score of years, and another year too,
I’ve been on this earth and I never feel blue,
For I keep sawin’ wood, just as all men should do,”
Says Christopher Hoover, says he.

“So long life to Chris’ Hoover, a friend of us all,
Long life to Chris’ Hoover!” say we.
A score of years hence, to the big and the small
May his greetings as joyful be,
May his step be as lively, his spirits as light,
His saw just as sharp and his eye just as bright,
May his hopes and his fortunes escape ev’ry blight.
“Long life to Chris’ Hoover!” say we.
[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 14, 1911]

HOOVER, ELLA [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Wile Department Store

HOOVER, ETTA [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington

HOOVER, GEORGE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Fairview

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HOOVER, J. H. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] 1st Class LOANS at 6 per cent interest. Time 3 or 5 days. Loans Promptly Negotiated. We accept partial payments. We loan on city property. J. H. HOOVER, Loan Agent Opp. Arlington, office with Bernetha.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 8, 1894]

CITY WILL HAVE MORGUE

Rochester is to have a morgue and C. Hoover & Son, the undertaking firm, are to be the builders.

Space is already being cleared on the C. Hoover residence lot West 6th St., for the new building, which will occupy a space 45x50 ft.

The building is to be constructed of cement blocks and the exterior will present a gothic finish. The interior will have a cement floor and will be roomy enough to house the new funeral car purchased by this firm.

Besides being used as a morgue the place will be fitted with chairs and used as a chapel. This latter arrangement is one that will fill a long felt want in this city. Many times the remains of some friend is sent to the city and while the friends of the dead person will readily consent to holding the funeral in their home they would rather have the funeral at a chapel.

Work will be commenced on the building at once and will be rushed to completion.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 5, 1908]

HOOVER, JAKE [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - Our New Goods are now arriving daily, - - - JAKE HOOVER, Manager Bankrupt Store, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 19, 1889]

HOOVER, JOHN [Rochester, Indiana]

R. P. "NOBBY" TRUE SELLS CAFE TO JOHN HOOVER

"Nobby's Restaurant," 31 years the property of R. P. "Nobby" True and the oldest established restaurant in the city, has been sold to John Hoover of east Rochester, who will continue its operation with the present employees and who will add Sunday service. Because of his age, Mr. True decided to sell the popular restaurant, known widely in northern Indiana, in order to devote his entire time to the conduct of his baking business on East Ninth street, the Rochester Baking company.

Mr. Hoover, the new proprietor, is an experienced restaurant man, having been in Mr. True's employ for several years. He went to a farm seven years ago. He will close at 8 p.m. except in summer.

The deal was closed at noon Thursday, and the change in management was made effective immediately.

In 1894, Mr. True purchased the restaurant from Mrs. Bertha Coplen and developed the business to its present peak.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 2, 1925]

A. C. MITCHELL SELLS HIS INTEREST IN NOBBY'S CAFE

A. C. Mitchell Monday afternoon sold his half-interest in the Nobby's Restaurant at 804 Main street to his son-in-law and partner John Hoover. The two men have owned the cafe for the past three years. Mr. Hoover will continue to operate the establishment. Mr. Mitchell who is 93 years of age decided to retire from the business because of his wife's illness which has confined her to her bed for the past nine months and because of his advanced age. Nobby's Restaurant is the oldest eating house in the city. It has been in operation for the past 40 years.

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[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 2, 1928]

HOOVER, ROSS P. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Patents and Inventions

HOOVER, RUSSELL & HOOVER [Rochester Township]

Saw Mill Burned. A portable saw mill, together with a quantity of lath and lumber, the property of Messrs. Hoover, Russell & Hoover, was consumed by fire last Saturday morning. The mill was at work near the farm of Mr. E. R. Powers, four and a half miles southeast of Rochester. The loss . . . is about \$1,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, September 10, 1868]

HOOVER, TOM [Rochester, Indiana]

TOM HOOVER WEINS GOLF HONORS IN SUNNY SOUTH

Tom Hoover, local furniture store proprietor, now sojourning in the sunny southland, brought fame to Rochester last week when he won a golf tournament at Bradenton, Florida, where he and Dr. M. O. Wilson are now resting. The Bradenton Evening Herald tells of Mr. Hoover's victory as follows:

"Tom Hoover, of Rochester, Ind., but who Bradenton claims as one of its own because he is one of the most loyal boosters, brought home the bacon by winning George E. Merrill's prize in the local golf tournament for tourists.

"After making the lowest score in the qualifying rounds he eliminated all contenders, defeating Judge Gott, of Cleveland, Ohio, in the finals. The genial Tom is receiving the congratulations of his many friends."

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 3, 1924]

HOOVER, VICTOR [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Victor Hoover)

HOOVER & CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

WILL WE STAY? Yes, our room is LEASED FOR FIVE YEARS! - - - Reliable ready-made clothing - - - HOOVER & CO's North End Clothing House.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 17, 1893]

HOOVER & EISENHOUR [Rochester, Indiana]

CIDER MILL

We have moved our cider mill 1/2 mile north of Athens, (Hoover's Station) and are now ready to manufacture all apples into cider that may be brought to us. Prices just right. HOOVER & EISENHOUR.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 24, 1896]

HOOVER & REAM [Rochester, Indiana]

NEW RUG CLEANING SHOP OPENED HERE

Cal Hoover and Manford Ream have recently purchased a Hamilton Beach carpet washer and plan to open up a rug cleaning establishment to be operated by Barney Perschbacher. The little machine, electrically operated passes over carpets and rugs with two rotating rubber brushes that are fed a cleaning compound that not only takes out all the dirt and restores the old color of the rugs, but also kills any germs that might be lodged there, making them sanitary. Hoover and Ream plan to hold a demonstration of their machine in the window of the Bailey hardware Store next week to show how the machine works and what it accomplishes. They have cleaned just a portion

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of a number of rugs which they will show to anybody interested that demonstrates the exact nature of the work of the machine.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 2, 1921]

HOOVER & YOST [Rochester City]

Manufacturers and dealers in Furniture of all kinds, both plain and fancy. Shop one door south of the Mansion House, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

HOOVER BOOT AND SHOE FACTORY [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] - - - I manufacture from ten to fifteen thousand pairs of Boots and Shoes annually. When you buy of me you pay One profit. When you buy of other houses you pay Three profits, viz: wholesale, jobbers and retailers. - - - I have on hand all kinds of Men's, Women's and Childrens' wear. - - - - Repairing a specialty. - - - I sell leather and shoe findings of all kinds wholesale and retail. - - - C. HOOVER, Commercial Block.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 3, 1881]

[Adv] DOLLARS SAVED IS DOLLARS EARNED! Look at these prices for shop-made foot-wear. - - - - All work warranted to give satisfaction. PAINTER BROS, with Hoover's Shoe Store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 1, 1891]

HOOVER FURNITURE STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

C. Hoover, Manufacturer and dealer in Furniture. Shop one door south of the Mansion House, Rochester.

[Rochester *Gazette*, Thursday, December 9, 1858]

C. Hoover, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Furniture of all kinds, Rochester, Indiana. Metallic coffins kept constantly on hand. Shop one door south of the Mansion House.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 10, 1862]

Cabinet Shop . . . at his old stand opposite the Post Office, and keeps on hand bureaus, bedsteads, cupboards, tables, &c., and manufactures to order everything else in the same line. Coffins, made on the shortest notice. Metallic burial cases kept on hand. . . I have on hand a large stock of chairs. . . C. Hoover, Rochester, June 12, 1862.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 12, 1862]

[Adv] Chris Hoover, Manufacturer and Dealer in Furniture. Undertaking a Specialty.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 25, 1879]

HOOVER FURNITURE STORE HOLDS CLOSING OUT SALE

Announcement is made in this issue of The News-Sentinel of the closing out sale to be conducted by the J. B. Hoover Furniture Company at a sale which will start ext Wednesday. This store, one of the oldest in Rochester, has been operated continuously for 78 years by members of the Hoover family, it being founded by Christian Hoover, who was succeeded by his son John B., on the former's death, and five years ago came under the present management when John B. died.

Mr. Tom Hoover has announced that all of the furniture now carried in the big store will be sold either at auction or private sale until it is all disposed of. Following the sale the business of the furniture department will be closed up and in the future Mr. Hoover and his assistants will devote themselves exclusively to the undertaking business.

Building May Be Sold

It is understood negotiations are under way for the renting or selling of the store building. The Hoover undertaking business will be conducted from the parlors just across Sixth Street.

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Due to the fact that all of the furniture must be disposed of, Mr. Hoover stated that it will be sold at unheard of prices. Those interested in getting high grade furniture sold with a three-quarter of a century reputation can do well to turn to the Hoover Furniture Company ad in this issue.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 30, 1928]

HOOVER GROCERY [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] HOOVER'S Cash Grocery, 5th and Main St., Phone 467-01 - - - - -
[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 3, 1913]

GROCERY SOLD

The grocery on north Main has been sold by Charles Hoover to John Ferguson and son Omer of Peru who will take possession at once. A. W. Smith, who recently purchased the Yoder meat market, will manage the grocery also.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 3, 1916]

HOOVER STATION [Henry township]

Later named Athens.

Henry Hoover, born 1807, was a first cousin (once removed) to the founder of Millark. He founded Hoover's Station, now known as Athens, in 1837. The Athens cemetery [Mt. Hope] was originally called Hoover cemetery because the land was donated by him.

There was an inn one-half mile east of Hoover's Station (now Athens) and this is where tired coach horses were exchanged for ones that were rested for the next part of the trip.

[Jacob Cutshall Family, Marie Cutshall Hand, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2*, Willard]
See Grant. Also see Athens.

HOOVER THE UNDERTAKER [Akron, Indiana]

"Church bells meant a lot before we got telephones. They always rang the bells to notify people of important events. You got the message by counting the number of times the bell tolled.

"If the bell tolled for a death, everyong got ready to help. A funeral was quite a thing. The corpse was always kept in the home. Hoover, the undertaker, lived across the street from the library. He kept his hearse in a barn out back. But instead of going to his place, everyone went to the deceased's person's home. Someone stayed up all night with the corpse. People would walk to go to a funeral because they could see a lot of people. And they all pitched in to help with the work."

[Ruby Dawson Remembers Akron, Ann Kindig Sheetz, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2*, Willard]

HOOVER'S FURNITURE & UNDERTAKING, CHRIS. [Rochester, Indiana]

Christian Hoover Manufacturer & Dealer in all kinds of Furniture. Undertaking. Ware-room two doors north of Lyon's Clothing Store. Rochester. April 10, 1858.

[Rochester *Gazette*, Thursday, December 9, 1858]

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Christian Hoover, dealer in Furniture . . . one door south of the Central House . . .
Rochester, Ind. Oct 20 1865.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, October 12, 1865]

HOOVER'S FURNITURE STORE [Akron, Indiana]

Located NE corner Rochester and Mishawaka streets. The site was later where E. O. Strong operated a grocery store and a dry goods store next door E.

HOOVER'S RESTAURANT, JOHN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Peoples Cafe

John Hoover took over the restaurant from Nobby True, which probably was still located on W side of street at approximately 806 Main.

His restaurant was later located on E side of street in Arlington Block.

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[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, October 2, 1928]

REMINISCENCES

By and by John Hoover took over the Nobby True place and a good plate of flap jacks could be had for 15 cents, but church suppers held forth for years at 25 to 35 cents a plate for all you could eat.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Tuesday, October 6, 1959]

HOOVER'S TRADING POST [Allen Township, Miami County]

Located just across the Miami County line from Millark, and owned by the Hoovers. [presumably the Henry Hoover family]

HOPPE & CO., J. [Rochester, Indiana]

J. Hoppe & Co., Main Street next to Plank's, Rochester, . . . sells wholesale and retail . . .
. . . groceries, liquors, nails & provisions of all kinds.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 4, 1862]

J. Hoppe & Co., Baltimore oysters for sale. Maltby's celebrated oysters by dish, can or half-can.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, October 25, 1862]

Our friend, J. Hoppe, has repaired the side walk in front of his store, taking up the rotten boards and replacing them with nice new ash flooring. Bully for John. We wish some more of our business friends, whose rooms are adjacent to dilapidated side walks, would go and do likewise.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 4, 1863]

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J. Hoppe, Retail dealer, groceries & provisions, fruit, fish, salt, liquors, tobacco etc. Main Street, next door to Plank's.

H. W. Hoppe having sold out his interest in firm of J. Hoppe & Co. to John Hoppe, requests all those knowing themselves indebted to the old firm, to settle . . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 16, 1864]

HOPPE & FROMM [Rochester, Indiana]

The alarm of fire on Wednesday evening last was occasioned by the rear end of the Bakery of Hoppe & Fromm taking fire. A bucket or two of water sufficed to put it out.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 25, 1858]

Grocery & Provision Store. Groceries, Hamburg and Reserve Cheese, Baking Business . . . Oysters by the Dozen, Can or half-can. Sardines, Tripe and Pigs Feet, served at all hours of the day. Hoppe & Fromm, Better known as the Dutch Boys, have purchased and fitted up the room two doors north of Lyon's Clothing Store . . . Rochester, November 18, 1858.

[Rochester *Gazette*, December 9, 1858]

Groceries . . . Hoppe & Fromm's. Main Street West Side, Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 1, 1859]

Hoppe & Fromm, Rochester, Ind., Main St., West side . . . "The well-known Dutch Boys" have purchased and fitted over the room once owned by Christian Hoover, 2 doors north from Lyon & Co., & only one from Plank's. (general merchandise)

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 7, 1860]

HOPPE'S BAKERY [Rochester, Indiana]

John Hoppe has reopened Hoppe's Bakery.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday May 14, 1864]

HOPPE JEWELRY STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

New Jewelry Store - - one door north of the Mammoth Building. . . . A. D. Hoppe, Rochester, April 24, 1862.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 24, 1862]

A. D. Hoppe has just received a large stock of Spectacles . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, July 17, 1862]

D. S. Gould and A. D. Hoppe have just returned from Cincinnati, with a fine lot of goods in their several lines of trade . . . Dan can be found one door North of Mercer's Hardware Store, and everybody knows where to find Hoppe's Jewelry Store. If not, just look out for the big Spectacles, and the Watch.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 19, 1863]

A. D. Hoppe, Jewelry Store. First door north of Mammoth Bldg., Rochester. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 23, 1864]

David Carr, liquors of all kinds. Saloon one door north of Hoppe's Jewelry Store, Rochester.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday April 23, 1864]

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If your eyes are growing dim, go to Gus Hoppe's Jewelry Store, and get yourself a pair of fine spectacles . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 2, 1865]

Change. F. M. Ashton of Lima, Ohio, has bought out the Jewelry shop and store of A. D. Hoppe, of this place, and taken possession. He is a young man of fine appearance . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, March 5, 1868]

HOPPE WATCH & CLOCK REPAIR [Rochester, Indiana]

The undersigned takes pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Rochester and surrounding country that he has established himself in the business of Watch and Clock Repairing. Having worked under some of the best workmen in the principal Western and Southern cities . . . A. D. Hoppe . . . at the sign of the Big Watch . . . Rochester, Dec. 5, 1861.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, December 5, 1861]

HORN, SAMUEL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Downs Sawmill

HORNER, HARRY [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] Try Harry Horner for all kinds of upholstery. Furniture repairing a specialty. I carry a complete line of second hand goods. HARRY HORNER, 524 North Main St., Telephone 227-02

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 3, 1913]

HORSE SHOERS ASSOCIATION [Fulton County]

HORSE SHOERS TO COMBINE

A meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Clary & Shobe livery barn that was attended by practically all the blacksmiths and horse shoers in Rochester, Akron, Kewanna, Fulton Wagoners, Leiters and Argos, and was for the purpose of making a scale of prices for horse shoeing. At the present time they are receiving various prices, much lower than by their fellow workmen of other places, which is caused by some cutting prices, which are at present as low as sixty cents for re-fitting shoes, one dollar for factory made shoes and one dollar and fifty cents for home made shoes.

Another meeting will be held in the course of the next two weeks at which time the scale will be made and by May 1st, all will govern their prices by it. The proposed raise in price will be about forty per cent.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 30, 1904]

HORSE THIEF DETECTIVE ASSOCIATION [Green Oak, Indiana]

See Green Oak, Indiana

HORTON, JOE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Joe Horton)

HORTON, JOHN [Allen Township, Miami County, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

John Horton, an aged and venerable citizen of Allen Township, is a native of Berkley County, Virginia. He was born December 12, 1796, being the second son of John and Barbara (Hay) Horton. The former was born and reared in Germany, where, during our Revolutionary

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War, he was induced to join a company of German soldiers that came to America and assisted the British in their warfare against the colonists. At the close of the war he settled in the State of Virginia, where he became the father of the subject of this sketch. When the latter was six years old his parents emigrated to Steubenville, Ohio, where the father engaged at the latter's trade. At twenty years of age, or in 1816, John came to this State and located in Jefferson County. Here he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1836, at which time he came to this county and located in the woods of Union Township. A division that has been made places the site of the location in the present Allen Township. There he erected a rude log cabin, and with the aid of his sons, immediately went about clearing up a farm. He not only has the credit of erecting the first dwelling-house in Allen Township, but also the first school house. The latter, however, was not built for a number of years, or until the children of other settlers had come and made the number sufficient to form a school. Mr. Horton continued upon the scene of his labors until old age compelled him to desist. He now makes his home with his son, T. G. Horton, where he is spending the decline of life in a quiet, pleasant way. He was married at the age of twenty-seven to Jane Holcome, who was born in Virginia about the year 1801. Their marriage resulted in the birth of eight children, as follows: William A., Thomas G., Calvin R., Aaron C., Nancy E., Eliza, Joseph H. and a son that died in infancy unnamed. Calvin R., Aaron C., Nancy E. and Eliza are deceased. Politically, Mr. Horton formerly affiliated with the Whigs, but since 1856 he has supported the principles of the Republican party. Though more than four score and ten years of age, he is in full possession of his mental faculties and is enjoying good health. He has lived to witness the young grow old and sink to rest, his chosen companion among them, her death having occurred more than thirty years ago.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. pp. 520-522]

HORTON, THOMAS G. [Allen Township, Miami County, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Thomas G. Horton, a prominent farmer of Allen Township, is a native of Jefferson County, this State, and was born August 23, 1826. He was the second son born to John and Jane (Holcome) Horton, both natives of Virginia, the former of German and the latter of Irish and English descent. When Thomas was ten years old, or in 1836, his parents came to Miami County and located within the limits of the present Allen Township. There his youth was spent assisting his father to clear and cultivate the farm. As soon as the settlement was provided with a school he became one of its students and he thus obtained the rudiments of an education. But the advantages were poor and in consequence his early education was quite limited. By diligent study, both in and out of school, he, however, obtained sufficient education to take charge of the school himself, which he did at the age of nineteen. He was successfully engaged in the capacity of a teacher for eight years, spending his vacation upon the farm. After he became of age he began farming for himself and he has been chiefly engaged in this pursuit ever since. He located upon the farm he now occupies in 1848. In 1858, in the hope of recovering his wife's health, which had become seriously impaired, he took his family to Winchester, Ohio. There Mr. Horton engaged in the manufacture of shoes and boots; but two years later he returned to his farm in this county where, excepting two years spent upon his father's farm, he has since continued to reside. Harriet M. Fenimore became his wife April 10, 1848. She was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 3, 1826, being the daughter of William M. and Maria (Hurst) Fenimore, who, also, were natives of Ross County, Ohio. Their relationship remained unbroken until October 3, 1874, when the wife and mother died. On the 16th of March, 1876, his marriage with Mrs. Mary L. Yost occurred. She was the daughter of John and Laura (Perham) York, who were respectively natives of North Carolina and Vermont. By his first wife Mr. Horton was the father of nine children, as follows: John T., Emily J., William F., Joseph M., Mary E., Laura M., Charles G., Addison E. and Julia E., of whom John T., Emily J., Mary E. and Laura M. died in infancy. He and his present wife are the parents of six children. They are Hannah M., Ora, Cora M., Clara, one infant daughter, unnamed, and another died in infancy, unnamed. Ora and Clara also died in infancy. Our subject and

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wife are members of the Christian Church. Politically, he is an ardent Prohibitionist. He has held the office of assessor one term, and during the campaign of 1886, he was the candidate of his party for the office of sheriff. He is an industrious and successful farmer, an intelligent gentleman and a worthy and honored citizen.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. pp. 521-521]

HORTON, WILLIAM A. [Allen Township, Miami County/Millark, Indiana]

Look Here! Look Here! I am manufacturing to order, at my shop (seven miles S.E. of Rochester) Cast-Steel Pump Augers, of the best quality -- Warranted one year.

Also-- a splendid lot of Rat Traps now on hand. The best and cheapest in the market. Call at Mercer's Hardware Store in Rochester, or at my Shop and see for yourselves. Mattocks, Axes, Mill Picks, Gun Work, &c., &c. done as usual on short notice, and warranted . . . W. A. Horton, Millark, January 3, 1861.

[*Rochester Mercury*, Thursday, January 3, 1861]

Edgetools. Axes, Mattocks, Mill Picks, Drawing Knives, Chisels, Pump Augers, Fish-gigs, Butcher-knives, &c. I have just erected two large Grind-stones, which are driven by horse-power, one of which weighs upwards of 1500 pounds, so bring along your old thick dull axes, mattocks and have them repaired. If more convenient than to come to the shop, leave. . . at Mercer & Shepherd's Hardware Store in Rochester . . . After the first of March next my celebrated Grubbing Mattock will be kept for sale at the following places: Rochester, Akron, Gilead, Perrysburg, and at the shop 7 miles south-east of Rochester . . . W. A. Horton, Millark, Ind. Jan 21, 1867.

[*Rochester Chronicle*, Thursday, January 31, 1867]

BIOGRAPHY

William A. Horton, one of the influential citizens of Allen Township, is a native of Jefferson County, this state, and was born September 25, 1824. He was the oldest son of John and Jane (Holcome) Horton, both natives of Virginia. William came with his parents to this County in 1835 and first located in Jefferson Township. They removed to that part of Union Township that is now known as Allen in the spring of 1836. They were among the first settlers of that part of the county. There William spent his youth working upon a farm. At twenty years of age he went to Peru where one year was spent in learning the trade of an edge-tool manufacturer with J. W. Boone, who will be remembered as one of the most influential citizens of which the city could boast. He located at Millark, Fulton County in 1846, where he worked at his trade eight years; after which he went to Rochester, but a year later he returned to this county and located upon a farm in Allen Township. For twenty years thereafter his attention was divided between his trade, farming and the culture of bees. Since 1876 his entire attention has been given to his farm and to agriculture. In this latter pursuit his interests have become quite extensive. A few years ago he had the finest apiary in Miami County and it still ranks among the best. He was married on the 22d of October, 1846, to Serenia Callaway, a native of Decatur County, this state, born December 29, 1827. She was the daughter of Charles and Ella (Griffith) Callaway both natives of Virginia. She died November 4, 1854 and on the 10th day of October, 1855 he was married to Hannah L. Buchanan a native of Montgomery County, Ohio, born May 21, 1819. She was the daughter of George and Nancy (Cassaday) Buchanan, both natives of Virginia. By his first wife Mr. Horton had four children: Levi G., Charles S., Ella J. and another that died in infancy, unnamed. Charles S. died at the age of twenty-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Horton belong to the Christian Church. In politics the former is a Republican. He is an upright, square-dealing man and an honored and worthy citizen.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. p. 521]

HOSACK & STEFFY [Rochester, Indiana]

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NEW SHOP. Removal. Hosack & Steffy would announce to the citizens of Fulton and adjoining counties that they have associated themselves together for the purpose of carrying on wagon making in all its branches; and have taken the new shop next door to Christ. Camerer's Blacksmith Shop where they are prepared to make to order Wagons and Buggies of all descriptions, as cheap as they can be bought at any other shop in the county, taking in consideration the quality of the work done and the materials furnished. Wagons and Buggies on hand at all times. Repairing done with neatness and on the shortest possible notice.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, December 20, 1860]

Take notice from and after Sept. 1st, 1861, we shall in all cases, require Ready Pay for all *Job work and Repairing* done at our shop. Produce of all kinds will be received in payment, but work will not be allowed to be taken from the shop until paid for. Hosack & Steffy. Roch. Aug 29, 1861.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, August 31, 1861]

Hosack & Steffy, New Shop, Wagon & Buggy Manufacturing and Repairing, next door north of Christ. Camerer's blacksmith.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 4, 1862]

Hosack & Steffy . . . Wagon Making . . . make to order wagons and Buggies . . . Repairing . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 10, 1862]

HOSACK WAGON & BUGGY SHOP [Rochester, Indiana]

New Wagon Shop! John Hosock would announce to the citizens of Fulton and adjoining counties that he is prepared to make to order Wagons and Buggies of all description as cheap as can be bought at any other shop in the county, taking in consideration the quality of the work done and materials furnished. I therefore can warrant all my work to be what it purports to be.

Wagons and Buggies on hand at all times.

Repairing done with neatness and on the shortest possible notice.

Shop on Jefferson Street commonly known as Culver's Shop. John Hosock.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, June 20, 1861]

See: Culver Wagon Shop

HOSLER, KENNETH O. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Laundry

HOSMAN, DeWITT [Akron, Indiana]

BROWN-CHIPMAN-HOSMAN NEW COUNTY LAW FIRM

Announcement of formation of a new local law partnership was made Thursday, although it had been known unofficially for several days in certain circles. The new firm will be known as Brown, Chipman and Hosman, and will have offices in both Rochester and Akron. The members are Selden J. Brown of this city, and Albert Chipman and DeWitt Hosman of Akron. The new partnership will be in operation Jan. 1.

The Rochester office of the firm will be in the Masonic building, and the Akron office will be in the Exchange Bank building.

Attorney Brown, a graduate of the law school of the Rochester, N.Y., University, has been a practicing attorney for eleven years, four of which he was prosecutor of Fulton and Marshall counties and two of which he was deputy prosecutor. He is well known as having participated in a number of leading cases here.

Mr. Chipman is a graduate of Northwestern University, and has been in Akron since 1919 in law practice. He served in the world war.

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Mr. Hosman, former owner and editor of the Akron News, is a graduate of DePauw University and attended the University of Washington, and the law school of the University of Chicago.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 24, 1925]

HOSMAN, WILLIS ERWIN [Akron, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. W. E. Hosman, of Akron, is a promising physician of Fulton county. He has been engaged in actual practice less than five years, less than two of which have been spent among the people of his native community, and it is the universal judgment of those familiar with his daily routine that his success is phenomenal. Dr. Hosman began his preparation for medicine with Dr. Knott, at Argos, Ind., and after reading one year he entered the Eclectic College of Physicians and Surgeons at Indianapolis, Ind. He completed his course there in two years, took special course on eye and ear and graduated in 1892. He filled the chair of anatomy in the same institution the next year and was engaged in active practice in the city. During the latter part of 1894 he came to Akron and is rapidly becoming one of its foremost citizens. Dr. Hosman was born in Kosciusko, Ind., Jan. 31, 1870. His father, E. M. Hosman, is a farmer. He was born in Hancock county, Ohio, 1848, located near Akron, in Kosciusko county, before the war and was married there to Luella Miller, stepdaughter of the late James Holmes. Their children are: W. C. and Ada, in Kosciusko county, and Dr. W. E. The last named obtained his literary education at Fort Wayne M. E. college. Dr. Hosman married in Kosciusko county Nov. 10, 1892, Ada, daughter of Mrs. Nancy Baker, widow of William Baker, pioneers from Ohio. Dr. Hosman's paternal grandfather, aged ninety-four years, is still living. His wife was Elizabeth Sloan. Her children are: John Hosman, Indianapolis; William Hosman, Findlay, Ohio; James Hosman, Peru, Ind.; E. M., and one daughter, wife of Dr. Wooley, deceased, of Warsaw, Ind. Fraternaly Dr. Hosman is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the K.O.T.M.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 87-88]

BIOGRAPHY

Willis Erwin Hosman, M.D., one of the skilled and reputable physicians and surgeons of Fulton county, is carrying on a general practice at Akron. He was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, January 31, 1870, son of Erwin Minor and Louisa (Miller) Hosman, the former of whom was born in Hancock county, Ohio, while the latter was born at Mansfield, Ohio, but was brought to Indiana when she was ten years old. She survives her husband and resides at Akron, and still takes an interest in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church of which she has long been a member, and her husband also belonged to this denomination. He came to Kosciusko county when a young man, and for a time taught school, but later became an agriculturist. His death occurred in September, 1911. In politics he was a Republican, and his fraternal affiliations were with the Knights of Pythias. There were three children born to him and his wife: Doctor Hosman, who was the eldest; W. C. who is the leading druggist of Akron, is married; and Ada M., who is the wife of Robert Breeding, a cigar manufacturer of Warsaw, Indiana, and they have two sons. She is a graduate of the Silver Lake High School, and both she and her husband are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. After he had completed his studies in the local schools, Doctor Hosman completed the high school course at Silver lake, and during 1886 and 1887 he took up collegiate work. He worked to secure the money to go through college, and for his medical course, and was graduated in medicine in 1892 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Subsequently he took two summer courses in his professional work. From 1893 to 1895 he was engaged in the practice of his profession at Indianapolis, but in the latter year came to Akron, and entered upon a general medical surgical practice. At that time he had very little capital, but

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through his ability has built up a wide and lucrative connection, and gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he is associated. He is a republican and cast his first presidential vote for Benjamin Harrison, and he has since continued a supporter of the principles advocated by that statesman. High in Masonry, he has been advanced through the various bodies of the Scottish Rite, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Eastern Star, and his wife is a member of the latter. He and his wife are fond of traveling, and are cultured, educated people, and prominent socially. November 10, 1892 Doctor Hosman was married to Miss Ida Baker, and they have two children: Vev Ville, who was graduated from DePauw University in 1920, is now a student of Emerson University, Boston, Massachusetts; and De Witt B., who attended the law department of the University of Chicago, was later graduated from the University of Washington. He married Miss George Anne Gifford, who is also a graduate of the University of Washington. Mrs. Hosman was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, March 28, 1866, daughter of David and Nancy (Barr) Baker, natives of Pennsylvania, now deceased. The Baker family is of English descent. Mr. Baker was a cabinet-maker, an agriculturist and miller. His political sentiments made him a democrat; in religious faith he was a German Baptist, while fraternally he was a Mason. Both he and his wife are interred in Kosciusko county. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Hosman taught school for fourteen years in her home county, having prepared herself for her work by attendance at Valparaiso University, and a normal course at the Terre Haute, Indiana, State Normal School.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 215-216, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HOSMAN, KENDALL [Akron, Indiana]

FORMER AKRON RESIDENT AUTHOR OF NEW YORK BOOK

Kendall E. Hosman, formerly of Akron, who has made his home in New York for the past few years, and has written numerous short articles that have been received in Manhattan, has now written a book that is to be published shortly, titled "Strictly Sophisticated."

The book is a guide to every worthwhile place in the metropolitan area of New York in the way of food and entertainment. It is referred to as "With knife and napkin through smart Manhattan."

Kendall Hosman is also known throughout the city under his literary nom de plume as the "Baron von Hauseman" and enjoys the distinction of being an intimate friend of the newspaper columnists, the notables of Broadway, and many who are socially prominent.

His book will have an introduction by the Associate editor of *Vanity Fair* and the *Conde Nast Publications*. Mr. Hosman, who was formerly in the drug and chemical business until 1932, has been with the Wall Street firm of Pearl and Company, and now re-enters the drug and chemical business, with writing as his side line.

Mr. Hosman's good friends, Jack Perl (Baron Munchausen) and Peter Pfeiffer of the air waves, say that the book is all that is needed by all residents and visitors to New York.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 8, 1935]

HOSMAN DRUG STORE [Akron, Indiana]

Located first door E of Akron Exchange Bank, SE corner Rochester and Mishawaka streets. Present site of Arter Rexall Drugs. [104 W. Rochester street]

See Bright & Richter Drug Store; Arter Drug Store; Arter Rexall Drugs.

Owned and operated by Wilbert Clinton "Bert" Hosman, 1902 to 1924, when he sold the store to Earl Arter.

[Charles Hosman Family, Velma Bright, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

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HOSMAN RETIRES

After a business career in Akron for 20 years, W. C. Hosman, Monday sold the Rexall Drug Store to Earl Arter, who has been his head clerk for the past two years. Mr. Hosman is retiring from business because of ill health.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday January 5, 1924]

HOTELS

CHECKING IN AT ROCHESTER'S MANY ONETIME HOTELS

Considered Comment

Jack K. Overmyer

Few hotels exist these days in cities the size of Rochester, cities where they once were plentiful. They've become motels and are located on the fringes, near the highways that carry their fast-traveling guests. Rochester has two of these "motor hotels," as the word signifies, with another soon to come.

In our city's 160 year history, though, many down-town hostelries have existed. They, were needed in their particular times to house residents who needed to rent housing on a regular basis and to care for those who traveled for business by horse; incessantly, slowly and laboriously.

The last hotel to close was Rochester's grandest, the Arlington. It was a three-story red brick Victorian structure on the southeast corner of Main and Seventh Streets. The Arlington was a showpiece of its day. It had 50 rooms, electric lights, electric fire alarm and call service, steam heat, freight elevator and a dining room that seated 200. It held on for 72 years, opening in 1890 and closing in 1962. Lyman M. Brackett and Abner J. Barrett built the hotel and with it the two-story building adjoining it southward to the alley. Fire destroyed the entire half-block in 1975. Its occupants today are Hardware and Stage Department Store.

The Arlington was about the only hotel choice during most of its latter days. There was the Karn, which occupied second and third floors at 710 Main Street across the street. Its brick building was erected by Joseph F. Dysert in 1914, the Karn closed sometime in the late 1950s. The small frame Erie Hotel, built in the 1890s, operated on North Jefferson Street next to the railroad depot. Visitors could choose among the Fairview, Colonial and West Side hotels at Lake Manitou, but only in the summer. That was it; the lordly Arlington dominated the scene.

Earlier in the 19th century, however, when Rochester was striving to emerge from its wooden beginnings, many hotels offered housing to the public, most adding meals to their services.

Before the Civil War of 1861-65, there were three principal hotels, or inns. The first to appear was that of Alexander Chamberlain, who helped found Rochester in 1836 after having performed the same service for Logansport. Chamberlain's Inn was a two-story frame structure at 409 Main Street, east side, now the north part of Becky's Bouquet. Alex's great-great-niece, Helen Berkheiser of Rochester, who'll be 90 in October, remembers being shown the hotel's site when only a little girl.

The other two antebellum hotels were the large Ralston House, four miles north on the Michigan Road (U.S. 31), which held weekly square dances, and the Shore Hotel of early settler Michael Shore, on the west side of the 300 block of Main Street.

As the local economy began to pick up after war's end, so did the appearance of commercial travelers. They could get bed and board at many locations from Third Street south to Ninth, or from Mill Creek Street to Pearl as they were known then.

At Third and Main, on the southwest corner, was the rambling Vandecar Hotel, whose guests were summoned to meals by the sound of a dinner bell.

Fifth and Main's southeast corner was occupied from pre-war days by the popular two-story Wallace Hotel until it burned in 1891. The Wallace held dances and offered an ice cream parlor. Today it's the Topps Garment headquarters.

Further south at Sixth Street were the two-story Gilkinson hotel and restaurant, a residential style building on the northeast corner and the Central Hotel on the southeast corner.

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The Central (at Steve's Quick-Stop) was regarded as the county's finest in the 1880s. It was an elongated structure, partly of two stories and later became known as the Jefferson.

The site at Main and Seventh was occupied by two successive small hotels, the Van Dusen and then the Mansion House, before the Arlington was built there. Across the street at 714 Main (Baileys' Hardware) was the Ditton House, quite a popular place in the 1890s.

Eastward, on the northeast corner of Madison and Eighth was the Cottage Hotel, which previously was the residence of Charles Mitchell, a city pioneer. The hotel building burned down about 1900 and its site now contains the Post office.

On East Ninth Street were the Bell House of two stories, later called Ziegler's, and the smaller City Hotel, which was demolished in 1887. The Bell was on the southeast corner of Franklin (Video Stop). The City was westward within today's First Federal Bank site. There also was the Nickel Plate Hotel at the railroad crossing on East Eighth Street and Shank's South Side Hotel, on the south side of the square.

With so many hotels operating at one time, it must have made for some lively nights in the old home town, and one incident that has come down to us supports this hunch.

It seems that a regular boarder at the Gilktnson Hotel, Sixth and Main, was a rather disputatious lawyer (is there any other kind?) named Hudson Stiles, who had a fondness for the bottle. Once, when quite well oiled, he got into a violent argument with his landlady, Mrs. John Gilkinson, who ended it by breaking the attorney's skull with a stove poker and killing him. Dead.

She was tried for murder in the local court, pleaded self defense and was acquitted. And that, so the story goes, seemed to satisfy everyone.

Except, we hasten to add, the unfortunate Mr. Stiles.
[The Rochester, Sentinel, Tuesday, April 1, 1997]

HOTELS - AKRON HOTEL [Akron, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Akron House

Located E side of Mishawaka street, first door S of Methodist Church.

Constructed in 1904.

Purchased by Karl B. Gast April 2, 1940.

Sold by Karl B. Gast to the Methodist Church in 1951 to be used as a church annex.

Torn down in October, 1995 to make room for landscaping and parking for the Methodist Church.

See Hoover Hotel.

AKRON HOTEL IS SOLD

R. R. Hoffman, who has conducted the Akron house for the past year, held an auction sale Saturday afternoon at the hotel when all of the fixtures, including the articles owned by Miss Fannie Gardner, were sold to the highest bidder. The hotel was closed Friday evening. Akron business men have made arrangements to buy the building of the Gardner heirs. A corporation will be formed and plans have been made to spend at least \$5,000 in improving the place. Steam heat will be installed and all of the rooms redecored. The restaurant which is now in the front part will be taken out to make room for a lobby. An experienced man will be secured to run the hotel.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 13, 1920]

LOCAL MAN GETS CONTRACT

O. W. Stengel has been given the contract for the plumbing in the new Akron hotel, which is nearing completion. The building is the old Akron House, which is being remodeled and will be modern in every way. There will be 17 sleeping rooms, with lavatories in each having hot

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and cold water. The rooms will be steam heated. There will be four complete bath rooms and toilet rooms up stairs and down. A Warren and Webster heating plant will be installed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, November 20, 1920]

NEW HOTEL AT AKRON

A new European hotel, the Brumfield, will open in Akron Wednesday, July 20. It is said that the new hotel will compare in furnishings with the best city hotels.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 15, 1921]

AKRON HOTEL IS BOUGHT BY FORT WAYNE MAN

The Hotel Brumfield, at Akron, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. P. J. SELIGMAN for the past five years, was sold Wednesday to Frank Y. Gross of Ft. Wayne. Mr. Gross was manager of the grill at the Shrine club house for some time and for many years was in charge of the club house at the Wayne Knitting mills in Fort Wayne. Mr. Gross will take possession December 1st. Mrs. Seligman states she has no plans for the future, while Mr. Seligman will continue as salesman for the Portland Cement Co.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 26, 1926]

NEW HOTEL MANAGER

Announcement was made Wednesday at Akron that the management of the Hotel Akron has been changed. R. N. Andrews of Greenville, Ill. is the new manager succeeding Mr. And Mrs. Robert Andrews. The new landlord is a former school teacher and also was a traveling man for 10 years.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 3, 1939]

BUYS AKRON HOTEL

Karl Gast has purchased the fixtures and the building of the corporation which owns the Hotel Akron at Akron. Mr. Gast plans as to the future of the hotel could not be learned today as he was absent from Akron on a business trip.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 5, 1940]

C. R. KEMPER, THIS CITY, PURCHASES AKRON HOTEL

It was announced today that the Akron Hotel, in Akron, Ind., has been sold to C. R. Kemper, of Rochester. The hotel was formerly owned by Karl Gast, of Akron.

Kemper stated that he has leased the hotel building and will take possession this afternoon. No change in personnel is planned.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, November 7, 1941]

CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT OF THE AKRON HOTEL

The management of the Akron Hotel, which is owned by Karl Gast, has been changed this week and on August 1, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bibler of Rochester will become the new managers. Mr. and Mrs. Bibler are the parents of Mrs. Ford Johnson.

Mrs. LaVon Bemenderfer has been the Hotel Manager for the past three years. She is planning to devote all her time to her new Hat and Shoe Store.

While moving into the hostelry Saturday, Mrs. Bibler had the misfortune to fall and fracture her right forearm.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 30, 1945]

HOTELS - AKRON HOUSE [Akron, Indiana]

See: Hotel

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NEWS OF THE DAY

The new hotel at Akron, "Akron House," will be formally opened to the public Tuesday evening, October 4th. C. W. Patterson, proprietor of the new hostelry, will have an elaborate 6 o'clock dinner and an entertainment will be rendered in the evening.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 1, 1904]

AKRON

The elegant new "Akron House," under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patterson, will be formally opened to the public next Tuesday evening, October 4th.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 1, 1904]

NEW HOTEL OPENED

The new up-to-date hotel, "The Akron House" of Akron, of which C. W. Patterson is landlord, was opened to the public Tuesday evening by a six o'clock dinner.

