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Norma Herman submitted this compilation of the reading of the old neglected Leach Cemetery. She, Thomas Ooley, Loretta Rusie and Gary Rusie came down from the Indianapolis area and labored countless hours clearing, mowing, and lovingly uncovering what remains of one of the county's early cemeteries. Making the listing even more valuable, they added notes on relationships. This is part 1 of 2.

RECENT READING of the LEACH CEMETERY

Franklin Township, Owen County Indiana NE¼ Section 22, Twp.9, Range 4
By Thomas Dale Ooley and Norma Ooley Herman

We started in the far back, southeast side of the cemetery, right side, going from right to left. Entrance is on the west side of the cemetery. Names and inscriptions on the tombstones are in bold type. In parenthesis are added notes on individuals.

ROW

- 1) Blank sandstone
- 2) Blank sandstone

3) Hester Johnson w/o J. Johnson, died March 15, 1865, aged 64y 3m 23d
 (dob w/b 11-22-1800. Wife of James "Skillet Head" Johnson, and dau/o Tyce Mathias I and Mary Catherine (Moore) Light. In the 1850 Franklin Twp., Owen County Census, pg 117, Hester is listed as age 50, born SC, with her husband James age 52, born VA, and children, all born in Indiana: William 25, Lawrence 18, Abner L. 16, Eleanor 13, Martha 11; and Hester's mother Polly Light age 80, born SC. The Owen County Cemetery Book lists Hester's date of death as May 15, 1865, 64 yrs.)

- 4) Blank sandstone

5) L. L. Mar 18, 1852
 (This may be a Light or a Leach)

6) 1852
 (Date only)

- 7) Blank sandstone

ROW

- 8) Blank sandstone

9) Matilda w/o Chris'r Ooley, died Sept. 8, 1869, aged 60y
 (Matilda Johnson, w/o Christopher Ooley, dob w/b abt 1809)

- 10) Blank sandstone

- 11) Blank sandstone

- 12) Blank sandstone

13) S. A. OO 1859
 (Could this be Sarah "Sally" Ooley, d/o Christopher and Matilda Ooley, b. c 1835? She is not found in the 1860 census)

- 14) Blank sandstone

- 15) Blank sandstone

ROW

16) Oliver Kirkham
1853 - 1927

Martha Kirkham
1858 - 1898
His wife

Monnie Kirkham
1883 - 1899
Their daughter

(Common stone, far south end. Oliver married Martha A. Gentry 26 Oct 1879. She died 30 Sept 1898 O.C. Death Record H-13 p.12)

17) Eben, s/o M. F. & M. E. Gentry 1882 - 1890

18) Otis Kirkham 1881 - 1882

19) W. M.
 (Initials only)

- 20) Blank sandstone

21) Mary M. d/o W. E. & E. A. Gentry March 31, 1862 14y 11m 14d
 (d/o William Ellis and Elizabeth Ann (Johnson) Gentry. Elizabeth is d/o Lewis D. and Anna (Ooley) Johnson, Lewis's 1st wife.

Anna was the d/o John and Martha J. (Carpenter) Ooley)

22) J. Hit? Died Dec

(Hard to decipher, probably a Light)

23) Blank sandstone

24) Blank sandstone

25) Blank sandstone

26) Anna Miriah, d/o T. & S. A. Light Jan 12, 1858 - June 8 1859

(d/o Tice II and S.A. (Johnson) Light. The Owen County Cemetery Book says Jan 2, 1858)

27) Blank sandstone

28) Blank sandstone

29) Bonnie B. d/o E. M. & M. E. Minnich Born Jan 20, 1874 - Died June 26, 1878

(This probably should read d/o E.L. & M. E., as in Edwin L. and Mary E. (Leach) Minnick)

30) Wallace P. s/o J. N. & M. M. Dollens Died Jan 4, 1914, age 8m 15d

(Stone located in the woods, far east side, midway across)

ROW

31) J. C. 1815

(Or is this J. O.? Very hard to read)

32) Ool 10y _m _d

(Month and day illegible)

33) L. Ooley 1848

(Possibility: John O. and Sarah Russell Ooley had a male child b. 1825-1830 - d. 1837 - 1840s)

34) H. W. 1850

35) Mary E. Minnich

Aug 19, 1849 - Aug 10, 1932

Edwin L. Minnich

June 19, 1849 - July 13, 1929

(Large common stone, far back east end, 2 smaller stones at head of the grave that say "Mother" and "Father". An Edward L. Minnick married Mary E. Leach on Oct. 20, 1872. Book 30, p.221. Is this them?)

ROW

36) S. Oo.

(No dates; wonder if this could be Sarah (Russell) Ooley, John O. Ooley Jr's 1st wife?)

