



CLARK OFFUTT, Rush County farmer and his collection of Nixon, election souvenirs, buttons and

*Collections Belonging to Rush Co., Ind.
Farmer Varied, Interesting*

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WED., OCT. 27 - 7 P.M.

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 cane collection; pots & pans; loads
 of primitives; hand & garden tools;
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By Henry S. Wood, New Palestine, Ind.

As you travel Highway 52 across Indiana from Indianapolis to Cincinnati, after you pass through the little town of Arlington, Ind. you will see resting on the knoll of a hill on the south side of the road a farm home. It's just an average farmhouse, some wheels in the yard, but nothing else to suggest anything unusual about the home.

Once you get inside you will see furniture, paintings and treasures from all parts of the world, although the valuable items in Mr. Offutt's collection are kept in a Rushville bank vault. There will be knives from the estate of Hammud Bin Mohammad of Africa; urns that were hidden by Empress Eugenia when she fled from the revolutionists in France, and a clock made in France 350 years ago. There will be hundreds of other things such as campaign badges and buttons from Washington's time to that of President Nixon.

This is the farm home of Clark Offutt. The strangest thing about the Offutt home is that Offutt did not buy scarcely any of his valuable museum pieces, they were handed down from his ancestors. He can spend hours talking about his illustrious ancestors. One of Offutt's grandfathers was Sabert G. Offutt, who was a nephew of Danton Offutt the merchant Abe Lincoln worked for in Springfield, Ill.

Offutt keeps most of his valuable collections in a safety vault and not at his home. It was from this branch of the family that Offutt got one of his most valuable possessions, a letter to Danton Offutt, signed by Abe Lincoln. This letter is kept in a bank vault at Rushville.

One of his ancestors was John Harrod who was in Colonel Christian's regiment in 1774 and 1775. Harrod was also a delegate to the Transylvania Convention in 1779. He was a captain under George Rogers Clark and built the first house in a town named after him, Harrodsburg, Ky.

Offutt likes to tell about his great-great-grandfather, John Gordon who came to Rush County in 1820. Gordon was known as "The Whittler," for as he went about the country he carried in one hand a piece of poplar wood and a sharp knife in the other. However, while he whittled he made trades that made money. In his will, probated in 1841, he left each of his eight children a quarter section of Rush County farm land.

Much of this land came down to Offutt,

and in addition to the thousand acres which he has owned for several years, Offutt's sister died and left him and his daughter 700 more acres. Aside from saving every thing, even the entire collection of his and his father's auto license plates from 1913 until 1971, he has saved all his land with the exception of some donated to the fine Arlington cemetery and other such causes.

Many of the valuable heirlooms in the Rush County home were brought to America by John and Eve Gowdy. Gowdy was Consul General to Paris, France in 1896.

Offutt enjoys telling the story of Gowdy's rise from a poor Rush County farm lad to that of world financier and diplomat. When a penniless farm boy, Gowdy wooed and became engaged to Eve Gordon, a sister to Offutt's grandmother. Both were daughters of Uriah Gordon, wealthy boot and shoe merchant, who gained his wealth by bringing great shipments of shoes and copper-toed boots by steamboat and wagons into the wooded areas of the west.

Young Gowdy, coming into this family of affluence, soon started on his spectacular career to fame and fortune. He first became sheriff of Rush County. Next he was county auditor. Eventually he became chairman of the Republican State Committee.

It was while in this position that Mark Hanna came to Gowdy at Rushville and promised that if he would carry Indiana for McKinley, that he could have his choice of jobs. The choice was Consul General to France.

Thomas Evans, a young dentist cousin to the Gowdys, went to join them in Paris. It was in the Evans home where Empress Eugenia was in hiding during a revolution in France.

It would take a book to mention all the interesting things in Offutt's home. One of the most interesting bits of Hoosieriana is a stamp collection started by Fannie Gowdy, daughter of the Consul General to France. This is one of the valuables Offutt keeps in the safety vault at Rushville where he is a director of a bank. Miss Gowdy was married to Robert Mansfield, who was Consul General to East Africa.

At the beginning of this collection is a letter mailed to Beech Grove, Ind., a log post office that stood in the woods east of Arlington prior to the 1840's. The letter had been carried by steamboat to Jeffersonville and pony express across Indiana. There were no stamps, just a signed

merchandise for sale at public auction. Number system will be used. Registration opens at 9 a.m. Plenty of parking. A large sale, something for everyone available at auction prices. (40-16g)

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statement that the postage was paid. Offutt is keeping up the collection and has most of the late issues of stamps.

In one of his many old ledgers he has a bill where his great-grandfather, Uriah Gordon, a merchant at Arlington, was billed for a sack of 165 pounds of coffee. The bill was for \$19.13. Six silk hats were billed at \$15.

The wheels in the yard of the Offutt home are from the wagons used by Uriah Gordon to haul copper-toed boots from Cincinnati over swampy, muddy roads to the Midwest.

Offutt will not sell any of his collection. No amount of gold would buy any of them.

Priscilla, his daughter, is manager of the Rushville museum.



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*Brother of John
Samuel Oviatt*

In 1800 John Oviatt is listed in the census of Carmel, New York. In 1801 he was one of the first settlers of Hudson, Ohio. By 1802 John had built a cabin and had gone back for Hannah ^(Sherman) and their four ^(nd. 1814-1792) small children.

John's brother Samuel and his wife, Louise Beckwith, were the first settlers of Braceville, Ohio. Samuel Sr. ^{1st wife changed name through 2nd wife - not given} and wife, Sarah Cook, came with their sons, Stephen and wife Sally Stone, Edmund and wife Ruth Hinman, and another son, Seth, and all settled near Braceville, Ohio.

John Oviatt's farm was located about one mile from the center of Hudson. Although the family did not move, they lived in Trumbull County, Portage County, and finally in Summit County, the latter formed from a part of Portage County and Medina County in 1840.

In 1807 John Oviatt voted in Hudson, Ohio. He was on the tax list in 1808 and 1810. He was elected one of three Fence Viewers. This was quite important job as it had to do with boundary lines.

Note: John Oviatt was son of Samuel Oviatt & Rebecca Oviatt - (1853)



John Oviatt was in the war of 1812. He was in Capt. Amos Lusk's Company, 2nd Reg., 4th Div., of Trumbull County. There are some who believe he was a captain or colonel, but the Ohio Adjutant General's office could not confirm any rank but private.

"Recollections Of An Old Settler," (page 44), by Christian Cackler, printed first in 1874, reads:

"Col. John Oviatt came to Hudson in 1801, died in 1827, age 75; his wife died in 1813."

I have not found any proof of John Oviatt being a Colonel in the war of 1812. He did come to Hudson in 1801. He did die in 1827. According to the date of his birth, 5 May, 1767, twin with Eunice, he would have been sixty. Since his son, Almond Oviatt, was born 22 Sept. 1827, it seems reasonable that 60 was a more correct age than 75. His wife Hannah gave birth to Hannah Maria, 8 March 1814, and Hannah died in 1816. I believe Mr. Cackler confused the wife of John with Eunice Newton Oviatt, wife of Heman Oviatt. She died in 1813, either the 12 or 17 of Sept., of yellow fever; buried in Chapel Street Cemetery, Hudson, Ohio. There is a marker.