The dinner consisted of three courses and was very elaborate. The decorations of the spacious dining hall consisted of carnations and smilax and carnations were the favors of the evening. The dinner hour was from 6 to 9 and during that time ninety guests were served.

Later a musical program was given in the parlors of the hostelry, which was followed by a dance in the K. of P. hall. The music for this was furnished by Miss Langsdorf and Mr. Wallace, of this place.

The Akron House is a very commodious hotel for a town the size of Akron and fitted with all the present day conveniences.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 5, 1904]

AKRON

T. J. Worthington the new proprietor of the Akron House, is now in possession of the hostelry, and Chas. W. Patterson occupies Mrs. Belle Daniels residence on East Main street.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, December 15, 1904]

AKRON

W. C. Cone recent proprietor of the Akron House, disposed of the Hotel furnishings at auction last Saturday, and departed Monday to engage in work on the Winona Trolley line. The new Akron House evidently is not a financial success.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 25, 1907]

AKRON

Akron News.

The public sale of the Akron House furnishings last Saturday was the largest of the kind ever held in Akron. There were an innumerable lot of small articles, a million maybe, and they made the work tedious for Mr. Carpenter the auctioneer.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 28, 1907]

AKRON

Akron News.

Akron House will open for business again. Mr. Gardner the owner, has leased it to Charles Flagg, of Hammond.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, July 17, 1909]

AKRON

The Akron House is receiving a good patronage since Mr. Chas. E. Flagg has become the proprietor. It is an up-to-date building and deserves a far better patronage than has been accorded it in the past. Under the present management it bids fair to become a favorite hostelry. If cleanliness, delicious culinary, neat and comfortable rooms, cheerful waiters, energetic and genial

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host and hostess are the requisites for the success of this establishment, the success is assured for the place is in possession of each of these.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, October 14, 1909]

Miss Helen Mae GRANT, 20, of Lafontaine, who was drowned in a gravel pit back of her home last Saturday, was a former resident of Akron. Her father for a number of years operated the Akron House. Miss Grant was to have been married in June.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 30, 1925]

HOTELS - ANDERSON HOTEL, BEV [Lake Manitou]

[Adv] No. Shore Lake Manitou, Little George Ream, Prop. Fish - Chicken and Steak Dinners. A Cool, delightful Place to Eat - and the Best Food Around the Lake.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 21, 1939]

HOTELS - ARLINGTON HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located SE corner 7th & Main. [701-703 Main]

Built in 1869 by Lyman Brackett and A. J. BARRETT.

See: Hotels - Barrett Hotel

GREAT CROWDS COMING

If the sun shines to-morrow, and all Rochester is hoping that it will, the crowd which will witness the ceremonies of the laying of the new Hotel and K. of P. Hall corner stone, will be numbered by the thousands. For the past month the various committees have been industriously engaged in perfecting arrangements to entertain the city's visitors in a royal and appropriate manner, and reports indicate that the work has been well done.

Reports of favorable considerations by the K. of P. lodges invited to be present to-morrow, have been received from Michigan City, LaPorte, Plymouth, Huntington, North Manchester, Logansport, Kewanna, Silver Lake and Argos, while responses from individual members of various other lodges have been so numerous that a great crowd of Knights is assured besides the hundreds of strangers who will take advantage of the low railroad fare and visit the beautiful Manitou which may be seen in all of its fascinating loveliness at this season of the year.

The parade will be led by the Manitou Blues and Rochester Fire Department in full uniforms and, with the plumed Knights, the procession will no doubt, present the most brilliant appearance ever witnessed in the city. Following is the program and line of march. - - -

THE BUILDING * * * * * Artist's drawing of THE NEW HOTEL BLOCK

The magnificent block for which the corner stone will be laid to-morrow, as heretofore described by the SENTINEL, will be three stories high with basement. The corner room, 82-1/2x90 feet, will be built for a hotel and is designated to be one of the coziest and most convenient in the state. On the first floor a well lighted office 32x34 ft., dining room 29x49 ft., kitchen, baggage and room sample rooms will occupy the space, while on the second floor will be two handsome parlors, 18x25 feet and 15x24 feet, separated by folding doors, and twenty-six rooms, eight of which will front on Main and Washington streets. The third floor will be partitioned off into thirty commodious rooms, twelve of which will front on the streets. Closets, wardrobes and halls will all be large, and everything designed to make the hostelry as pleasant and cheerful as modern architecture can devise. The street corner of the building will be especially imposing, with gorgeous circular bay windows on the second and third floors and surmounted with a magnificent dome of Greek design. All that part of the first floor south of the hotel to the alley, will be divided into well lighted business rooms, four of which will be 20x70 feet, one 20x17 feet, and another 15x40. On the second floor, above the business rooms, will be four suites of four flats each of which can be used either as residence or office rooms. The third floor of the south part of the

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building, 70x80 feet, is designed for the use of the order of Knights of Pythias for lodge, drill, banquet and reception rooms, and the plans indicate that this part of the building will be one of unequaled convenience and splendor in Rochester, if not in Northern Indiana. The building will have 165 feet frontage on Main street and 90 feet on Washington, and will be of brick and stone, with plate glass front and all modern interior appliances.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 5, 1889]

OUR NEW ARLINGTON

One year ago the row of old shanties on the Continental Hotel square, together with the ground they occupied, were purchased by Messrs. Brackett & Barrett, the lumber dealers, and the work of clearing the ground for the erection of a half square block was commenced.

No contract for the work was let, but the superintendency of the work was assigned to Mr. Frank M. REID, of this city, and he directed all the work from the tearing down of the old buildings to the finishing touches of the painter's brushes. Every piece of work in the imposing three story building which could be produced in Rochester, has been executed by local workmen, and that fact alone when considered in connection with the elegance of the building, should give every Rochesterite an appreciative feeling of pride of the mechanical talent of his city.

Of the exterior design and south half of the block, SENTINEL readers and families, as complete descriptions have heretofore appeared in these columns, but the zenith of magnificent rich oak and cherry and nicely heated, lighted and ventilated.

From basement to garret the building is heated by steam and lighted by compressed gas, while each room is connected with the office by electric alarm bells and every apartment liable to an outbreak of fire, supplied with an automatic alarm system which communicates the presence of flames or overheated air to the fire alarm in the office and at the same time indicates the exact location of the fire by a wall register which anyone can understand at a glance.

Messrs. Rannells & Sisson, the leases of the hotel, have issued five hundred invitations to a grand opening reception and banquet at the hotel this evening to close with a ball in the K. of P. Hall. The new hostelry will therefore shine in its most brilliant splendor this evening and the event will be celebrated as a long stride forward for Rochester. Following will be the menu. - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 12, 1890]

THE ARLINGTON WILL SHINE

The Arlington is undergoing a general remodeling which will bring it right up to date as a modern hotel. The floors are being laid in the office and lobby, paper hangers and decorators are retouching about forty of the principal rooms and electric lights will be placed throughout the building. When finished the Arlington will not only be one of the best hotels in northern Indiana but the finest in this section of the state.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 1, 1896]

ARLINGTON HOTEL SOLD

A deal was closed today whereby G. W. Sangster, of Elwood, formerly proprietor of the Stephenson house at that place and a hotel man of fifteen years experience, becomes proprietor of the Arlington hotel, and took possession at three o'clock this afternoon.

The Williams Brothers, who have so successfully conducted this popular hostelry, will retire from the hotel business, and leave Rochester, much to the regret of many people of this place as well as commercial men who make Rochester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, August 17, 1904]

ARLINGTON HOTEL SOLD

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The Arlington hotel of this city has been sold by F. G. Sangster to Wyle Bonine, of Rochester, the deal having been made Monday.

The new landlord is a practical hotel man, having had years of experience and in all probability will make the Arlington one of the best stop-overs in Northern Indiana. The interior of the building will be thoroughly redecorated and will receive a nice new dress of wall paper and paint. Among other important changes to be made will be the return to the American plan. For the past year the hotel has been operated on the European plan, which the new owner does not approve. This change will be made as soon as possible. The cigar stand privilege has been conceded to Chas. Mitchell, who had charge of that department prior to the coming of the Sangsters. Mr. Mitchell always proved popular with the traveling public and at the same time made it a successful venture and his many friends will be glad to see him back.

Mr. Bonine, who has made this city his home for some time is an earnest, energetic citizen and the people of Rochester will couple their best wishes with those of the traveling public who are already acquainted with him.

It is understood the Sangster family will move to Benton harbor in the near future.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 30, 1909]

NEWS OF THE DAY

J. D. Bonine & Son of this city have leased the Hotel Hendrey, the leading hostelry at Angola, Ind. J. D. Bonine will give his attention to the Angola house and Wyle Bonine will continue to manage the Arlington in this city.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 31, 1912]

GOVERNOR HERE OVER NIGHT

Governor and Mrs. James P. Goodrich, H. R. Smith and Walter W. Winslow, of Indianapolis, were guests at the Arlington hotel Wednesday evening. They were motoring thru to Elkhart, where the Governor delivered an address Thursday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 30, 1918]

CLOSES DINING ROOM

Traveling men and regular guests of the Arlington Hotel were surprised Tuesday when they read the announcement that hereafter the dining room of the hostelry would be closed permanently. Mrs. Charles Knight, who has been chef at the Arlington for a number of years was made a very attractive offer by the Jungle Hotel at Culver and has accepted. Thereupon the Arlington management decided that without a cook they could have no food to serve and so they closed the dining room doors.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 25, 1922]

OPENING DINING ROOM

After having been closed for many months, the dining room at the Arlington hotel will be opened the first of next month with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Middleton in charge, according to announcement made Friday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 24, 1922]

OTIS KEEL TAKES LEASE ON HOTEL DINING ROOM

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Keel have leased the dining room at the Arlington Hotel of the owners, J. D. Bonine and Son. They will open the same on January 4th. In the meantime the Keels will completely change the interior of the dining room and redecorate the same. Mr. Keel, who has been employed as a cook in several local restaurants, will have charge of the culinary department and his wife will have charge of the dining room. Table d'hote and a la carte service will be provided.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, December 18, 1924]

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Originally he [Lyman M. Brackett] engaged in the wholesale and manufacturing lumber business with Abner J. BARRETT in 1879, retiring from this in 1900. Then he went into the wholesale grocery business with members of his family. He erected several business building in Rochester, the chief one being the Arlington Hotel and business block which was built in partnership with Mr. Barrett.

[obit, Lyman M. Brackett, The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, July 9, 1928]

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The new proprietor of the lumber and coal company has had years of experience in this field for several years being connected with the South Bend City Lumber Co. Mr. Brooke and family will take up their permanent residency here immediately.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 20, 1929]

MANAGEMENT OF THE ARLINGTON HOTEL IS NOW IN NEW HANDS

The Arlington Hotel, known by that name for nearly half a century, changed today to "The Barrett Hotel." Ownership remained in the hands of Abner J. Barrett, who with the late L. M. Brackett, constructed the building in 1889 but the active managership goes into the hands of John Barrett. This transfer took place this morning when J. D. Bonine and son Wyle, who had leased and operated the well known hostelry for twenty years turned the place over to the new management.

John Barrett announced that the entire building would be renovated and improved within the next few months. He stated that there had been 38 rooms in use but that all 60 rooms would be refinished and papered and those that needed it refurnished and put into operation. New carpets will be laid and new furniture and equipment added. Also considerable improvements will be made in the plumbing while a number of baths will be added. The window shutters will be removed and all of the rooms made modern in every respect.

The lobby will be altered some so that the stairway leading into the first floor will come into the lobby direct. The large room will be all refinished and new furniture added. The cigar counter and clerk desk will be placed together so that one person can serve both. The dining room will be refinished and made over and is already leased to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shafer, owners of the Foy Cafe who will operate it. The room occupied by the Van Dien Barber Shop will also be refinished and altered some.

In the rear of the hotel the large yard will be kept for a free parking space for the automobiles belonging to the guests of the hotel. Outside the building will be repainted and

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improvements made to make it look like new. Mr. Barrett stated that everything would be done to make the hotel entirely and modern and one of which the community could be proud.

Miss Etta Emmons is the new day clerk at the desk while Al Chestnut is the night clerk. Several other changes have been made in the personnel of the hotel it was stated.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bonine left today to make their home at Vandalia, Michigan, where he owns property. Mr. and Mrs. Wyle Bonine and family will reside here for the coming months having no plans for the immediate future. The Bonines came here from Three Rivers, Michigan, where they operated a hotel.

Albert Oppenheimer, well known employee of the hotel, who has not missed a day on duty in thirty-one years on the job will continue to live there but has announced his retirement.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, May 1, 1929]

HISTORICAL REVIEW OF CITY'S PIONEER BUSINESS CONCERNS ARLINGTON AND OTHER HOTELS

See: Hotels - Barrett Hotel

The little town of Rochester, some 50 or 60 years ago, was blessed with a goodly supply of hostelry. With the population of the community perhaps several hundred less than it is today, the town in that period boasted of at least seven or eight hotels, while today, there are but two in the down-town area. The reason for this decline is irrelevant in this review, and besides, even a brief passing on the numerous hotels will provide ample "copy" for the reader's conception.

The major portion of the following data was supplied by Charles A. Mitchell Jr., who for a period of 28 years operated a cigar and newsstand in the lobby of the Arlington hotel. Mr. Mitchell is the son of the late C. A. Mitchell Sr., one of the pioneer settlers of this community and much of the information relative to the first hotels was related by the elder Mitchell to his son.

Arlington Opened in 1890

The Arlington, a three story brick building, with 50 guests rooms, was erected in 1888 by Lyman M. Brackett and Abner J. Barrett. In January of 1890, the building was leased to Charles Sisson and Lon Rannells, who opened the new hotel with an elaborate banquet. The William Williamson orchestra, with the leader's daughter, Mrs. Ron (Williamson) Anderson, presiding at the piano, furnished the music for this occasion. Needless to state many of the town's "Who's Who" were in attendance.

The Messrs. Sisson and Rannells operated the Arlington until 1893 when they sold to a Mr. C. Smith, who in the same year, disposed of his interest to James A. Carter and Mel Williams. Mr. Carter was a practical hotel man and Mr. Williams at that time held the controlling interest in a Warsaw newspaper. Mr. Carter was the step-father of Mrs. Ed (Mabel) Fieser of this city.

Bonines Landlords

Carter & Williams sold to George Sangster & Sons (George Jr. and Fred) in 1904. The Sangsters coming here from Sullivan, Ind. In 1909, the Sangster interests were taken over by J. D. Bonine and son, Wyle, experienced hotel men, who were formerly located in Cassapolis and Three Rivers, Mich. In May of 1929, following the death of the senior member of the Bonine partnership the Arlington was sold to John Barrett, of this city, who changed the name to the Barrett Hotel.

Mr. Barrett in 1930 disposed of his interest in the business to Hugh G. McMahan, who with his son-in-law, Will Delaney, operated the business until 1939 when Mr. Delaney left Rochester to engage in the hotel business in Indianapolis. In July of 1940, Mr. McMahan purchased the hotel building property from the Barrett heirs and the name was changed to The Arlington.

Undergoes Improvements

Under the McMahan ownership, the business has undergone extensive improvements, and today it has 60 well-equipped guest rooms. The hotel is under the management of Mrs. Hugh McMahan, who is assisted by seven employees.

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Mr. Mitchell stated that among the guests who have stopped at The Arlington, were such notables as Senator James E. Watson; Speaker of the House Joseph Cannon; the perennial presidential candidate, William Jennings Bryan; Senator Albert J. Beveridge; Ex-Gov. Samuel Ralston; Vice-Pres. Thomas R. Marshall; Vice-Pres. Charles Fairbanks; Carter Harrison and many others of like import.

Bufe. Tough Competitor

Employees associated with the hotel during its earlier days were Albert Oppenheimer, porter and night clerk, who came to Rochester from Pomeroy, Ohio; William Millice, Edgar Wallace, clerks; Rufe Curtis, clerk and pianist, and others. Our informant wryly mused: "It was that piano-thumping clerk, Curtis, who was a pain-in-the-neck to us young bloods during the gay nineties. Every time one of the home boys would attempt to date up a town belle, he would invariably receive this curt rebuff, 'I'm going out riding tonight with Rufe Curtis.'" Mr. Mitchell stated "dating" in those days was a bit of "unknown quantity" as long as the talented Curtis held his job.

Before we launch into the general review of the hostelries, it would be well to inform our readers that The Arlington was built on the site formerly occupied by the Van Duzer hotel, a two-story frame building, which was razed for the 1889 building project. Three relatives of the Van Duzers, who are known to most of the present-day residents of the city, are Mrs. Thomas Berry of Chicago, and Mrs. Dwight DuBois and Mrs. L. M. Spotts of Roann.

Karn Hotel

The Karn, Rochester's only other hotel operating in the down-town district, today, was erected in 1914 by the late Joseph F. Dysert. The Karn, which occupies the second and third floors of the three-story brick building situate at 710 Main street, has a series of modern sleeping rooms and small apartments. It is operated today by Miss Etta Emmons. Former operators of The Karn Hotel were Oren I. Karn, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foglesong, Frank Weatherford, and Mrs. Berza Jones.

Now we turn to the musty records of pre-Civil war days, and the rather "cob-webby" memories of some of the community's old timers for the following hotel history.

Chamberlain the Pioneer

To Alexander Chamberlain, the great-great-uncle of Claude, Linley and Bill Chamberlain, owners of the Chamberlain Tavern, goes the laurels for becoming landlord of the town's first hotel. "Alex Chamberlain it is learned owned and operated a two-story frame hotel which was built in the early '40s. The building stood on the site occupied today by the Rochester Foundry Co., 400 North Main street. Mr. Chamberlain conducted this business for a long number of years, but there were no records concerning its final disposition.

Another hostelry operating during this same period was the Ralston House. This was a large colonial-type home located about five miles north of Rochester on the old Michigan road. It was used chiefly by wayside travelers and on Saturday night square dances were attended by both Argos and Rochester folk.

Michael Shore, great-grandfather of Earl and A. B. Shore, also was in the hotel business in north Rochester in the pre-war days. The Shore Hotel being located in the 300 block North Main.

Used Dinner Bell

The southwest corner of Main and 3rd street was once the site of the Vandecar Hotel, a rambling, wood building. Landlord Vandecar used an old-fashioned dinner bell to announce the calls to meals. When the building was demolished a number of years ago the bell was purchased by Turpie Davidson. The relic is still in use today at the Davidson farm.

To break the monotony of this chronology, Mr. Mitchell leaned across the writer's desk and whispered "Stay with me, Van, there's a murder in the records." With this as an incentive we carry on.

Wallace, Kendrick Hotels

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The Wallace Hotel, owned and operated by Robert Wallace Sr., a two-story frame building was located on the southeast corner of Main and 5th. The Wallace Hotel was destroyed by fire in 1891.

The Kendrick Hotel was built by F. K. Kendrick in the late '80s. The building is occupied today by the H. Gordon Miller plumbing shop on East 8th. Milton Davisson and Mrs. Maggie Ditton were landlords of the Kendrick Hotel during the latter years of operation.

The old Ditton House was another of the city's popular hotels in the '90s. The building was an old home situated where the Black & Bailey Hardware stands today. Landlords were Mrs. Maggie Ditton, Mrs. Belle Daniels and later John Lowe. Mrs. Daniels was the sister of Mark Bitters of this city.

The Cottage Hotel

The old C. A. Mitchell Sr. homestead, located on northeast corner of 8th and Madis on streets, was operated for several years under the name of the Cottage Hotel. Operators in its latter years were Jesse Burns, Mrs. Etta Hoover and Minnie (Peeples) Miller. This frame building was destroyed by fire soon after the turn of the century.

C. A. Mitchell Jr. stated that he is perhaps the only person in Rochester for whom the U. S. government erected a fitting monument. The government, he added, failed to put his name on the building and instead inscribed the words "U. S. Post Office."

The Bell House

The Bell House, founded and operated by Thomas Bell, was a double-story frame building erected on the corner of 9th and Franklin ave. Other landlords were Mrs. William Zeigler and John Swartwood. The building was torn down to make space for a filling station. Thos. Bell was an uncle of Mrs. India (Baker) Kilmer.

East 9th street was also the site of the City Hotel. This frame building once occupied the same location as does the Miller Bros. Garage today. City Hotel was dismantled in 1887. The City Hotel was operated for several years by Mrs. Chas. Weise.

Two hotels were also erected near the depots of the Nickel Plate and Erie railroads.

The Erie Hotel was built in the early '90s by Mackenzie Jones; landlords were Capt. A. H. Skinner, Ely Curtis, Lon Ware, Calvin Becker, John Toner.

The Lake Erie & Western (Nickel Plate) Hotel, was erected by Stilla Bailey and for several years it was operated by Frank Lowman and Mrs. Minnie Capp. Both of these structures are still standing today, though neither is operated as a hotel.

Central-Jefferson Hotel

The Central Hotel, located on the southeast corner of [Sixth] and Main, was operated by Newton Rannells and in the '80s was regarded as the finest hotel in the county. The property later was purchased by the late Valentine Zimmerman and became known as the Jefferson Hotel. Among the landlords were Mrs. George F. Dawson, Charles Brouillette, Mrs. Harry Ayres, a Mr. Batty and Mrs. Fred Daniels.

Mr. Batty, who came here from Lafayette, brought with him a porter by the name of Tommy Ellsworth. Tommy after working at the old Jefferson for a few years dropped the name Ellsworth and became known to the hotel clientele and townsfolk as Tommy "Jefferson." The old porter, Tommy "Jefferson" passed away at the county farm a few years ago. The Jefferson Hotel, an elongated two and one-story structure was wrecked to make room for more modern improvements in the year 1913.

The Murder Case

The Gilkinson Hotel and Restaurant, was a two-story, residential type structure which stood where the Louderback Buick salesroom is today, namely 615 Main street. The business was owned and operated by Mrs. John Gilkinson. Among the list of regular boarders of the hostelry was a lawyer by the name of Hudson Stiles.

Stiles, according to the yarn of an old timer was somewhat of a "man about town," and an occasional imbiber of "hard likker." It was while he was under the influence of an exceptionally prolonged "spree" that he became engaged in a quarrel with his landlady, Mrs. Gilkinson. Words

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led to a free-for-all between the boarder and the hotel woman and as Stiles began to get the best of the scrap Mrs. Gilkinson picked up a heavy stove poker and weiled it on Hudson's head.

According to the old-timer's version of the killing, Hudson Stiles died a short time later from a skull fracture. Mrs. Gilkinson was given a trial in the local court, pleaded self-defense and was acquitted of the charge of murder. "And," concluded our informant, "you might add everybody was satisfied."

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 2, 1941]

The Arlington Hotel had its characters as well. Hank Entsminger, the bus driver for Morningstar Brothers, kept the in-coming salesmen up on the news and fun with his homespun jokes, as they all sat in those comfortable cane-covered wood chairs at the spacious west window of the Arlington Hotel, feet on rail and watching pedestrians pass by. Hank drove a fancy bus, two horse drawn, of course, fully glass enclosed with double door in rear, painted yellow, with fancy scenery either painted or decaled, all varnished to a high degree, a bit on the order of a stagecoach with the driver exposed to the elements, except that the seats were lengthwise on both sides and the bus could accommodate approximately 12 people. There was a rail luggage rack on top. I don't know where it was made but it was a far cry from the usual lake hacks used to haul people from the town to Lake Manitou at 10 cents each way. I can still hear him standing close to the bus and calling out "Aaa-ling-ton." He met all passengers of both the Chicago & Erie and Lake Erie & Western railroads coming in or going out. Morningstar Brothers were in the elite taxi business in cooperation with Mr. Sangster, who was an early proprietor of the Arlington, but was later succeeded by Wylie Bonine.

I remember several other people connected with the Arlington. There was Albert Oppenheimer, a genial little chubby fellow who took care of the baggage into and out of the Arlington Hotel, was bell boy or what have you, as he walked with his very fast short steps seeing that everything was in order, and worrying that it might not be. Paul Reiloff was the night clerk mostly, but took over some of Albert's duties when he was off duty. Both were born in Germany and fussed quite a bit, mostly on who was to give or take the orders at the time.

Just east of the Arlington Hotel were two fine livery stables both facing 7th Street and east of the alley. On the north side was Ward and Huffer's and on the south side was Clary and Onstott's. These liveries provided the salesmen that stayed at the Arlington with transportation for as long as a week while they called on their customers in the rural area, usually within a radius of 15 miles. Some would drive themselves and some would hire a driver.

[Hill Family, Clarence Hill, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 1*, Willard]

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See Barrett Hotel

HOTELS - BARRETT HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

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See Delaney, Will J.

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[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 20, 1929]

INSTALLS NEW SIGN

A large electrical sign bearing the words "The Barrett Hotel" has just been erected on the Main street entrance of this hostelry. Many other modern improvements have recently been made to the interior of the building by manager John Barrett.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 19, 1929]

HUGH McMAHAN BECOMES OWNER OF BARRETT HOTEL

A business deal which has been under-way for the past ten days culminated Saturday morning when County Auditor Hugh McMahan, of this city, purchased the Barrett Hotel from John Barrett, also of Rochester. The new owner assumed control of his new business at once and within the next few days will employ a manager.

In the transaction made this morning the new owner purchased all of the furnishings, fixtures and good-will while the building proper which belongs to Abner J. Barrett has been secured by McMahan under a long-term lease. The retiring owner, John Barrett, who has operated the hotel since May 1928 has not announced his plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, August 30, 1930]

GIVES HOTEL PROPERTY

Miss Pearl BARRETT became the owner of the Barrett Hotel building and lot here on Saturday when the property was deeded to her by her father, Abner J. BARRETT. Mr. Barrett presented the entire property, one of the most valuable in the city, to his daughter as a gift. The former was one of the builders of the hotel and had owned it since its erection. The hotel is now under long lease to Hugh McMAHAN, who is operating it.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, December 22, 1930]

KOKOMO HOTEL SOLD

The Frances hotel in Kokomo was sold Saturday by Fred Sangster of Frankfort, a former resident of Rochester at which time he was the lessee of the Barrett hotel. A. J. Morton and Thomas Callen of Chicago were the purchasers. Mr. Sangster operates the Coulter house at Frankfort.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 5, 1939]

BARRETT HOTEL SOLD TO MR.& MRS. HUGH McMAHAN

Announcement was made today of the sale of the Arlington Hotel building by Mrs. Pearl Barrett Plank to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McMahan.

The building houses not only the Barrett Hotel but the Arlington Barber Shop and the People's Cafe.

The building is part of the Fredonia Block which was built by the late Abner J. Barrett and the late Lyman Brackett in 1889.

The hotel has been in operation for over 45 years and was known for many years as the Arlington Hotel and later changed to the Barrett Hotel.

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For the past thirty years the hotel has been operated by J. D. Bonine, Wylie Bonine, John Barrett and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McMahan.

The hotel building is three story high and of brick construction. It is located at 7-1 to 707 Main street with the hotel occupying all of the building except the Arlington Barber Shop at 705 Main street and the People's Cafe at 707 Main street. There are sixty rooms in the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. McMahan plan to make some very material changes in the hotel property within a short time. Mrs. McMahan will be actively in charge of the hotel.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 11, 1940]

REMOVING BALCONY

Workmen today removed an iron balcony from the Main street side of the Barrett Hotel. In former days this balcony was used quite extensively for the making of campaign addresses. Among noted politicians of bygone days who made speeches from this balcony were the late William J. Bryan, Charles W. Fairbanks and Albert Beveridge.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, July 31, 1940]

HOTELS - BELL HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

HOTELS - BRUMFIELD HOTEL [Akron, Indiana]

See Akron Hotel

HOTEL BRUMFIELD

Hotel Brumfield. The beautiful little city of Akron is proud of its fine brick bank buildings, high-grade mercantile establishments, the Carnegie Library, and the many handsome residences, but most of all is it a source of pride to its citizens that they have what is recognized as being a gem of a modern hotel. Travelers from all of the great centers admit that the Hotel Brumfield is one of the most modern and ably conducted of any hostelry in Northern Indiana, and its present fine condition is due to the able management of its proprietor Mrs. Beatrice Seligman, a lady of great executive ability, whose courtesy to her patrons combined with the excellent service she maintains, brings to her house a large percentage of the trade of the traveling public. This hotel with its tessellated-floored lobby, elegantly furnished with leather-cushioned chairs, a perfectly equipped dining room, the clean, well-ventilated bed chambers, appetizing cuisine, under sanitary management, and the home atmosphere, belongs to the best class. Mrs. Seligman is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robert Babcock, who are written of at length in this work. The Babcock family is traced back in England to 449 A.D., and the Brumfield family, of which Mrs. Babcock is a member, to 100 A.D., in the same country. Representatives of these families came to the American colonies at an early day and located in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, from whence they were brought to the Middle West. A lady of wide and varied commercial experience, Mrs. Seligman has traveled extensively, and understands the needs of those whose business takes them from home, so she is able to cater to them expertly, and to satisfy her patrons in such a manner that they are anxious to return whenever their itinerary makes it possible.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, pp. 166-167, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HOTELS - CENTRAL HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

See: Rochester, Indiana [Historical Review]

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Central House. The above is a first class house kept by R. N. Rannells. . . Rochester, Feb. 2, 1865.

[*Rochester Chronicle*, Thursday, February 2, 1865]

Drs. Cameron & Ross, Oculists & Aurists, of Toronto, will be at the Central House, Rochester, Ind., April 3d, 1865, to remain until April 8th. . .

[*Rochester Chronicle*, Thursday, March 30, 1865]

Christian Hoover, dealer in Furniture . . . one door south of the Central House . . . Rochester, Ind. Oct 20 1865.

[*Rochester Chronicle*, Thursday, October 12, 1865]

Terpsichorean. . . the time to dance will be tonight at the Central House, the Rochester Silver Band will be in attendance . . . Remember that this dance is given for the benefit of the band. . .

[*Rochester Chronicle*, Thursday, May 24, 1866]

Removal. Mr. I. W. Holeman, our former merchant in the Holmes & Miller block, has recently removed into his large and spacious room nearly opposite the Central House. . .

[*Rochester Chronicle*, Thursday, December 13, 1866]

Mr. B. F. (Frank) Brown has purchased the Millinery and Furnishing Establishment, one door South of the Central Hotel, of Mrs. S. C. Turner and will continue the business at the same place. . .

[*Rochester Chronicle*, Thursday, February 21, 1867]

Ditching. Farmers, if you have any ditching to do, call on Stephen Dawson and George Hopkins . . . They can be found by inquiring at this office or of R. N. Rannells, at the Central House.

[*Rochester Chronicle*, Thursday, July 4, 1867]

The Central House, with the urbane and popular Newt. Rannells as landlord, is a pleasant place to sojourn . . .

[*Rochester Chronicle*, Thursday, April 30, 1868]

The Central House has been improved by the addition of a new coat of paint, and a general refurbishing throughout.

[*Rochester Union-Spy*, Thursday, June 11, 1868]

New Book Store. Mrs. S. J. Wolford has opened a news and book store in the room south of the Central House. . .

[*Rochester Union-Spy*, Thursday, October 29, 1868]

CENTRAL HOUSE

Hotel

Out in the world, jostled among strangers, the traveling man learns how to appreciate that careful attention and hospitality which characterize the natural landlord and host, calls up home impulses, sheds contempt upon the tired soul and induces rest and repose, even though he be stranger in a strange land. The traveler, after a long and tedious journey experiences sensations on arriving at a hotel where a cordial welcome is given that cannot be described. Such were the writer's feeling a few weeks since when we entered the city of Rochester.

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During our stay at the CENTRAL HOUSE the genial proprietor, Mr. A[lonzo] L[eroy] RANNELLS and his amiable wife (to whose good judgment and untiring efforts to make everybody comfortable, the proprietor can attribute largely his success) did all in their power to make us contented and comfortable, and admirably succeeded in doing so.

Ever since coming into the hands of the present proprietor, the Central House has been unanimously regarded not only as a most pleasant and convenient resort for the traveling public, but as one of the most home-like and comfortable hotels in the state, where all are entertained in a pleasant manner and where ladies, traveling alone, can receive the courtesy and attention their position demands. Ladies and gentlemen visiting Rochester either on business or for pleasure will find at this hotel the most polite attendants and a table that is surpassed by no house in the country, being supplied with the choicest viands the market affords and what is equally important, has a corps of the most experienced cooks, as well as polite and attentive waiters.

The proprietor is contemplating building a new brick hotel that he may give his many patrons the comforts of modern improvements, as well as genial and hospitable treatment. Lon, as the proprietor is familiarly called, is one of the few who know how to run a hotel, and when one stops at the Central House there is no doubt but that he will make it his headquarters when visiting the city again.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 29, 1888]

A NEW HOTEL IN TOWN

The re-modeled, renovated beautiful Central House has been named "The Jefferson" and Charles A. Brouillette will be the new landlord. "The Jefferson's" shady porches, "its bright, open paint inside and out, its newly plastered and decorated walls and its new plate glass windows will be a model hotel and in charge of Charley Brouillette its popularity is assured. It will be furnished with new furniture and new carpets and will make a most attractive hostlery.

Senator Zimmerman, the owner of the building, has spared neither time nor expense in rebuilding the hostlery into a creditable hotel property and he assures the SENTINEL that Rochester will be proud of "The Jefferson."

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 21, 1897]

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[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 7, 1912]

GRAND HOTEL IS NOW GONE

The last vestige of what was once the Central House and later known as the Grand Hotel, which stood at the corner of Main and Sixth streets was removed Saturday by Al Myers and his

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corps of wreckers, when the south section of the building was torn down. For years this building was Rochester's only hotel and is one of the landmarks of this city which has stood the inroads of time in the face of constantly improvements. Only the fact that the government requires all building lots sold to them to be free from all buildings, pipes, etc., caused this building to be removed at this time and otherwise it likely would have remained standing for many years to come. The site is the one selected by the government for the new federal building.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 6, 1919]

HOTELS - CHADWICK HOTEL [Lake Maxinkuckee, Marshall County]

PASSING OF LONG POINT

From Culver Citizen:

The recent transfer of the extreme north end of Long Point by Hon. Milo R. Smith, of Rochester, to Mr. Chadwick of the Chadwick Hotel, for \$2,000, marks another important era in the history of that noted location on the lake, and indicates the rapid rise in the value of lake property within the past score of years. Time was not so very far back in the past when that particular piece of property was not considered of much value. Some thirty odd years ago the writer of this could have purchased it from Dr. G. A. Durr, who then owned it, for \$60, and but for a misunderstanding in the description, the purchase would have been made. All in all it is the finest piece of vacant ground on the lake, and for many purposes its location cannot be excelled anywhere.

This and the lake front south to the Arlington Hotel, is called "Long Point," in accordance with "the lay of the land." Originally, and for many years, it was called "Rochester Point," for the reason that in an early day several Rochester people purchased lots there and erected a club house. Until about the time of the completion of the Vandalia railroad only Rochester people spent the summer there. With the coming of the railroad also came people from Logansport, Terre Haute, Indianapolis, etc. until now there is not an unoccupied property on the whole point.

There is considerable history and a good deal of tradition associated with this portion of the lake which has been quite fully written up for the history of Maxinkuckee Lake soon to be published by the "Maxinkuckee Association."

The "Chadwick Point," was an Indian burial place, as human bones were found in a mound in the early settlement of the country. The late Maj. McFaddin of Logansport, insisted that Pau-Koo-Shuk, the son who killed his father, Aubeenaubbee, and who died at Winamac about 1838, was buried there. But quite a number of people had been residents about the lake for two years previous, and none of them remembered such an occurrence. It is more than likely that the genial and good hearted Major drew on his brilliant and vivid imagination for his facts. -- Daniel McDonald.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 22, 1904]

HOTELS - CHAMBERLAIN'S HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

See: Rochester, Indiana [Historical Review]

Saddle & Harness Shop . . . in the building formerly occupied by J. Wallace & Bro., opposite Chamberlain's Hotel, on Main street . . . A. Renbarger, Rochester, March 1, 1860.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

Great Excitement! What Is It? 'Tis how Freidgen can sell Boots and Shoes at his shop, on Main Street, opposite the Western House, commonly known as Chamberlain's Hotel . . . C. Friedgen, Rochester, March 1, 1860.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 8, 1860]

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HOTELS - CITY HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

[Adv] Notice to Builders. I desire to announce to the citizens of Rochester and throughout the county that I am prepared to contract for BRICK WORK and do all kinds of work in that line. I manufacture my own brick at Tiosa, and when desired will furnish brick and PUT THEM IN THE WALL upon the most reasonable terms. I have been engaged at brick making and brick laying for twenty-five years and I will guarantee to give satisfaction in quality of material and work. All orders for brick or for my service may be addressed to me through the postoffice or left at my residence just south of the City Hotel. JOHN MILLER, Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 25, 1882]

TO FARMERS

The wire picket fence manufactured by Andrew Yount is just what you want. It is the only reliable portable and stationary fence combined, made. Pickets are of good sound, clear, white oak and the best grade of galvanized wire only is used. This fence will be manufactured in any quantity you may desire. Call at the factory near the City Hotel and see the fence and get prices that will surprise you. ANDREW YOUNT.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 25, 1887]

HOTELS - COLONIAL HOTEL & TERRACE GARDENS [Lake Manitou]

Located on N shore of Lake Manitou in Ferndale Park.

See: Lake Manitou, Big Band Era

See: Martin, Emil F.

See: Hotels - Fairview

See: Hotels - West Side

NEW LAKE HOTEL

Notwithstanding the fact that the weather hovers around the zero mark and most people are thinking about firesides, there are some Rochester citizens who are looking to the time when next summer will be with us.

One of these men is O. A. Davis, the new owner of Ferndale Park at Lake Manitou. Mr. Davis is now busy finishing plans for a fine new modern hotel, which will grace the park property in the early spring and which is to be completed by May 1. The new hostelry, which will be known as Columbia hotel of Ferndale Park, Lake Manitou, will be a cement block structure, 150x70 feet. The main building will be 50x70 feet and a wing 100 feet long will extend to the west, where the old flowing well is located. The whole structure will be two stories and will be as near fire proof as is practical. Steel will be used as a foundation for the floors, which will be of cement. The walls will also be built of steel covered with plaster. On the outside the building will present a distinct colonial appearance, with a veranda supported by massive columns extending the entire length of the building. The roof will extend six feet.

The interior of this modern structure will be divided into fifty guest rooms all of which will have outside windows to the north and south. The dining room will be 20x50 feet and will be naturally lighted on three sides, making it a most pleasant place to dine. In the basement a cold storage will be built and it may be possible that a private lighting system will also be installed there. However, it is the desire of Mr. Davis to obtain his light from a private wire from the Rochester Electric Light Co., and if possible this will be done. The hotel will be equipped with bath rooms for the use of guests, and the water supply will be furnished from a private system.

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Another plan of this progressive builder is to erect a cement bath house on the point to the southeast of the hotel. The bayou has already been dredged to a depth of six or seven feet and the beach is an ideal spot of sand. The bath house will be opened to the public at a nominal sum.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 9, 1912]

NEW NORTH SIDE COLONIAL HOTEL

The front elevation plan for the new north side Colonial hotel to be built on what is commonly known as Ferndale Point at Manitou, was on exhibition in The Sentinel show window today and attracted considerable favorable comment. The plan shows that it is to be of a distinctly colonial design and will have an abundance of porch room. There will also be a large number of guest rooms, something like sixty, and most of them will be outside rooms. Back of the front elevation will be a two story addition, which will be used to house the help and serve as the kitchen, which will be amply fitted to care for the business in a strictly up-to-date manner. Under this part of the building will be placed a cold storage plant large enough to accommodate any and all needs.

The work of getting the material ready for the building is now going rapidly forward and the window frames and doors have already been delivered at the site. The contractors who have charge of the concrete work were on the scene today and the making of the cement blocks will now be carried forward as rapidly as possible. It is expected that it will take about three weeks for the finishing of the blocks. By that time it is hoped that the ground will be sufficiently thawed that the excavation for the storage may be made. Just as soon as this is possible the task of tearing down the rear part of the present structure will be started. Mr. Davis is hopeful that the hotel may be ready for occupancy by the first of May.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 19, 1912]

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[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 7, 1912]

HOOSIER MOTOR CLUB COMING

The Hoosier Motor club, an organization of Indianapolis automobile enthusiasts who make week-end trips over the state, have decided to visit Lake Manitou on Sunday, Aug. 11, and the secretary is now registering the names of those who will make the trip. The club will leave Indianapolis Saturday afternoon and return Sunday evening. The club has had a standing invitation from Mayor Omar B. Smith to visit Rochester for some time and decided to accept only after Frank Slevin of the Colonial hotel promised a bass dinner for the occasion. It is estimated

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that at least fifty cars will make the run and that from 200 to 400 Indianapolis people will be guests at the Colonial on that day. Special arrangements are being made to care for the crowd.

The visit promises to advertise Lake Manitou among people of the capitol city and to further enhance the popularity of the lake.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 30, 1912]

[Adv] The Foremost Hotel, Lake Manitou, Modern Equipment, up-to-date service. The Colonial Hotel (North Shore of Lake Manitou) - - - - The exterior of the hotel is built of cement blocks and is fire proof. Garage for autos, grounds extra large and plenty of shade. Good fishing and complete outfits furnished. The finest bathing beach on the lake fronts the Hotel. Frank Slevin, Prop. and Lessee. O. A. Davis, Owner.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 17, 1913]

COLONIAL HOTEL COMPANY FORMED

O. A. Davis, owner of the Colonial Hotel at Lake Manitou, has organized with other interested men of the city, The Manitou Colonial Hotel Company. Articles of incorporation were issued Tuesday by the secretary of state with a capital stock of \$20,000 which will be divided into shares worth \$100 each. A large per cent of the stock has already been sold and the promoters believe that no difficulty will be experienced in disposing of the balance.

Directors

The officers and board of directors for the first year are as follows: O. A. Davis, Rochester, Ind., president; Omar B. Smith, Rochester, Ind., vice-president; Edward E. Murphy, Rochester, Ind., secretary; Ed. V. Fitzpatrick, Indianapolis, Ind., assistant secretary; Frank R. McCarter, Rochester, Ind., treasurer; A. C. Davisson, Rochester, Ind., park director; Frank Slevin, Indianapolis, Ind., hotel manager.

The Colonial hotel has been conducted by Mr. Slevin for the past two seasons has been a success in every way, and has made money for it's owner. In fact during the past season the building was entirely too small to accommodate the patronage, and it is the purpose of the new management to enlarge the building, making a larger dining room and kitchen, and making additional sleeping rooms. The plans have already been prepared for the improvement of the building

To Improve Grounds

The grounds will be materially improved, and changed, and it is the purpose of the new company to use the entire grounds consisting of something like twenty-five acres. They will clean out in the lake, build lawn tennis courts, croquet grounds, a base ball park, and other amusement features will be added. Streets and drives will be rebuilt, trees and shrubbery will be planted where needed, and the grounds generally beautified and improved.

It is the intention of the company to make and maintain an up-to-date bathing pool, with all of the conveniences and equipments such as are found at any of the watering places in the state. A truck line, owned and operated by the hotel management will make regular trips to and from the city of Rochester.

A number of the business men of Indianapolis and other cities who have been patrons of the hotel for the past two seasons and who know the property well, have taken stock in the enterprise.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, December 16, 1913]

HOTEL NOW A WINTER RESORT

The Colonial hotel, which is known all over the state as one of the best summer resorts in Indiana, has now become a winter resort, the hotel being thrown open to guests this morning. Landlord Frank Slavin phoned the local men interested in the hotel company Monday afternoon to open the hotel and prepare for about twenty guests. He said that there were many men in Kokomo who are interested on account of the seining which is to start at the lake this week and that they would be here to view it.

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Mr. Slavin arrived this morning accompanied by about five men from Kokomo and proceeded at once to the lake where he has a number of people preparing the hotel for a large number of guests. Mr. Slavin said that many parties from Indianapolis, Kokomo and Peru are planning to come here for the next few weeks, not only to see the seining, but also for ice fishing which is very good this year. He expects most of the Kokomo party in tomorrow.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, February 16, 1914]

[Adv] Colonial Hotel, Lake Manitou, will be open Saturday and Monday, June 3rd and 4th, on and after which time I will be pleased to serve the public. This hotel is under new management and rates will be \$2.00 per day, \$12.00 per week and 50 cents per meal except special Sunday table d'hote dinners which will be 75 cents. --- John J. Pauley, Mgr.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 1, 1916]

SHANKS LEASE COLONIAL HOTEL FOR 1917 SEASON

O. A. Davis, president of the Manitou Colonial Hotel Co., Wednesday announced that Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shanks of this city have leased the Colonial hotel at the lake for the coming season and are now getting ready to put the place in order. John J. Pauley of Ft. Wayne, last year's landlord, desired to return, but it was thot best to let the local people have the place. The Shanks established a good reutation in their cafe, and will doubtless make the hotel a popular resort. The opening date has not been announced.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 4, 1917]

COLONIAL HOTEL IN HANDS OF MRS. DAWE

The Colonial Hotel at Lake Manitou has been leased for the season of 1918 to Mrs. Grosvenor DAWE. She will be assisted in its conduct by her son, Allen DAWE.

When asked to make a statement that would explain this unexpected step, Mrs. Dawe said, "I came to Rochester last year in the midst of the summer visitor season and I felt disappointed at the lack of permanent impression the lake made on many who came here, ready and anxious to be pleased and to enjoy an outing. I believe, positively, that if Lake Manitou, thru one hotel at least, caters to those who want quiet and refreshment, it can be made to advertise Rochester so that it adds to the pull of the town.

"At any rate, that is my theory and I am going to try it out in the operation of the Colonial this summer. I expect to bring friends from the East, the North and the West, so as to make the Colonial benefit Rochester and Fulton county, rather than try to make the lake live by means of Rochester and Fulton county."

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 23, 1918]

COLONIAL HOTEL PAVILION

The Colonial Hotel dance pavioion which has been under construction for some time, was completed last week and was opened Saturday evening. The floor is the largest around the lake and is in a very good condition. Mr. Davis has secured the Indiana Four corchestra, composed of Howard Hall, piano, Stephen Ciccone, drums, Russel Ferree, violin, and Baker Kilmer, of this city, saxaphone. This is a newly organized orchestra which met with instant success the week end. A dance will be given every night.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 7, 1920]

COLONIAL DINING ROOM MANAGEMENT

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Mrs. Ida B. DAVIDSON, of Sullivan, Illinois, has taken over the management of the dining room of the Colonial hotel and has brought to Rochester with her an entire staff of aides, including her chef and waitresses. Mrs. Davidson has had years of experience in this work and serves an excellent meal. While here, Mrs. Davidson will make a specialty of preparing and serving special meals to parties and has facilities for handling large banquets.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 11, 1923]

RAY NEWELL LEASES THE COLONIAL HOTEL

Ray Newell has leased and will manage the Colonial Hotel during the coming lake season, according to announcement made Wednesday morning, succeeding O. A. Davis, who has managed the popular lake resort for the past few years. The lease is taken from the Manitou Colonial Hotel company, a corporation of which Fred Davis is the principal stockholder.

While he has not perfected all of his plans for the season, Mr. Newell has announced that he is re-furnishing and re-decorating the entire hotel while the grounds will all be gone over and placed in first-class condition for the season. The hotel will be operated on the European plan and the dining room, or cafe, will be operated by Mrs. Newell

Mr. Newell has engaged the services of Carl Moore to conduct his automobile accessory business in the city. He plans to open the hotel at the lake June 1. Complete plans will be made public at a later date.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 14, 1924]

TO MANAGE COLONIAL

Ray Newell, who last year managed the Colonial Hotel on the north shore of Lake Manitou, has signed a lease with Fred Davis, president of the hotel company, whereby he will again have charge of the popular hostelry this summer. A dozen poplar trees which were along the north side of the hotel were cut down.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 5, 1925]

FRANK SLAVIN IS DEAD IN INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Friends in this city have received word of the death of Frank Slavin of Indianapolis who for many years was the landlord of the Colonial hotel at Lake Manitou. The death, which was due to heart trouble, occurred in Indianapolis on March 4. He was buried in Crownhill cemetery last Saturday. Mr. Slavin had a wide circle of friends both in this city and in Indianapolis.

He had a picturesque career starting as a prizefighter, then a railroad employee, detective and several terms as United States marshal in Texas, when the Republican party was in power. As a marshal he had many narrow escapes from death. Mr. Slavin for a number of years was the manager of the Specer Hotel and Cafe in Indianapolis.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, March 12, 1925]

COLONIAL DANCE BAND ANNUNCES PERSONNEL

The Martin Pirates orchestra now playing at the Colonial Terrace Gardens have today given to the News-Sentinel the following list of the personnel of their entertainers:

Emile F. Martin, manager and soloist; Max Huff, sax artist; Erette Nutt, sax; Harold Denman, trombone and entertainer; Pipe Rafferty, trumpet; Harold Blackage, bass; Pete Shaffer, banjo, art; John hunt, banjo; Clyde Hunt, drums; Walter Sparks, piano and director.

This organization has played at all large dancing pavilions in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and for two years were headliners on Keith and Pantages vaudeville. At the close of this season they will make the west in vaudeville, playing Corell Time out of Chicago.

This orchestra has been together as an organization for the past three years and has been under the management of E. F. Martin for the past year. Mr. Martin has other bands playing in various parts of the state and will change bands from time to time keeping the very best music at the Colonial Terrace Gardens at all times.

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Mr. Denman, is the classiest entrainer that has appeared at our lake since the days of "Dusty" Rhodes.

The band headquarters are in Kokomo, Ind., and from this point they book their orchestras. Max Huff, sax artist at one time was first chair man with the Paul Whiteman's first orchestra, while other members came from bands equally as good.

Mr. Martin, soloist, studied abroad and has spent the greater part of his life in entertainment work. He is a Frenchman by birth and during the world war was interpreter for General Pershing. When Mr. Martin was asked how he liked their present location, he replied: "Judging from the treatment that we have received from the business men of Rochester and the visitors at the lake, we know that we are going to more than enjoy our season. We want to meet as many of the people as possible and we always appreciate any one making themselves acquainted with us."

The Terrace Gardens and grounds have just been redecorated with spring flowers and Japanese lanterns. The floor has been enlarged and surface refinished making it second to none in the state.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 3, 1925]

VAUDEVILLE AT COLONIAL

Manager Harry Martin of the Pirate Entertainers orchestra which is playing at the Colonial this season, announced Tuesday night that beginning at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, prior to the dance, a number of free vaudeville acts given by Indianapolis artists would be staged in the Colonial Terrace Gardens.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 10, 1925]

TO RAZE TABERNACLE IN COLONIAL HOTEL GROUNDS

The old tabernacle in the Colonial Hotel grounds - a landmark in the vicinity since its erection by the late Colonel Wood in 1892, is to be razed. The scene of Wood's popular menagerie, where seals were a great attraction, and of many public gatherings and entertainments which brought to the community such celebrated personages as Hobson, Albert Beveveridge, James Watson and Harry S. New, will be no more.

The building which long since lost its fine appearance, being used as a stable and later as a garage, will have to make way for parking space for automobiles, is the edict Fred Davis of Jeffersonville, chief owner of the Colonial hotel and grounds, [who] will donate the lumber to the fair association to be used in repairing sheds torn down by the cyclone of last March.

To care for his large patronage, Manager Ray Newell will supervise the construction of a new road north of the present one leading into his grounds and will open the old road which bordered the lake. The present road will be the road of ingress to the grounds, while the two roads will provide outlets. The arrangement will provide nearly treble the present parking space.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, June 22, 1925]

Harry Snodgrass' Orchestra and Martin Pirates, Wednesday Night, immediately following Mr. Snodgrass' fair program. Don't miss this musical treat. Colonial Terrace Gardens.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, September 1, 1925]

MARTIN, KOKOMO, NEW COLONIAL HOTEL MANAGER

Emil Martin of Kokomo, manager of the Martin's Pirates orchestra which played during the summer at the Colonial Hotel Terrace Gardens, has succeeded Ray Newell as manager of the hotel and dance pavilion, and has announced his intention of conducting dances every Sunday night throughout the winter, with Cowart's Canadian Roamers providing the music.

Mr. Newell's management of the resort terminated Sunday night, and he has announced no plans for his activities next Summer.

Fred Davis, owner of the hotel, lives at Jeffersonville.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, September 28, 1925]

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E. F. MARTIN NEW OWNER OF THE COLONIAL HOTEL

Arrangement for the purchase of the Colonial Hotel by Emil Martin, announced sometime ago as manager of the Lake Manitou hostelry and dance pavilion, has been completed. The ownership has been transferred from Fred Davis of Jeffersonville, Ind., to Mr. Martin.

The landscape gardener now is surveying the site for improvements, and interior remodeling, painting, etc. is under way. The dining room will be made into a lounge.

In addition to dances every Sunday night, Mr. Martin will stage dances on important holidays with special music for those occasions. These will be Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years nights.

Cowart's Canadian Roamers orchestra is providing the music for the Sunday night dances.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, October 2, 1925]

MANITOU COLONIAL HOTEL CO. FILES DISSOLUTION

Indianapolis, Nov. 13. (I.N.S.) - The Manitou Colonial Hotel company of Rochester, Ind., of which Fred W. Davis is principal stockholder, filed notice of dissolution with Secretary of State Schortemeier today.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, November 14, 1925]

[Adv] Dancing Sunday Night at the Colonial Hotel - - - Music by Howard's Melody Syucopators - - - E. F. MARTIN, Proprietor.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 11, 1925]

EMIL MARTIN GIVES UP COLONIAL HOTEL LEASE

Emil Martin, of Kokomo, successful and popular manager of the Colonial Hotel and Gardens has been forced by illness to give up his lease on the well known resort at Lake Manitou, according to the announcement made here this morning. Mr. Martin will leave shortly to spend the winter in California on advice of his physicians. He came here two years ago with his orchestra and last summer leased the grounds. He succeeded in building up a good reputation there and made the Colonial a very popular hotel and dance pavilion.

The Colonial is owned by Dr. Fred Davis, of Jeffersonville, Ind., who is in the city at the present time. He stated that he already had several applications from individuals who wished to lease the place and that in all probability such action would be done before spring.

Mr. Martin improved the hotel considerably, added extensively to the dance pavilion and made it a very attractive place. He also introduced an inovation in giving dances on certain nights all during the winter season at the pavilion.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, January 12, 1927]

COLONIAL HOTEL BOUGHT BY 2 INDIANAPOLIS MEN

A deal was consumated Friday afternoon through which the Colonial Hotel and Dance Pavilion located on the north side of Lake Manitou, becomes the property of H. A. Barnes and H. R. Croke, both of Indianapolis. This popular resort has been owned for the past several years by Dr. Fred Davis, of Jeffersonville, Ind., and the negotiations for sale was made through his brother, Charles Davis, of this city.

The new owners are both young married men and Mr. Barnes has had several years experience in businesses of this nature. The new proprietors will arrive in Rochester Tuesday and take up their residence at the hotel. While complete details of their plans for the operation of this resort are not available at this time, it was learned the proprietors intend opening up the dance pavilion on Sunday evening, April 24th.

Messrs. Barnes and Croke have signified their intentions of meeting with the Chamber of Commerce of this city next Tuesday evening at which time plans will be discussed for advertising the city and lake throughout Indiana.

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[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, April 16, 1927]

COLONIAL HOTEL IS READY FOR OPENING MAY 28TH

People of this section of the state will have a most pleasant surprise when they pay a visit to the New Colonial Hotel and Terrace Gardens on the opening date of this resort on May 28th. This popular resort was recently purchased by three Indianapolis men who already have expended several thousand dollars on the improvement of the hotel and grounds.

A new Master-Builder out-door dance pavilion has just been completed. The size of the floor is 50x75 feet and this is bordered with a 15 foot promenade, which allows ample room for tables and benches which are already arranged for the patrons. The floor is one of the largest in Indiana.

The large orchestra shell which adjoins the north edge of this pavilion will house the Murry Horton 9piece orchestra throughout the entire summer season. This leading musical ensemble was secured from the Hotel Alma, Cincinnati, O., and has been heard over the air through Station WKRC and WLW on numerous occasions. With this orchestra is Ralph Lillard well-known in this section of Indiana having formerly played with the Metropolitan orchestra at Manitou. Horton also carries several vaudeville artists who will be heard in various song hits and other forms of free entertainment.

The hotel proper has undergone complete repair and the interior sparkles with new paint and attractive floor coverings. The dining hall will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Dave WEIGMAN of Kokomo. These chefs are experienced hotel people and will no doubt offer the public excellent menu and service throughout the entire season.

The personnel of the Colonial Hotel Company consists of Wright, president, Whitehead, vice-president, and Shufflebarger, sec'y-treas, all of Indianapolis. An interview held with Mr. Wright recently also disclosed the fact that the services of an expert landscape gardener had been secured and although work of this nature is slow in getting started that next year would see the Colonial grounds one of the most attractive in the state.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, May 25, 1927]

LAKE MANITOU RESORT HOLDERS INCORPORATE

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept 28. - Incorporation of the Manitou Holding corporation to operate the Colonial hotel and Terrace Garden at Lake Manitou was completed yesterday with Webster Wright, vice president of the Jones-Whitaker Sales Company, William F. Purcell and Cyrus A. Whiteside, also associated with the sales company, as incorporators. The properties were operated by these three men during the summer. The Colonial hotel has been remodeled. The Terrace Garden, along the lake shore, has one of the largest outdoor dancing pavilions in the state.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, September 28, 1927]

COLONIAL HOTEL OWNERS MAY HAVE MUSKRAT FARM

The owners of the Colonial Hotel on the north bank of Lake Manitou are contemplating operating a muskrat farm. The hotel owners will utilize the pond made by the backwaters of the lake which lies to the north of the Colonial as a breeding grounds. Fencing will be constructed so that the valuable little animals can be properly confined. The Colonial Hotel muskrat farm will mark the third one now in operation at Lake Manitou. The others are owned by Joe Baker and Steve Lewis.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 17, 1928]

[Adv] Colonial Hotel and Gardens, Cincinnati Club Orchestra (WLW Broadcasters) - - - - - WRIGHT & PURCELL, Proprietors.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 17, 1929]

COLONIAL HOTEL IS NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

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Through a deal transacted a short time ago, the Colonial Hotel and Terrace Gardens, Lake Manitou, which was under the supervision of Webster Wright and Frank Purcell of Indianapolis last year, will be managed by Eddie L. St. Clair of Indianapolis this season.

Mr. St. Clair has already taken up his duties at the popular lake resort and will make his home at the hotel. While details for the coming summer season have not as yet been completed, the new manager announced that special feature dances will be held on each Saturday and Sunday nights up until the date of the formal opening. This week-end's dancing festivities will be featured with the Harry Jones Recording Band, of Amarillo, Texas, which is making a tour through the Central and Eastern states. This outfit carries a group of professional entertainers, comprised of tap dancing teams, soloists, accordian artist and a singing trio.

The interior dance hall has undergone a complete remodeling and resurfacing of the hardwood dance floor. A detailed story on Mr. St. Clair's program for the summer season will be announced in the near future.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 24, 1930]

[Adv] DANCING! At the Colonial Hotel & Gardens, Saturday & Sunday, May 30 and 31. HERBIE KAY'S Orchestra direct from Aragon Ballroom, Chicago - Sunday night.

ART DONOVAN and his Gold and Black Aces - Saturday night. Truly marvelous entertainment for this week end at the COLONIAL TERRACE GARDENS.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 28, 1931]

COMING TO LAKE MANITOU

Central and northern Indiana music lovers will be given an exceptional treat at Lake Manitou on the night of Sunday, June 14th when Ben Berne and his Orchestra, direct from the College Inn, Chicago, will furnish the dance music at the Colonial Hotel and Terrace Gardens.

This band, which is at the very pinnacle of dance orchestra success in the United States, is being brought to Manitou at an almost fabulous recompense, as a fitting wind-up to the State Legion Round-up which convenes in this city on June 13th and 14th. The management of the Colonial resort is completing plans to accommodate close to 5,000 people on the night of June 14th.

Berne, who has been heard "over the air" for the past several years from the leading ball rooms of Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati and New York, will attempt to accommodate all request numbers made by the dancers on this feature night. A most spacious double-deck promenade which borders the Colonial dance floor has just been completed, thus almost tripling the seating capacity of the pavilion. The management extends an invitation to all dancers and music lovers to take advantage of this exceptional musical treat which awaits them at Lake Manitou on next Sunday evening.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 9, 1931]

[Adv] COMING Saturday Evening, July 18 at the Colonial Terrace Gardens, Lake Manitou, PAUL TREMAINE (in person) and his Columbia Broadcasting Orchestra direct from "Lonely Acres" New York City. Dancing to 12 o'clock. \$1 per person including dancing.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, July 16, 1931]

N. Y. ORCHESTRA TO PLAY SEASON AT COLONIAL GARDENS

Another of Lake Manitou popular summer hotels and dance pavilions, The Colonial Hotel and Terrace Gardens, will hold its formal opening of the '32 season on Saturday evening of this week, according to a statement made today by proprietor A. C. Bradley.

The resort owner also announced that he had secured the "Bob" Souers' Columbia network Broadcasting orchestra, of New York City to play nightly engagements at this spacious pavilion throughout the entire summer season, starting Monday evening, June 13th. The New York band which is rated as one of the outstanding dance orchestras along the Atlantic Seaboard is comprised of 11 members among which are several outstanding entertainers and special feature

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artists. Radio fans who have heard the Souers' band pronounce it one of the best and most rhythmic musical organizations that is available over the ether waves.

"Bob" Souers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Souers, of New York, is well known in this vicinity, as he has spent his vacations in Rochester and Lake Manitou with his parents, for the past number of years.

Music for the formal opening Saturday, and on Sunday evening also, will be furnished by the Artie Collins Recording orchestra, direct from the Guyon's Paradise and Congress Hotel Chicago.

Book All-Star Band

Another high-light for the season at the Colonial will be the personal appearance of America's Waltz King, Wayne King and His Orchestra on Friday Evening July 1st. Mr. Bradley stated that this internationally famous orchestra was only one of several which will give personal appearances at his pavilion during the next three months.

Remodeling and refurbishing of the hotel dining room and guests rooms were completed during the middle of this week and everything such as the grounds, the modernly equipped bathing beach, acres of parking space is in readiness for the opening.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 10, 1932]

BOB SOUERS BAND PLEASES DANCERS AT COLONIAL

"Bob" Souers and His Hoosier State Band made their initial appearance at Colonial Terrace Gardens pavilion last night and got away to a most pleasing start. A large representation of Rochester people as well as lake visitors were present to hear and dance to the "sweet" music of the New York musical organization.

Mr. Souers, or "Bob", as he is known to his host of friends in Rochester, where he has spent his summers for the past 15 years, entered the orchestra field six years ago in the East. His 11-piece band recently completed a winter season engagement at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel, New York City, where certain periods of the program were sent out over the ether waves via the Columbia Network Broadcasting system. After the completion of the Barbizon contract Souers and His Band furnished the dancing music at the Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown, Penn. for several weeks and cancelled this booking just a few days ago, in order that he could bring his organization to his "home" town.

Excellent Entertainers

The "sweet" soft tones of the musical ensemble are of an exceptionally pleasing quality and the rhythm is perfect whether the selection be for the speediest and hottest of Collegian dances or a slow, gliding melody for the waltz fans. Souers, himself leads the band and also sings special vocal numbers in a delightfully breezy manner. Other features presented nightly are given by a trio and quartet, while the solo comedy and red-hot jazz "offerings" are cleverly presented by "Red" Huff, a special entertainer and former vodvil star.

The Souers Hoosier State Band will play nightly engagements at the Colonial Gardens and on next Saturday evening the management has secured the Bud Dant's Collegian band of Indiana University which together with Souers Hoosiers will stage a "battle of music" with specialties and vodvil numbers galore.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 14, 1932]

CRAWFORD BAND COMING

The featured band at the Colonial Hotel for Sunday night will be the Jack Crawford Victor Recording Orchestra, which is being booked through the Music Corporation of America. The hotel management stated today that numerous other internationally famous bands will appear at the Colonial Gardens every week and throughout the remainder of the summer season.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 23, 1933]

CRAWFORD BAND HERE

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Members of the Jack Crawford orchestra which were formerly known as the Clemens-Schuergen band that played last season at the Colonial Gardens open the week-end at the Gardens. The orchestra which has been playing at many of the leading hotels and resorts throughout the country departed today for St. Paul, where they will play a several weeks engagement at the Lowry hotel.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 2, 1934]

[Adv] Coming to COLONIAL GARDENS, Lake Manitou, Rochester on Saturday Evening August 4th, OZZIE NELSON and his orchestre, Featuring HARRIET HILLIARD. Dancing 9:30 pm. to 1:30 a.m. Admis sion 75¢ Per Person (tax included).

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, August 2, 1934]

COTTON CLUB ORCHESTRA OPENS COLONIAL SEASON

Les Wilcox and his Cotton Club Golden Casino orchestra of Chicago, open the dance season of the Colonial Hotel and Gardens this week end. This all-colored band which has been heard over the country's largest radio networks is said to be one of the hottest musical aggregations in the mid-western states. A special floor show, starring Ann Taylor and Irene Bragg will be presented during the Saturday night program.

The Colonial has been completely redecorated for the 1936 season, and the management stated that judging from advanced bookings for conventions, banquets and special meetings, the coming season would establish a new record at this resort.

New Improvements

A new triple-roll type awning is being erected over the outside dance pavilion which will permit perfect control of ventilation and shade - all three sections operating independently on ball-bearing tracks.

Work is now under way on the erection of a new bath house which will be equipped with lockers to accommodate 150 bathers.

Perhaps the major improvement to be completed at the Colonial this season will be that of the rathskeller compartments which are now under construction along the southern edge of the pavilion. Excavation and preliminary work on this improvement was started late last fall. The interior will be comprised of a cocktail lounge, grill and table service, dance pavilion, library and a special room for conventions or special meetings. The extrior of the rathskeller will be finished in white glazed tile.

New Faces

Byron Shore, of this city, a graduate of Notre Dame university, will assist in the management of the hotel and gardens during this season, and Otto Beehler, also of Rocheter, has been secured as the night clerk.

The cuisine department will be under the joint management of Mrs. Pagle and Mrs. Sibert. Miss Eva Rowe, of Akron, will have charge of the dining room.

The Colonial Hotel and dining room opened the forepart of the present week for complete service and will remain open throughout the remainder of the season. Nightly dances will be started on Saturday evening, June 13th, and week-end dances will be given on June 6th and 7th, it was stated.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 29, 1936]

BARNEY RAPP FEATURED AT COLONIAL GARDENS

Barney Rapp and his New Englanders, direct from the Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, opens a three night engagement at the Colonial Gardens tonight. The Barney Rapp band will need no introduction to the dance goers in this section of the state as they played a month's engagement at the Colonial last season.

Special features with the Rapp organization are Vocalist Ruby Wright, comedy entertainers Sid Stanley, Sammy Leeds and the Floor show entertainers Slim Allen and Shine Moore.

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This band has been heard over the NBC hook-ups for the past year or more and have played in practically all the leading hotels and dance clubs throughout the country. A large crowd is expected to greet Barney and his entertainers during their brief stay at the lake.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 14, 1936]

COLONIAL HOTEL-GARDENS RAZED BY FLAMES

ESTIMATED LOSS IS IN EXCESS OF \$110,000 NO PLANS FOR FUTURE

The Colonial Hotel and Terrace Gardens, Lake Manitou, one of the finest summer resort hotels in the mid-west states, was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday evening. Early estimates of the loss to the building and contents were placed between \$100,000 and \$125,000. The loss was only partly covered by insurance.

The fire started in the soda fountain section, situated at the west end of the large dance pavilion, where a defective wire in the lighting or refrigeration is believed to have become short-circuited. A medium-strong, southwest wind from the lake fanned the flames and quickly spread the roaring inferno to the main structure of the two-story, 50-bedroom hotel, and to the tap-room, situated at the east end of the spacious gardens.

Rathskellar Partly Ruined

The structure of the new rathskellar which was completed in 1937, was only partly damaged by the flames, although practically all of the contents and fixtures of this modern-equipped branch of the hostelry were damaged or destroyed.

The flames were discovered shortly before four o'clock by Tom Scanlon, one of the hotel's caretakers, and the father-in-law of Mr. A. C. Bradley, owner of the hotel. Dee Shuman, of this city is also employed as night watchman of the hotel property.

The fire had gathered considerable headway by the time the Rochester fire department's pumper truck crew had stretched their several lines of hose into the lake, and in a matter of 10 or 15 minutes the entire structure of the main pavilion and its second story galleries, where tables and chairs were stored, was in a mass of flames.

Futile Battle

Within a short time, despite the valiant efforts of the fire-fighters, it was evident that little or no progress was being made in combatting the blaze and the Rochester Township pumper truck was summoned and joined in a gruelling and futile battle to save at least a portion of the hotel, proper. Firemen and volunteer aid were able to salvage only a small portion of the costly fixtures and contents of the building. Miraculously, no one was injured or seriously burned during the many attempts to remove a portion of the contents.

Hundreds at Scene

As no cottages are within a block of the hotel buildings, the fire-fighters concentrated their efforts in combatting the roaring, crackling blaze which leaped skyward almost a hundred feet. Hundreds of residents from Akron, Macy, Fulton and neighboring towns, attracted by the blaze, soon assembled at the scene to witness the spectacle.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, and daughter, Mary Jane, were in Indianapolis Tuesday, and returned at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, to learn of their loss.

The fire-fighters and a pumper truck remained throughout the night to prevent any further spread of the flames and at noon today, small streams were still being played on the smouldering ruins. So intense was the heat and brisk the wind during the height of the veritable holocaust, a large tree a full two blocks north of the hotel and across a bayou, caught afire and smouldered away throughout the night.

Continuous Improvements

The Colonial Hotel, a modest-type cement and frame structure building, was built in the year of 1913 by Dr. Fred Davis, of Jeffersonville, Ind. Mr. A. C. Bradley purchased the resort, which is situated on a ten-acre plot on the northwest shore of Lake Manitou, in 1930. From that date on the Colonial Hotel and Terrace Gardens underwent a continuous series of improvements

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under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, until the present date, at which time it was regarded as one of the finest and most popular resort hotels in the mid-west.

For the past few years the leading dance bands of America were constantly featured at the Colonial Gardens throughout the summer and fall seasons and peak crowds of from 2,500 to 3,000 were not unusual. Among the latest improvements was the modernization of the hotel basement, including a recreation room, living quarters and showers and equipment for the hotel's year around employees. During the busy summer season, the Bradleys had from between 80 to 100 employees on their payroll. During the season just closed the Reggie Childs Band of New York City played an entire summer engagement and featured regular broadcasts from the Gardens over the NBC chain.

In an interview with Mr. Bradley, at noon today, he stated his plans concerning rebuilding of the popular hotel and gardens were undetermined at the present. The Bradleys own considerable property in both Indianapolis and Fulton county and during the past eight years have spent most of their time at their lake home and their hotel property.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, October 26, 1938]

PAGE AND DEVINE PURCHASE THE COLONIAL HOTEL

Rochester and Lake Manitou will have a modern lake hotel and dance pavilion this summer season, despite the fact that fires of mysterious origin wiped out both the Colonial and Fairview Hotels, since the close of the '38 resort business, at Lake Manitou.

Late Saturday afternoon, a business transaction which had been in progress for several weeks was completed and Harry E. Page, of this city, and Tom Devine, of Indianapolis, became the owners of the Colonial Hotel and grounds, which they purchased from A. C. Bradley, of this city.

Mr. Page, who this season starts his 30th year in business at Lake Manitou, is a pioneer in the lake hotel and amusement business and is well known over the mid-western area through his long years as owner and manager of the Fairview Hotel and Gardens.

Experienced Hotel Man

Tom Devine, co-owner of the new lake hotel, which will be operated under the name of "The Colonial Hotel & Terrace Gardens, Inc.", is manager of the Indiana Roof Ballroom, and former operator of the Indiana Theatre, of Indianapolis. Mr. Devine, prior to his business connection in Indianapolis, for several years operated ballrooms and theaters at Long Beach, Calif. and Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. Devine, who is a married man will take up his residency at Lake Manitou immediately and he and Mr. Page will be in charge of the new resort hotel and ballroom. The new owners stated today that the mode of operation of the Colonial Hotel and Gardens would be conducted in the same character and method as that of the Fairview Hotel and Gardens. Through Mr. Devine's years of contact with the leading bands of the country at the Indiana Ballroom, the patrons of The Colonial will be given an even higher standard of entertainment than has ever been brought to Lake Manitou

Building Is Started

A large force of carpenters and workmen were at work Monday morning in preparation of having the new hotel and ballroom in readiness for the season's opening which will be held Saturday night, May 27. The hotel and ballroom, it was said will be in ship-shape condition by this date, and throughout the remainder of the summer and fall season a continuous process of improvements will be underway at The Colonial.

Along with the completion of the hotel building already in process, plans are being drafted to erect a wing on the east end of the hotel structure for an additional 25 moderately equipped rooms which may be used throughout the entire year. For the present season, however, the dining room of The Colonial Hotel will be situated in the Rathskellar.

Will Seat 1800 Persons

The new ballroom floor will be practically the same size as the former one, and equipment is being constructed around the floor for the seating accommodation of 1800 patrons.

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An entirely new lighting effect, orchestra pit and stage arrangement are also embraced in the new plans. A public address system which will carry the music and various programs to every corner of the hotel proper will also be in readiness by the opening date, it was stated.

The Colonial Hotel and Gardens was destroyed by fire on the evening of October 25th, 1938 and on January 31st, 1939 flames wiped out the Fairview Hotel leaving this popular lake and amusement resort void of two of the most up-to-date amusements spots in the mid-west states.

To Rebuild at Fairview

Mr. Page states his present intention regarding the site of Fairview Hotel is to erect a colonial-type commercial hotel in the near future. Additional land has been purchased to provide larger parking facilities and landscaping at the site. The new hotel will be of fire-proof construction throughout.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, May 1, 1939]

COLONIAL GARDENS FORMAL OPENING SATURDAY MAY 27

Saturday evening, May 27th, will mark the official opening of the dance and amusement season at Lake Manitou when the Colonial Hotel and Terrace Gardens' new and spacious dance pavilion features an evening of dancing and special entertainment. A crew of some fifty or more carpenters, masons, electricians and laborers have been working in continuous shifts on the pavilion since the first week in May and it is now apparent that everything will be in readiness for the gala opening event.

"Cocky" Robbins and his 12-piece band from the Indiana University has been engaged for the opening date and will continue through on a four-night booking at the Colonial pavilion, presenting the final program on Tuesday evening, May 30th. Robbins and his I.U. Campus band is rated tops in the mid-west's collegiate band field, and ranks exceptionally high with the Hoosier dance goers.

Isham Jones Coming

On Wednesday evening, June 7th, the Colonial management will present that internationally renowned favorite, Isham Jones and his orchestra, and on the following Saturday, June 10th the season's nightly dance program will open with a leading "name" band. With the Jones' orchestra is featured Eddie Stone, the riotous comedian and entertainer, whom the dance patrons will better remember as "Cuspie" Marblestone. "Cuspie" or Eddie has often appeared at the old Fairview Gardens where his antics always registered with decisive clicks.

The new pavilion, which will be finished in a green and white color scheme, will seat 1800 patrons. The chairs, tables and other seating accommodations are of modern steel-type structure. The orchestra pit which is located at the eastern edge of the dance floor proper is of large stage-like construction and the pit as well as the pavilion is equipped with most pleasing multiple lighting effects.

Messrs. Page and Devine, owners of The Colonial stated today that all construction work has been centered solely on the completion of the dance pavilion and its various departments. Immediately following the opening of the pavilion all activity will be centered on the construction of a new 50 room hotel wing, which will adjoin the present structure of The Colonial Hotel.

The new wing will also include a large dining room which will accommodate 250 people. The guest rooms will all be equipped with modern style furnishings and each room will have a private bath and every convenience to be found in an up-to-date commercial hotel. The hotel structure to the west will include 38 modernly equipped rooms, all with private baths and other niceties. A new steam heating system is being installed to heat the buildings.

Hotel Opens June 15th

The formal opening of the hotel is planned for June 15th.

The owners stated today the hotel will be operated as a year around resort and commercial hostelry and the policy would be along the same lines as the average modern commercial hotel.

During the construction of the new hotel, the beautifully appointed Rathskellar will be used exclusively as the dining room and for party and convention service.

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Each department of the new and mammoth Colonial Hoel and Gardens is being thoroughly completed in turn; this plan also includes that of the service personnel and through this procedure the management expects to give the public far more efficient service than could be obtained at either the old Fairview or the Colonial.

Popular Prices

The business policy of the new Colonial for this year and future years will be along the same line of procedure as that which existed at the Fairview Hotel and Gardens and the same old popular admission charges will prevail, irrespective of the many additional improvements the new Colonial will afford.

The management anticipates a record-breaking crowd for the opening of the pavilion and guarantees the dance lovers of the northern Indiana area that everything will be in readiness for this outstanding event.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 19, 1939]

HOTELS - COLUMBIA PARK HOTEL [Rochester Township]

Located on N shore of Lake Manitou in Ferndale Park.

See: Hotels - Fairview

NEW LAKE HOTEL

Notwithstanding the fact that the weather hovers around the zero mark and most people are thinking about firesides, there are some Rochester citizens who are looking to the time when next summer will be with us.

One of these men is O. A. Davis, the new owner of Ferndale Park at Lake Manitou. Mr. Davis is now busy finishing plans for a fine new modern hotel, which will grace the park property in the early spring and which is to be completed by May 1. The new hostelry, which will be known as Columbia hotel of Ferndale Park, Lake Manitou, will be a cement block structure, 150x70 feet. The main building will be 50x70 feet and a wing 100 feet long will extend to the west, where the old flowing well is located. The whole structure will be two stories and will be as near fire proof as is practical. Steel will be used as a foundation for the floors, which will be of cement. The walls will also be built of steel covered with plaster. On the outside the building will present a distinct colonial appearance, with a veranda supported by massive columns extending the entire length of the building. The roof will extend six feet.

The interior of this modern structure will be divided into fifty guest rooms all of which will have outside windows to the north and south. The dining room will be 20x50 feet and will be naturally lighted on three sides, making it a most pleasant place to dine. In the basement a cold storage will be built and it may be possible that a private lighting system will also be installed there. However, it is the desire of Mr. Davis to obtain his light from a private wire from the Rochester Electric Light Co., and if possible this will be done. The hotel will be equipped with bath rooms for the use of guests, and the water supply will be furnished from a private system.

Another plan of this progressive builder is to erect a cement bath house on the point to the southeast of the hotel. The bayou has already been dredged to a depth of six or seven feet and the beach is an ideal spot of sand. The bath house will be opened to the public at a nominal sum.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 9, 1912]

Lake Manitou in season offered the Columbia Park Hotel where the Colonial now stands. This was operated by Colonel Wood, a retired showman.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Wednesday, April 25, 1956]

Still later Colonial Condominiums.

HOTELS - CONTINENTAL HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located on site of future Arlington Hotel.

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Enterprise. Mr. I. T. Van Duzer, with the services of a number of workmen, is busily engaged remodeling and fitting up his building commonly known as the "Mansion House," for the purpose of starting a hotel. With the prospects of our Railroads, and the central location of the house, we cannot see why the business could not be made a very profitable one. Rochester will then have three hotels . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 4, 1867]

New Hotel. Continental House. I. T. Van Duzer, Proprietor, corner of Main and Washington Streets, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester *Chronicle* Thursday, May 23, 1867]

Anniversary Ball. There will be a grand Cotillion party given on the evening of Thursday July 4th, 1867, at the new building one door South of the Continental House. Good music and prompter. . . Those desiring it can have supper at the Continental House during the evening.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 27, 1867]

City Livery and Sale Stables. Mr. James Rannells . . . has purchased the stable formerly owned by Dr. Thompson, and has moved into the large and spacious stable at the Continental Couse. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, February 20, 1868]

Why We Enlarged. . . we have enlarged from a six to a seven column paper . . . In the meantime, Mr. Spotts having taken charge of the "Continental House," although still retaining his interest in the office, has left the whole management of the paper to us . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 2, 1868]

The Continental House, under the supervision of mine host, I. T. Van Duzer, is daily growing in popularity. Mr. Spotts, recently of the *Chronicle*, does the honors polite . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 30, 1868]

Hotel Property for Sale. Continental House, Located on the corner of Main and Washington streets, Rochester, Indiana. Also a Stable, capable of accommodating forty horses, and suitable for a livery stable. The hotel has lately been refurnished and thoroughly renovated, and is provided with every convenience as to water, outhouses, and a vegetable garden. . . I. T. Van Duzer, Agent. Rochester, July 29, 1868.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, August 6, 1868]

HOTELS - COREY HOTEL [Lake Manitou]

LOCAL NEWS - WEDNESDAY

The Holden Bros. are continually adding to and improving their property on the east side of Lake Manitou, and now own almost the whole of what is known as the East Side. The latest addition was made this morning, when they purchased the Corey hotel.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 20, 1902]

HOTELS - COTTAGE HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located [200 East 8th] NE corner 8th & Madison. Present site of Post Office.

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

COTTAGE HOTEL SOLD

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By a deal that was made Saturday afternoon, the Cottage Hotel, the popular hostelry on the [N.E.] corner of Madison and Eighth streets, changed hands, James Dice of this city becoming the new landlord.

J. D. Burns, the retiring proprietor, has been located at the Cottage for a number of years and in that time has gained a large patronage. The incoming landlord is a man of many business qualities and will, no doubt, prove successful, as did his predecessor.

The hotel will be given a general overhauling and will be repapered and redecorated throughout. The new owner will take possession this week.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 7, 1910]

HOSTELRY CHANGES HANDS

The Cottage hotel of this city has again changed hands, the deal having been completed Tuesday. A Mr. Toner of Chicago, is to be the new proprietor, having purchased Landlord W. H. Henry's interest. The new owner will take possession Saturday and as he has had considerable experience in the hotel business it is expected he will enjoy a lucrative patronage.

The retiring landlord has not decided on his course of action, but will remain in Rochester at least for a time.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, July 19, 1911]

COTTAGE HOTEL SOLD FRIDAY

The Cottage hotel, which has been managed for a little less than a year by J. M. Toner, was sold by him Friday afternoon to Harris Cowan of Mississippi. The new owner will take charge of the hostelry on Thursday of next week and expects to conduct a first class stopping place for the traveling public. Mrs. Cowan, who is a former Kewanna woman, has had considerable experience in the hotel business and will be a material aid to her husband.

The retiring proprietor has not fully decided on the business course he will pursue, but it may be that he will remain in Rochester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 20, 1912]

COTTAGE HOTEL TO RE-OPEN

Mrs. Minnie Hughston, formerly a resident of Rochester, arrived in the city this afternoon from Chicago and at once will start upon the task of getting the Cottage hotel on East Eighth street ready for occupancy. Mrs. Hughston, who has had ample experience in the hotel business, will refurbish the Cottage throughout and when completed the hotel will rank with the best. The ups and downs of those who in former years have operated the hotel have been many, but it is thought that the new landlady will be able to manage the place with success. Mrs. Hughston is well and favorably known by a large number of Rochester people and she has the best wishes for success from all.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, October 4, 1912]

HOTEL IS SOLD

The Cottage Hotel, which has been operated by Mr. & Mrs. Ol Minor, was sold Saturday, to Mrs. Minnie Jones and Mary Clifton. The new proprietors have had experience in the hotel business. Mrs. Jones has been working for her father, John Peoples, who owns and runs the Peoples Hotel and Livery Barn. They will repair and furnish the Cottage hotel in first class shape.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, September 15, 1913]

ALMIRA RICHTER DIES AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Almira RICHTER wife of Leonard RICHTER, landlord of the Cottage hotel, died at the Woodlawn hospital at 12:15 today, where she was taken Sunday evening for the purpose of an

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operation. Mrs. Richter went on the operating table this morning but her strength was such that she died without coming out from under the influence of the opiate. Mrs. Richter was afflicted with a tumor.

Mr. and Mrs. Richter moved to Rochester just a month ago when he purchased the Cottage hotel. For years they lived on the old home place nine miles east of Rochester. Soon after coming here Mrs. Richter suffered a complete breakdown in health. She was 60 years of age.

Miss Almira BEERY was married to Leonard RICHTER 42 years ago and was the mother of 10 children, eight of whom are living, Mrs. Luella JOHNSON, C. E. RICHTER, Mrs. Leitha Lavina BLACKBURN, Homer D. RICHTER, Mrs. Emma HEETER, Vern RICHTER and Mrs. Sylvia May PFEIFFER. Mrs. Richter was a member of the Saints church.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, September 1, 1914]

COTTAGE HOTEL, ERECTED IN 1846, GUTTED BY FIRE

Fire, caused by a defective chimney, gutted the Cottage hotel, corner Eighth and Madison streets, early Saturday morning, causing a loss estimated at from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

When discovered at 4:15 o'clock by Arthur Sales, who lives one door north, the blaze was leaping thru the roof, while the landlord, Crate Anderson, and four guests slumbered. A wild scramble to save part of the furniture followed, while one of the guests in his fright, escaped from the upper floor by climbing thru a window and down a tree, reaching the snow covered ground in his night clothes. It is said that rotten fire hose and a frozen hydrant caused delay in getting water to the blaze.

An agitation started at the last meeting of the city council for a new fire whistle proved to be well founded as few people heard the alarm. The blaze was reported by Sales who gets up at four o'clock to go to his work at a livery barn. Mrs. Sales saw the reflection on the building north. She told her husband who, partly dressed, ran to the fire station one square north and turned in the alarm. The wagon in charge of Assistant Chief George Ice and Chief Bibler was on the scene within 10 minutes and other firemen and officers, among them Sam Glaze, Richard Steen, Marshal Havens, Frank Rees, Arthur Shireman, John Kreigle, Bert Hisey, Leo Clemans and Sheriff Coplen, were soon in the building taking out the furniture. It was realized from the first that the structure was doomed.

A frozen hydrant at Madison and Seventh sts., caused a delay of five minutes. The hose was attached and several men had the hose on top of the building when they discovered that the plug was solid. The team was rushed back to Eighth and a single strand attached, but it soon burst under the pressure. Rotten hose continued to cause trouble and several times the blaze was partly under control when "rip," "bang," the hose gave way.

Of the 14 rooms in the house, the furniture from about five was carried out. Landlord Anderson was in one of the upper bedrooms trying to save a piece of furniture, with the help of a guest, when his companion lost his nerve and ran. Several fellows risked being burned to assist in saving goods. At six o'clock the fire was under control but the firemen did not get away until 7:30. The front part of the structure is standing, but the timber not damaged is hardly worth over \$50. Not one of the other houses near was touched.

No one knows for sure the cause of the blaze, but the fire was discovered in the roof around a chimney leading from the office. Two night lamps were burning, the house being lighted with gas. The building was one of the oldest in the city, being built in 1846 by Jacob Kitt, father of Mrs. Al Pugh of this city. It now belongs to the estate of Dr. William Hill, who rented it for \$15 monthly. It was remodeled for a hotel about 10 years ago. The office on the west side was added, by Dr. Hil, to the original building, which was hand made thruout, being erected at a time when there was no planing mill in the county. The property is now under the supervision of William Allman, of Argos, administrator of the Hill estate, the proceeds of which go to Mrs. Hill during her life time. A modern residence will probably be erected on the site.

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Only \$200 insurance was carried on the building while Mr. Anderson had \$500 in protection on the furniture. He estimates his loss at \$1,200.

Mrs. Hill, who lives next door east, did not know that the hotel was on fire until notified by Mrs. James Coplen.

Miss Lavina Blackburn, who is a hotel employee, ran across the street to the Coplen home bare-footed, carrying her shoes in her hand.

Fred Beckley, a guest, heard a woman scream "fire" and after dressing called another man in the next room who was sleeping too soundly to hear the alarm.

After a dresser had been taken from the house, it fell over on the street breaking the mirror, while a kitchen cabinet filled with dishes was tumbled over by the wind.

Although not a member of the department, "Dick" Steen led in the fight to quench the blaze. With Arthur Sales he controlled one hose for over an hour and at one time led the way into the building.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 5, 1916]

HARRY McWILLIAMS DIES

Word has been received in this city of the death of Harry McWILLIAMS, 17, at Middletown, Ohio, March 6th, caused from burns as the result of a kerosene can exploding. He was employed as a helper in the millwright department of the Miami cycle company of that city and had stepped into the welding department for a few minutes while he was idle from his duties.

Young McWilliams is a grandson of Mrs. O. C. MINER and lived in this city about six years ago when his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. MINER, ran the old COTTAGE HOTEL at the corner of Eighth and Madison. Mr. Miner while in this city was employed as a cigar maker.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 7, 1920]

The Cottage Hotel at the site now occupied by the post office housed with its frame structure many of the old time peddlers who arrived via the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, now the Nickle Plate. (Norfolk & Western). . . . We truly miss the Jefferson Hotel and its dollar a night rooms, the Cottage Hotel and its 35 cent meals, the Erie Hotel and its lunch counter of 5 cent pie and sandwiches and the Ditton Boarding House with all you can eat when the dinner ball rang.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Wednesday, April 25, 1956]

J. D. Burns, proprietor

HOTELS - CULVER HOTEL

NEW CULVER HOTEL

O. V. Outland, the owner of a number of cottages near Culver academy, announces that he will this season put up a 40-room hotel. It will have its own electric light and water service and will be modern in every respect.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 21, 1916]

HOTELS - DAM LANDING HOTEL [Lake Manitou]

Located S of the dam at Lake Manitou.

Known as Starkey's Dam Landing Hotel for several years.

NEW HOTEL AT LAKE MANITOU

W. O. Fessler, who recently purchased the Dam landing at Lake Manitou, of Charles Robertson, has completed plans to erect a small hotel upon the spot. The building will be 22 by 48, two stories high with two large porches in front. The upper floor will contain 10 sleeping rooms. The old buildings which have been standing for years will be torn down. Workmen are now engaged in getting ready for the job.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 19, 1918]

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NEW HOTEL TO OPEN MAY 19th

Landlord Fessler, of the Dam Landing, announced Thursday that the formal opening of his new hotel will be staged Sunday May 19th, rain or shine. The Citizens band has been engaged to play morning, afternoon and evening. A special dinner menu has been prepared.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 9, 1918]

HOTEL CHANGES HANDS

The Dam Landing hotel, built and operated last season by W. O. Fessler, has been sold by Mr. Fessler to H. D. Rockwell, of Indianapolis, who will manage the place himself.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 28, 1919]

DAM LANDING HOTEL SOLD TO INDIANAPOLIS PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rockwell announced today they have sold their Dam Landing hotel and boat landing on the west shore of Lake Manitou to W. R. Starkey of Indianapolis.

The hotel and landing, popular with fishermen and sportsmen throughout the state, have been operated by the Rockwells for the past 24 years.

The new owner has been manager of the Labor Union Club in Indianapolis for a number of years. He is an experienced hotel manager and caterer.

Starkey will move his wife and two children to Rochester and assume possession of the property May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, said they plan to vacation this summer at Lake Manitou and later will purchase a farm near Indianapolis and make their home there.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 27, 1943]

HOTELS - DITTON BOARDING HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located W side of street at 710-714 Main.

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

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[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Wednesday, April 25, 1956]

HOTELS - EAST SIDE HOTEL [Lake Manitou]

[See: LAKE MANITOU, LAKE MANITOU'S EARLY HISTORY - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 11, 1922]

See: Hotels - Fairview

... there was the lake's East Side Hotel with a Mr. Swearingen as host . . .

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[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 20, 1909]

HOTELS - EDICO [Lake Manitou]

HOTEL AT LONG BEACH TO OPEN ON THE FOURTH

The Manitou Hotel at the Long Beach Amusement Park which was purchased several weeks ago from A. J. Barrett by Richard Edwards, of Indianapolis, will be opened to the public on July Fourth. During the past five weeks Mr. Edwards has refurnished and re-decorated the hotel. New beds have been installed in each of the rooms. Meals will be served and a specialty of Italian dinners will be made. A Tom Thumb golf course has been erected by Mr. Edwards near the hotel for the amusement of the guests and also the general public. The course is lighted by a number of large flood lights so that the sport may be enjoyed at night as well as by day. Tom Thumb golf courses have proved popular everywhere they have been installed. Mr. Edwards has changed the name of the hotel to the "Edico."

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 30, 1930]

HOTELS - ELAM HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located SE corner 6th & Main.

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Dr. M. M. Rex will leave Rochester next Wednesday. Persons wishing his services should call previous to that time; they will find the Doctor a skillful dentist and a perfect gentleman. Office at the Elam House.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 22, 1859]

Dr. Mawson, Dentist, will leave Rochester on Tuesday; those wanting work done in his line should call previous to that time. Office at the Elam House.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, February 26, 1859]

Elam House. We direct the attention of the public to an advertisement of his Hotel, in another part of the paper. The house has been refitted with new furniture throughout, and will prove a favorite with the traveling public.

-- Elam House, Rochester, Ind. G. Brainard, Proprietor. General stage office for Plymouth, Logansport, Peru and intermediate points. . .

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, April 2, 1859]

Dental Notice. M. M. Rex is again stopping at the Elam House for a few days where he is prepared to wait on all that wish anything in his line.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, July 19, 1860]

Holeman House (Formerly the Elam House), Rochester, Indiana . . . located on the East side of Main street, in the center of the town, has been thoroughly refitted, and the proprietor begs leave to assure the public that no effort will be spared to deserve a liberal patronage. O. B. Holeman, February 13, 1862.

[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, February 20, 1862]

We have carelessly omitted to mention that R. N. Rannells has opened a hotel in the building formerly known as the Elam House, opposite the Methodist Church. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 14, 1864]

HOTELS - ERIE HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located SE corner 1st and Pontiac, diagonally from the Erie depot.

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

PERSONAL

Miss Della Pontius an employe of the Erie hotel, who has been very sick with typhoid fever, is now much improved.

[Rochester *Sentinel*, Thursday, July 21, 1904]

MURPHY RESTAURANT SOLD

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The North End Bakery and Restaurant owned by T. A. Murphy was sold Saturday afternoon to J. C. Becker and Lon Ware of this city who took charge at once.

The new proprietors are well known in the restaurant business of Rochester, having had charge of the Erie hotel for a number of years and are known to be very efficient in this profession.

The retiring owner, Mr. Murphy, will retire from active business life and will take a trip throughout the West in an effort to regain his health.

At present Mr. Becker will remain at the Erie Hotel.
[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 13, 1908]

Major Albert Henry SKINNER, 61, former owner of the bookstore now conducted by A. L. CARTER and Co., died Monday morning about nine o'clock, a victim of sciatic rheumatism. He had been ill for about two months but Sunday sat up in bed and seemed much better. Monday morning he suddenly fainted, the attack going to his heart.

Mr. Skinner had been a resident of Rochester ever since his father, William SKINNER, and he purchased the WEST SIDE hotel in 1881. After the death of the father about 20 years ago, Mr. Skinner bought the ERIE hotel which he owned for a number of years, later buying a bookstore of A. T. BITTERS, which he owned until a year ago last May.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, December 11, 1916]

ERIE HOTEL SOLD TO J. TONER OF SO. BEND

Fred Agster has sold the building at 181 Pontiac street which houses the Erie Hotel and Restaurant to John Toner of South Bend. Cal Becker who has operated the hotel and restaurant since 1902 has a lease on the building until February 27, 1927. It is presumed at that time Mr. Toner will take possession of his purchase. Mr. Toner for many years operated the Jefferson Hotel at the corner of Main and Sixth streets. He is well known to the traveling public.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, November 23, 1926]

James Calvin BECKER, age 66, well known retired restaurant and hotel man of this city, died at 6:30 Wednesday morning at his home on North Pontiac Street following an illness of five weeks with heart trouble and complications.

The deceased was born at Fostoria, Ohio, on July 29th, 1861 the son of Irvin and Lida Ann BECKER. Practically all of his life had been spent in Rochester where for many years he operated the ERIE HOTEL. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge.

Surviving are the widow, one son, Cal Reed BECKER, of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and a daughter, Miss Alice [BECKER] at home. The day and hour of funeral has not definitely been decided and will be announced in Thursday's News-Sentinel. Rev. D. S. PERRY will conduct the funeral services and burial will be made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

[Obit, The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, May 4, 1927]

ERIE HOTEL IS SOLD TO ERNEST NEWMAN MONDAY

The Erie Hotel and restaurant on North Pontiac Street opposite the Erie depot has been sold by John M. TONER to Ernest R. NEWMAN. The deal was completed early this week the new owner taking possession immediately. The consideration was \$4,000. The Erie Hotel is one of the oldest hotels in the city and enjoys a large patronage by traveling and railroad men. Mr. Toner purchased the hotel 14 months ago of the late Cal BECKER. Mr. Newman, who is an experienced hotel and restaurant man plans to keep the lunchroom open all night long.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, January 25, 1928]

Ernest R. NEWMAN, aged 53 years, passed away at his home on North Pontiac street at 9:30 o'clock Thursday evening following a year's illness from Bright's disease. The deceased who was the proprietor of the Erie Hotel and restaurant had a wide circle of friends in Rochester and vicinity.

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Ernest R., son of Rawleigh and Anna (STONEBECK) NEWMAN was born on May 10, 1876 at Rensselaer, Ind. In the year of 1903 he resided in this city with his parents. For several years he was employed as a traveling salesman and later operated a cafe in Huntington, Ind. Two years ago he removed to Rochester where he purchased and operated the Erie Hotel.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, July 5, 1929]

LEASES HOTEL

Mrs. Leo Felty has leased the Erie Hotel on North Pontiac Street. She is having both the exterior and interior of the hotel redecorated. The bedrooms are being refurnished.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, June 23, 1932]

LEASES HOTEL

Mr. and Mrs. Reub Carr have leased the Erie Hotel and will operate the same. They have reopened the lunch room and will serve meals and short orders at all times of the day and night. The Erie hotel and lunch room have been closed for several months.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 21, 1936]

H. F. VICTOR TO OPEN ERIE HOTEL AND CAFE

H. F. Victor today announced he will re-open the Erie Hotel and Restaurant for business on Monday March 16th. The entire hotel and dininng room has been remodeled, redecorated and furnished with modern equipment.

The new proprietor states he will cater to Sunday dinner trade as well as week-day lunch specials. He will also give curb service for sandwiches, ice cream and malts. Mr. Victor who is an experienced restaurant man, was employed at the Carter Steak House in Peru and the Rock City Cafe in Wabash, for a number of years.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 11, 1942]

BUYS ERIE HOTEL

H. F. Benson, an experienced hotel and restaurant man, of Michigan City, yesterday purchased the Erie Hotel, north Pontiac street, from L. C. Patrick, of this city. Mr. Benson took over active charge of the hotel today and stated he is planning to make several improvements. The retiring proprietor plans to enter business at Goshen, Ind.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 19, 1942]

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[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Wednesday, April 25, 1956]

Lunch counter of five cent pie and sandwiches.

HOTELS - FAIRVIEW HOTEL [Lake Manitou]

Referred to as Holden's Fairview Hotel.

Burned Jan. 22, 1939.

Also See Page, Harry

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Harry Page built the large outdoor pavilion with a roomy band shell. One of the first bands that became immensely popular here was headed by Charley Davis, which had been playing at the Ohio Theatre in Indianapolis. Through the following years nearly all of the famed big bands played one night stands at the lake resorts. At times the crowds were so large there was very little room left for dancing.

[Hugh A. Barnhart, *Fulton Co. Folks*, Vol. 1, Willard]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Holden Inn place at Manitou Park has been greatly beautified. New concrete steps, pier and water brake have been put in, a new system of gas lights is installed, the new launch is proving the best ever, and it is named Fairview Hotel.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 22, 1907]

[Adv] FAIRVIEW SUMMER HOTEL. Successor to Holdens' Inn, Lake Manitou, Rochester, Ind. McCarter & Rader, Proprietors. Season's Opening, Sunday, May 30. Menu - - -

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[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 20, 1907]

NEW HOTEL OPENING

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And Rochester should show its appreciation of this fine improvement. Mr. Rader has invested lots of money in making his place a credit to Rochester and the town should show its appreciation of his efforts by giving him a good send off this evening.

All who go may have free transportation across the lake in the Fairview launch if they will go to the Chamberlain landing after notifying Mr. Rader by phone that they are coming.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 6, 1908]

FAIRVIEW SOLD

Landlord Frank Rader of Fairview returned home Tuesday evening from Indianapolis and announced that he had sold Fairview hotel to Mr. Carey L. Smith of that city.

The new proprietor is an experienced hotel man of means and Mr. Rader stated that he had promised many things for the improvement of the popular East Side summer resort.

As soon as spring opens Mr. Smith will build an addition to the already large hotel so that the ever increasing patronage may be adequately cared for. Amusement seekers will be more than pleased to learn that they are to be catered to by the new owner. A toboggan slide will be erected and the natural advantages of the landing will make it an ideal sport. A large roller coaster will be erected near the hotel building which makes a sure hit at all summering places. Bowling alleys will also be one of the entertaining features to be added. One of the most essential things to be done will be the building of a spacious bath house, which has long been demanded by not only visitors but by Rochester people who Sunday at Manitou. And last but not least Landlord Smith will make an especial effort to make his menu one to appeal to the most exacting.

With all these improvements Fairview will be one of the most popular resorts in northern Indiana and will enjoy the largest patronage in its history.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 17, 1909]

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[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 20, 1909]

FAIRVIEW HOTEL CLOSED

Fairview hotel, which has been under the management of C. C. Jones of Indianapolis during the present season was closed to the public this morning and Landlord Jones has gone back to his home in Indianapolis. Mr. Jones gave as his reasons for closing that it cost about \$50 a week to run the hotel and as there were no guests he decided to close up.

Mr. Rader, owner of the hotel could not be located today, but it is understood that he will open up the hotel at once and uphold the high standard of the place that he introduced last year. Fairview is a lovely resort and the Rochester public will be very glad to know that Mr. Rader will soon preside again.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 27, 1909]

FAIRVIEW OPEN AGAIN

Fairview hotel, the popular resort on the East Side, Manitou, is again open to the public and the old time and well known landlord Frank Rader is behind the counter.

Mr. Rader has made a cleaning up shower and the hotel now shines forth in all its glory. The rooms have been cleaned, the woodwork brightened and the bill of fare lengthened. In fact everything that a guest could care for is at his or her command.

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"Red" is a favorite among summer visitors at the lake and already has received many letters from former visitors at Fairview who have expressed themselves as being delighted that he is once more in charge.

As a sort of an informal opening, Mr. Rader will give at least two dances next week to which the usual crowd will be invited. These are popular affairs among the young people of the lake and this city and will be liberally attended.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 30, 1909]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Frank Rader returned from Indianapolis Saturday, where he spent the larger part of last week in interesting some parties in that city in the organization of a stock company to take over the Fairview hotel property from Ik Wile, who recently purchased the same from Mr. Rader. It is proposed to organize a company with sufficient capitalization to improve the property and make it one of the foremost resorts in the state, and Mr. Rader states that a number of Indianapolis parties will subscribe stock. Both Mr. Rader and Mr. Wile of this city will hold stock in the corporation.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 21, 1910]

FAIRVIEW LEASED

I. M. Wile, who recently purchased the East Side hotel property from Frank Rader, has leased the hotel to Hall Bros., of Crawfordsville, Ind., who are hotel men of large experience, especially adept in operation of summer resorts. The firm also operates the Hotel Macatawa of Macatawa, Mich., a popular resort, which will be under the supervision of J. F. Hall, Ray Hall having charge of the New Fairview hotel at Manitou.

Since purchasing the East Side property, Mr. Wile has made some marked improvements in the grounds and buildings. A number of old unsightly shacks have been torn down, the grounds beautified, everything painted and thoroughly cleaned, a double-deck porch added to the hotel building, a garage erected and a number of minor improvements which add greatly to the beauty of the surroundings. The launch will make schedule trips to the Dam Landing, and under the efficient management of experienced hotel men, the prospects of a busy season at Fairview are indeed flattering.

Mr. Wile and lessees will co-operate in advertising the resort as it has never been advertised before, with pictures and interesting descriptive matter in the leading newspapers, and there is every reason to predict a splendid business during the coming season.

Ray Hall is now in the city, preparing for the opening of the hotel which will occur on Saturday, June the 4th.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 21, 1910]

FAIRVIEW WILL RE-OPEN

Fairview hotel, East Side, Lake Manitou, will re-open tomorrow for the balance of the lake season. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowman will assume charge of the hotel and will endeavor to serve the public in an acceptable manner. Fairview had been closed for a few days because of the retirement of Mr. Hall, who had the management of the hotel for the season. I. M. Wile, the proprietor, felt justified in keeping the hotel open until late in the fall and to this end secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Lowman. Mrs. Lowman is an artist in the culinary line and no doubt the remainder of the season will be a success.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 1, 1910]

IN GOOD HANDS

Landlord Ike M. Wile has leased his Fairview hotel on the East Side, Lake Manitou, to Frank Slavin of Indianapolis.

Mr. Slavin has been in the restaurant and hotel business in Indianapolis for over twenty years and fully understands the business of catering to the hungry public. He is a popular citizen of Indianapolis and was a candidate for sheriff of Marion county on the republican ticket last fall.

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His large acquaintance in Indianapolis insures a splendid business for the East Side this season, and Mr. Wile feels that the property is in splendid hands.

Repairs and improvements are now being made preparatory to the opening of the season, which will occur early in May.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 22, 1911]

FORD BROS. WILL RUN EAST SIDE

The many Rochester friends of Al and Charley Ford will be pleased to learn that they have become lessees and managers of the Fairview hotel on the east bank of Lake Manitou, and will soon be on the ground getting things in shape for the coming lake season. Charles Ford will have the active management of the resort and is already conducting an active campaign in the interests of the hotel, and Al Ford will visit the lake at intervals.

The Fords will be well remembered as former proprietors of the old Central House in this city. Since that time Al Ford has managed the Clinton at Kokomo, the Burrier at Marion, and for the past ten years has been proprietor of the Grand at Vincennes, Ind. Charles Ford has been connected with the Vendome at Evansville for a number of years and comes here from that city. The new firm has a wide acquaintance over the state and with the traveling public, and it is understood have closed a long lease, with the privilege of purchasing the East Side property from the owner, Ike Wile, expecting to make Fairview one of the most popular lake hotels in the state.

Mr. Wile is installing a new lighting system in the hotel and making other extensive improvements in the property. It is said that Frank Slavin of Indianapolis, who managed Fairview last season, has closed a contract with O. A. Davis for the new Colonial hotel at Ferndale park. With the three lake hotels all in capable hands an unusual number of lake visitors may be expected during the coming season.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 7, 1912]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Fairview hotel at Manitou has been equipped with a new Johnson acetyline lighting system, which is one of the best now in use. Besides the hotel lights there are two large lights in the yard and one on the pier. Ira D. Goss of Crawfordsville, who is interested in the company, has been here looking after the sale and left for his home this morning.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 20, 1912]

NEW HOTEL MANAGEMENT AT LAKE

By a change of management, which was effected Thursday, Joe Daly of Peru has assumed charge of Fairview hotel on the East Side, Manitou. Landlord Charles Ford, who opened the season at that popular resort, seemed to lack the knack so much in demand in managing a place of that character, and after a couple of months "threw in the sponge." The new manager is one of the well-known "live wires" of Peru and comes to the lake highly recommended as a man who will push the business to success if that is at all possible. Fairview is one of the nicest spots on Manitou and, for the quiet most resorters demand at this season of the year. it is unexcelled.

[Rochester SEntinel, Friday, July 26, 1912]

FAIRVIEW HOTEL IS LEASED

The Fairview hotel, on the east side of lake Manitou, has been leased for the coming season to H[arry] E. Page, of Champaign, Ill. Mr. Page comes well recommended, having been in the hotel business for over ten years and he has already made plans for the running of the hotel in an up to date manner.

Owing to the destruction worked by the wind storm several weeks ago, the place will have to be repaired, parts of it needing complete rebuilding. It will be remodeled to be more beautiful and convenient than before. Mr. Page, among his other improvements and additions, will

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add a pool and billiard room to the building, giving a clean form of amusement. As before, he will run the launch free to all the guests, as well as the row boats.

Mr. Page says that he will cater especially to city people, and because of the dull season all over the country last year, this season is expected to be a busy one. The new proprietor will make extra effort on the meals, which will be the best ever served on the lake. The hotel and grounds are the property of Ike Wile.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 17, 1913]

[Adv] FAIRVIEW HOTEL. Fairview has been leased by Harry Page, a practical hotel man and especially trained in resort management. Mr. Page is now conducting a hotel in Champaign, Ill., where he has been located for seven years. He will open Fairview about the first or second week in June and will bring with him from Champaign his entire force of trained help.

The season of 1913 will open at Fairview with many improvements. The hotel has been re-decorated and every room fitted with gas. On account of its excellent location and splendid accommodations, prospective patrons are requested to make their reservations early in order to avoid disappointment. Phone or write for rooms and general information. HARRY PAGE, Lessee and Manager. I. M. WILE, Owner.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 17, 1913]

FAIRVIEW MAY OPEN SUNDAY

H. E. Page, of Champaign, Ill., is in the city, preparing for the opening of the Fairview Hotel, on the east side of Lake Manitou. He announced today that Sunday would probably see his bow to the public as a Manitou landlord.

Mr. Page is bringing from Chicago experienced hotel help and expects to conduct the hotel in a manner not known here. He declares that all questionable persons and practices will be debarred, or that he will give up his lease. He is bringing his family and a number of Chicago people, who will be his guests for a while. He also said this morning, that he would have two musicians here to remain all summer. He will also install a pool table and offer guests free launch transportation.

Fish dinners are to be made a specialty, the menu to show not only Manitou fish, but products of the Great Lakes and the ocean as well. Dinners of a little higher class than set here-tofore are to be put on, especially on Sunday. Mr. Page is highly pleased with the outlook and believes he will have a successful summer.

"I shall cater," he said today, "to the best trade. If I can't get it, I shall close up the hotel, for I have no desire to run a second class place."

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 3, 1913]

TO CLOSE HOTEL

Dick Campbell, who has been assisting at the Fairview hotel this summer, returned to his home in Champaign, Ill., this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Page will leave tomorrow, closing the hotel for the season.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 4, 1913]

BARBER SHOP AT FAIRVIEW

Harry Page, manager of the Fairview Hotel, Lake Manitou, has engaged Edward Gabel of Champaign, Ill., who will run a barber shop at the hotel this summer.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 19, 1914]

FREE RIDES

Harry Page, the manager of the Fairview Hotel, made a new offer to the patrons of the resort today. He intends to charge 25 cents for a round trip ride on the launch from the Dam landing to the hotel, and in return everyone gets a check good for 25 cents in trade at the hotel, including meals. Heretofore the launch ride has been extra.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 20, 1914]

HARRY PAIGE BUYS FAIRVIEW

Harry Paige, formerly of Champaign, Ill., who for several successive years has leased the Fairview hotel and operated it, Friday purchased the hotel and site, according to a reliable source of information. Mr. Paige, it is understood, will come to Rochester May 1st to prepare the hotel for the summer season.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 6, 1918]

HARRY PAGE IS A BANKRUPT

By International News Service

Indianapolis, April 9 -- A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court here today by Harry E. Page, a Rochester hotelman, formerly of Champaign, Ill. He gave his liabilities as \$3,424.86 and his assets as \$425.

Page has leased the Fairview hotel at Lake Manitou for several years, and just recently was reported to have bought the place of the Wiles.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 9, 1918]

ANNOUNCE FAIRVIEW OPENING

"Mine Host" Harry Page has announced that his sixth annual opening of the Fairview (East Side) hotel will take place Sunday, June 16th. Mrs. H. E. Walker, of Champaign, Ill., a caterer of wide experience, has arrived with her assistants to take charge of the dining room.

There will be music by two out-of-town cabaret artists and in the afternoons and evening there will be a vaudeville entertainment consisting of fancy diving and aerobatic stunts by Indianapolis performers.

Electric lights have been installed at the hotel this year and night bathing will be featured. There has been a chute-the-chute installed for the young people. Mr. Page also said that picnickers are welcome to the hotel grounds at all times.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, June 13, 1918]

TO RUN FAIRVIEW CAFE

Neill Stuart, formerly connected with the Winters Cafe at Marion, Indiana, took charge Monday morning of the Fairview Cafe and will operate a popular price establishment, catering to the same class of trade which formerly patronized the place.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 25, 1921]

ANYBODY REMEMBER THESE OLD TIMES?

Oscar Mansfield recently dug up a letter written to him from the Manitou Park (now Fairview) hotel under date of July 14, 1896, which contains interesting information concerning the lake at that time. The hotel was then owned and operated by Mark L. Killen and the stationary used contained the following information.

On east side of Lake Manitou, near Rochester, in Fulton county, is justly famed for its superior advantages to Outing Parties and Busy People who need rest and recreation, those wishing to get relief from the whirl of business cares. Manitou Park fronts the most beautiful and picturesque shore of this historic lake, contains six acres of shady grove, has a fine lawn decorated with mounds of flowers, and a system of water works that keeps the grass cool and green. This resort is never without a breeze. We have a splendid bathing beach - - bathing suits to rent. This Lake abounds with Black Bass, Rock Bass, Blue Gill Sunfish, Perch, Catfish and it don't require an expert to catch them. Water Lillies may be gathered by the boat load. The above cut represents the steamer, Manitou, which makes regular trips to West Side and Columbia Park. Every room in our house is fly and mosquito proof and a menu that cannot be excelled by any hotel. Our rates are

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\$7.00 per week, with Row Boats, Fishing Tackle, Ten Pin Alley, Swings and Steamboat fares FREE! to our guests. Telephone connections with West Side, Rochester and surrounding towns. For the accommodation of Traveling Men the steamer will leave the city at 6:00 p.m. and return at 8:00 next morning giving 14 hours at the lake at same rates as hotels in city, land is a good chance to spend Sunday at the Lake Resort close to nature and away from the confusion and heat of the city. Ladies, bring your Mother Hubbards - - live in peace and comfort - - no snobbery or "style" goes here. Any person found "dressed up" after second day will be "ducked" in the lake (?) For further particulars address M. L. Killen.

The letter head also contains a picture of the old hotel and the steamer "Manitou." The contrast presented is marked by the passing of the straw hat and overall and sunbonnet and mother hubbard garb of the vacationers as compared to the motoring jazz dancing well groomed pleasure seeking young people from neighboring cities that now haunt the lake during the summer season.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 23, 1922]

PAGE IS STARTING HIS NEW DANCE PAVILION

Harry Page, proprietor of the Fairview hotel has just returned from a trip thru the Michigan resort centers and Chicago, where he has been getting ideas for his new dance pavilion, which will be at least partially constructed yet this year.

At the present time Page plans to build a pavilion similar to that of the Marigold Gardens in Chicago. The cottage adjacent to the hotel grounds will be removed, under these plans, and a huge cement dance floor will be constructed with an orchestra "shell" at one end.

The new floor will be fancied in with large posts, each supporting a "park" light and the spaces in between would be filled with lattice work and flower pots. Tables and chairs will be placed all about the grounds. The old dance floor will probably be left as it is for use in inclement weather. Work on the new project is to be started immediately.

Page is also negotiating with the "Syncopating Five," a seven piece orchestra, now playing at the Casino Gardens in Indianapolis for a contract for the 1923 season. At the present time the negotiations are progressing nicely and according to present arrangements the band will be at Lake Manitou next year.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, September 21, 1922]

COMPLETES PLANS FOR NEW FAIRVIEW DANCE PAVILION

Harry Page, proprietor of the Fairview Hotel on the east shore of the lake, has arrived from Indianapolis with complete plans for his new dancing pavilion which will be known as the "Fairview Gardens". His plans had been announced last fall, but definite decision has just been reached.

The music is located on a special stage backed by a sounding board. This stage is located at the west end of the present dancing floor. Extending beyond is the new dancing floor proper, a special preparation of steel and concrete. The dimensions of the new floor are 80x80 feet. This gives considerably more space than the old floor, which was but 62x30 feet. On the land side of the pavilion is a lattice work arched over with a pergola effect, which runs the length of the floor and is 12 feet wide. A similar space, also with tables where soft drinks and refreshments of all kinds will be served is located on the lake side, but is not closed, thus giving a view of the lake.

For inclement weather, the rear of the place is opened and the front closed, thus giving access to the enclosed dancing pavillion which has been in use in past years. This floor will also be used for private dances, which may be conducted at the same time and with the same music as the public dance.

Mr. Page says that he is almost positive that he will complete arrangements with the Syncopating Seven orchestra, from Kokomo, but hesitates to promise this popular music to his patrons until he is sure. A picture of the new dance floor has been placed on exhibition in the Sentinel window.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, January 16, 1923]

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TO BUILD FLOOR

J. D. McIntyre, local contractor, went to Chicago Friday to consult with the H. Jansach Company regarding the construction of the new cement dance floor to be used in the new Fairview dance pavilion. The floor to be built will be a duplicate of that in the Marigold Gardens in Chicago which was built by the above named firm.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 9, 1923]

TO OPERATE CAFE

Harry Karn and Fred Alexander, both of whom have been engaged in the restaurant business for some time, have contracted to take over the dining room of the Fairview hotel next summer. Both are now in the employ of Karn's brother, Oren Karn. Harry Karn had planned to open a restaurant at Fulton, but has given up this project for the time being.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 17, 1923]

THEO. JOHNSON TO RUN FAIRVIEW DINING ROOM

Arrangements were completed Saturday whereby Theo. Johnson, former owner of the Palm Cafe, took over the lease from Harry Karn and Fred Alexander for the dining room at the Fairview Hotel, on the East Side for a period of two years.

Business complications in Fulton where he had made partial arrangements for opening of a restaurant in that town in the near future were responsible for Mr. Karns disposing of his lease on the Fairview dining room.

Mr. Johnson will open the dining room the latter part of the month although he intends to move his family to the East Side within a few days.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 5, 1923]

FAIRVIEW DANCE FLOOR WILL BE MADE LARGER

The dance pavilion at Fairview Hotel will be enlarged next summer, according to the announcement made by Harry Page, owner, who was in the city Thursday planning for several improvements at his place at the lake. The dance floor proper will be enlarged nearly 1,000 square feet while the space for tables and benches will also be extended. This year benches will be placed on the side nearest the lake while more tables will be added to the refreshment side. The driveway up to the hotel entrance will be concreted early in the spring.

Mr. Page stated that he would make several other minor improvements and that the parking of cars on his grounds would be better regulated and protected. He also said that in all probability several conventions and large outings would be held at Lake Manitou this summer.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, January 17, 1924]

DAVIS ORCHESTRA TO OPEN FAIRVIEW HOTEL

The Fairview Gardens will be opened on Decoration Day, according to announcement made Friday by Harry Page, owner of the well known Lake Manitou resort, with the Charlie Davis orchestra, of Indianapolis, playing the first six weeks. The organization, one of the best in the state, is now playing at the Ohio theatre in Indianapolis. The Davis orchestra will play for the Phi Delt dance at Peru Monday evening and Rochester people will be given an opportunity to hear the organization at this time. Mr. Page is busy now with a force of men making improvements at the gardens where flowers and shrubs are being planted about the grounds and electrical fixtures are being installed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 18, 1924]

CAMPAIGN SONG WILL BE FEATURED TONIGHT

During the recent state republican convention at Indianapolis, Ed East, Indianapolis song writer and musician, who is playing with the Charlie Davis orchestra at the Fairview Gardens this season, wrote a campaign song, "Keep Cool with Coolidge," which made a big hit at the convention. The song is to be recorded by the Gennett record company at Richmond on Thursday

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and on Tuesday evening of this week it will be featured at the Gardens by the Davis band. The song will also be used at the national convention at Cleveland.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 10, 1924]

CHARLEY DAVIS AND "GANG" TO PLAY AT FAIRVIEW GARDENS

Harry Page, owner of the Fairview Gardens and Hotel, Lake Manitou, perhaps one of the most popular dance gardens in Indiana, has completed his plans for the coming summer season. After several weeks of bartering, Mr. Page has been successful in signing up the original Charley Davis orchestra, of Indianapolis, for the entire summer season. To the lovers of the terpaichorean art this news will be welcomed with great rejoicing as the "Charley Davis and His Gang" music-makers, are known as a real headline aggregation throughout the Central West.

The formal opening date of the Fairview Gardens is set for May 28th which is the Saturday preceding Decoration Day. However, Page stated he would open up his dance pavilion with music furnished by some other well known orchestra on May 15th, conducting five dances each week up until the night when the Davis orchestra starts its engagement here.

At the present time "Charley and His Gang" are playing at the Ohio Theatre, Indianapolis; they have also furnished all the dance music for the Columbia Club of that city and earlier last fall filled a contract with the Severin hotel. Davis brings his original orchestra to Lake Manitou, which is comprised of ten pieces and entertainers. A complete change of entertainers, which embrace singing, dancing and other stunts acts will be made twice each week. Fritz Morris, violin soloist who was with the Davis poayers during their engagement with Harry Page three years ago, is still with Charley and will receive a warm welcome by his many acquaintances in this section of the state.

Among several minor changes being made at the Fairview Gardens and hotel is a new orchestra shell which is being built onto the north end of the dance floor, this will allow the section which was used at the south end of the floor for the orchestra last year to be utilized by the dancers. New lighting effects are being installed and all tables and fixtures redecorated. The hotel proper is also undergoing several improvements.

Mrs. Grace Tilton, of Indianapolis, expert cateress, will again have charge of the dining hall. This lady's cooking and service was an outstanding feature of this hostelry last year and the local people and transients will be delighted to learn of her return to Lake Manitou.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, April 21, 1927]

NEW PLAYERS AT FAIRVIEW

Charles Davis, director of the orchestra playing at Fairview Gardens, has secured two new soloists who are now here with "Charley and His Gang." The new additions are Harry Willsford, trumpeter, formerly with the Ted Fioritas orchestra, of the Chase Hotel, St. Louis, and Charlie Fach, trombonist from the Rainbow Gardens, Chicago, and also the Arnold Johnson orchestra.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 16, 1927]

Relatives in this city received word Saturday morning of the death of Frank RADER, aged 58, of Toldeo, Ohio, which occurred at 8 p.m. in a hospital. Death was caused by dropsy and heart trouble from which diseases Mr. Rader had suffered for the past year.

Mr. Rader was born in this city and was the son of David and Delilah RADER. For many years he operated the Fairview hotel at Lake Manitou. For the past 12 years, during which period he has lived in Toledo, Ohio, he has been employed by the Owens Bottle Co.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, November 5, 1927]

CONVENE AT FAIRVIEW

Close to 100 members of the Central Indiana Laundry Association are holding a convention at the Fairview Hotel and Gardens today. The meeting which will be in progress for 24 hours terminates early Thursday morning.

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[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 20, 1930]

MONKEY CHASE IS STAGED IN NORTH PART OF CITY

An exciting monkey chase was staged in the north part of Rochester today. The chase started shortly after 10:30 a.m. and terminated at 2:30 p.m. when the monkey was caught as he descended from a tree in the yard at the L. E. Crabbs home at the corner of Fifth street and Fulton Avenue.

The monkey was the one which has been kept for several years at the Fairview Hotel at Lake Manitou. This fall it was given by Harry Page, owner of the hotel, to Geiger Gilliland.

Gilliland kept the monkey at his garage at 115 East Fourth street. This morning the monkey was permitted to play in the garage. When a back door of the garage was opened the monkey bolted out. The chase started immediately. The monkey ran south to Fifth street and then crossed Main street traveling west. He was in trees along Fifth street and on Jefferson and Pontiac streets and Fulton Avenue. Children coming home from the Lincoln school entered into the chase.

The monkey, it is reported, bit one little girl and scared Richard, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George McKee, when he jumped on him. The monkey finally got onto the roof of the Crabbs home. He was driven from there into a tree in the yard at the Crabbs residence.

The monkey was finally persuaded by its owner, Mr. Gilliland, to come down the tree to him. The monkey seems little the worse from his long exposure in near freezing weather.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 9, 1931]

[Adv] CHARLIE DAVIS and his gang in a special feature reel at the CHAR-BELL THEATRE, TONIGHT. You've seen them in person at Fairview - Now see and hear them on the screen, showing with the Spectacular Feature - "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 20, 1932]

ED EAST IN TOWN

Ed East, nationally known radio star, member of the "Sisters of The Skillet" team made a short visit in Rochester and at Lake Manitou Tuesday. He was accompanied by Mrs. East and their daughter and was driving to their "old home town" at Bloomington, Ind. East and Ralph Dumke first teamed up at Fairview Gardens when they were here with the Charlie Davis orchestra several years ago. From there they went on the stage and for the last two or more years have been on the NBC network being among their leading stars. Dumke is spending his vacation in South Bend his "old home town."

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 19, 1932]

FAIRVIEW IS BUILDING RATHSKELLER ADDITION

A crew of workmen have started excavation work at the Fairview Gardens preparatory to the building of a rathskeller room and winter garden, Harry Page, proprietor of this popular resort, announced today.

The new structure is being built under the west end of the hotel and gardens and when completed will occupy a space of 65 by 80 feet; the dancing floor will be 65 by 24 feet. On the east end of the room, Mr. Page plans to build a garage and work shop and this annex will also house the power and heating plants of the hotel, as well as modern bath houses and showers.

The entire structure of the new rathskeller addition will be finished in tile and the interior building materials and appointments will be in dark-colored wood. The new addition to the gardens extends directly to the shore-line of the lake with a terrace of practically six feet in height.

Laborers who are engaged in the excavation work struck a strata of excellent quality sand which is being used in the improvement of the fairview bathing beach which fronts the gardens on the west.

Dancing to Continue

When completed, the new winter gardens may be used the entire year around, as occasion demands and at times when the orchestra is engaged in playing directly to the ground-floor garden

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dance patrons a large amplifying audition system will carry the music to those who prefer dancing or lounging in the rathskeller.

Mr. Page also added that the dancing is to continue nightly at the Fairview Gardens for at least until the middle of September and perhaps throughout the entire fall season if the weather continues mild.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 28, 1935]

TINY HILL'S ORCHESTRA PLAYS AT FAIRVIEW

Three hundred pounds of pep and entertainment will grace the stage of the Fairview Hotel's Dance Pavilion when Harry "Tiny" Hill brings his orchestra to play for the dancers tonight and tomorrow night.

"The Paul Whiteman of Illinois," as Hill is called in his home state, is the head of a musical organization which augments a very danceable rhythm with an array of soloists, entertaining novelties, and features a singing guitar.

Starting next Saturday, June 13th, the Fairview Pavilion will be open for dancing each night and will have a dance matinee each Sunday afternoon.

Isa Foster, girl trumpeter with the band is expected to be a sensation with dancers attending. In the vernacular of her fellow-musicians she is termed a "sell-out."

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 6, 1936]

FAIRVIEW HOTEL IS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

SECOND MAJOR LOSS AT LAKE MANITOU WITHIN FEW WEEKS

Fire of undetermined origin early Sunday morning destroyed the Fairview Hotel and Gardens on the east side of Lake Manitou, taking also the William King cottage directly south of the 50-room, two-story frame hostelry and seriously threatened a number of other homes on the east shore of the lake, including the \$75,000 estate of George Hilgemier, Indianapolis packer. The summer hotel was owned by Harry Page and had been closed since Labor Day.

The loss is estimated somewhere between \$50,000 and \$75,000. It is the second major holocaust at Lake Manitou in a short time. The other was a fire on October 25, which gutted the Colonial Hotel and Gardens on the north shore of the lake owned by A. C. Bradley, causing a loss estimated at \$125,000.

Wind From Northwest

Flames fanned by a 50-mile an hour northwest gale sweeping across the ice-locked lake had gained considerable headway when discovered by Clarence Johnson, hotel caretaker, who was aroused by the cracking made by the burning timber. When first observed the fire was licking away the west side of the frame structure. This was about 12:30 a.m. Sunday

Due to the intensity of the heat and difficulties experienced by local firemen, who responded to the alarm, in laying water lines, little headway was made in their fight to control the flames and they were forced to turn their attention to saving summer homes to the north and south of the hotel.

Many Lines of Hose

The members of the Rochester Fire Department who had several lines of hose on the fire from both the north and south of the structure are given much credit for their battle. Two firemen were forced to stand in the water in hip boots and hold the suckers for each line to the water as the ice would force the suckers to the surface and thus break the suction and stream of water.

The members of the Brockman family opened their home to the firemen and the firemen would take turns at warming themselves and thawing out their gloves. The fire burned so rapidly that within an hour the hotel building and the King cottage were a mass of ruins with only metal parts of beds remaining as mute evidence of the blaze. The cottage to the north of the hotel was owned by Raymond Smith, Indianapolis, and the one to south of the King cottage is the property of Mrs. Marcia Miller.

Origin is Unknown

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Although the origin of the blaze is not yet unofficially determined Fire Chief Claude Rouch, Assistant Fire Chief Arthur Smith and William Hindle, deputy state fire marshal, who was called here to make an investigation of the hotel fire all are convinced that it was the work of a fire-bug.

Substantiating this theory the three officers pointed out that had the arsonist asked for a night more ideal for his nefarious work it could never have been provided better. The fire started on the west side of the hotel where high winds fanned it directly into the building; that early morning hour precluded immediate discovery; the fact that the ice on the lake and the near zero temperature would prove to be major hindrances in efforts to extinguish the blaze.

Hotel for 90 years

There has been a hostelry on the site of the Fairview Hotel for the past ninety years. The first owner was the late Reuben Talley, who operated it under the name of Talley Landing. Later the establishment was named East Side Hotel. Harry Page acquired the hotel twenty-five years ago and has operated it during the quarter century.

The Fairview was one of the most popular summer resorts in northern Indiana and has been the rendezvous for pleasure seekers from Indiana and surrounding states since the addition of the gardens about twenty years ago. Its roster of entertainment included many "big name" bands.

Partial Coverage

Fire came just as Mr. and Mrs. Page were preparing for a trip for Florida. Although it is known that the hotel was partially covered by insurance no appraisal of the amount is yet available. The King cottage was owned by the heirs of the late William King and this loss is partially covered by insurance. Two cars in the hotel garage, owned by Page and Johnson were destroyed.

Mr. Page today stated he was undecided as to whether he would rebuild the hotel. Mr. Page would greatly appreciate any information which may lead to the solution of cause of the conflagration.

Many persons drove here yesterday to inspect the ruins of the hotel and the King cottage.
[The News-Sentinel, Monday, January 23, 1939]

ANGLES TO FAIRVIEW FIRE FOUND BY INVESTIGATOR

Further credence in the theory that the Fairview Hotel and Gardens which burned to the ground early Sunday morning causing a loss estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000 was the work of an arsonist was furnished by Clarence Johnson, caretaker at the hotel when he was questioned Monday by William Hindle, deputy state fire marshal.

Johnson told Hindle that about Dec. 11, 1938, while on one of his regular nightly inspection trips thru the hotel grounds, he noticed two men on the north side of the hotel building. When they saw him they ran toward the lake front.

Getaway in Row Boat

As they ran down to the bank of Lake Manitou and climbed into a rowboat in charge of a confederate, one of them remarked, "You had better look out, that old man will shoot you." Johnson stated that he fired two shots from his revolver over the heads of the men in the boat but did not use his flashlight for fear they would get the drop on him in the darkness if they were armed.

Returning to the hotel Johnson said that he found that the glass in two windows on the north side of the hotel had been broken and that burned matches were strewn about the cement walk in the hotel gardens and at the base of the damaged windows. No report, however, was made of the occurrence to local police officers, Johnson related to Hindle.

Night Light Went On

The alarm as to the Fairview fire was turned in by Albert W. Ditmar, a traveling salesman for a Chicago firm, who lives in the Holden cottage to the north of the hotel. Their children had gone to bed at 9:30 p.m. Saturday night and Mrs. Ditmar retired at midnight.

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Mr. Ditmar told Deputy Fire Marshal Hindle that he was preparing to retire and was surprised when the night light that was left on for the children went out. Making an examination he found that he could not turn on the light and then noted that the sky appeared illuminated.

Turned in the Alarm

Going out of the cottage, which was between 12:15 and 12:20 a.m. Ditmar said he looked toward the Fairview hotel and discovered the fire which was burning near the bar adjacent to the dance pavilion. Mr. Ditmar called the fire department and then aroused other persons in the vicinity.

Clock Shut Off

Deputy Fire Marshal Hindle also questioned other persons living near the hotel in an effort to obtain some information as to whether any one was seen loitering around there that night and at the time that the fire originated.

From Henry Miller, who resides in a cottage to the south of the hotel, he learned that his electric clock shut off at 12:28 a.m. Sunday which would be the time that power line serving the residents of the southeast shore of Lake Manitou was snapped by the heat from the burning hotel. Others gave Hindle leads which he is following in an effort to establish the cause of the fire which could have been due to some kind of electrical trouble.

Loaded With Chairs

Those persons who make it a practice to race to every fire in an effort to steal distressed property, operating under the theory that the owner will believe that it was destroyed by flames, made their appearance at the Fairview conflagration. One man was stopped who had loaded his automobile with chairs which had been removed from the dance pavilion. It is possible that others who stole property belonging to Harry Page, owner of the Fairview, will have a chance to answer charges of larceny for their actions for their identity is known.

Adjusters for a number of insurance companies in which Mr. Page carried protection were in Rochester yesterday. It is rumored that several of the adjusters had detectives with them who specialize in arson cases. Mr. Page has not as yet made a statement as to whether he will rebuild the hotel and gardens.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, January 24, 1939]

FAIRVIEW WILL BE REBUILT SAYS PAGE BEFORE KIWANIAN

"Fairview will be rebuilt," Harry Page told an enthusiastic group at the regular mid-week Kiwanis luncheon Wednesday noon at the Coffee Shop. He said further, "The hotel will be better than ever, but first we must have the assurance of adequate fire protection. A new pumper with a capacity of at least 1,000 gallons, of sufficient power to pull the water from the lake to the roadway, should be provided. With a small pump that must be taken to the water's edge, too much time is required to set it into operation and it isn't of sufficient capacity to be of great use. I'd like to commend the Rochester fire department for its work during the fire - those boys did all they could.

"The expressions of friends, from Rochester and from all over the middlewest following the catastrophe shows that people are interested in Lake Manitou as a vacation spot," he added. --

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[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, January 25, 1939]

HISTORICAL REVIEW OF CITY'S PIONEER BUSINESS CONCERNS

LAKE MANITOU HOTELS

For a review of the early commercial history of Lake Manitou and the various steps of advancement made at this popular summer resort, the author of this article sought the services of Harry E. Page, veteran hotel man and present day owner of the Colonial Hotel and Terrace Gardens, Inc., Lake Manitou, Rochester, Ind.

In researching into the early history of the lake, both Mr. Page and the writer were unable to secure the exact dates of this or that happening, as the few old timers who were interviewed were a bit hazy when it came to stating exact facts and figures. However faulty this narrative may

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be, we feel certain many interesting phases of the lake's program will be uncovered for the present-day generation as well as many of the middle aged citizens of the community.

Primarily, let us review the hotel man's own business career at Manitou. Harry E. Page purchased a hotel which was situated on the southeast side of the lake in the year 1910. The property was bought from Ike Wile and at that time the business was operated under the name of the East Side Hotel.

The old two-story frame building was originally built by Reuben Tally and Brady Sibert. Tally operated the hotel for several years and then sold to Mack Killen, who in turn disposed of the property to Charles Holden. Mr. Holden later was succeeded by Frank Rader as landlord of the hotel and Rader's interests were in a few years taken over by Ike M. Wile, of this city.

Operated Two Businesses

At the time Mr. Page purchased the business he was a student in the Illinois university at Champaign, Ill. He also operated a restaurant in Champaign. His restaurant employees were brought to the lake, where they were employed at the hotel during the summer season and then removed back to Champaign to carry on in the restaurant business in the winter.

In recalling the early experiences at Lake Manitou, the hotel man stated there were but five summer cottages lying between the East Side Hotel and the Dam Landing at the time he took over the business. These summer houses were owned by Charles Holden, Gene and Billy Brockman, and two sisters, Sadie and Mary Garr. On the west and southwest sides of the lake there were no cottages and the only commercial enterprises were the old West Side Hotel and the fishermen's landings operated by Clint Irwin and Charles Robertson.

No Improved Roads

In those days there were no modern improved highways around the lake and Harry relates it was a good hour and a half drive via horse and buggy or hack from Rochester to the East Side Hotel, the route being over a winding, narrow, sandy road. Practically all travel to the east and southeast shore of Manitou was made via launches or rowboats and the few cottage owners gave little attention to the appearance of their property from the narrow buggy roads at the rear.

The old East Side Hotel in the busy summer months would send its launch twice daily across the lake to the Dam Landing to meet passengers who arrived on either the morning or night passenger trains over the old Lake Erie & Western railroad. On the night trips, a helper accompanied the launch operator and lighted lanterns which were placed on a dozen or more stakes to charter the course for the return trip. The lake's out-of-town visitors, as well as town guests, were transported from town to the Dam Landing in horse-drawn hacks, operated by Viv Essick and Bert Mow.

With the advent of improved roads which came soon after Mr. Page took over the hotel, business began picking up and he realized that some other form of amusement other than fishing or hunting should be offered the public. Subsequently he began giving occasional dances in the dining room of the hotel and this departure met with such marked success an inside dance hall was built on the west end of the property. This was created in 1912. Adding various entertainment features to the regular dancing program soon brought capacity crowds and in the year of 1915, Mr. Page built a large open air dance pavilion to the north of the hotel proper. The hotel then became known as the Fairview Hotel and Gardens. This was also the first open air pavilion to be erected in the mid-west area, outside of the city of Chicago. The venture met with almost instant success and the hotel booked in many of the country's foremost bands and entertainers. Crowds in excess of 3,000 were often in attendance on feature nights.

Among the movie, stage or radio stars who practically made their professional debuts at the Fairview Hotel & Gardens are Dick Powell, Hoagie Carmichael, Ed East and Ralph Dumke (Sisters of the Skillet), Dusty Rhodes and Red Nichols

Another old landmark on the southeast shore of the lake is the two-story frame dwelling known as the Jack White home. This home was built by Col. Woodworth years ago and operated as the Woodworth Mineral Springs Sanitarium. Colonel Woodworth's wife, Maria, was a noted lecturer in spiritualism and traveled extensively throughout the U. S.

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Fires Wipe Out Hotels

The Fairview Hotel & Gardens was operated with an ever increasing popularity until a fire of mysterious origin reduced the costly structure to a molten mass of steel and ashes during the early morning hours of January 16th, 1939.

A fire of an equally unexplainable source had wreaked destruction to the beautiful Colonial Hotel and Terrace Gardens located on the north shore of the lake on October 25th, 1938.

Following this disaster, Mr. Page negotiated the purchase of the Colonial Hotel and Terrace Gardens grounds and remaining structures and rebuilt a modern, two-story semi-fireproof hotel and open air dance pavilion in April of 1930. This popular resort hotel is arranged to accommodate 3,500 patrons and on numerous occasions even this spacious place has proved inadequate.

The Colonial establishment provides employment for approximately 45 people for a period of 4 to 5 months out of the year. The official personnel of the Colonial Hotel and Terrace Gardens, Inc., comprises Harry E. Page, president; Don Plank, vice president and auditor; Julius Simons, secretary-treasurer; Earl Barr, manager of ballroom, and Mrs. Charles Jones, Jr., cashier.

In closing the summary of his business career at Lake Manitou, Mr. Page emphasized the fact that in order to get an increase in business the public must be provided with the best forms of entertainment and amusement. With an ever increasing trend in auto and air travel, a resort such as Lake Manitou should and does have even better days ahead. The hotel man recalled making a similar prophecy 30 years ago, when he was host at a chicken dinner served to a group of local business men and friends at the old East Side Hotel. Today, he predicts that the time is not far distant when Lake Manitou will become a city in itself; a city having its own municipal regulation; its own fire protection and its own various amusement and business places.

While this prognostication may seem a trifle exaggerated, Mr. Page cited the fact that during his 31 years residency here he has witnessed Lake Manitou's cottage registration expand from nine to 540 cottages, many of which are now year around homes; the commercial places increased from three hotels to eight hotels or rooming houses and the constant increase of fishing and hunting landings as well as food and refreshments places. He also added that the property valuation had mounted from a few thousand dollars to well over a million during his span of years.

While collecting this data it was disclosed that the West Side Hotel was built by W. S. Skinner; later this property was further developed by George Hoover. Mr. Hoover transferred the property to Louis Balser, Balser selling to Frank C. Moss and Mr. Moss sold the property and its accompanying frontage to Charles Krieghbaum, the present owner.

The Colonial-Ferndale Hotel site where the Colonial Hotel & Terrace Gardens, Inc., is located today, was first owned by Calvin Fletcher, who obtained the land by a patent deed from the State of Indiana in 1855; Fletcher sold to Joshua C. Oliver; Oliver to David Williams; Williams to Anthony F. Smith; Smith to Allen Hamilton and Stephen C. Taber; from this partnership to the commissioner of the old Rochester Trust & Savings Co., to Alice, Louella, Rebecca and Alvah Stahl; the Stahls sold out to Ostinel Davis on July 31, 1913; Davis to the Manitou Colonial Hotel Co. on June 11th, 1914; the company selling to Fred W. Davis and wife, who sold to Arthur C. Bradley on November 3rd, 1933, and Mr. Bradley selling to the present owners in 1939.

Once Three Lakes

So much for the commercial picture of Lake Manitou, and now let us look into the early records of the lake itself. What is known as Lake Manitou today, was once three small lakes, linked with a feeder stream which forms the channel of the present lake.

In years ago, all of the section lying between the Robertson landing and Big Island was prairie land and likewise a large area of the waters east and southeast of the West Side Hotel was prairie land; these areas were suitable for the growing of prairie hay and use as pastures. The largest and deepest of the three lakes was known as Clear Lake and it was located in the area now known as the head of the lake. The second of the lakes was located west of Big Island and the third east of the present lake dam site.

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Farmers Blasted Dam

In the early '50s a dam was built by the government to provide power for a grist mill and the three lakes were merged into one. A short time later irate farmers blasted the dam and the three lakes were restored. However, the government carried through in its land condemnation proceedings and the dam was replaced with a new one restoring the lake to practically the same state as it exists today. The dam not only provided water power for the old grist mill, but also power for a woolen mill which was located a short distance east and south of where the Erie or Leiter's elevator now stands. Portions of the bed of the old mill race which skirted the down-town business section may still be seen today.

Excellent Fishing Lake

Lake Manitou is regarded as one of the best stocked fishing lakes in Indiana and also provides excellent sport for the duck and coon hunters in the fall. The stock of fish consists of large mouth bass, crappies, bluegills, sunfish, catfish and perch and with the U. S. Government fish hatcheries now situated along its west shore line there is no reason to fear that the angler's sport will ever be on the wane at Lake Manitou.

Mr. Page in addition to working untiringly in the interest of Lake Manitou has also taken an active part in the promotion of the civic and industrial welfare of Rochester. He is a member of the Rochester Kiwanis club and the Rochester Country club. Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Page reside in an attractive home located at 1000 South Pontiac street.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, March 28, 1941]

HOTELS - FERNDALE HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Fairview

NEWS OF THE DAY

The ferndale hotel has not closed. It is still running under the efficient managership of Alvah Stahl and will continue to please its patrons until the snow flies. Give Ferndale's a visit before cold weather comes.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 29, 1908]

[Adv] FREE! FREE! FERNDALE PARK to be Given Away. When? April 14th, 1911. How? To anyone, depositing \$100.00 in the Indiana Bank, on or before the 14th day of April, 1911, will get one lot and possibly get FREE Ferndale Park, which is worth \$5,000.00. Ferndale Paek is lot No. 1 consisting of nearly 7 acres of land, and the buildings, thereon.

There are only 74 lots left, 13 of which are lake-fronts - So don't lose any time.

The lot purchasers will meet at Ferndale Park Hotel, at 2 o'clock p.m. on April 14th, 1911, and proceed to the selection of their lot or several lots, among themselves, by chance or otherwise, and will also determine by chance or otherwise, the ownership of Out Lot No. 1, including the Hotel and buildings. M. ALICE STAHL.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 20, 1911]

HOTELS - GILEAD HOTEL [Gilead, Miami County, Indiana]

Located SE corner of street intersection in Gilead, as told to compiler by his father, Jesse L. Tombaugh, who was born and raised in Perry Township, four miles southeast of Gilead, and attended the Gilead school.

See Hotels - Madeford Hotel

GILEAD HOTEL BURNED

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The Gilead Hotel at Gilead, owne and operated by Ella Seigfred, was so badly burned early last Saturday morning that it had to be abandoned. The fire started when a rafter in the loft above the kitchen caught fire from an overheated chimney. No guests were in the hotel at the time. Mrs. Seigfred has moved to the home of her parents in Akron for the winter.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, December 26, 1924]

HOTELS - GILKINSON HOTEL & RESTAURANT [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

HOTELS - GOSS HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

GOSS HOTEL-CAFE LEASED, IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thompson have leased the Goss Hotel and Cafe at 413-415 North Main Street. They have taken possession of the hotel and cafe. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson plan to make extensive improvements to the establishment. They will add a soda fountain in the cafe. Short orders and meals will be served in the restaurant. Del Smith who has had the cafe and hotel under lease has accepted another position which caused him to have to give up his business connections in this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, December 7, 1932]

HOTELS - GRAEBER HOTEL, HARRY [Rochester, Indiana]

Located W side of street at 714 Madison.

The Harry Graeber Hotel on Madison street meets the requirements but lacks capacity.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Wednesday, April 25, 1956]

Catered to laboring men. During harvest time, farmers would feed their help there.

HOTELS - GRAND HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

Also see Jefferson Hotel

NEWS OF THE DAY

The name of the Jefferson hotel, which was recently reopened by J. M. Toner has been changd to "The Grand," and with the redecorating of the place the hotel has been made quite inviting.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 18, 1912]

Andrew J. TONER, a pioneer resident of this county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harriet Irwin, in Kewanna, Tuesday at one o'clock. Mr. Toner was 85 years of age and was the father of J. M. Toner of the Grand hotel in this city.

Mr. Toner moved to this county in 1842 from Ohio where he was born, and bought a tract of land near Kewanna. While the country was wild and unsettled he worked hard and was active in the progress of the community for 50 years. About 20 years ago his wife passed away, he moved to Kewanna, where he has since resided.

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Mr. Toner was the father of eight children, four of whom are living: A. D. TONER, of Kewanna; J. M. TONER, of this city; Jerry TONER, of South Bend, and Mrs. Harriet IRWIN, of Kewanna. He leaves one brother, Albert D. TONER, of Kewanna, who is past 80 years of age.

The funeral will be held in Kewanna Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Mr. Toner was a member of the Methodist church.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 4, 1914]

TONER SELLS HOTEL

After four years of successful operation, Mr. and Mrs. John Toner have sold the Grand Hotel to Peter Carelias, of Chicago, who took possession Thursday. Mr. Carelias returned to Chicago to pack his household effects and will return to Rochester probably the first of the week to take personal charge of the hotel. He has had several years experience in the restaurant business.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 12, 1916]

GRAND HOTEL SITE IS SOLD FOR \$4,000

Perry Ritchey of Emporia, Kans., and Chas. Robbins of this city, consummated a deal Wednesday whereby they became the possessors of the Grand hotel property on the corner of Main and Sixth sts. They will build a modern garage there this summer.

The building was purchased of Mrs. David Ginther and Mrs. Howard Hood for a consideration involving over \$4,000. When the old hotel is razed at an early date, one of Rochester's oldest landmarks will be removed.

Mr. Ritchey will return to Rochester to live, but it was not stated whether he and Robbins would resume their partnership in the Overland and Ford agency, which has been a big success locally. Neither was it given out what would be done with the present garage.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, May 18, 1916]

CHECK WAS NOT CERTIFIED

Ike Wile recently purchased the Grand hotel and site at a price estimated at \$4,000. It was reported several weeks ago that P. A. Ritchey and Charles Robbins had purchased the property, but it is said that after the necessary papers were made out and placed in a local bank, the owners, Mrs. Howard Hood and Mrs. Martha Ginther, were made a better offer, which they accepted. Ritchey and Robbins had neglected to deposit a certified check or they would have had a lawful hold on the property. Mr. Wile has not announced what he will do with the property.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 20, 1916]

JOHN TONER REBUYS HOTEL

John M. Toner, formerly proprietor of the Grand Hotel, has purchased the business from Peter Carallas, to whom he sold out about 10 months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Carallas have not decided what they will do in the future but will leave soon for Chicago, their former home.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 8, 1916]

PREPARE POST OFFICE SITE FOR GOVERNMENT

Work of dismantling the Grand hotel was begun Tuesday under the direction of Al Meyers, in preparation for turning over the lot to the government to be used as a post office site, together with part of the Val Zimmerman location. The government requires that the city be free of all buildings, wires, pipes, etc., before it will accept deeds for the property. John Toner, hotel landlord, has practically moved out. He will seek a hotel business elsewhere.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 26, 1919]

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GRAND HOTEL IS NOW GONE

The last vestige of what was once the Central House and later known as the Grand Hotel, which stood at the corner of Main and Sixth streets was removed Saturday by Al Myers and his corps of wreckers, when the south section of the building was torn down. For years this building was Rochester's only hotel and is one of the landmarks of this city which has stood the inroads of time in the face of constantly improvements. Only the fact that the government requires all building lots sold to them to be free from all buildings, pipes, etc., caused this building to be removed at this time and otherwise it likely would have remained standing for many years to come. The site is the one selected by the government for the new federal building.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 6, 1919]

PUT UP NEW POSTERS

Three men from Logansport who own the Logansport bill poster advertising company and are also the owners of the Rochester bill poster company, were in this city Tuesday morning erecting sign boards on the ground where the Grand hotel formerly stood. The new sign boards will be 150 feet long and eleven feet high and will be constructed of steel and will face on Main and Sixth streets. The lot on which they will be built was the one selected by the government for the new postoffice for this city but because of some trouble about the lease the government let the option expire. The ground is owned by Ike Wile and is immediately north of the Val Zimmerman furniture store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 15, 1920]

HOTELS - GRINDLE HOTEL [Akron, Indiana]

Fire brick masons commenced to lay brick on the Grindle hotel Wednesday morning, and Mr. Grindle believes he can put force enough to work to finish the entire block and have it ready for occupancy by September 1st.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 14, 1904]

HOTELS - HARTER HOUSE [Roann, Wabash County]

LOCAL NEWS

The Roann Clarion announces that Dr. Murphy, who recently sold the Jefferson hotel here to Mr. King, has purchased the Harter House at that place. In addition to practicing his profession there a few years ago, the doctor was a one time township trustee, and his moving back seems like getting back home.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 22, 1901]

HOTELS - HOLDEN INN [Lake Manitou]

Holden Inn, at the East Side, was opened to the public Thursday evening, and the event was one that will be remembered by the hundreds of Rochester people present as one of the most enjoyable social events of the season. The Holden Bros. had arranged with hackmen to take guests to the Inn from the city free, and in addition to all the available hacks being used, there were scores of carriages and many bicycles.

When the guests arrived each lady was presented with a beautiful rose or carnation to which was attached a number, and refreshments were served to the ladies and their escorts according to the number they held. One hundred and twelve numbers were given out, and in all there was an attendance of between three and four hundred. Mr. Holden stated that preparing for the opening was a difficult task, as they had no knowledge of the number of guests they would have to entertain. But everybody was highly pleased with the courteous treatment received.

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Between the Inn and the lake was a row of Chinese lanterns, which led up to the bank in the direction of Holden Cottage, where the refreshments were served.

The dance hall was the greatest attraction for the spectators as well as for those who danced. Music for the occasion was furnished by Prof. Wm. Williamson, E. E. Reed, Paul Emrick and Miss Cora Rannells, and to the sweet strains they produced the dancers sped about the hall from 8 o'clock till 11. Citizens' band also had been secured for the occasion and between dances they rendered selections.

Many improvements have been made in and about the Inn and many people who were here for the first time this season were much surprised by the changes. A lot of nice new boats are moored at the landing and boat riding was one of the pleasures of the evening. The Holden Bros. are now making arrangements for the construction of a fine pier. It will not run out far into the water but will extend along the bank a considerable distance and make a fine promenade.

The Holdens are pleasant people and Rochester is proud to number them among her progressive citizens, and still better pleased with the fact that they are making of the East Side a pleasure resort that will add to the reputation of Rochester and to the wealth of the Holdens. Therefore, every one of the several hundred guests feel like uniting in the language of Rip Van Winkle: "May they live long and prosper."

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 18, 1902]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Harry Chamberlain has taken charge of the Holden Inn for the season, and is now putting the place in proper shape for the entertainment of guests. He will retain his boat business at the dam landing and will make daily trips between the two places with the steamboat.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 3, 1905]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Holden Inn place at Manitau Park has been greatly beautified. New concrete steps, pier and water brake have been put in, a new system of gas lights is installed, the new launch is proving the best ever, and it is named Fairview Hotel.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 22, 1907]

HOTELS - HOOVER HOTEL [Akron, Indiana]

See Akron Hotel

Mrs. YEAGLEY, 87, widow of Mathew YEAGLEY, died at her home in Akron Monday after a short illness. Mrs. Yeagley was one of the oldest residents of Henry township. She leaves two children: Mrs. Caroline HOOVER who runs the Hoover hotel, and Kelsey YEAGLEY, a jeweler. Mrs. Yeagley came to this county in 1853, her husband having been killed 20 years ago by a falling tree. She at one time resided in Rochester. She was of German descent and a member of the Methodist church, the place of the funeral Wednesday morning, Rev. G. E. HUGHES officiating.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 25, 1915]

HOOVER HOTEL IS CLOSED

The Hoover House, at Akron, famous in this section of the state for years, as a good place to secure a real meal, passed into history last week, when Mrs. Caroline HOOVER sold the hotel furniture at a public sale. A large crowd attended. Mrs. Hoover closed the hotel last November and will now rent or sell the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover took possession of the hotel 30 years ago, when good meals were served for a quarter and board and room by the week was only \$2.50. For years they did a flourishing business, the hotel getting a wide reputation because of its well cooked, substantial

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meals. In later years prices were raised and when Mrs. Hoover closed, meals were being served for 60 cents. David Hoover died seven years ago.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 19, 1919]

AKRON LEGION POST TO PURCHASE OWN HOME

It was disclosed today that the American Legion Post of Akron is now engaged in raising funds for the purpose of purchasing a two-story frame building for use as a Legion Home.

The property is located on West Rochester street and is now occupied by Bill's Tavern. The building which is owned by A. A. Gast, was formerly known as the Hoover House.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, April 6, 1944]

Akron also had an earlier hotel for many years known as the Hoover Hotel, located on the west side of the present site of the Akron Town Clerk's Office, (former post office) now a parking lot. This building was torn down in 1949 after being the Legion Home for some years. The Hoover Hotel was just before my time although I often remember hearing it mentioned. My first memory of the building was when it was occupied by Kelsy Yeagley's Watch Repair. He lived in the rear of the building.

[Thomas Carpenter Family, Walter F. Carpenter, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2*, Willard]

John Cutshall ran a hotel in the early days of Akron where the parking lot by the Akron Bank is now (north side of Rochester Street one-half block west of SR14 and SR19).

There is a photo of this hotel on p. 3 of *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 1*. Ina Brundige wrote the following in her history of Akron in 1923: "In the 1840's John Cutshall kept a tavern or hotel that was located where the Nordmann house is. That became a good location. While in the Cutshall name a traveler was there a short time, who complained of a boil on his lip. In the proper time of exposure the entire household became smallpox patients. There was an epidemic and several deaths occurred in the village, among whom were Jacob Pentz and William Bower." In the 1850's the McClouds operated the same hotel. They were succeeded some years after by the Andrew Kuhn family and still later by the Andrew Strong family in the 1870's. James Kuhn, a son of Andrew, David Hoover and wife later purchased it and made repairs; it became famous for its generous hospitality. This same building became the American Legion Home and was torn down in 1949 to make a parking lot.

[Jacob Cutshall Family, Marie Cutshall Hand, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2*, Willard]

HOTELS - JEFFERSON HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located SE corner Main and 6th. [601 Main]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

See: Hotels - Grand Hotel

A NEW HOTEL IN TOWN

The re-modeled, renovated beautiful Central House has been named "The Jefferson" and Charles A. Brouillette will be the new landlord. "The Jefferson's" shady porches, "its bright, open paint inside and out, its newly plastered and decorated walls and its new plate glass windows will be a model hotel and in charge of Charley Brouillette its popularity is assured. It will be furnished with new furniture and new carpets and will make a most attractive hostelry.

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Senator Zimmerman, the owner of the building, has spared neither time nor expense in rebuilding the hostelry into a creditable hotel property and he assures the SENTINEL that Rochester will be proud of "The Jefferson."

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 21, 1897]

LOCAL NEWS

The Roann Clarion announces that Dr. Murphy, who recently sold the Jefferson hotel here to Mr. King, has purchased the Harter House at that place. In addition to practicing his profession there a few years ago, the doctor was a one time township trustee, and his moving back seems like getting back home.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 22, 1901]

LOCAL NEWS - WEDNESDAY

The Jefferson Hotel changed hands this morning, M. H. King having sold to E. D. Hower.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 26, 1902]

NEWS OF THE DAY

G. H. Reckner, who was landlord of the Jefferson hotel five years ago, has opened up a restaurant in the room recently vacated by the ten cent store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 22, 1904]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Try our Sunday dinners, 25c. Jefferson hotel.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 9, 1904]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Mrs. Ayers, the former landlady of the Jefferson, has leased the new Von Ehrenstein residence on Pearl Street and will conduct a first class boarding house for regular customers.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 15, 1904]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Jefferson Hotel has been taken charge of by the heirs of the late V. Zimmerman, and they have employed help and will conduct it in an up-to-date manner.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, October 24, 1904]

LOCAL NEWS

I. C. Newcomb has purchased the Jefferson Hotel and took possession this morning. He has been a traveling man for a number of years and by experience has learned what the traveling public wants and needs and therefore will know how to cater to their desires. He expects to make some improvements in the hostelry such as will make it very popular with the traveling public.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 15, 1906]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Mrs. Martha Zimmerman and children have filed suit against Isaac Newcomb for possession of the Jefferson Hotel which they rented to him under a year's contract last June. They claim that Newcomb has refused to pay his rent as stated under the contract and they demand possession and also two hundred dollars damage.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, February 14, 1907]

JEFFERSON HOTEL TO RE-OPEN

Bert Hisey, more familiarly known as "Stubby" has leased the Jefferson hotel and will re-open it about the end of this week, the date not having been definitely settled. The hotel will be thoroughly cleaned and overhauled. An experienced cook will be placed in charge of the culinary

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department and Bert says that he will "set a meal that will be right." He will make a specialty of Sunday dinners. The rates will be \$1.50 per day and the proprietor expects to have a good patronage.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 23, 1907]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Jefferson Hotel reopened today at dinner. The entire building has been changed throughout and everything looks neat and inviting. Clarence Depp, a culinary artist from Chicago, is in charge of the kitchen and Landlord Hisey guarantees good meals.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, July 29, 1907]

JEFFERSON HOTEL MAN DECAPPT

The guests of the Jefferson hotel were greatly surprised this morning, when they came down to breakfast and then learned they were alone in the house without breakfast being prepared or nothing in sight to eat excepting a little celery and salt.

It later developed that Ray Biggs, the proprietor, who came here from Kankakee, Ill., about three months ago to manage the place, had left the city Monday evening in company with his wife and daughter via Lake Erie for parts unknown.

It is not known just why he left as the last few days the hotel has been well patronized. Just how much business was done could not be told, this morning, as the leaves dating from last Tuesday had been torn from the hotel register.

The hotel will probably be closed unless Mrs. Zimmerman, who owns the building, can get some one to take the place at once.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 19, 1908]

NEWS OF THE DAY

J. C. Stiver, the new proprietor of the Jefferson hotel, has been busy all week giving that hostelry a thorough cleaning. The place will be open to the public Monday.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 27, 1908]

NEW CITY MARKET

The first public market afforded by the city of Rochester is to be opened on the ground floor of the old Jefferson hotel on Wednesday, Oct. 18. Behind this movement are the well-known auctioneers, Col. Enoch Mow and E. E. Clary, and their partner, W. A. Haines, all to work under the firm name of Rochester Commission & Auction Company.

The new market is to be the mecca for all salable articles and it is expected the idea will prove as popular here as it has in most of the other cities of the state, where they have been in operation for years. While the first sale is to be that of farming implements, etc., later all kinds of sales will be held. The idea of taking anything from a safety pin to a box car to the auctioneer's to be disposed of will soon be instilled into the public mind. Later it is expected that shelf worn goods from the local business houses will be carted there for quick sales. It is also the intention of the promoters to buy stocks of goods later and have them shipped to the sales rooms. The firm, which will buy and sell, will do all their work on commission and the individual who wants their services will be given a square deal. The men behind the movement are known throughout the entire county through their long service as auctioneers and this alone assures them success in their venture.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 11, 1911]

NOTICE

Just opened up a first class restaurant and chili parlor at the Jefferson hotel. Meals 25 cents. MRS. HAYNES.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, December 6, 1911]

JEFFERSON HOTEL BOUGHT AGAIN

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A deal was closed this morning whereby J. M. Toner, former landlord of the Cottage hotel of this city, became the owner of the Jefferson hotel. The new owner will take possession of the newly acquired property on next Saturday and from that time on he expects to care for the traveling public as well as the local trade. Landlord Toner recently sold out his business at the Cottage hotel for the reason that he had more business there than he could accommodate and he wanted to get into larger quarters, where he would have a chance to increase his business. In years gone by the Jefferson was a valuable property, and there is no reason why the new owner should not succeed.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 13, 1912]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The owners of the Jefferson hotel on North Main street will probably receive official notice in the near future relative to the removing of a part of the north portion of the building off the sidewalk. It seems that when the building was erected there was no consideration given the public as is the case now. If this step is taken it will mean that the entire north wall will have to be removed, according to the version given by a local officer.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, May 14, 1912]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The name of the Jefferson hotel, which was recently reopened by J. M. Toner has been changed to "The Grand," and with the redecorating of the place the hotel has been made quite inviting.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 18, 1912]

FORMER HOTEL OWNER HERE DIES AT MIAMI

Word has just been received in Rochester of the death of Al M. FORD which took place recently at his home in Miami, Florida. Mr. Ford was formerly a hotel proprietor here, being proprietor of the Jefferson hotel.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, June 8, 1925]

ERIE HOTEL SOLD TO J. TONER OF SO. BEND

Fred Agster has sold the building at 181 Pontiac street which houses the Erie Hotel and Restaurant to John Toner of South Bend. Cal Becker who has operated the hotel and restaurant since 1902 has a lease on the building until February 27, 1927. It is presumed at that time Mr. Toner will take possession of his purchase. Mr. Toner for many years operated the Jefferson Hotel at the corner of Main and Sixth streets. He is well known to the traveling public.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, November 23, 1926]

Laura Belle BITTERS, oldest daughter of William and Elizabeth Catherine BITTERS, was born in the city of Peru, Indiana, Dec. 17th, 1857 and departed this life April 24th, 1927 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Catharine MILLER, 1102 Gale street, Indianapolis, where she spent the last several months of her suffering following a fall which seemed to add to her enfeebled condition and declining health for two or three years. After her birth in Peru her parents moved to Akron, where about 1885 she was united in marriage with the late Fred DANIELS a prominent citizen of that town to whom were born one daughter, Catharine [DANIELS].

Mr. Daniels died some forty years ago, after which she made a living for herself and child operating a boarding and rooming house in this city, particularly the JEFFERSON HOTEL.

[Obit, Mrs. Belle Daniels Avery, The News-Sentinel, Monday, April 25, 1927]

In the town (now city) of Rochester proper the old frame Jefferson Hotel stood on the southeast corner of Main and what is now 6th streets. . . . We truly miss the Jefferson Hotel and its dollar a night rooms, the Cottage Hotel and its 35 cent meals, the Erie Hotel and its lunch counter

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of 5 cent pie and sandwiches and the Ditton Boarding House with all you can eat when the dinner ball rang.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Wednesday, April 25, 1956]

Old frame building.

Tommy "Jefferson" Ellsworth was a handy man there.

HOTELS - KARN HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

KARN HOTEL PURCHASED BY MISS ETTA EMMONS

Through a deal consummated late yesterday, Miss Etta Emmons, of this city, becomes the owner of the Karn Hotel and assumed active control of the business Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Durza Jones, who have owned the popular hostelry for the past seven years, will depart for Bloomington, Ill., within the next few days, where they will make their home.

Miss Emmons, the new proprietor, who has had a great deal of experience in dealing with the transient trade, was clerk at the Barrett Hotel, this city, for quite a period of time, and for the past several months was employed as cashier at the English Grill, Indianapolis. A number of years ago she held a managerial position in one of the leading hotels in Washington, D.C.

The new owner is planning to make immediate improvements in the way of redecorating and installing more modern conveniences thruout both floors of the hotel. The work, however, has been planned so as not to interfere with the brisk run of patronage that the hotel is now enjoying.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, August 25, 1931]

HOTELS - KENDRICK HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

[NOTE: The Rochester Fire Map of 1895 shows the Kendrick Hotel located in the two farthest east rooms of the Centennial Block, being the NW corner of Eighth and Madison Streets. - WCT]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

The present organization of the Christian church had its origin in meetings in private homes of nine persons, seven women and two men, in the summer and autumn of 1879. In the winter of 1879-80 Elder A. Ellmore, an evangelist, was engaged to hold services in south room of the courthouse which resulted in organization of a church.

From meeting in the homes of members the society moved to an unfurnished room over what later became the Kendrick Hotel.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Monday, March 16, 1959]

HOTELS - LAGRO HOUSE [Wabash County, Indiana]

The noted and at one time one of the best known hotels in the entire western states, known as the LaGro House, and famous in the early canal days, situated on the hill north of Lagro, Wabash county, is now without a tenant for the first time in fifty years, and in such a state of dilapidation that it will be torn down. There were many notable gatherings in this place in the palmy canal days and the house has a history of an unusually interesting nature.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 8, 1903]

HOTELS - LAKE BRUCE HOTEL [Lake Bruce, Indiana]

In 1976 Pat Bronson opened the Lion's Den restaurant in the old Lake Bruce Hotel. The hotel closed around 1930 and John Quirk converted it into a residence.

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[Bruce Lake and Delong, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

HOTELS - LAKE ERIE & WESTERN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington

HOTELS - LAKE SIDE HOTEL [Lake Bruce, Indiana]

SHOWLEY GETS L. BRUCE HOSTELRY ON RESALE

The Lake Side Hotel at Lake Bruce, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Al Shine for the past 15 years, was sold last Saturday to a Kokomo real estate agent who in turn sold it to Charles E. Showley, the adjoining property owner, for \$7,000 this week.

Mr. Showley, who operates the Lake View Hotel, moved the fence separating the two properties and will resurface some of the lake front and move some of the building in his park to better enable him to meet the demands of the public.

Mr. Showley, who is the first resident of Lake Bruce, recently plotted a number of lake front lots which are selling for \$800 to \$900. F. S. Scott, Charles Corsaut, and Forest Geiselman of Kewanna are recent purchasers of Showley lots.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, June 20, 1925]

HOTELS - LAKE VIEW HOTEL [Culver, Marshall County, Indiana]

LAKE VIEW HOTEL, CULVER, IS BURNED TO THE GROUND

A fire of undetermined origin Friday night destroyed the old Lake View hotel on the banks of Lake Maxinkuckee and for a time threatened other buildings. The ice house near the hotel was also burned, catching fire after the fire department had thought the hotel fire safe to leave and gone home.

While origin is unknown, it was thought possible that tramps had decided to spend the night in the empty structure which is located near the railroad on the old Pennsylvania grounds.

When discovered the old structure was blazine like kindling and it was impoissible for the fire department to do anything to check the blaze. They had a hard fight keeping other nearby buildings from catching fire, however, but saved all of them.

Later in the night they were called out again when the watchman left at the scene of the fire reported the old icehouse ablaze. The firemen extinguished the blaze and left, but a short time later another blaze was discovered and this time the structure burned entirely to the ground.

The old hotel had been purchased by B. B. Culver and B. R. Culver some time ago. They contemplated wrecking the place and building a new modern hotel in its place. Damage was not estimated.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 18, 1929]

HOTELS - LAKEVIEW HOTEL [Lake Bruce, Indiana]

BRUCE LAKE

Kewanna Herald.

Chas. Showley is just completing a fine large addition to the Lake View hotel at Lake Bruce. This addition is modern in every respect.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 22, 1909]

The old Lakeview Hotel is now a residence, too. Formerly operated by Harry Hunneshagen, the Lakeview Hotel serves as home to his daughter, Mrs. Bill Werner and family.

[Bruce Lake and Delong, Shirley Willard, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

HOTELS - LONG BEACH HOTEL [Lake Manitou]

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[See LAKE MANITOU, LAKE MANITOU'S EARLY HISTORY - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 11, 1922]

HOTELS - MADEFORD HOTEL [Gilead, Miami County]

See Hotels - Gilead Hotel.

AKRON

The surveyors are working this week, south of Akron, on the trolley line, boarding at the Madeford hotel at Gilead.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, May 14, 1904]

HOTELS - MANITOU HOTEL [Lake Manitou]

See W. H. Skinner.

MANITOU HOTEL AT LAKE IS RANSACKED

Thieves who prey on unoccupied cottages and hotels at Lake Manitou during the winter have started their depredations. Sometime Monday night the Manitou Hotel at Long Beach was entered. The culprit gained entrance to the building by breaking a window light to the front porch.

C. H. Grebe who managed the hotel this summer for the heirs of the late Harry Talbert, was notified by a hunter, who had discovered that the hostelry had been entered. After a thorough inspection Grebe found that the only things that had been removed were a number of phonograph records.

Rochester police officers who were called to the hotel shortly after the thefts had been discovered believe that the job was committed by a number of boys from the manner in which they had ransacked the cottage. A number of articles of silverware which was the only thing of value in the hotel was untouched.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, October 21, 1924]

DANCE PAVILION TO BE BUILT OVER THE LAKE

The first over-water dance pavilion in northern Indiana will be constructed and in operation shortly at Long Beach, Lake Manitou, it was learned Monday together with announcement that Ray Castetter, Indianapolis amusement man, had purchased the Manitou Hotel on the Long Beach bluff from the heirs of the late Harry Talbot. Construction of the project was begun Monday and will be rushed to completion within a week or ten days. Mr. Castetter's plans include remodeling of the hotel into one of the finest resorts in the state.

The dance pavilion, which will be erected on piers sunk in the lake in front of the hotel, will have a 60 foot floor, and around the floor room for refreshment tables and electrical equipment to light the dance floor, in a number of varied ways. The pavilion will be decorated in the form of a garden. The floor of the pavilion will be of maple construction.

Mr. Castetter has contracted for the services of a capital musical organization, now playing in an Indianapolis moving picture theater and which is credited as being a peerless band. The name of the organization is being withheld for the present, but it is said to be familiar to Rochester dancers. An effort will be made to have the pavilion open for dancing Sunday night.

The remodeling of the hotel will add to the comfort of the building, will include more rooms and will make the hostelry one of the best at any Hoosier resort. Long Beach is known as the breeziest place on the lake.

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The erection of the pavilion will give Manitou its third dance hall, and it is expected that L. F. Thomas, new owner of the West Side hotel, will build a dance hall before the summer is over.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Monday, June 8, 1925]

[Adv] Announcing Opening of Manitou Hotel and Amusement Park's New Dance Pavilion (over Lake Manitou). Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon and evening, June 13th and 14th. Music by Circle Theatre Orchestra - 8 pieces. - - - - THE MANITOU HOTEL AND AMUSEMENT PARK (Long Beach), Rochester, Ind. R. E. CASTETTER, Mgr.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, June 12, 1925]

HOTEL AT LONG BEACH TO OPEN ON THE FOURTH

The Manitou Hotel at the Long Beach Amusement Park which was purchased several weeks ago from A. J. Barrett by Richard Edwards, of Indianapolis, will be opened to the public on July Fourth. During the past five weeks Mr. Edwards has refurnished and re-decorated the hotel. New beds have been installed in each of the rooms. Meals will be served and a specialty of Italian dinners will be made. A Tom Thumb golf course has been erected by Mr. Edwards near the hotel for the amusement of the guests and also the general public. The course is lighted by a number of large flood lights so that the sport may be enjoyed at night as well as by day. Tom Thumb golf courses have proved popular everywhere they have been installed. Mr. Edwards has changed the name of the hotel to the "Edico."

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 30, 1930]

HOTELS - MANITOU LODGE [Lake Manitou]

TALBERT HOTEL SOLD TO MRS. EDNA FOY

Mrs. Edna Foy today announced the purchase of Talbert's Hotel from William Boose. She has changed the name to Manitou Lodge and will operate an attractive eating place.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 29, 1941]

LOCAL MOOSE LODGE BUYS LAKE PROPERTY

Transactions were completed today by the local Moose lodge for the purchase of the Manitou Lodge, on north shore of Lake Manitou, from Mrs. Edna Foy, for use as their new lodge home.

Tom Marshall, Moose governor, said that remodeling and decoration of the new home will be started within the next few days. The terrace garden is to be closed in and the entire building will be modernized throughout.

The permanent Moose home, when completed, will afford the local organization of a beautiful permanent headquarters in which to carry on their social and business activities.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 25, 1941]

HOTELS - MANSION HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located SE corner 7th & Main [later site of Arlington Hotel].

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Mansion House, Rochester, Indiana. B. Lawhead, Proprietor.
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, September 25, 1858]

M. Storm, Manufacturer and dealer in Boots and Shoes. Shop on Jefferson street, one door south of the Mansion House, Rochester.

---C. Hoover, Manufacturer and dealer in Furniture. Shop one door south of the Mansion House, Rochester.

---George W. Truslow, Tailor . . . South Room of the Bozarth Building opposite the Mansion House, Rochester, June 3, 1858.
[Rochester *Gazette*, Thursday, December 9, 1858]

Hoover & Yost, Manufacturers and dealers in Furniture of all kinds, both plain and fancy. Shop one door south of the Mansion House, Rochester, Ind.
[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

Those wishing a good Plow should be sure and call on C. J. Stradley, opposite the Mansion House.
[Rochester *Merciry*, Thursday, March 22, 1860]

Michael Storm, at the Old Stand on Washington Street . . . east of the Mansion House . . . Boots & Shoes . . . Repairing. . . .
[Rochester *Mercury*, Thursday, May 3, 1860]

C. Hoover, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Furniture of all kinds, Rochester, Indiana. Metallic coffins kept constantly on hand. Shop one door south of the Mansion House.
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 10, 1862]

The Mite Society meets at the Mansion House next Tuesday afternoon and evening. . . [Rochester *Chronicle*,

Mansion House, Rochester. B. Lawhead, Proprietor.
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 4, 1862]

Mansion House, Rochester, Indiana, B. Lawhead proprietor. This well-known house, situated on the east side of Main street one square north of the Court House, has been recently refitted.
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, May 7, 1863]

New Landlord. Vincent O'Donnell, Esq., has rented the Mansion House, of which B. Lawhead was former proprietor. Vint is a good clever fellow, and we believe, understands "how to keep a hotel."
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday, January 30, 1864]

Marion Ernsperger announces his new grocery store, dealing in groceries, fruits, fish, crackers, coffee, tea, sugar, candies & cinnamon, spices etc. Also, boots & shoes. Three doors south of Mansion House.
[Rochester *Sentinel*, Saturday June 24, 1864]

Enterprise. Mr. I. T. Van Duzer, with the services of a number of workmen, is busily engaged remodeling and fitting up his building commonly known as the "Mansion House," for the purpose of starting a hotel. With the prospects of our Railroads, and the central location of the house, we cannot see why the business could not be made a very profitable one. Rochester will then have three hotels, and three Flouring Mills; one (Wallace & Chapin) however, is not yet

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completed, but will be running in a few weeks. Fred Fromm, Sam Keeley and the Cornelius Bro's intend erecting new buildings this summer. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 4, 1867]

HOTELS - MARTIN HOUSE/HOTEL [Fulton, Indiana]

It was an inn and tavern. Located about where Scott's hardware is now.

Built by Alf Martin.

Later, Dr. Richards bought it and had his office in part of it.

HOTELS - MAXINKUCKEE INN [Culver, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Palmer House

HOTELS - MINERAL WELL HOTEL [Rochester Township]

Located E side of 575E and 1/4 mile N of 200S.

Also called Feece Flowing Well and Sanitarium.

[Adv] SHOEMAKER SANITARIUM, (Formerly Feece's) Five miles East of Rochester. Finest Mineral water in the State, from a gushing flowing well. BATH ROOMS, and pleasant surroundings for sojourners. INVALID'S HOME. Everything repaired and refurnished for the Summer of 1890. Open May 1st. Address A. A. SHOEMAKER, Grant, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 23, 1890]

SANITARIUM PLANNED

A three story Sanitarium and hotel is to be built at the Feece Flowing well four miles east of Rochester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 8, 1888]

William FEECE, aged about 75, died Saturday at his home at Burr Oak, according to word received here. Mr. Feece was a former resident of this community, having lived for many years on a farm east of the lake, where he instituted the sanitarium a number of years ago known as "Feece's Well," where a mineral water with high medicinal properties was obtainable. Funeral services Wednesday afternoon at Leiters Ford.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, April 4, 1922]

HOME TOWN TALES

Six miles southeast of Rochester still remains the ruin-remanant of all that once was "The Feece Flowing Well and Sanitarium."

In the year 1885, Rev. William Feece purchased a wood tract of land consisting of 40 acres for the establishment of a home. Well drivers at the depth of 192 feet encountered a gushing flow of water. A strange mineral deposit of the water invited investigation. An analysis proved the water to be rich in magnesium oxide and equal to the water from the famous French Lick Springs. With limited capital, in a meager fashion, Rev. Feece erected a boiler house and a small sanitarium. Its success or failure was hinged on the free publicity two Rochester weekly newspapers could offer and the word of mouth of testimony of the doubting few who came finding health and happiness. William Patterson a Roann, Indiana, druggist, desiring to retire, visioning great wealth possibilities, entered into a contract with Dr. R. Murphy, old in years of experience, leased the buldings and grounds. Believe it or not, the sick and the afflicted under the management of Dr. Murphy, left crutches as their momento.

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As a “special attraction” during the summer season each Sunday Maria Woodworth conducted evangelistic services in the great wooded grove and of the sanitarium grounds. Long, crude wood benches arranged in front of a slab wood platform and pulpit, forming nature’s great open air cathedral. Maria Woodworth told the simple story of humanitarianism - the forgotten gospel of yesterday - and today.

In the “Temple of the Great out of Doors,” before a monster Sunday afternoon gathering, Squire Oscar Johnson, Justice of the Peace of all Henry township and William B. Fenimore, both lawyer and preacher, of Macy, Indiana, entered into a debate on “Spiritualism.” In the argument, Johnson, the advocate of Spiritualism, was driven from the platform by Lawyer-Preacher Fenimore. Seeing an opening for an expression of his code of what Jesus really meant in His Sermon on the Mount, Rev. Feece handed his linen duster to his wife for safe keeping, strode to the platform and amid wild, old-time shouting and gesture told his version of true and honest religious code to the complete annihilation of Attorney Finemore and Squire Johnson.

The Feece flowing well still continues to percolate. The well and a small tract of adjoining pasture land is the property of William C. Ewing. Contented cattle, nothing more, sip there daily. Sometimes, someone sure as sure can be will see and read a fortune.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, May 18, 1935]

FEECE’S WELLS, FRENCH LICK OF FULTON COUNTY

Considered Comment

By Jack K. Overmyer

Come with me to Feece’s Wells, or the Feece Flowing Well and Sanitarium, also known as the Mineral Wells Farm or Mineral Wells Hotel.

We’ll have to make this a visionary visit, for its site at the eastern edge of Rochester Township now is lost in deep woods on the east side of County Road 575E, a fourth of a mile south of 150S.

A century ago, Feece’s Wells stood forth there as an inviting health spa of considerable popularity. Visitors came by horse and buggy from Indiana and surrounding states and, we are told, by railroad from as far away as New York and California to “take the waters.”

Feece’s Wells seemed destined for a marvelous future, like French Lick and West Baden in southern Indiana. Then the resort fell on hard times and was closed in 1922, 32 years after opening, and its buildings demolished.

For its day, though, Feece’s Wells was a boast of Fulton County. In those times, spas like it were extremely popular. Americans flocked to such health resorts where they rested, dined in style and courageously submitted, internally and externally, to the supposed medicinal properties of the mineral water gushing from flowing wells. Drinking the unpalatable water was considered good for your health and a relief for ailments such as gout liver, indigestion, rheumatism and the like. The spas promised a pathway to better health, with considerably less effort than today’s physical fitness gyms require.

William and Mary Feece, early settlers of Henry Township, began it all in June of 1884 when they bought the 40 acres of land that now is owned and occupied by Franklin and Jane Heisler. Later on the Feeces put down a couple of wells and were surprised to find mineralized water bubbling up. By 1889 they were well enough situated to take advantage of this good luck.

They borrowed \$1,000 to build the hotel and sanitarium. It opened in 1890 as a two-story white frame building with cupola, vertical instead of the usual horizontal siding of the day and contained 19 rooms. In its basement were 12 tubs for bathing in the mineral water, another part of the spa routine.

Down the hill from the hotel building was a one-story cookhouse with dining room where food was served three times a day. There were three mineral wells, one of which was flowing. A general store was nearby and a large boiler room heated the main building so that winter visitors could take the baths in comfort.

The Feeces’ marketing methods must have been efficient, for soon guests began streaming in. Among the diversions offered to them were open-air gospel and evangelistic services

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on summer Sundays. Large crowds sat in a great wooded grove east of the sanitarium building for gospel singing, debates on Spiritualism and sermons by a noted current evangelist, Maria Woodworth, and by William Feece himself. Although unable to read, William was a facile preacher who composed his sermons extemporaneously after listening to his wife's Bible readings.

The sanitarium finally was sold by the Feecees and went through two owners until being torn down in 1922. People by then were spending their money on Model T Fords rather than health spa interludes, reported a contemporary observer. The Feece flowing well still was 'percolating" in 1935, The News-Sentinel reported, even though its only imbibers by then were grazing cattle.

Franklin Heisler found one of the wells flowing part of the year when he bought the property in 1963. He can recognize some of the hotel building's foundations in the woods about 100 yards east of the road.

Otherwise Feece's Wells, like Scarlett O'Hara's Tara, is gone with the wind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 27, 1996]

THOMAS CARPENTER FAMILY

William and Mary Feece in June of 1884 bought 40 acres of land south and a little west of Athens about two miles. When later they put down a well for the house use and one for the livestock, to their surprise and the whole neighborhood's, up came highly mineralized water. Then about 1890 they built a large hotel of 19 rooms, also a large dining room and a large kitchen to prepare three meals a day for a great number of guests. They were right, for people soon heard of the health-giving waters of the Mineral Wells Farm, which gained a reputation for their new sanitarium as a great health spa. The water was used as warm baths and also to be taken internally. People soon were coming by horse and buggy from all surrounding states and by railroad from New York and California. William Feece held gospel singing and preached to large crowds on Sundays in the summer months. The sanitarium was sold to Al Shoemaker and later to Levi Patterson. By the year 1922 the guests were few in number so it was no longer feasible or profitable to operate the health spa any longer. The buildings were demolished and the land sold.

[Thomas Carpenter Family, Walter F. Carpenter, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2, Willard*]

By 1922 the guests were too few, and the hotel was closed.

PETER FEECE FAMILY

June 5, 1884, William and Mary Feece bought the farm from A. H. Myers of Clark County, Ohio. They paid \$1,000 for this approximately 40 acres.

April 16, 1889, William Feece borrowed \$1,000 from Ananias Baker to build the Hotel and Sanitarium.

There were three mineral wells: one at Edward's woods, one below the hotel, and one between the hotel and the ditch back about four rods east. There was a big boiler in the cellar in the hillside. One spring was in the side of the hill close to the ditch; this was a flowing well. There was a one-story cook house down hill from the hotel; it contained the dining room where food was served through a serving window from the kitchen. The hotel was a two-story building with a cupola on top. It was a white frame building with vertical siding instead of the more common horizontal siding. The brick basement had about 12 tubs for bathing in mineral water. The hotel was on the east side of the road on the south side of the ditch. There was a general store north of the ditch. The Mineral Wells Hotel was located on the east side of county road 575E just north of the T formed by 200S and 575E.

[Peter Feece Family, William R. Feece, Sr., *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2, Willard*]

See *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2, pp. 249-252* for further.

HOTELS - MINTER HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located at 710 Madison Street.

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HOTELS - NATIONAL HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

John Shore, Retail Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Salt, Fish, Tobacco, Cigars, Candies, Nuts and Notions of every description . . . opposite the National Hotel, Rochester, Ind.
[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, August 2, 1866]

National House. Mr. William Culver has purchased the National Hotel in this place . . . comfortable retreat for the wear worn traveler as well as one of the best boarding houses in town .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 8, 1866]

National House. Wm. Culver, Proprietor. Corner Main and Columbia Sts., Rochester, Ind. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, November 8, 1866]

Knitting Machine. Mrs. I. Craven is prepared to do machine knitting of all kinds . . . Her residence is two squares west of the National Hotel, on Pontiac street.

[Rochester *Union-Spy*, Thursday, November 26, 1868]

HOTELS - NICKEL PLATE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington

HOTELS - PALMER HOUSE [Culver, Indiana]

PALMER HOUSE, CULVER, NOW MAXINKUCKEE INN

Culver, Ind., Dec. 1. - After being known as the Palmer House for 57 years, the well known hotel near the Academy is having its name changed to "Maxinkuckee Inn" in conformity with a change of management and policy. The change was effective today.

Miss Anne Ellsworth, who has been associated with the Tavern Shop for some time, will have personal supervision of the hotel, superceding F. S. Murphy, who has been manager of the Palmer House for about a year.

Not only has the hotel's name and management been changed, but so have its furnishings and policy in keeping with the plan to instill the atmosphere of a hospitable old inn instead of a formal hotel.

Comfortable new furniture in maple, a fine large window overlooking the lake and a grand fire place in the lounge, a new card room, redecorating and comfortably furnishing all the rooms, equipping of several rooms with bath and the placing of other bathrooms about the building are the main changes at the inn. It is expected that new rates will be announced in the near future.

Home cooking will be featured by the kitchen under the direction of Miss Opal Barks of Lafayette, and the home atmosphere will be carried out by women waitresses in the dining room and The Shack.

The Tavern Shop, which has been operated in connection with the Palmer House, will be discontinued December 31, it has been announced, and the stock of clothing and gists is being closed out.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, December 1, 1932]

HOTELS - PIPPENGER'S HOTEL [Fulton, Indiana]

Located in their own large home combined with a restaurant or dining-room.
Operating in 1901.

HOTELS - RALSON HOUSE [Fulton County]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

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HOTELS - RANNELLS HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

Located SE corner 6th & Main.
Two-story frame structure.

We have carelessly omitted to mention that R. N. Rannells has opened a hotel in the building formerly known as the Elam House, opposite the Methodist Church. . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, April 14, 1864]

Turner Millinery Shop. . . Millinery Goods, Hats and Caps. . . My Store may be found in the South Room of the Rannells Hotel. Mrs. S. C. Turner. Rochester Ind., Dec. 5, 1866.

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, December 6, 1866]

SHORE HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

HOTELS - SHOWLEY HOTEL [Lake Bruce, Indiana]

Lake Bruce, a thriving little village on the south banks of Bruce lake, six miles south of Monterey, is to have a CANNING FACTORY. A meeting was held by stock holders at the SHOWLEY HOTEL, recently, presided over by E S. REES of Winamac, and all plans formulated and a complete organization effected.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, June 13, 1913]

HOTELS - SPORTSMAN'S LANDING & HOTEL [Lake Manitou]

Located 2609 Goose Pond Rd.
Later called Sportsman's Inn.

HOTELS - SQUIRES HOUSE [Roann, Wabash County]

LOCAL NEWS - SATURDAY

The Roann Clarion says "last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Mitch King of Rochester arrived in town on their way to North Manchester to spend a day or two with friends. Soon after their arrival, Dr. Murphy proprietor of the hotel informed them that he wanted to "sell out." The matter was taken under advisement until the next morning when a deal was consumated and they are now proprietors of the Squires House in Roann."

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 25, 1902]

HOTELS - TALBERT HOTEL [Lake Manitou]

See: Hotels - Fairview Hotel

NEW HOTEL WILL BE BUILT AT THE LAKE

Harry Talbert, of Cleveland, Ohio, an experienced hotel man, and a brother of Charles Talbert, of this city, has purchased lake property south of the Long Beach Amusement park where he will this spring build a hotel, where special meals will be prepared for motorists and lake visitors. Talbert's establishment will not be very large as he plans to cater to an exclusive class of trade. His hotel will be frame construction.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 13, 1923]

FIRE COMPLETELY RUINS CHAS. TALBERT'S HOTEL

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Fire completely ruined the Talbert Inn, a 12-room frame structure which was located along the north shore line of Lake Manitou, early Thursday morning. The occupants of the hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles TALBERT and the latter's 14-year-old sister, Miss Elma EPSTEIN, barely had time to grab a few pieces of their clothing and rush from the blazing building before the roof and sidewalls tumbled in.

Shortly after three o'clock Thursday morning Talbert, who sleeps in the upstairs of the hotel, was awakened by a crackling noise, which he believed was coming from the thawing of the ice along the shore line of Lake Manitou which is only a few feet from the hotel. A few minutes later he was again brought out of his slumber by the dense smoke which flooded his room. Hastily donning his clothing he aroused his wife and sister-in-law and the trio fled from the blazing house.

The proprietor tried to spread the alarm by phone but the flames had already destroyed this service. Mrs. Talbert and her sister aroused the neighbors residing in that vicinity and as assistance finally arrived efforts were centered on the saving of the northwest of the hotel proper. This building or the large 4-car garage was not damaged by the flames.

Mr. Talbert stated his loss would exceed \$8,000. Besides the loss of the 12-room building and all its furnishings, the family's personal effects and six boats were in total ruin as the result of this devastating fire. The proprietor carried but \$3,000 insurance. An overheated defective flue was believed to have been the cause of the conflagration.

The Talberts will probably rearrange their barbecue building for temporary living quarters until Mr. Talbert formulates his plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, March 3, 1927]

TALBERT LETS CONTRACT FOR NEW LAKE HOTEL

The Talbert Hotel which was burned several weeks ago is to be rebuilt immediately Charles Talbert owner of the popular lake hostelry stated Saturday morning. The first story of the new structure which will be built on the site of the old hotel will be constructed of cement blocks. The dimensions are 40 by 26.

McCall and Pontious have the contract for this work. The second story will contain eight bedrooms, will be of same construction. A large reception room and a spacious dining room will be a part of the first floor.

Each of the bedrooms will be furnished with a Simmons bed, springs and mattress. Hot and cold water will be provided in every room. The new hotel will be ready to receive guests on May 1. The barbeque stand at the Talbert Hotel was re-opened this morning.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, March 19, 1927]

[Adv] Announcing the opening of the Talbert's New Hotel on Lake Manitou Tuesday, May 24th - - - CHARLES TALBERT, proprietor.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 20, 1927]

TALBERT HOTEL SOLD TO MRS. EDNA FOY

Mrs. Edna Foy today announced the purchase of Talbert's Hotel from William Boose. She has changed the name to Manitou Lodge and will operate an attractive eating place.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, April 29, 1941]

HOTELS - TIOSA HOTEL [Tiosa, Indiana]

After the fire of September 23, 1895, this was used as temporary quarters for depot and post office.

HOTELS - TONER HOTEL [Kewanna, Indiana]

Located -----

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Kewanna Herald.

It was just 25 years ago yesterday since the Toner Hotel was opened to the public. In looking over some of the old papers of the late Dr. J. Q. Howell, Tuesday, his son, Henry M. Howell, ran across the following printed announcement: Grand opening of the Toner House, Kewanna, on Tuesday eve, April 8, 1884. Yourself and company are cordially invited to be present. Floor Managers -- Lute Smith, L. C. Mills and John Leiter. Committee on Invitation -- H. D. Howell, W. L. Reynolds, Kewanna; Lon Rannels, Rochester; J. M. Troutman, H. J. McSheeby, Logansport; Mr. Graves, Winamac.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, April 10, 1909]

WILL OPEN NEW RESTAURANT

E. J. BLOSSER has leased the Toner hotel and is having the interior repainted and repapered and everything cleaned up in nice shape preparatory to opening a cafe and dining room in the front part of the Toner hotel. The rooms on the second floor will also be used and the best of hotel accommodations furnished the traveling public.

Mr. Blosser informs us that he will specialize in Sunday chicken dinners. With new paper and paint in place the old building hardly looks like the same place. - Kewanna Herald.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Saturday, May 7, 1927]

A temporary charter was issued on February 19, 1929 for the Kewanna American Legion. The two front rooms of the old Toner Hotel were rented for a meeting place and general headquarters.

The Toner Hotel sign is still visible on Houser's grocery.

It is no longer a hotel, but houses a supermarket at the corner.

TONERS TO OPEN HOTEL

Mr. and Mrs. John Toner have moved to Kewanna where they will re-open the Toner Hotel. The interior of the hotel is being repapered and cleaned and when ready will be a very inviting place.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, June 22, 1929]

[Adv] First hotel in Fulton County to receive a Permit to Serve BEER. - - - Fish and Chicken Dinners. Lunches of all kinds with quick service. TALBERT'S HOTEL, North Shore Lake Manitou.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 7, 1933]

HOTELS - VAN DUZER HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington Hotel

HOTELS - HOTEL VANDECAR [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hotels - Arlington

HOTELS - WALLACE HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Also called Wallace Hotel.

Located on the SE corner of 5th & Main, on Lot #32 Original Plat.

It was a two-story frame build

See: Rochester, Indiana [Historical Review]

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HOTELS - WEST SIDE HOTEL - [Lake Manitou]

Located W side of Lake Manitou. Later became Moose Lodge building.

[See: LAKE MANITOU, LAKE MANITOU'S EARLY HISTORY - Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 11, 1922]

See: Hotels - Fairview

WEST SIDE HOTEL IS OPEN

The West Side Hotel at Lake Manitou was opened for the season Sunday, when a considerable number of our people enjoyed fine meals for which this hostlery is noted. During Major Skinner's absence at head of his regiment his wife and daughter will conduct the hotel and there will be attendants in abundance to conduct the business of the landing the same as Major Skinner so popularly handled the wants of patrons of his place.

When you want a good supper or a delicious Sunday dinner just drive out to the West Side.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 6, 1898]

WEST SIDE HOTEL OPENING

The West Side hotel, that popular resort at Manitou, owned and managed by Landlord Frank Moss, was thrown open to the public Sunday in a grand opening.

About 100 excursionists off the Lake Erie were guests and a like number of Rochester people spent the day there. The hotel, with its improvements, proved a great drawing card, and was filled all day long with admirers.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 22, 1911]

Major Albert Henry SKINNER, 61, former owner of the bookstore now conducted by A. L. CARTER and Co., died Monday morning about nine o'clock, a victim of sciatic rheumatism. He had been ill for about two months but Sunday sat up in bed and seemed much better. Monday morning he suddenly fainted, the attack going to his heart.

Mr. Skinner had been a resident of Rochester ever since his father, William SKINNER, and he purchased the WEST SIDE hotel in 1881. After the death of the father about 20 years ago, Mr. Skinner bought the ERIE hotel which he owned for a number of years, later buying a bookstore of A. T. BITTERS, which he owned until a year ago last May.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, December 11, 1916]

WEST SIDE HOTEL TO DOUBLE ITS CAPACITY

The West Side Hotel is to be doubled in capacity this summer, according to the plans of owner Frank Moss, who has planned several improvements about his property. His present plans call for building a second story over his present rooms with a wide porch above and below. This will make a total of 40 rooms, some of which are doubles. The work is to be started the first of May and will be done in time for the summer season. Mr. Moss stated that his hotel was filled to capacity all last summer and that additions became absolutely necessary to take care of the ever increasing number of summer visitors.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, March 2, 1922]

WEST SIDE HOTEL UNDER NEW POLICY AFTER SALE

Lake Manitou soon will have another well-equipped pleasure resort and dance pavilion, with the transfer of the West Side hotel, the oldest hostelry around the lake, from Frank Moss,

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who operated it as a sportsman's rest, to S. L. Thomas, Goshen hotel man who will remodel it and engage a dance orchestra prior to the opening on Decoration Day. Twenty thousand dollars was the consideration paid for the hotel and the 3-1/2 acres of ground surrounding it. Mr. Moss retains a house and eight acres of ground near the hotel.

The deal, negotiated Tuesday night, was just made public Thursday. E. H. Roberts handled the transaction.

For 10 years Mr. Moss has operated the popular hostelry, attributing a large patronage of persons who came to fish or hunt, or to enjoy a quiet vacation.

He purchased the building from Louie Balzer.

Parts of the structure were erected 45 years ago by the late Captain Robert Jewel, boat bulder.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, May 21, 1925]

[Adv] West Side Hotel Now open to the public. Fine Home-Cooked Meals reasonably priced - - -catering to parties and banquets a specialty. - - - - Boating, Bathing, Fishing and Baits. WEST SIDE HOTEL. S. L. Thomas, Prop. Phone 157.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 10, 1925]

WEST SIDE HOTEL IS SOLD TO SO. BEND LADY

S. L. Thomas, of Goshen, has sold his West Side hotel property at Lake Manitou, Rochester, Ind., to Mrs. L. Wilda Baer, of South Bend, who has taken possession. Mr. Thomas retained about 15 lake lots adjoining the hotel property and secured in the transaction a residence property on Lincolnway West, South Bend. Mr. Thomas had owned the resort about a year.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, June 3, 1926]

WEST SIDE HOTEL IS SOLD TO SO. BEND RESIDENT.

The West Side Hotel, the oldest and one of the most popular hotels at Lake Manitou, is was announced today, has been sold by Mrs. L. Wilda BAER of South Bend to Harry POLIS also of South Bend. The deal was negotiated by a South Bend real estate firm. The West Side Hotel is located at the southwest corner of the lake. Mr. Polis is an experienced hotel man and is also the owner of the Roadway Hotel in South Bend. He plans a number of improvements to the hotel, one of them being the removal of the billiard parlor on the second floor and converting the space thus used into sleeping rooms. Hot and cold water has been placed in every room while a number of bathrooms have been installed. The mattresses and springs on every bed have been burned and new ones substituted. A high class cafe will be operated in connection with the hotel. A gang of painters and carpenters were started at work this morning by Mr. Polis to prepare the hotel for the opening which will occur sometime during the first week in June.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, Mayu 17, 1928]

CHAS. KRIEGHBAUM OWNER OF THE WEST SIDE HOTEL

A business deal involving several thousand dollars, in which Charles L. Krieghbaum of this city becomes the proprietor of the West Side Hotel and grounds, was terminated late Tuesday afternoon. The local man, who is a co-partner in the ownership of the Char-Bell theatre, traded his 310 acre farm which lies 11 miles southwest of South Bend for the lake property.

Krieghbaum who has already taken possession of the Lake hotel plans to completely overhaul and redecorate the building and will cater to the patronage of fishermen and hunters and their families, and other visitors who desire a quiet and comfortable place to spend their vacations. The new proprietor who will assume active management of the hotel will move to the lake within the next couple of weeks and begin improvements work.

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[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, March 4, 1931]

WEST SIDE HOTEL BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE TODAY

The West Side Hotel, located on the west side of Lake Manitou, was gutted by flames at 2 o'clock this afternoon causing a loss estimated at between \$8,000 and \$12,000. A shorted wire in the engine room is believed to have caused the fire. A strong southwest wind fanned the flames. The loss is partially covered by insurance, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krieghbaum, owners of the hotel, stated.

The fire was discovered by Frank Moss, former owner of the hotel who was working in the woods at his farm a short way to the northwest of the hotel which was of frame construction. He reported the fire to the Rochester fire department who were on the scene and pouring water on the flames within five minutes after the call had been received at the station.

Engine Room

Moss stated that the fire when he saw it was in the engine room. This is located in the basement of a small building to the west of the hotel structure proper. The electrically operated pump, from whose wires the fire is thought to have originated, supplied the water used in the hotel.

When the fire department arrived the hotel north from room four was a mass of flames. This part of the structure contained the hotel lobby over which were six sleeping rooms, dining room and kitchen. Firemen were able to save the other nineteen rooms which extended south from room four.

19 Rooms Saved

A storage room in which Mr. and Mrs. Krieghbaum had placed their linens, dishes, silverware, glassware and blankets which were used in the hotel were destroyed by the flames as were all of the contents. Another small building standing to the south of the engine room in which was stored other supplies at the hotel was also destroyed. The beds from the 19 rooms were removed as were a few pieces of furniture from the lobby of the hotel.

The firemen pumped water from Lake Manitou onto the flames. The pumper was placed in the drive-way at the entrance to the hotel grounds proper. Two long lines of hose were laid to the burning structure and water from the hose was played onto the flames as were the contents of the chemical tank.

Many Drive To Scene

The fire soon attracted a large crowd of people to the hotel. Roads leading into the grounds were filled with cars. This was the first large fire at Lake Manitou in over three years. A small fire a week ago at the Colonial Hotel on the north shore of the lake was brought under control with the use of chemicals.

The West Side Hotel is one of the oldest hostelrys at Lake Manitou. A hotel has been operated there for over fifty years. The two story portion of the building was constructed in 1914 by Mr. Moss. The sleeping rooms extended south from the kitchen of the hotel along a wooded ridge. Mr. and Mrs. Krieghbaum had no statement to make as to their rebuilding the hotel.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, February 22, 1933]

AKRON MAN TO OPERATE THE WEST SIDE HOTEL

According to an announcement made today Frank Barnes of Akron has leased the West Side Hotel, Lake Manitou, for 1934 and will open the resort for business as soon as various repairs are completed. Mr. Barnes leased the hotel from Charles Krieghbaum of this city. The Akron man plans to keep the hotel open throughout the entire year, catering to fishermen, hunters and the general transient trade.

There are also 18 tourist cabins which are being improved and will be operated in connection with the new West Side Hotel. Mr. Barnes is already in Rochester supervising the arrangements at the hotel grounds.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, April 13, 1934]

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FRANK BARNES SELLS LAKE HOTEL LEASE

Frank Barnes who for the past several months has operated the West Side Hotel and Beer Tavern has sold his lease rights to Ralph Campbell, of Winamac, and Al Peconge, of this city.

The new lessees have already taken over active management of the hotel and are making several improvements, chief of which is a new hardwood dance floor. The formal opening of the new tavern will be held Saturday evening of this week.

Mr. Campbell has had years of experience in the cafe business at Winamac and Mr. Peconge, his ex-partner, operates a tire and auto service shop in this city. Mr. Barnes, it was stated, plans to operate a cafe in Kosciusko county. The hotel is owned by Charles Krieghbaum of this city.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, August 29, 1934]

AL PECONGE DISPOSES OF BUSINESS INTERESTS

Al Peconge in two transactions completed yesterday, disposed of his business interests here. Mr. Peconge has been under the care of a physician for several months and on his doctor's advice the local business man decided to retire from business for a few months until his health improves. In the transactions, Mr. Peconge sold his half interest in the lease on the West Side Hotel to his partner, Ralph Campbell, and sold the Al's Tire Shop, 502 North Main Street, to C. C. Towne of near Talma. Possession of the tire shop was given immediately.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 28, 1934]

[Adv] WEST SIDE HOTEL, Lake Manitou, Mrs. Edna Foy, Proprietress. Fish, Chicken, Steak and Frog Leg Dinners - Beer and Wine. Telephone 383. Dance to Appy and His Troubadours Every Tuesday Night.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 30, 1938]

WEST SIDE HOTEL PURCHASED BY EMIL "POP" MARTIN TODAY

Emil "Pop" Martin, Indianapolis, today closed a deal in which he purchased the West Side Hotel property at Lake Manitou from Charles Krieghbaum. Selden J. Brown was attorney for the transaction.

Mr. Martin said the entire building will be remodeled, with an open-air dancing pavilion being built on the lake front and a closed dancing pavilion constructed in the rear. The new hotel will be operated on a year-around basis.

Remodeling work will begin the first of next week and the open-air pavilion is scheduled for completion about the middle of August. Two acres of swamp-land west of the hotel has also been purchased by Mr. Martin and will be filled in for parking space.

At one time Mr. Martin operated the Colonial Hotel and Terrace Gardens and is well known by many people in Rochester.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, July 7, 1941]

. . . there was the lake's . . . West Side Hotel under management of Captain Skinner.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Wednesday, April 25, 1956]

Some time along the way, Captain Skinner served dinners at The West Side Hotel on Sunday for 50 cents.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Tuesday, October 6, 1959]

Dinners served on Sunday for 50 cents.

Another source refers to Frank Moss's West Side Hotel.

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When I came to Rochester as I recollect, there were but two buildings on the shores of Lake Manitou - The West Side Hotel and at that time the Straw's landing. Later the Clint Irvine place that was not long ago destroyed by fire.

[Frederick Barnhart Miller Family, Malcolm Miller, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

HOTELS - WESTERN HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Western House, Corner of Main and Water Streets, Rochester. A. Leininger Proprietor.

[*Rochester Gazette*, Thursday, December 9, 1858]

Western House, Corner of Main and Water Sts., Rochester, Ind. A. Chamberlain, Proprietor.

[*Rochester Mercury*, Thursday, March 1, 1860]

Great Excitement! What Is It? 'Tis how Freidgen can sell Boots and Shoes at his shop, on Main Street, opposite the Western House, commonly known as Chamberlain's Hotel . . . C. Friedgen, Rochester, March 1, 1860.

[*Rochester Mercury*, Thursday, March 8, 1860]

HOTELS - WINDSOR HOTEL [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] WINDSOR HOTEL. Open to the traveling public and to boarders. First class accommodations. ED. MOONSHOWER, Prop.

[*Rochester Sentinel*, Friday, May 8, 1903]

HOTELS - WOODRUFF HOTEL - Lake Manitou

[See LAKE MANITOU, LAKE MANITOU'S EARLY HISTORY - *Rochester Sentinel*, Saturday, March 11, 1922]

WHITES IN SOUTH BEND

Mr. and Mrs. Val Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Holden and Mrs. R. J. Ravencroft motored Friday to South Bend to attend the performances at the Orpheum theater, where Mr. and Mrs. Jack White (Howard & White) are playing a four days engagement. The Whites make Rochester their summer home, having purchased the old Woodruff hotel on the east side, of Mr. Holden.

[*Rochester Sentinel*, Saturday, February 4, 1922]

HOTELS - WRIGHT'S SALOON, TOM [Rochester, Indiana]

Around the old courthouse square it was possible for a person to rent a room for sleeping purposes over Tom Wright's saloon or the Josie Barret Restaurant.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Wednesday, April 25, 1956]

HOTELS - ZIEGLER / ZEIGLER HOUSE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located at 401E 9th, S side of 9th St

Later the location was Ninth St Texaco station; Weaver's Service Station; and King's Texaco; Kline's TV & Appliances..

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The Ziegler House on Pearl (now 9th) street at the railroad crossing received its due share of patronage from the traveling public while offering accommodations to widowers and bachelors as a boarding house.

[Earle A. Miller, *The News-Sentinel*, Wednesday, April 25, 1956]

HOTPOINT ELECTRIC SERVICE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Eiler, Paul

HOUGHTON, JAMES KNIGHT [Rochester, Indiana]

JAMES KNIGHT HOUGHTON

James Knight HOUGHTON, the subject of this sketch and Prosecuting Attorney of the 41st judicial district, was born in Plymouth, Indiana, Dec 7, 1870. He received an education in the city schools of Plymouth and in Chicago where he took a two years' course at the Metropolitan Business College. He thus secured positions as bookkeeper and accountant in Chicago, and later in Manistee, Michigan. In 1893 he returned to Plymouth and engaged in the grocery business with his father. His knowledge of law was acquired by several years study and reading with lawyers of his acquaintance, thus gaining admission to the bar in June, 1894. The following fall he was nominated by the republican party and successfully elected to fill the position he now occupies.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

HOUSE, A. V. [Rochester, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Rev. A. V. House, of the firm of House & Kendrick, loan, real estate and insurance agents, is a native of Preble County, Ohio, born April 22, 1838. His early years were spent on a farm, and at the age of nineteen years he entered the Capital University of Columbus, Ohio, and graduated from the literary department in 1862, and from the theological department in 1864, and came to Fulton County in the same year as a missionary. He organized churches and served in this capacity exclusively for thirteen years. He is now serving congregations regularly. He also filled the office of School Examiner of this county during the ministry, and resigned the position on being elected County Treasurer, September 6, 1871, was re-elected in 1872, serving two terms in all. He was united in marriage, May 20, 1865, to Miss Rebecca J. Ralstin, a native of Fulton County. This union was blessed by the birth of five children, four sons and one daughter. On January 28, 1872, he was called upon to mourn the death of his esteemed wife. He was again married, November 12, 1872, his choice being Miss Nancy A. Ellis, a native of Ohio. These parents have two children, a son and daughter. The firm's card is House & Kendrick, loan, real estate and insurance agents, Rochester, Ind., office on Main street, opposite the public square. They refer to Hon. David Turpie, Indianapolis, Ind.; Hon. Thomas Stanfield, South Bend, Ind., Hon. E. V. Long, Warsaw, Ind.; Hon. Sidney Keith, Rochester, Ind.; Hon. Thomas Underwood, Lafayette, Ind.; and Rev. J. H. Cissel, Presiding Elder, Valparaiso, Ind.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 23]

HOUSE, HELEN [Rochester, Indiana]

See Rochester Airport

See McElroy, Clarence

ROCHESTER GIRL SOLOS

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Miss Helen House is to be congratulated as being Fulton County's first girl to make a solo airplane flight. Miss House is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter House, who reside on the northwest side of Lake Manitou, one mile east of Rochester.

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Miss House has been interested in airplanes for many years, but not until recently did she think her dream of flying a ship would come true. When the municipal airport was located here, Miss House became more "air minded" than ever and decided to take up aviation. Under the direction of Rudy VanDevere, she took her first lesson on April 4th.

VanDevere owns and operates the Indiana Air Service, South Bend. He has four planes in his hangar at the Bendix airport. VanDevere has many friends in Rochester as he has come here in his airplane on numerous occasions while supervising construction of the local airport.

Three Weeks Instruction

On April 25th, just three weeks after Miss House had taken her first lesson, she made her first solo flight and previous to this she had taken just 6 1/2 hours of instruction. It is unusual to make a solo flight with less than eight or ten hours of instruction. The first solo flight took her in the air about ten minutes as the aviator took off, circled the field and landed. She handled the plane perfectly, the instructor said afterwards. Miss House is the first girl under the tutelage of Mr. VanDevere to make a solo flight, but a girl from South Bend is also studying under him at present.

When asked what she planned to do in aviation, Miss House stated she wanted to work up and receive her commercial license this summer so she could take up passengers at the Rochester airport. To gain a commercial license, Miss House will have to obtain 50 hours of solo flight to her credit and also pass a written and flying examination. Her next ambition is to work in with some company as a demonstrator. It is expected that she will go on the Annual Indiana Air Tour over this state this summer.

To Complete Course

Miss House is 19 years of age. She attended Rochester High School two years, and then went to California where she was graduated from the High School at El Cajon, California. She recently passed a test of perfect health. She spends most of her time in South Bend now, where she takes instruction from Mr. VanDevere and studies instruction books. Her next lessons, those which she will take up this week, will probably be on "Dead Stick Landing."

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, May 1, 1934]

MISS HELEN HOUSE IS NOW LICENSED PILOT

Miss Helen House, aged 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter House, today holds the distinction of being the first Indiana girl to receive a commercial pilot's license.

Miss House was awarded the license by Frank Estill, Indianapolis, department of commerce aeronautics inspector for Indiana, following a flight inspection at the Bendix Airport in South Bend Wednesday.

Miss House who is a graduate of the Rochester High School made her first solo flight at the Bendix airport in South Bend in April, 1934. Since that time she has been piling up flying time until now she has 67 hours.

The local girl received her instructions in flying at the Bendix airport in South Bend and at the Municipal airport here, under the direction of Lieut. Rudy Van Devere of South Bend, who is the operator of an air service.

Miss House is one of 200 women in the United States who holds a pilot's license from the department of commerce. She plans to purchase a plane in the near future and establish a flying service at the local airport.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, May 24, 1935]

MISS HOUSE FLYING SHIP IN THE STATE AIR TOUR

Rochester is represented in the Seventh Annual State Air Tour which started from Hoosier Field Indianapolis at nine o'clock this morning. The representative is Miss Helen House, who is flying a ship which is being sponsored by Mr. A. C. Bradley, of this city.

Miss House who is one of the few lady pilots in the tour, obtained her commercial pilot's license after she had completed an aviation course at the Rudy Vandevere school at South Bend.

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The local aviatrix and Clarence McElroy flew their ships to Indianapolis late yesterday. This will be McElroy's third time in participating in the Indiana Air Tours.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, June 17, 1935]

HELEN HOUSE AMONG EIGHT WOMEN PILOTS

A picture of Miss Helen House, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter House of near this city, appeared in a picture with other women aviators in the Indiana Air Tour, published in the Indianapolis Star, Tuesday morning.

Miss House became a licensed pilot several weeks ago, and is flying a plane in the state tour, sponsored by A. C. Bradley of Lake Manitou, and is one of the eight women pilots in the caravan of planes which will land at the Rochester Municipal Airport on Wednesday afternoon.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, June 18, 1935]

LOCAL GIRL HAS COMMERCIAL LICENSE

**** Photo of Miss Helen House ****

This Rochester young lady, who a few weeks ago passed the rigid tests for a commercial pilot's license at the Bendix Field, South Bend, Ind., is now receiving numerous calls to take part in six shows which are being staged throughout the Mid-West. Miss House's latest offer comes from Sky Harbor, Ill., where an air circus will be held within the next few days. She is shown beside her Curtis-Robbins, 3-place cabin monoplane, ready for a passenger flight at the Rochester Municipal airport. Mrs. Lenore McElroy, of Winamac, is the only other Hoosier lady having the distinction of being awarded a commercial pilot's license.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, July 6, 1937]

LOCAL AVIATRIX FLYS U. S. MAIL

**** Photo ****

Miss Helen House of this city took-off from the local Airport at 9:30 a.m. today with a load of air mail which she flew to the South Bend Airport where it was transferred to the main airlines. The local aviatrix is the holder of a transport rating, the highest government license obtainable. She was one of the few women pilots to take part in the National Air Mail Work activities. Milton Hatfield, another Rochester pilot, took part in today's air mail activities, flying mail from North Judson to South Bend.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 19, 1938]

PILOT HELEN HOUSE FLIES AIR MAIL TO SOUTH BEND

A fair-sized crowd composed of postoffice officials and employees and aviation enthusiasts were at the Rochester Airport early Thursday morning to see Miss Helen House "take-off" with her load of U. S. air mail which she flew to the South Bend airport.

The Rochester aviatrix, who is one of the few women pilots in the U. S. who is taking part in the National Air Mail Week program, nosed her cabin-type monoplane northward at 9:30 a.m. and arrived at the South Bend airport at 10 o'clock.

154 Letters From City

The pouch of air mail which weighed 12 pounds contained 154 letters from Rochester; 59 from Akron and 51 from Kewanna, according to a statement made today by Postmaster Hugh McMahan. Just prior to the take-off Miss House received a large bouquet of American Beauty roses presented her by Chas. MacVean.

Almost simultaneously with the Air Mail Week ceremonies being held here this morning, another Rochester U. S. licensed pilot, Milton Hatfield, was taking off from the North Judson airport with a load of mail destined for the South Bend air mail terminal. Pilot Hatfield also made a stop at Knox for air mail, while enroute to South Bend.

Over two scores of planes were due at the up-state air mail terminal on or before 10:30 a.m. today. A temporary postoffice had been established at the airport and all mail was redistributed and routed out from South Bend over the regular U. S. air mail transport planes.

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[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, May 19, 1938]

HELEN HOUSE OUTCELT CALLED FOR SERVICE IN FERRYING DIVISION

Helen House Outcelt, instructor and operator at the Rochester airport, was called last week to report on Friday, September 11th, at Wilmington, Delaware for service in the Second Ferrying Group, Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command.

She had applied immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor for some kind of service for the government, and in May had sent her application in to the Ferrying Division. This division is an entirely new group for women, formerly made up of young men who are now being called for more active duty.

Mrs. Outcelt is home on an indefinite furlough, and if the government decides she is more suited in her present job of training young men as pilots she will remain here.

To apply for the Ferrying Group one must have at least 500 hours, a horsepower rating of from 0-200, a high school education, be a native born citizen, and be between the ages of 21-35. Mrs. Outcelt's horsepower rating is from 0-265, and she has 2,000 hours in the air.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, September 18, 1942]

HOUSE, ROBERT, MRS. [Rochester, Indiana]

See Manitou Beauty Shop

HOUSE & KENDRICK [Rochester, Indiana]

A WORD TO THE PUBLIC

Having united in a general Real estate and Insurance agency, we would respectfully solicit a fair share of patronage of our friends and of the public generally. We have had considerable experience in this kind of business and pledge ourselves to give reasonable rates, and whatever we do, shall be done fairly and honorably. Come and see us, either on business or for a social chat. Our office after Oct. 10th, will be on the second floor of the new brick block of Shepherd & Cowgill, West side public square, Rochester, Ind. Very Respectfully, A. V. HOUSE, F. K. KENDRICK.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 9, 1880]

HOUSE MOVERS [Rochester, Indiana]

HOUSES MOVED

Horace Mackey has just purchased a new and improved outfit for moving houses, and has secured the experienced services of Dick Lowman to manage it. Terms reasonable. Orders left with either party will receive prompt attention.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, June 11, 1890]

HOUSER MEAT MARKET [Rochester, Indiana]

[see Rochester Meat Market]

GUISE MEAT MARKET IS SOLD TO LOGAN MAN

J. C. Houser, of Logansport, has purchased the Hugh Guise Meat Market at 526 Main street. The purchaser took possession of the shop Wednesday afternoon and stated this morning that he intends to carry the same high grade meats as did his predecessor. Mr. Houser for many years operated bus lines between Logansport, Monticello, Winamac and Rochester. Prior to his entry in the bus business Mr. Houser owned and managed several butcher shops in Logansport. Mr. Guise has no immediate plans for the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, November 11, 1926]

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BUYS MEAT MARKET

A deal was closed the forepart of the week whereby W. E. Stevens of Monterey becomes sole owner of the Houser Meat Market, which is located on North Main street, this city.

Mr. Stevens is an experienced man in the meat business having operated a shop at Monterey for several years. Walter McGuire, experienced meat cutter, formerly of Monon, Ind., has charge of this market.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, February 24, 1927]

[see adv. The News-Sentinel, same date]

HOUSTON'S MILLINERY [Rochester, Indiana]

HOWARD, AYRTON [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Rochester Bands

HOWARD, W. A.

See Wolf Jewelry Store

See Wolf & Howard

See Howard & Hardin

FROM APPRENTICE TO SOLE OWNER

Twenty years ago a young lad, sixteen years of age, strong and ambitious entered the employ of C. C. Wolf as an apprentice to learn the jewelry trade. Years passed by and business grew and enlarged under the able management of Mr. Wolf. With the larger amount of business to handle and because of his declining years the apprentice was made a member of the firm and a new shingle was hung which read, Wolf and Howard. The boy of sixteen grown to manhood had received his reward for steady and efficient service.

Today another page was added to the history of this well known concern when papers were signed giving Mr. Howard the sole ownership of the business. Since the death of Mr. Wolf, which occurred two years ago last November, the firm has been under the management of the junior partner, but Mrs. Wolf did not feel that she was able to give any attention to the business and so a deal was made giving William Howard entire charge of the concern.

Entire Satisfaction

The transfer of Mrs. Wolf's interest was completed to the entire satisfaction of both parties and Mr. Howard will assume control of a business, built up by the sterling worth of Mr. Wolf which has become one of the leading concerns in the county. Always carrying a large stock of jewelry and musical instruments, the store has enjoyed a large patronage. No one counts [sic] that the business will continue to enjoy the confidence of the public, and the new owner, so long identified with the concern, has the best wishes of the people for his success.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, May 7, 1913]

W. HOWARD STORE MAKES A CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

[Long article re: W. A. Howard and Max Hardin incorporate, Howard & Hardin, Inc.]

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, June 30, 1927]

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The store will be operated as formerly, Mr. Howard stated today and will continue under the same policy which has made it one of the leading local institutions for many years. Mr. Howard will be in complete charge he said and for the time being the name will be left as it is now. Ayrton Howard, a son, will assist his father in the operation of the store.

Max Hardin, who was an employee in the store for many years, assumed half ownership three years ago when the firm incorporated. He has not stated what he intends to do in the future.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, August 13, 1930]

[photo] W. A. Howard.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, December 6, 1934, p. 13]

A SEASONED NAME IN LOCAL BUSINESS

Ever since the fire of '75, the location long since associated with the name of Howard, has been synonymous with jewelry in Rochester.

When Rochester's greatest conflagration of the mid-Seventies wiped out the C. C. Wolf jewelry store and the late D. W. Lyon erected the building on the west side of Main street, in what has since been known as the 700 block the good people of Rochester have known the store as a reliable, courteous and efficient source where jewelry, repairing, silverware, gifts and time-service could be had at all times.

In 1890, W. A. (Bill) Howard entered the Wolf store as an apprentice, he having come to Rochester from Columbia City while yet a boy. A natural adoption to the business followed and a few years later, Mr. Howard became a partner with Mr. Wolf. This partnership continued until the demise of the senior member of the firm, when Mr. Howard took over the sole operation of the business.

In 1928 Max Hardin, then an employee of the store, became the junior partner of the firm, which took the name of Howard & Hardin. This set-up continued until 1930, when Mr. Hardin left the concern and Mr. Howard again assumed full control.

Since 1930, Mr. Howard, assisted by his son, Ayrton, has carried on serving a large list of patrons and friends in a friendly courteous but highly specialized and efficient way.

Mr. Howard is recognized optician and the optometric department of the store is one of the most active. It is fully equipped with every needed facility for testing fitting and correcting the many eye deficiencies peculiar to mankind.

The Howard Jewelry Store, Rochester's old and reliable Gift Store, is ready for the Christmas season with practical suggestions for the Yuletide time suggestions of "Gifts that Last."

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, December 6, 1934, p. 13]

SELLS JEWELRY STORE

William Howard, a Rochester merchant for 56 years, has sold his Howard Jewelry Store at 717 Main Street to Lee Snyder of Winamac whose brother, Harold, will manage the business.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Friday, October 25, 1946]

HOWARD & HARDIN [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Hardin, Max

W. HOWARD STORE MAKES A CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

Announcement was made Thursday morning that the W. A. Howard Jewelry Store, one of the oldest continuous businesses in the city, had made a change in ownership and that the firm name was Howard & Hardin, Inc. This change brought Max Hardin, who has been in the store for

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19 years as a member of the firm along with W. A. Howard, formerly sole owner. The new organization will be incorporated immediately.

The owners stated that there will be a complete reorganization of the business within a short time. The interior of the store will be redecorated, the arrangement of showcases and jewelry displays all altered according to the latest ideas and everything made more convenient for the advantage of the customers. New machinery will be installed for speeding up service in the repair department and this feature especially will be emphasized. An entire new stock will be purchased while various and allied lines of jewelry, plateware and novelties will be added to the lines already carried. The installment plan of selling will also be inaugurated, this feature being very popular over the country. The firm members also stated through their incorporation their buying power will be greatly augmented which will give the trade further advantages in range of goods and prices.

Continue Leading Lines

The Victrola agency will be continued as will the Eastman Kodak and other leading lines which are widely advertised. More attention will also be devoted to the optical business it was said.

The history of Howard & Hardin, Inc., is an interesting one. The firm was founded by the late C. C. Wolf in 1872 and was started in a small frame building standing near where the C. K. Plank shoe store is now located. Following a fire Mr. Wolf moved his small but growing business into its present site in 1877, doing business before the interior of the building was finished.

William Howard started to work for Mr. Wolf when he was 18 years of age and continued as an employee until April 15, 1907 when he was taken into a partnership, the name being changed to Wolf & Howard. In 1911 following the death of Mr. Wolf his partner purchased the store changing the name to W. A. Howard. Max Hardin began working for Wolf & Howard Feb. 1, 1908 and has been with the firm continuously since that time.

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[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Wednesday, August 13, 1930]

HOWARD & WHITE [Lake Manitou]

WHITES IN SOUTH BEND

Mr. and Mrs. Val Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Holden and Mrs. R. J. Ravencroft motored Friday to South Bend to attend the performances at the Orpheum theater, where Mr. and Mrs. Jack White (Howard & White) are playing a four days engagement. The Whites make Rochester their summer home, having purchased the old Woodruff hotel on the east side, of Mr. Holden.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, February 4, 1922]

Mr. and Mrs. Ayrton Howard and Max Hardin motored Sunday to South Bend to see the Jack Whites at the Orpheum.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, February 6, 1922]

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack White (Howard & White) arrived today from Chicago, where they finished their season's tour in vaudeville. They were accompanied by Mr. Conrad L. Holmes, well known theatrical booking agent of the Windy City. They left Chicago at 9 o'clock this morning in their brand new Mitchell car, arriving in Rochester at three this afternoon.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, April 26, 1922]

HOWARD GREENHOUSES [Rochester, Indiana]

CANNING COMPANY BUYS GREENHOUSES

In order to give several of their men employment the year 'round, the Rochester Canning Co., has purchased of William A. Howard the greenhouse equipment at the corner of Fulton ave and 7th street. The frame work will be moved to the canning factory property near the Erie railroad. The company may decide to raise all kinds of flowers but will probably use the greenhouse to raise tomato plants and the like. William Howard purchased the greenhouse and the lot of Mrs. L. Dunn about three weeks ago. He will hold the lot. It is said that the houses contain \$400 worth of glass.

HOWARD ICE CREAM PARLOR [Rochester, Indiana]

Keep Cool! Charlie Howard . . . has located in Rochester and will at all times be found at his rooms over the store of A. Cornelius & Co., North of the Post-office, where he keeps the best of Ice-Cream, Lemonade, Strawberries, &c. . . .

[Rochester *Chronicle*, Thursday, June 22, 1865]

HOWARD'S MELODY SYNCOPATORS [Rochester, Indiana]

See King's Jesters

Local band, composed of Francis Bastow, Ayrton Howard, Raymond Clay, George Howard and John Ravencroft, around 1925-30.

It was the forerunner of the Kings Jesters.

WELL KNOWN COUPLE ELOPE EARLY MONDAY

Ayrton R. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Howard, North Fulton Avenue, and Miss Millicent Lorraine McIntire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McIntire, West Fifth Street, gave their many friends a complete surprise when they took the Howard touring car about one o'clock Monday morning and drove to Indianapolis, where they were united in marriage at 9:30 this morning.

Friends of the young couple had expected they were planning to be married soon, but by slipping away in the night they threw off all suspicion. Mr. Howard's car had recently been damaged considerably, when it hit a tree on South Main Street. Repairs were completed yesterday and its first trip was to carry off the elopers. It is evident that the young couple postponed their elopement until they could use the machine.

The groom is a graduate of the local high school class of 1917. Since graduation he has been connected with his father in the jewelry business. The bride also attended high school here and was a member of the Junior class. Both young people have a wide circle of friends in this city.

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They will go to the home of Mrs. Howard's sister, Mrs. Herschel G. Miller, of Urbana, Ohio, where they will spend a week and then will return to make their home in Rochester.

The following note was left by young Howard before he and his prospective bride started for Indianapolis.

"Dear Dad. -- We have eloped in the Hudson. Now think twice before you get angry because you know a date like this can't be postponed. So smile and be ready with the glad hand and congratulations when we return."

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, May 24, 1920]

[Adv] Dancing Sunday Night at the Colonial Hotel - - - Music by Howard's Melody Syncopators - - - E. F. MARTIN, Proprietor.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, December 11, 1925]

HOWARD'S PLAYED ON AIR

"Kirch" Howard and his Melody Syncopators following a dance at Huntington last Saturday night broadcasted a test program for an hour over a new station in that city which has not as yet received a license.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Tuesday, October 19, 1926]

HOWARD SYNCOPATORS TO BROADCAST FROM WCMA

The Howard Melody Syncopators announced Monday that they will broadcast Tuesday night between the hours of 11 and 12:30 from the Culver Military Academy station. The call numbers for this station are WCMA. This program is known as the Arctic Circle Program and is given by the academy for the benefit of all persons living in the Arctic Circle especially those along Yukon River in Alaska. The Howard Syncopators have often been on the air from the station at Logansport.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, February 14, 1927]

HOWARDS BROADCAST FINE PROGRAM WEDNESDAY NITE

Many Rochester and Fulton county radio fans Wednesday night listened to an excellent program broadcasted from Station WCMA at Culver Military Academy by the Howard Melody Syncopators who appear each Sunday night at the Colonial Hotel. The reception was exceedingly good last night as there was little static. The Howards received many requests for special numbers one from a little girl in a sanitarium in Tennessee who wanted to hear "My Blue Heaven". This request was rather touching as the little girl has spinal trouble and has been securely tied on her back to a board for four years and outside of the white walls of her little room in the sanitarium the only thing she ever sees is the blue heavens through the window just above her head.

The Howards played a number of special numbers Wednesday besides some of their own orchestrations. Several piano solos by Ayrton Howard was a feature. This local orchestra will broadcast from the Culver Station a number of times during the coming winter.

[The News-Sentinel, Rochester, Indiana, Thursday, November 17, 1927]

HOWARD BAND'S TRIO TO BROADCAST OVER WLW

Three members of the Howard Syncopators band now known as "The Singing Trio" composed of George Howard, Francis Bastow and John Ravencroft, will be on the air over station WLW, Cincinnati, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week.

The trio, who last week were guests of Ray Mac Dermott, member of the Cincinnati Club orchestra, which played at Lake Manitou dance pavilion during the summer season, made good at a "try-out" at the Crosley station and will probably be heard on the air several times throughout the winter season. While in Cincinnati they also sang several numbers for the Henry Theis orchestra which is playing at Coney Island.

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The trio also appeared with the Ray Miller's orchestra at the Trianon ball room in Chicago the forepart of last week. The exact time of the local youths entertainment over the WLW station will be announced in Tuesday's issue of this paper.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 16, 1929]

TRIO ON AIR TONIGHT

A telegram received from the WLW station, Cincinnati stated the Howard Syncopators vocal trio, George Howard, Francis Bastow, John Ravencroft, would be on the air tonight at 10 o'clock Central Standard time. A large number of Rochester people will be tuned in on this program. The trio will also be on the air again Wednesday night at 9 o'clock (Central Standard time). The trio will sing before the Kingtaste Night Club, Cincinnati.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 17, 1929]

HOWARD TRIO TO SING AT WLW TUESDAY NIGHT

Rochester radio owners who failed to hear the Howard Singing Trio, (George Howard, Francis Bastow and John Ravencroft) over station WLW, Cincinnati a few evenings ago will have another opportunity to tune in them on Tuesday evening Sept. 24th.

The trio's first appearance will be between 9:45 to 10:00 (central standard time) and two successive appearances between 10 and 11 o'clock when they sing on the Crosley Revue program. The boys will motor to Cincinnati early Tuesday morning.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 23, 1929]

HOWARD'S TRIO BOOKED AS WLW ENTERTAINERS

Howard Meoldy Syncopators, a five-piece orchestra composed of Rochester young men, and one that has put out some of the classiest, up-to-date dance music ever to be wafted in this state, played their "swan song" New Year's Eve at the Colonial Hotel Gardens, Lake Manitou, much to the regret of scores and hundreds of dance patrons and a host of music lovers. The disbandment was made necessary, however, through the gaining popularity of the orchestra's trio of singing entertainers, namely George Howard, Francis Bastow and John Ravencroft, who have been broadcasting over station WLW Cincinnati for the past several weeks.

The above trio is now booked for three programs a week over the WLW station. On Wednesday evenings the songsters present two programs which are sponsored by the Walgreen Company and the Tom's Twisted Peanut firm, while on Friday evening of each week their entertainment is presented in the interest of the Heatrola Furnace Co. The Howard Trio are now booked far ahead into the spring months and it is the belief of their local friends that they will soon be appearing nightly over the Cincinnati station. The entertainers will depart next week for Cincinnati where they will make their residence.

Ayrton Howard, founder and director of Howard's Syncopators will for the present time at least abandon his activities in the musical profession and devote his time in the employ of the Howard & Hardin Jewelry store. Raymond Clay the other member of the Syncopators will continue in his work at the Croownover Music and Jewelry store this city.

The Howard orchestra which was formed five years ago was perhaps one of the best known of the smaller bands throughout the state and had played in practically all of the leading cities in central and northern Indiana. For a couple of winter seasons the Syncopators organization broadcasted weekly over station WCMA Culver Military Academy and were paid the highest compliments by the thousands of fans of the air throughout the midwest states.

Exact time schedule of the Howard trio program over WLW will be published in an early issue of the News-Sentinel.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 3, 1930]

HOWARD TRIO BOOKS WITH P. WHITEMAN ORCHESTRA

A message received last night by Mrs. Bud Carlton of this city from her sister, Mrs. Francis Bastow of Cincinnati bore great news for the many admirers of the Howard Trio, of

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Station WLW, as it stated that the former Rochester songsters had been signed up for the winter with Paul Whiteman's orchestra.

The trio was given a try-out for the position by the National King of Jazz, Paul Whiteman, in the WLW studio last Thursday [sic] and late Wednesday evening the boys, George Howard, Francis Bastow and John Ravencroft, received a wire from Whiteman that their services would be required for at least throughout the fall and winter season.

Start at Chicago

The first booking of the trio with Whiteman's band will be at Chicago where they will remain for a one month's engagement and from there a tour of several of the largest cities in the U. S. will be made. Upon completion of the itinerary the Howards will accompany the famous orchestra to New York city where they will engage in special club work and National broadcasting programs.

The rapid rise of the local boys to the pinnacle of their profession in so short a period of time is nothing less than marvelous and the personnel of the trio and their parents, all of whom are well known Rochester citizens, are to be congratulated.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, September 25, 1930]

WHITEMAN ON THE AIR

William Howard received word this morning from his son, George, who is a member of the Paul Whiteman orchestra which is appearing in the Granada ball room at Chicago, in which he stated that the band would be on the air at 9 o'clock tonight over the Columbia chain of which chain Station WBBM at Chicato is a member.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, October 18, 1930]

P. WHITEMAN AND BAND IN BIG PROGRAM THURS.

In response to numerous requests from radio listeners Paul Whiteman and his orchestra of which organization George Howard, Fritz Bastow and John Ravencroft are members, will play "When Day is Done" as a feature of their broadcast over the Columbia network from 9:30 to 10 o'clock Thursday night. "When Day is Done" was introduced and popularized by Whiteman and his band several years ago. This feature program will be heard from a specially constructed soundproof studio in the Granada Cafe in Chicago where Whiteman's band is now appearing. Others on the program besides the local boys who are billed under the title of the "King's Jesters" are Mildred Bailey, contralto, Jack Fulton, tenor and the Paul Sisters harmony singers.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, November 10, 1930]

HOWARD'S VARIETY STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

H. WURTZBERGER BUYS FRISTOE VARIETY STORE

Through a deal transacted late yesterday Howard Wurtzberger, of this city, becomes the new proprietor of the Fristoe Variety store which is located on the [NW] corner of Main and 9th street.

The new proprietor who is one of Rochester's young business men will assume active control of business Monday morning, December 5th. Mr. Wurtzberger was a former employee of the United States Bank & Trust Co. and also officiated in a like capacity in one of the larger Toledo, Ohio banks for some time. The transaction was made necessary through the recent demise of H. A. Fristoe, proprietor of the store.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, December 3, 1932]

[Adv] SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY! - - - HOWARD'S VARIETY STORE, Formerly Fristoes.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, January 6, 1933]

ALDEN LICHTENWALTER BUYS HOWARD'S STORE

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Alden Lichtenwalter today announced he had bought Howard's Variety Store from Mel and Howard Wertzberger. He plans extensive improvement in the store and will carry a larger stock. He has had twelve years' experience in retail business in Rochester.

Mr. Lichtenwalter has already taken possession.

[The News-Sentinel, Friday, October 4, 1940]

HOWE GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE [Denver, Miami County, Indiana]

BUYS BIG STORE

Harry Wallace has purchased a stock of shoes valued at \$1,500 of the Howe General Merchandise store, of Denver, Ind. Mr. Wallace will add the new purchase to his large stock of clothing and shoes in Rochester. Mr. Howe closed out his store in Denver to go into the dairy business. It is said that Mr. Wallace secured a bargain in the goods which he bought.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 16, 1914]

HOWELL, J. Q. [Kewanna, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. J. Q. Howell. - John Q. Howell, an enterprising and successful physician of Kewanna, was born July 12, 1827, within eight miles of Troy, in Miami County, Ohio. His father, John Howell, was born in Virginia, and was married, in that State, to Miss Elizabeth Parkison. From his native State he removed with his wife to Miami County, Ohio, and in 1829, from that point to Greenville, Darke Co., Ohio. He served as Deputy Sheriff for a term of two years, and was subsequently elected Sheriff of Darke County. In 1836, at the close of his official term, he removed to Delaware County, Ind., locating within four miles of Muncie, on White River, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1844, he removed to a point near Wabash, Ind., where he cleared and improved a farm. Here his wife died in 1852, and some time subsequently he went to Missouri with his son, William L., but returned to Wabash County shortly afterward, and passed the residue of his life on a farm six miles from Wabash. He died in the winter of 1858, at the age of seventy-five years. John Q., the subject of this sketch, acquired a common school education, and at the age of sixteen years (1843) entered upon the printer's trade at Muncie, with John S. Garver and Isaac Norris. He accompanied his father's family to Wabash County, and there found employment in the office of the *Upper Wabash Argus*, published by Moses Scott. Shortly afterward he took charge of the mechanical department of the *Herald of Freedom*--a paper published in the interests of the Free-Soil party, at Marion, Ind. This paper was discontinued, for want of sufficient patronage, and after purchasing its presses, type, etc., Dr. Howell removed to Anderson, Ind., in 1848, and commenced the publication of the *True Democrat*. One year later he sold this paper, and went to Cincinnati, where he purchased new presses, type, etc., and located at Lagro, in Wabash County, Ind., where he began the publication of the *Indiana Eagle*. In the spring of 1850, he removed his office to Rochester, and published the first paper in Fulton County, under the name of the *Rochester Republican*. He had sent his prospectus ahead to two citizens of Rochester, who, upon their own authority, reduced the subscription price from \$1.50 to \$1 per annum, and interested themselves sufficiently to secure him a number of subscribers. But the editor was not pleased with the liberty they had taken with his price-list, and upon reaching Rochester, was more than half inclined not to set up his office. He was mollified, however by the persuasions of the citizens, and published the *Republican* for about five months. In the meantime he had received communications from the neighboring town of Plymouth, assuring him of 600 subscribers at \$1.50 each, and the fact that Plymouth then had telegraphic connection with the outside world strengthened the inducement to move his office. Accordingly, he located at Plymouth and published the *Plymouth Pilot* until the spring of 1852. This closed his experience as a journalist. Selling his paper, good will, etc. he formed plans for going to California. But little circumstances will sometimes change the current of a man's life, and this proved true in his case.

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The vessels were all over-crowded, and he learned that the accommodations were engaged for several months ahead. In view of this fact he abandoned his cherished plan, and for the next year taught school at Muncie, his old home. Removing thence to Wabash, he learned the art of making daguerreotypes, and opened a gallery at Williamsport, Ind., in the meantime pursuing the study of medicine in his leisure hours. From Williamsport he removed to Paris, Ill., but in 1856 returned to the old home, near Wabash, Ind., and entered the office of Dr. Henry Perry, as a student and amateur practitioner. About a year later he returned to Fulton County, Ind., and located at Rochester, where he practiced his profession successfully until March, 1860, when he removed to the village of Mount Vernon, in Fulton County, practicing there and in the surrounding country for eleven years, and at the same time was engaged in mercantile pursuits. In May 1871, he removed to Kewanna, where he has ever since continued to reside, enjoying an extensive and lucrative practice. In 1874, he purchased the drug store of Tucker & Wright, at Kewanna, and in 1876, erected the store room which he now occupies. He conducted the drug trade in connection with his profession until 1878, when he sold his stock, but in July 1882, resumed this branch of business, in which he is still engaged.

Dr. Howell has fought the battle of life with but few advantages of fortune to aid him. Starting as a mechanic in limited circumstances, he has worked his way steadily forward, until he now occupies a place among the leading physicians of the county. By constant devotion to his profession he has amassed a comfortable fortune, and by an honorable and upright life has gained the confidence and esteem of the community in which he resides. He is enterprising and public spirited, and has done much, in a quiet way, to aid the public improvements of this county, and to advance its material interests. He was one of the first initiates of Kewanna Lodge, No. 546. He is an active and enthusiastic Mason, and is now serving as Worshipful Master of his lodge.

On the 23d of June, 1846, he was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Halstead, at Muncie, Ind. Mrs. Howell is the daughter of Ebenezer and Margaret Halstead, who were early settlers and prominent citizens of Delaware County, Ind. Her mother is deceased, but her father still survives, residing now with the subject of this sketch. Dr. Howell and wife are the parents of four children, viz.: James M., Francis M., Franklin P., and Henry D., of whom the last named is the only survivor.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 57]

DR. HOWELL SELLS OUT

Dr. J. C. Howell has sold his hotel and residence property at Delong and will move back to his former home in Kewanna. In speaking of his return, the Kewanna Herald says:

"His many friends hereabout are glad to have him again as a resident. He will surely be missed at Delong, where he was druggist, doctor, landlord, Justice of the peace, merchant, marrying squire, telephone agent, legal advisor and politician. He is prominently known throughout this section and besides his other numerous virtues he has the unique distinction of having started the first newspaper in Wabash, Marshall and Fulton counties in the days when a print shop outfit could easily be moved on one wagon."

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, March 15, 1909]

OLD EDITOR GONE

Dr. John Q. Howell, one of the pioneer residents of Fulton county, passed away Sunday at the home his son, Henry D. Howell, at Kewanna.

Dr. Howell was born in Miami county, Ohio in July 1827 and in early life moved to Muncie, Indiana, where he learned the printers' trade. Later his father, John Howell moved to Wabash county, where he found employment in the office of the Upper Wabash Argus, published by Moses Scott. Shortly afterward he took charge of the mechanical department of the Herald of Freedom -- a paper published in the interest of the Free-Soil party, at Marion, Ind. This paper was discontinued for want of sufficient patronage, and after purchasing its presses, type, etc., Dr. Howell removed to Anderson, Ind., in 1848, and commenced the publication of the True Democrat. One year he sold this paper and went to Cincinnati, where he purchased new presses

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type, etc., and located at LaGro, Wabash county, Ind., where he began the publication of the Indiana Eagle.

The first newspaper established in Fulton county came through the energy of Dr. John Q. Howell. It was in 1850 that he hauled, by wagon, the first printing outfit into the county and commenced publication of the Rochester Star, in one of the unused rooms in the old court house. The paper was non-partisan and the population of the county and the limited patronage from the few merchants made the financial life of the enterprise a struggle and Dr. Howell sold it to a firm who changed ownership and name and policy frequently until the SENTINEL entered the field.

He then located at Plymouth and published the Plymouth Pilot until the spring of 1852. This closed his experience as a journalist. Selling his paper, good will, etc., he formed plans for going to California.

Later he again returned to Fulton county where he practiced medicine, and still later he embarked in the hotel business at DeLong where he lived until just about a month ago when he sold his business there and moved to Kewanna where he died.

He was twice married, first with Rebecca Halstead, at Muncie, Ind., and as a result of their union four sons were born. He was a member of Rochester Lodge No. 79 F. and A. M. and that order laid his remains away with due ceremony Monday afternoon.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, March 23, 1909]

HOWELL & WESSON [Rochester, Indiana]

LOCAL NEWS

Operations at the new bottling works, established here by Howell & Wesson, of Kokomo, will be commenced in a couple weeks. All kinds of soft drinks and beer will be bottled here. Ice cream will also be manufactured.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, March 28, 1900]

HOWER, CHARLES [Rochester, Indiana]

CHARLES HOWER DISPOSES OF ROAD 31 GREENHOUSE

Charles HOWER, for many years owner and manager of a greenhouse and vegetable farm just south of the city on road 31, has announced the sale of the property to his nephew, Ray Zabst of Peru. Possession will be given Jan. 1, 1946.

Mr. Hower, who has been ill for some time, was removed Saturday by ambulance to Naperville, Ill., where he and Mrs. Hower plan to spend the winter with their son, Clair Hower and family.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, October 1, 1945]

HUB SHOE STORE, THE [Rochester, Indiana]

Located E side of street at 725 Main.

Founded by Sylvester Alspach and Guy Alspach.

Guy Alspach became sole owner, and sold out to Orbra Taylor, his nephew, in 1938.

The store was then renamed Taylor's Shoe Store.

See Hubert's Shoes.

See Alspach, Guy

See Taylor, Orbra

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[Adv] Most extensive and up-to-date Shoe Store in Rochester - - - At Holman's old stand, in Sentinel block. THE HUB, R. B. Marsh, Guy Alspach.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, September 16, 1899]

[Adv] SLAUGHTER Shoe Sale! We have bought the K. W. Shore stock of boots and shoes, at about 20c on the dollar. - - - HUB SHOE STORE, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, December 26, 1903]

[Adv] Broken Sizes at Broken Prices - - - - Take Your Choice. The Hub Shoe Store, Rochester - Warsaw.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, July 21, 1914]

[Adv] In Full Blast! THE BIG SHOE SALE of the Mahany Shoe Stock of Peru, bought for 47 cents on the dollar, is just in full blast. - - - HUB SHOE STORE, Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, August 15, 1904]

OBITUARY

Sylvester Alspach, 69, one of the most prominent of Rochester's merchants, and a life long resident of this community, died at seven o'clock Friday morning at his residence on south Main street after an illness of six weeks. Death was caused by complications.

Sylvester Alspach was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, September 20, 1852, a son of Henry and Deborah ALSPACH. When an infant his family moved to Fulton county, where he resided with them on a farm in the Mt. Zion neighborhood until he had reached the age of 21 years.

On February 15, 1872 he was united in marriage to Mariah Goss, after which they moved to Rochester, where he engaged in the meat business at the location now occupied by his son-in-law, Charles Taylor, at the corner of Main and Ninth streets.

He continued in this occupation until about 25 years ago when he opened the HUB SHOE STORE with his son, Guy Alspach, as a partner. The two continued this business until a few years ago, when Mr. Alspach turned the business over to his son and opened up another shoe store with his grandson, Hubert TAYLOR, as a partner.

He had been in good health until a few weeks ago, when he began to fail rapidly. His ailment was diagnosed as anemia. Mr. Alspach seemed to know that he would not recover from this sickness and accordingly completed all of his own funeral arrangements. He was a member of the Methodist church and the Knights of Pythias lodge.

Surviving are the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Charles Charles, of this city and Mrs. C. M. Hart, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and one son, Guy Alspach, of Rochester.

Funeral services from the residence Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. F. O. Fraley in charge. Burial at I.O.O.F. cemetery.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, March 3, 1922]

TWO CITY SHOE STORES WILL BE MERGED SOON

An important business transaction in Rochester has been completed whereby the Serve Yourself Shoe Store becomes the property of Guy Alspach, owner of the Hub Shoe Store. The Serve Yourself has been owned by Sylvester Alspach estate and has been managed by Hubert Taylor since the death of that merchant.

According to the announcement made by Mr. Guy Alspach an inventory of the Serve Yourself Store will be taken at once and a gigantic ten day shoe sale will be held to close out all of the stock as the room must be vacated in that time.

At the close of this sale Hubert Taylor and Orbra Taylor will both purchase in interest in the Hub Store and will take over the managership. Guy Alspach intends to devote most of his time to the managing of all of his stores which he owns in several different cities in northern Indiana.

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Mr. Alspach has announced that the Hub store in the future will continue along the same business policy as it has in the past with the addition of taking over several of the well known lines of lower priced shoes which were sold by the Serve Yourself Store. With a more varied and enlarged stock the Hub will be able to serve a wider range of customers.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, March 11, 1922]

CLOSES SHOE STORE

The stock of shoes of the Guy Alspach store at Goshen is being removed to the Hub Shoe Store in this city. The removal was made necessary on account of Mr. Alspach being unable to renew a lease on his business location. The local shoe man is contemplating holding a special sale on the Goshen shoe store stock.

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, February 15, 1930]

[Adv] CLOSING OUT SALE OF MY MICHIGAN CITY SHOE STORE - - - Sale starts Thursday Morn., Feb. 11th. Prices Will Make You Buy! DEPRESSION PRICES - - - THE HUB SHOE STORE, Rochester, Indiana.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, February 9, 1932]

GUY ALSPACH HAS OPENED STORE AT LOGANSPORT

Guy Alspach, owner of the Hub Shoe Store, has opened a new shoe store at Logansport. The new store which is located on Broadway near Market has been named the "25 Cent to \$1 Shoe Store." The store derives its name from the merchandise which is carried as no shoes are sold for less than a quarter or for more than a dollar a pair. This is the first shoe store of its kind in Indiana. The store was opened last Saturday. Nineteen clerks were kept busy on the opening day.

[The News-Sentinel, Wednesday, June 22, 1932]

LEASES ROOM

Guy Alspach has leased a room in the Cole building at southeast corner of Main street and Broadway in Peru which was formerly occupied by the Falk Clothing Store and will open a shoe store in the room. The room is now undergoing alterations and is being redecorated

[The News-Sentinel, Saturday, July 23, 1932]

HUBBARD, FRANK G. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Dyche Motors, Inc.

HUBBARD'S JEWELRY STORE [Rochester, Indiana]

HUBBELL & CO. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] GOING OUT OF BUSINESS AT ONCE. - - - This store will be closed in 15 days and everything must be sold at once. HUBBELL & CO., JEWELERS, Rochester, Indiana.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, April 1, 1898]

HUBBLE, E. O. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] E. O. HUBBLE, CITY AUCTIONEER. I am permanently located here and have had seventeen years experience as an Auctioneer. Have sold all kinds of merchandise and will guarantee satisfaction in any sale I may make. All correspondence strictly confidential. Terms

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reasonable. Can furnish 100 bona fide references. Call on or address, E. O. HUBBELL, Lock Box 707, Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 8, 1897]

HUBERT'S SHOES [Rochester City]

Guy Hubert Taylor was employed with his brother, Orbra Taylor, by their uncle, Guy Alspach, for several years. When Orbra bought out the Hub Shoe Store, Hubert became the proprietor of Hubert's Shoes at 706 Main, Foley's Jewelry Store was later.

HUCKINS BROS. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] MANITAU FLOURING MILLS. Hereafter the Maizena Mills will be known as the Manitau Flouring Milles. - - - - HUCKINS BROS.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, February 11, 1898]

HUCKLEBERRY RAILROAD

Nickname for I. P. & C. railroad. The I. P. & C. later became the Lake Erie & Western, which, in turn, was nicknamed the Leave Early and Walk. [WCT]

HUDKINS, A. E. [Kewanna, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

A. E. Hudkins, a brother of E. V. Hudkins, was born in Barbour County, W. Va., September 10, 1846, and came to this county with his father in 1850. Raised upon the farm, he is possessed of a fair common school education. In the spring of 1865, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, and was mustered out after a few months' service. He then traveled over the Western States and Territories, but did not stay there "to grow up with the country," for returning to this county he married Miss Ella Hudkins, August 7, 1870, and farmed for six years, when he sold out and went into merchandising in Kewanna, and for five years followed that business. Somewhat over a year ago he formed a partnership with M. Hiland, in furniture, undertaking and lumber business. He built the first brick house put up in Kewanna, in 1879. His wife is a daughter of J. C. Hudkins, mention of whom has been made, and was born in Barbour County, W.Va., January 25, 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Hudkins are the parents of two children, only one living, a little boy about five years old. Mr. Hudkins is a member of the Order of I.O.O.F., and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 57]

KEWANNA

Kewanna Herald.

A deal was recently made by which A. E. Hudkins became owner of the marble business of the firm of Hudkins & Biddinger, who formed a partnership here last winter. Since they have been in business here they have had an excellent patronage and have constructed and erected many fine monuments in various sections of this and surrounding counties.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 1, 1910]

HUDKINS, DANIEL [Union Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Daniel Hudkins was born March 3, 1811, in Randolph County, W. Va., and was married to Saloma Clem, May 21, 1835. Mrs. Hudkins was born in Shenandoah County, W. Va., December 10, 1815, of German descent. In 1850, they emigrated to this county. They are the parents of seven boys and six girls, viz.: Clem (deceased), E. V., Marion, Louisa, Prudence, Mary E., Lydia (died April 12. 1871), Archibald E., Jacob B., Angeline, Sarah (deceased), William M., and Dr. Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Hudkins resided on their farm north of Kewanna, and by

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prudence, zeal and industry, they raised their family and gave them all a fair common school education. Their children having nearly all grown up, he sold his well improved farm a few years ago and moved to Kewanna, where they now reside. Mr. H. is afflicted with total blindness. This affliction came upon him about three years ago. He bears his cross with meekness and humility, realizing that the Master doeth all things well. Mr. and Mrs. H. are members of the Old School Baptist Church.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 57]

HUDKINS, DANIEL "RUNT" [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Midway Billiard Parlor

"Daniel 'Runt' Hudkins was the nephew of my grandfather, the son of Dr. Franklin Hudkins. He was quite a character around Rochester, having worked for 'Buttermilk' Bob Moore for many years. He also drove a taxicab around Rochester. One night during Prohibition he went out to a bootleg joint belonging to the Eagles Lodge, located north of the Tippecanoe River bridge on old US-31 north of Rochester. He parked his Model T Ford on an incline and when he got ready to come home, he cranked it and it started moving down the incline toward him. 'Runt' tried to hold it but he kept backing up until the car hit an outside toilet. It knocked the toilet down and the floor caved in. Runt was knocked into the pit. Harold Van Trump was the witty editor of the *Fulton County Sun*. He wrote the story of what happened, which came out in the *Fulton County Sun* under the headline: 'Runt Hudkins interred but not dead.'

[NOTE: this compiler heard this story as above, with the following: As he was floundering trying to extricate himself, many of his lodge brothers crowded around and laughed as they watched. Finally, "Runt" pleaded, "Isn't there some good Eagle that would help another good Eagle out?" Someone replied: "If you're such a damned good Eagle, why don't you fly out?" -- WCT]

[Bennett Hudkins Family, Byron E. Hudkins, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

HALF INTEREST SOLD

Daniel "Runt" Hudkins has purchased a half interest in the pool room north of the court house from Frank Cole. Business has increased to such an extent that Mr. Cole was compelled to take a partner. The proprietors intend to make several improvements in the next few weeks and make the place first class in all respects.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 9, 1913]

DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP

Frank COLE and Daniel "Runt" HUDKINS, who have been conducting the pool room and restaurant north of the court house, have dissolved partnership. Hudkins will move his share of the fixtures to Leiters Ford, where he will start a new and similar business, while Cole will refurnish the old stand and conduct the place by himself.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, August 26, 1913]

HUDKINS, E. V. [Union Township]

BIOGRAPHY

E. V. Hudkins, a respected farmer of Union Township, was born in West Virginia March 19, 1837, and is a son of Daniel and Saloma Hudkins. Mr. Hudkins came to this county with his parents in 1850, and remained with them until 1862, when he enlisted in the Eighty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served in that regiment during the war. Always at his post of duty, he was among the best soldiers in a regiment of good men. He was discharged in June, 1865, when the regiment was mustered out of the service. Mr. H. was married to Susan Blasser,

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March 18, 1866. She was born January 2, 1843, in Pennsylvania, Northumberland County, and is the daughter of Jacob and Judea Blasser, natives of the same county. Mr. and Mrs. Hudkins are the parents of two boys--Albert, aged thirteen, and Frank, aged seven years. Mr. H. settled when first married where he now resides, upon forty acres, to which he has since added 140 acres, upon which he has built a good house and barn. He is a member of Eden Lodge, No. 69, I.O.O.F., and of Kewanna Encampment, No. 151.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 57]

HUDKINS, JOHN C. [Union Township]

BIOGRAPHY

John C. Hudkins. - Mr. Hudkins was born Decembver 25, 1829, and is a son of Bennett and Sarah Hudkins, who were natives of Maryland. Mr. Hudkins' father died in this county in 1859, aged seventy-two years, and his mother in 1854. They had thirteen children, of whom only four are living, viz.: Richard, Rebekah, John C. and Felix A. Mr. Hudkins was married to Dorcas Martena, September 27, 1849. She was born December 25, 1830, and has seven brothers and sisters living, whose names are as follows: Joseph, Evins, Margaret, Daniel, Lucretia, Ellen and Malinda. Mr. Hudkins is the father of twelve children, eight of whom are living--Mary E., Walter D., Alonzo H., Alice L., Judson J., Cora B., Emma T. and Delmer. Mr. Hudkins emigrated from Barbour County, Va., to Fulton County, Ind., September 1, 1858, and in August, 1860, settled where he now resides. His farm contains at the present time 160 acres well improved, and upon which he has built a good and substantial house and barn. Mr. Hudkins' family are identified with the Baptist Church.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 57]

HUDKINS, L. J. [Kewanna, Indiana]

See Hudkins & Biddinger

HUDKINS, RALPH [Kewanna, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Ralph Hudkins' Experiences)

HUDKINS, RICHARD [Union Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Richard Hudkins. - This old farmer was born September 22, 1816, in Barbour County, Va., and is the son of Bennett and Sarah Hudkins. Richard remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-six years old, when he came to this county and worked for other people until he was married to Jane Auglin, November 23, 1843. She was born May 30, 1829, and died March 30, 1855. By this union they had four children--Elmira, Sarah, Erastus and Jane. Mr. H. was married a second time, to Elizabeth S. Jeffries, June 26, 1856, who was born July 8, 1838. She died March 1, 1879. From this union five children survive, viz.: Jasper, Ezra, Mandana, Basil and Mary. Five are dead. Mr. Hudkins a third time took unto himself a wife, her name being Mary H. Norris. She was born September 12, 1860. They were married February 20, 1881. The result of this marriage is one child. Mr. H. settled where he now resides in 1845, his first purchase was 80 acres, to which he has added 200. This land he improved to its present state of cultivation, and by his own efforts he has accumulated considerable property. He has been a member of Eden Lodge, No.69, I.O.O.F., since 1856.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 57]

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HUDKINS BARREL STAVES & HEADINGS [Kewanna, Indiana]

The first child of Alonzo H. Hudkins was leondo H. Hudkins, born Aug. 14, 1882, in Kewanna. Like his father, he went into the business of manufacturing barrel staves and headings. [Bennett Hudkins Family, Byron E. Hudkins, *Fulton Co Folks*, Vol. 2, Willard]

HUDKINS & BIDDINGER [Kewanna, Indiana]

WILL BIDDINGER IN BUSINESS

Kewanna Herald.

A deal has been made by which the firm of Hudkins & Biddinger, composed of John Hudkins, Jr., of Kewanna, and Will Biddinger, of Rochester, has purchased the Kewanna Marble Works of L. J. Hudkins and took possession at once.

In the future Mr. Biddinger will look after the greater part of the outside work and Mr. Hudkins will look after the work pertaining to the works. Both are young men with plenty of energy and get there and there is no doubt but what the new firm will be successful.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 5, 1909]

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Kewanna Herald.

A deal was recently made by which A. E. Hudkins became owner of the marble business of the firm of Hudkins & Biddinger, who formed a partnership here last winter. Since they have been in business here they have had an excellent patronage and have constructed and erected many fine monuments in various sections of this and surrounding counties.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, July 1, 1910]

HUDKINS & HILAND FURNITURE & UNDERTAKING

[Kewanna, Indiana]

See Hudkins General Store.

HUDKINS & HILAND LUMBER YARD & PLANING MILL

[Kewanna, Indiana]

See Hudkins General Store.

HUDKINS & SON [Kewanna, Indiana]

KEWANNA

Kewanna Herald.

John Hudkins, junior partner of the firm of Hudkins & Son, monument dealers, bought the Daniel Kopp restaurant and confectionery. John took immediate possession and retains Sam Metzger as assistant.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, January 8, 1907]

HUDKINS GENERAL STORE [Kewanna, Indiana]

Owned and operated by Archibald E. (known as A. E.) Hudkins beginning around 1877. He sold out and with Milton Hiland entered the furniture and undertaking business in Kewanna as a sideline, a lumber yard and planing mill being their principal business. About this time they built the brick portion of the present building that houses the Kewanna Lumber Company. He built the first brick house in Kewanna, (first in Union Township, too) in 1879, [located NW corner Main & East streets] having brought John "Brick" Wilson here from Ohio to make the bricks. Wilson moved his brick-making equipment here and stayed, making bricks for one other house in the eastern part of Union Township. No other orders came in so he moved to Missouri for four years. Then A. D. Toner decided to build a brick building in Kewanna and got him to move back again in

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1883. He built the Toner Hotel (now IGA grocery store on the corner of Main and Smith streets), two buildings next to it on the west side for bank, store, livery stable and later the Opera House and Knights of Pythias hall upstairs. Wilson stayed and established a brickyard on the present site of C & O Railroad just east of SR-17 next to Oren Anderson's residence. There is still a depression there where they dug clay to make bricks.

[Bennett Hudkins Family, Byron E. Hudkins, *Fulton Co Folks, Vol. 2, Willard*]

HUDTWALCKER RESIDENCE [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Downs Sawmill

HUFFER, C. D. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] The Livery firm known as Huffer & Williams being dissolved Tuesday, April 6, Firm name now being C. D. HUFFER - - - -

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, April 19, 1909]

HUGHES COMPANY, A. D. [Rochester, Indiana]

HUGHES PLANT IS DOING WELL

Less than a year ago the A. D. Hughes Company leased the old show factory plant, and without blare of trumpets or begging for subsidy located in Rochester for the purpose of manufacturing mill machinery. As Mr. Hughes is a modest unassuming gentleman, it has remained for others to tell of the success he is making in this city. The Operative Miller, a technical paper devoted to the milling trade, contains a "write-up" of Mr. Hughes and his business, illustrated with cuts of the plant and the proprietor and his products, and speaks in highest terms of the Hughes mill equipment.

The paper says: "The hughes sifter, with the simple new drive and the heavy ball bearings, cannot be excelled in any way. The power to operate is a two-inch belt, and with no vibration to the mill building, which places the machine in high favor with those who are familiar with its construction. The demand for this machine is steadily gaining. The roll grinding and corrugation is growing and the excellent work done at the Hughes plant keeps that department humming. The mill supplies of this company meet every need of the modern miller and are rapidly gaining in favor. D. E. Hughes, son of A. D. Hughes, has much to do with the management and success of this institution."

Mr. Hughes states that considerable time has been spent in preparing their plant to take care of the work and in perfecting different machines, and the business is now in a splendid condition. Shipments are being made to all parts of the United States and mill owners are writing to Mr. Hughes expressing their praise of his products.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, August 17, 1912]

MAKING SECOND CHINA SHIPMENT

The A. D. Hughes Milling Co., which occupies the old shoe factory building, is now crating for shipment to Shanghai, China, four big sifters and two flour packers - an order of about \$3,150 value. This is their second shipment to the Orient this year.

The machinery goes to Forbes and Co., big millers in China, who bought one of the sifters in February, and who were so pleased by the machine, which is A. D. Hughes patent, that they ordered four more and the packers besides. A number of men are now busy at the plant, crating the machines for their long trip. A Chinese stencil, forwarded here, is used in placing the firm name on the beds in the language of the country to which they go.

Plant is Busy

The Hughes company is extremely busy at this time, having about all the orders they can handle. Two big shipments are to go to the southwest part of the U.S. as soon as possible. Other milling machinery is being re-built, and the plant is much busier than the average man imagines. If not convinced, pay them a visit.

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[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, June 14, 1913]

HUGHES, J. W. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] J. W. HUGHES, Practical Horseshoer. Special attention given to diseased feet of all kinds. Interfering and track work a specialty. Shop one block east of Arlington. Rochester, Ind.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, May 25, 1894]

HUGHES MILLING MACHINERY, A. D. [Rochester, Indiana]

HUGHES FACTORY TO LEAVE ROCHESTER

It is understood that the A. D. Hughes Milling Machinery concern has received several offers to move and may accept one. Mr. Hughes has prospered since coming to Rochester, but the owners of the old shoe factory building, which he occupies, refuse to give him a lease on the structure, altho he offered to put in a new roof and floor. Recently, the SENTINEL erroneously stated that the Commercial club had given aid to Mr. Hughes.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, December 1, 1916]

HUGHSTON, E. A., MRS. [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] BARGAINS FOR LADIES! - - - - and everything in the millinery line - - - - Mrs. E. A. HUGHSTON.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, November 15, 1895]

WILL REMOVE

Mrs. Hughston will remove her millinery store to the room recently occupied by Miss Wilson, one door south of Hoover's furniture store, next Monday. All old patrons and many new ones are invited to call and see me in the new quarters. Mrs. E. A. Hughston.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 17, 1896]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Mrs. E. A. Hughston has decided to retire from the millinery business in this city, after twenty-eight years. She expects to quit about the middle of July and from this time on will sell everything at cost and some things below cost, to close out the entire stock. If you are looking for bargains, visit Mrs. Hughston's store.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, April 21, 1910]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Mrs. E. A. Hughston, who has been in the millinery business in Rochester for twenty-five years, will give up the business with the close of this week and will give possession Monday to Miss Myrtle O'Daffer. The new owner has had considerable experience and will, no doubt, meet with the same success as did Mrs. Hughston.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, June 7, 1910]

HULING, CATHARINE E. [Henry Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Mrs. Catharine E. Huling, daughter of James and Mary Burdge, natives of Pennsylvania, was born in Wabash County, Ind., April 1, 1843. She received her education in the schools of Wabash County, and when qualified, began teaching, which she continued for a number of terms. May 24, 1863, she was married to William Huling, a native of Ohio, born in Ohio July, 1825. Mr. Huling came to this county many years before with his father, who located on the farm now owned by Mrs. H., and where her husband erected a frame residence in 1850. Mr. Huling died March 4, 1880, respected and regretted by all acquaintances. For many years Mr. Huling was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Omega, of which society Mrs. H. is still

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a member. To Mr. and Mrs. Huling was born one son, Kelsey, August 25, 1864. He is now attending high school, preparing himself for a useful citizen.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 39]

HUNNESHAGEN, ADOLPH [Union Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Adolph Hunneshagen. - The above named person was born in Germany October 24, 1846. His parents were natives of the same country and had eight children, of whom only three survive, and are named as follows: Pauline, the wife of Joseph Slick; Etta, married to Charles Dunn, and Adolph, the subject of this sketch, who married Wilhelmina Smith, February 26, 1873. Mrs. Hunneshagen was born December 2, 1851. Her parents, Jonathan and Lucy Smith, natives of Pennsylvania, had seven children, of whom five survive, viz.: John, Henry, Silas, Wilhelmina and Jonathan. Mr. and Mrs. Hunneshagen have three children, Eugene, Mabel and the baby. Mr. Hunneshagen enlisted in Company A, Twenty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, February 5, 1863, and was discharged January 1866. When married he settled on his present farm of eighty acres, on which he has erected a good house and barn. He served his township as Trustee, one term. Himself and wife are members of the German Baptist Church.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 57]

HUNT, LEWIS V. [Rochester, Indiana]

BIOGRAPHY

Lewis V. Hunt, the well known county recorder of Fulton county, was born in Michigan City, Indiana, March 10, 1882, the son of F. W. and Clara E. (Books) Hunt. F. W. Hunt, the father of our subject, was born in Germany and emigrated to the United States when he was but sixteen years of age. He went at once to South Bend, Indiana, to join his brothers who had preceded him there. He soon moved to Michigan City and engaged in railroad work. Forty years ago he came to Fulton county and at the present time he is living in Bushnell, Illinois. To him and his wife were born two children: John W. and Lewis V. Hunt, the subject of this review. Lewis V. Hunt received a common and high school education and then went to work in South Bend, Indiana, as a moulder. He followed this occupation for a time and then accepted employment as a rig builder in the oil fields where he remained for five years. He chose capentering as his next field of endeavor, and he followed this trade until 1916 when an accident caused him to lose a leg. His character and political integrity, were so highly respected by the citizens of the county that he was elected to the office of recorder of Fulton county on the Republican ticket by a majority of 960 votes, and he assumed the duties of this office on January 1, 1920. He was married on June 1, 1908, to Lida E. Thrush, of Rochester. In fraternal circles Mr. Hunt is a valued member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and of the Loyal Order of Moose.

[Henry A. Barnhart, *Fulton County History*, p. 217, Dayton Historical Publishing Co., 1923]

HUNT, THOMAS ELWOOD [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, 45

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters, (Letter From Tom Hunt)

See: World War II, (Thomas Elwood Hunt, Our Mysterious P.O.W.)

HUNTER, ARTHUR [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Arthur Hunter)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Second Letter From Arthur Hunter)

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Third Letter From Arthur Hunter)

HUNTER, HARRY [Rochester, Indiana]

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See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter from Harry Hunter)

HUNTER, JACK [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From Jack Hunter)

HUNTER, M. C. [Rochester, Indiana]

See: Service Men, World War II, Letters (Letter From M. C. Hunter)

HUNTER, NELSON G. [Rochester, Indiana]

[See Jacob S. Slick]

LOCAL NEWS

Hon. N. G. Hunter has again taken charge of the Wabash Times. He has owned the Times plant for ten years but has not operated it for some time, having leased it to other parties. Mr. Hunter and his son Harry will have the business and and editorial management of the paper.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, November 28, 1900]

TRUST COMPANY FOR WABASH

An effort is being made to organize a trust company in Wabash.

Nelson G. Hunter, the attorney, well known here, is promoting the new enterprise, and is now making a canvas of the country around Wabash securing subscriptions to the capital stock. Mr. Hunter has not advertised the project extensively, and stated on Monday that he had not reached a point in his scheme where he cared to go into details.

Mr. Hunter said that a name for the proposed company had not yet been agreed upon. Two or three locations for the business, it is stated, are in view pending the placing of the capital stock.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, July 25, 1907]

NEWS OF THE DAY

Wabash is the head office of a new corporation -- The Meredith Automatic Cigar Stand company. The incorporators are Milo Meredith, J. N. Hoover and Nelson G. Hunter and the capital stock is \$15,000. The company will make and sell an automatic machine for selling cigars, an invention of Mr. Meredith, which is said to be a very useful and ingenious device.

[Rochester Sentinel, Monday, June 8, 1908]

HUNTER HONORED

N. G. Hunter, of Wabash, was Thursday at Chicago elected President of the National Independent Telephone Association for one year.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 16, 1914]

HUNTER ELECTED

Nelson G. Hunter of Wabash was Tuesday elected judge of the circuit court in Wabash county by a majority of approximately 300. Hunter is well known here having been born in the west part of the county.

[Rochester Sentinel, Thursday, November 5, 1914]

JUDGE HUNTER ENDS TERM

Frank O. Switzer succeeded Nelson G. Hunter as judge of the Twenty-seventh judicial circuit, at Wabash at noon Friday. Of the sixteen circuit judges elected in this county since 1835, Judge Hunter, formerly of Rochester, was first elected on the Democrat ticket. The oath of office was administered for the first time in Wabash county by a woman, Mrs. Orley Grey, deputy clerk, during the absence of County Clerk Warner. Judge Hunter and Judge Switzer were hosts to thirty

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members of the county bar association at a dinner following the administering of the oath of office.

[Rochester Sentinel, Saturday, October 22, 1921]

JUDGE NELSON HUNTER DIES HOME IN WABASH

Judge Nelson HUNTER, aged 88, Wabash, a former resident of this city died at his home in Wabash, at 5 o'clock Saturday evening, relatives and friends in this city have been informed. Death was due to complications, his illness dating from July 25.

The deceased was born at Kewanna and came to this city when a young man. He studied law here under the late Judge SLICK. Fifty years ago he moved to Wabash, where he engaged in the practice of law for many years.

Judge Hunter was a Republican and was honored by being elected judge of the Wabash county circuit court for one term. He was the president of the Home Telephone Company at Wabash for many years.

The deceased was a veteran of the Civil War. He served as a drummer boy throughout the entire conflict with a company which was recruited in Fulton county. He was but 14 years of age when he left for the front. Judge Hunter was an active member of the G.A.R.

The funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday from the Presbyterian Church in Wabash. Interment will be made at Wabash.

[The News-Sentinel, Monday, September 23, 1935]

HUNTER SERVICES HELD

Several relatives and friends of the late Judge Nelson HUNTER of Wabash attended his funeral services Tuesday afternoon at Wabash. Judge Hunter was elected judge of the Wabash circuit court on the Democratic ticket and not on the Republican as it was stated in The News-Sentinel Monday in the late jurist's obituary.

[The News-Sentinel, Tuesday, September 24, 1935]

HUNTER & TIDWELL [Rochester, Indiana]

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Hunter & Tidwell meat market has telephone number 22 and orders given by phone will be given just as prompt and careful attention as if customers are in the shop. Try no 22 once and see what fine meat you get.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, October 21, 1903]

HUNTER'S FORD [Aubbeenaubbee Township]

Former name of Leiter's Ford, Indiana.

HUNTING LICENSES [Fulton County]

FIRST ROCHESTER WOMAN

Mrs. Maud Yoder, wife of Richard Yoder the north end meat market proprietor, has the distinction of being the first Rochester woman to take out a license to hunt wild game in Fulton county.

Mrs. Yoder, who spent many of her girlhood days stalking the field in quest of quail and rabbits, has experienced a longing again for the sport and armed with a small gauge shotgun she expects to bring down considerable game.

[Rochester Sentinel, Tuesday, November 14, 1911]

HURST, HURD J. [Peru, Miami County, Indiana]

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WARD ASSUMES DUTIES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Indianapolis, March 2 -- (By I.N.S.) -- Albert Ward, former judge of the Miami circuit court, today took over the reins in the U. S. District attorney's office, having been appointed to succeed Homer Elliott, who resigned several months ago.

Mr. Ward was at his office in the state house early, welcoming attaches and receiving their congratulations. Alexander Havens will continue as assistant district attorney.

Governor Jackson appointed Hurd J. Hurst, of Peru, to fill the vacancy in the Miami circuit court. Hurst, attorney, was to take the oath of office today.

Hurst took the oath of office Monday morning, and was on the bench today.
[The News-Sentinel, Monday, March 2, 1925]

HURST, IRA B. [Allen Township, Miami County]

BIOGRAPHY

Ira B. Hurst, one of the enterprising young farmers of Allen Township, was born in the township in which he resides July 6, 1851. He was the third son born to John W. and Ann W. (Hays) Hurst, who located in this county in 1846. Ira spent his early life working upon a farm. He was left without a father at the early age of two years. Shortly afterward he accompanied his widowed mother to Pickaway County, Ohio, the former home of his mother. When he was thirteen years old, or in the spring of 1864, they returned to this county and again located in Allen Township. The youth of our subject was spent working upon a farm, by the month. At the age of fifteen he began doing farm work for his uncle, James W. Hurst, in whose employ he remained about seven years, during the last five of which he clerked in a store and assisted the latter in the stock and grain business. He then engaged in the mercantile business in connection with his brother, Levi J. Hurst. He was thus engaged between seven and eight years. In January, 1883, he accepted aposition as agent for the I. P. & C. R.R. Co. at Macy, still retaining as partner his brother, L. J. Hurst. They were also engaged in the lumber business. This position he filled with credit to himself until March 8, 1886, at which time he resigned and removed to a farm in Section 1, Allen Township. He was married February 1, 1874, to Ella J. Horton, by whom he has had five children--Ira A., Ethel S., Bertha, Mary and one infant son who died in infancy unnamed. Mr. and Mrs. Hurst are members of the Christian Church. He is a member of the F. & A. M. Lodge, and at present holds the position of W. M. in Lincoln Lodge, No. 523. He is a Prohibitionist. He is an intelligent and enterprising young man.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. pp. 523-524]

HURST, JAMES W. [Macy, Allen Township, Miami County]

BIOGRAPHY

James W. Hurst, grain merchant, farmer, and stock raiser, at Macy, is a native of Piqua County, Ohio, and was born September 28, 1839. He was the youngest son born to William and Sarah (Alkire) Hurst, the former a native of Maryland, of English descent, and the latter a native of Kentucky, of German descent. At the tender age of two years James was left without a father, and in 1845 his widowed mother came with her children to this county, and located, first, at Peru. In the spring of 1846 the family located upon a farm in Richland Township. A year later they located in Allen Township, where the mother had pre-empted an eighty acre tract of land. There James

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spent his early life working upon the farm. "During the winter of 1859-60 he taught school. At the age of twenty-three he engaged in the mercantile business in Chili. A few months later he located upon a farm in Allen Township, wher he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until the fall of 1867, at which time he located in Macy and erected the first business house in the town. In that building he placed a stock of goods, and during the ten years that followed his attention was simultaneously given to merchandising, the buying and selling of grain and to farming. Since 1877 his attention has been divided between the last two. He was married to Romannia C. Hoover, April 12, 1876. Their marriage has resulted in the birth of eight children. They are Earl J., Eva M., Scott J., Hurd J., an infant daughter, unnamed, and three children that died in infancy unnamed. Mr. and Mrs. Hurst are members of the Christian church. The former is a member of the F. & A.M. lodge at Macy, which he served as its First Master. Politically he is a Republican. He was elected to the office of County Commissioner in 1878, and served one term. In that capacity he discharged his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. In the fall of 1884 he was the candidate of his party for State Representative and succeeded in reducing an opposing majority from 340 to 229. He is an industrious and successful business man and a prominent and influential citizen.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. pp. 522-523]

HURST, LEVI J. [Macy, Allen Township, Miami County]

BIOGRAPHY

Levi J. Hurst, agent of the I. P. & C. Railway Company at Macy, is a native of Allen Township, this county, and was born June 28, 1853. He was the fourth son of a family of four children born to John W. and Ann W. (Hays) Hurst, both natives of Ohio. His parents came to this county in 1846, and first located upon a farm near Chili in Richland Township. A few months later they removed to Allen Township, wher Levi was born and where his early life was spent working on a farm. He attended the district school, in which he received an ordinary common school education. In 1876, in connection with his older brother, Ira B. Hurst, he engaged in the mercantile business at Macy. He was thus engaged about five years. In 1881 he accepted a position as agent for the United States Express Company at Macy, in which capacity he has acted ever since. Since December, 1885, he has also held the position of agent for the railway at that place. December 26, 1876, he was married to Victoria A. Enyart, a native of Fulton County, this State, born June 16, 1858. This marriage has resulted in the birth of three children. They are Ira A., Ora Glenn and Charlie R. The second, Ora Glenn, died in the third year of his age. Mr. and Mrs. Hurst are members of the Christian Church. The former is a member of the F. & A. M. Lodge, and a Prohibitionist in politics. He is a young man of good habits, irreproachable character and good business qualifications, and he is well worthy the confidence of his employers and the public.

[*History of Miami County, Indiana*, 1887, Brant & Fuller. p. 524]

HURST, TIM [Rochester, Indiana]

TIM HURST NOTED BALL PLAYER PAYS VISIT HERE

Tim Hurst, a celebrated ball player of the old days, has been visiting old time friends in Rochester and talking over the days way back in 1901 when he was one of the star pitchers of the Red Fellows who were managed by Henry Meyers.

Hurst got into the big time after leaving Rochester but was injured and his career as a player ended. From Rochester he went to Fort Wayne, later playing at Seattle, Washington, and then served the leagues in Pittsburgh, Boston and Brooklyn.

In 1900 [sic] while playing with Brooklyn he was hit in the abdomen by a line drive and was disabled. He has since stayed in the game as an umpire and even then the jinx stayed with him for in 1916 he was hit in the right eye with a ball.

Hurst has served as umpire in the Three Eye league the last two years and has contracted with the Central League which includes Fort Wayne for the coming season.

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Hurst as a ball player was a star left-hander pitcher. Many are the tales of his prowess. One of them was his feat of striking out 12 straight players on the North Judson team while playing with Rochester. Hurst then coasted to victory.

[The News-Sentinel, Thursday, February 23, 1933]

HURST, THE JEWELER [Rochester, Indiana]

[Adv] DON'T BE BEHIND TIME! If there is anything wrong with your watch we can fix it. We make a specialty of Fine Watch, Clock & Jewelry repairing. HURST, The Jeweler.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, January 6, 1911]

[Adv] Removal Sale of Jewelry. Having decided to move our store to Kokomo, we will offer for sale for the next 10 days, beginning Thursday, Feb. 9 our entire stock of Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Cut Glass and Silverware at surprisingly low prices.

This is a rare opportunity to secure high grade goods at bargain prices. A look at our window will convince you. HURST, The Jeweler.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 8, 1911]

WILL MOVE TO KOKOMO

Fred Hurst, who has been conducting a jewelry store in the room with A. H. Skinner, has decided to close out the business in this city and locate in Kokomo, where he has secured a larger room and will open a big store. Mr. Hurst expects to close out his stock here between the present time and the first of March, and will open the new store with an entirely new stock.

During his short stay in this city, Mr. Hurst has made many friends who regret that he did not see fit to remain a resident of Rochester.

[Rochester Sentinel, Wednesday, February 8, 1911]

HUTCHINSON, JOHN W. [Union Township]

BIOGRAPHY

John W. Hutchinson, the most good natured and jovial farmer of Union Township, was born in Ontario, U. C., January 8, A.D. 1840. His father, Horatio N., was born in Western New York, in 1810, of American parents, and was taken to Canada by his elder brother, by whom he was brought up. At the age of twenty-six or twenty-seven, Horatio married an Irish girl, Jane Blackstock by name. Both are still living in Toronto, U.C. The subject of our sketch was the third of a family of nine children, eight boys and one girl, all of whom are living but the youngest. John came to the United States in 1862, and engaged with his brother Samuel eight years in farming in Illinois and Wisconsin, and lumbering in the pineries of Wisconsin, and rafting on the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers. In 1870, they settled on a quarter section in Iowa, which they farmed together for two years, when John married Elizabeth Lefever, of Union Township, Fulton County, Ind., September 26, 1872, with whom he has since lived on the farm belonging to her. Mr. Hutchinson is a dealer in cattle as well as farmer, respected by all his neighbors for his honesty and for his charity, which is never called upon in vain. Mr. H. was formerly a Wesleyan Methodist, but in 1871, he joined the Disciples' Church, of which he is still an active member. He is the father of two children, a little boy that died in infancy, and Manda May, a bright little girl, the joy and delight of the whole family. B. F. LeFever, a youth of about fifteen, a son of Mrs. H., by her first husband, completes the household.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 57]

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HUTCHISON, DURASTUS [Newcastle Township]

BIOGRAPHY

Durastus Hutchison. - D. Hutchison was born in Huron County, Ohio, June 5, 1836; served an apprenticeship at blacksmithing in Van Wert, Ohio, and came to this State in 1858. June 26, 1859, he was united in marriage to Caroline Burns, a native of Wayne County, Ind., born July 25, 1832. This union was blessed with the following children: William, Jesse, Charles W., John W., Abram, Mary E., Jerry V. and James K. Mr. H. and lady are acceptable members of the Baptist Church, and industrious people. Mr. Hutchison is a good mechanic, but for a number of years he has devoted the most of his time to farming.

[T. B. Helm, *Fulton County Atlas*, A. L. Kingman, 1883, p. 49]

HUTTON, JOSEPH T. [Rochester, Indiana]

JOSEPH T. HUTTON (Biography)

Joseph T. HUTTON, the widely known contractor, is a Canadian by birth having spent his early manhood years in construction work for the Dominion Government. He came to Rochester in 1881 as a superintendent of construction on the C. & E. Ry. Then he went south for five years but returned to Rochester to make this his home. He has been an active and successful contractor and builder, having been the builder of the Michael block, south side school building, and the Normal University now under way, besides many other public and private structures. He married Miss Bertha [STURGEON], daughter of Enoch STURGEON deceased, in 1887 and they have three children, and own a nice brick residence on South Madison street.

[Rochester Sentinel, Friday, September 20, 1895]

BIOGRAPHY

J. R. Hutton, one of the leading contractors of Indiana, was born in Dunnville, Canada, June 20, 1861. His parents came of English lineage, and his father, Richard Hutton, is a native of England, while his mother, Margaret (Tristram) Hutton, was born in Canada, where she and her husband now reside. They are the parents of eight children, of whom six are living. The father, by occupation is a contractor and has constructed many fine buildings in the dominion of Canada. J. T. Hutton obtained a liberal education in the public schools of his native country and later graduated from an academy at St. Catherine's and afterward was a student at the Toronto school of polytechnics. To be a contractor by occupation came to Mr. Hutton as if by inheritance and, under his father's guidance, he gained a liberal training along this line. He also qualified himself in the study of architecture and thus again strengthened his ability in the matter of figuring upon contracts over those whose knowledge in architecture is limited. At the early age of nineteen he had charge of some light-house work for the Canadian government, and at the end of two years the government proposed to transfer him to Nova Scotia, but preferring civil life he resigned his position and came to the United States, locating in Chicago. His first important contract in this country was twenty miles of work, upon the Chicago & Erie railway, and then did eight miles of grade and bridge work for the Canada & St. Louis railway, and other contracts were for twenty miles of bridge work for the Santa Fe railway in Missouri, and twenty miles of the same kind of work for the Ohio Valley railway in Kentucky, and the same for the Indiana Coal R.R. For the past seven years Mr. Hutton has given his attention to the erection of public and private buildings. Some of his best work may be seen at South Bend, Kokomo, Rochester and Michigan City, Ind. At Rochester he built the normal university, the South school building, the wholesale grocery house of J. P. Michael, and the fine residence of J. E. Beyer. April, 1896, he obtained the contract at Michigan City, Ind., for \$30,000 stone and brick high school building. Mr. Hutton does figuring for work in many states of the Union. For the last eight years Mr. Hutton has been a resident of Rochester. He was united in marriage in 1888 to Miss Bertha Sturgeon, a daughter of

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the late Enoch Sturgeon, and Anna M. (Ault) Sturgeon. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutton are these three children: Frances, William S. and J. Wallace. In politics Mr. Hutton is an ardent republican and a member of the K. of P. and K.O.T.M fraternities. He is a man of unquestioned progress and a representative citizen of Indiana.

[Elia W. Peattie, *Fulton County History*, National Publishing Co., Chicago 1896, pp. 88-89]

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