37) Blank sandstone

38) Blank sandstone

39) Blank sandstone

40) Blank sandstone

41) Blank sandstone

42) Blank sandstone

43) Broken blank sandstone

44) John Ooley Died Nov 11, 1846 aged 42 yrs

(This is John O. Ooley Jr. s/o John and Martha (Carpenter) Ooley, husband of 1st wife Sarah Russell, 2nd wife Nancy (Biggers) Johnson)

45) M. Oo

(Could this be Martha J. (Carpenter) Ooley, w/o John Ooley?)

46) Blank sandstone

47) E. Oo August 27, 1850 77y _m 23d

(Could this be Elizabeth "Betsy" (Carpenter) Wooley, w/o Peter Wooley, born 1771-1776 - d. 1840-1850? Age is right This would mean her date of birth would be ca. 1773)

48) H. Oo 1845 or 1865

(Broken sandstone. Wonder if this is Harrison Ooley, s/o Moses & Barsaba (Coffey) Wooley, or Mary Ooley, w/o Moses, d/o John & Martha J. (Carpenter) Ooley)

49) M. O. Nov 3, 1855

(Could this be Moses Wooley/Ooley, s/o Moses and Barsaba (Coffey) Wooley, or Mary Ooley, w/o Moses, d/o John and Martha (Carpenter) Ooley?)

50) Blank sandstone

51) 1868 (Date only, no name or initials)

ROW

52) Blank sandstone

53) **S. J.**
(Initials on top. Sarah J. Ooley, 1851 - 1866, d/o Elijah and Eliza A. (Frye) Ooley)

54) **W. E.**
(Initials on top. William E., 1848 - 1866, s/o Elijah and Eliza A. (Frye) Ooley)

55) Blank sandstone

56) **N. E.**
(Initials on top. Nancy E., 1859 - 1861), d/o Elijah and Eliza A. (Frye) Ooley)

57) Blank sandstone

58) **H. N.**
(Initials on top. Hannah N., 1845 - 1857, d/o Elijah and Eliza A. (Frye) Ooley)

59) **E.**
(Initials on top. Elizabeth, 1857 - 1857, d/o Elijah & Eliza A. (Frye) Ooley)

60) Broken blank sandstone

61) Blank sandstone

62) Blank sandstone

63) **In Loving Memory**
Elijah & Eliza A. Ooley & Family
1820 - __ 1820 - 1890

Elizabeth	1857 - 1857	William E.	1848 - 1866
Nancy E.	1859 - 1861	George A.	1847 - 1861
John N.	1861 - 1880	Hannah N.	1845 - 1857
Ellen B.	1864 - 1870	Sarah J.	1851 - 1866

(Elijah died May 13, 1903. A large tombstone with the entire family, with the exception of their daughter Mary Frances (Ooley) Stevens Ooley, who died in Iowa. All of these have small initialed headstones at their graves)

64) Blank sandstone

ROW

65) **Mary H. O 181__ - (1873?)**
(1846 or 1848?)

66) **C. H. (O?)**

67) **N. Hogan Feb 1, 1858**
(The other date illegible. Could this be Nancy Hogan Feb 18, 1868 or Nathan Hogan?)

68) **L. Oo 1859**
(Was not able to identify the person)

69) Blank sandstone

70) **1850**
(No initials; date only)

ROW

71) Blank sandstone

72) Blank sandstone

73) **K. L.** (Headstone and footstone)
K. Light Son of B. & K. Light Born June 30, 1847 Died Nov. 24, 1850 aged 3y 4m 24d
(dob w/b Feb 6, 1844. In the 1850 census, pg. 117, in the family of Bird & Katherine Light, they have a son Thomas, age 3. Could this be him?)

74) **B. L.** (Headstone and footstone) **K. J. L.** (Headstone and footstone)
Bird Light Kitty, wife of Bird Light
Born Aug. 13, 1805 Born Jan. 2, 1808
Died Feb. 6, 1867 Died June 29, 1887
(Kitty was Katharine (Lucas) Light. Bird and Katherine Lucas married Jan. 3, 1828 in Clay County, Indiana. From "Early Settlers of Greene County, Indiana" from Southern States Central Georgia Genealogical, pg 413)

75) **D. M. Phipps**
(Doctor M. Phipps, born 1838, d. ?, married Rachel Stine June 25, 1864. Military tombstone, designated in the cemetery plot plan as "+2" at end of this row. This information extracted at the Owen County Public Library Genealogy Department)

PART 2

continued from Volume 10, Number 1, Winter 2001

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Franklin Township, Owen County Indiana NE ¼ Section 22, Twp.9, Range 4

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Starting in the far back, south east side of the cemetery, right side, and going from right to left, ninety-three stones and descriptions are listed in the Winter 2001 issue. Here we complete the reading and notes. The inscriptions are in bold type. Added notes are in parenthesis.

ROW

76) Unmarked marble stone

77) **Eliza M. Dau. Of G. & M. Light** Died Dec. 25, 1866 Aged 5y 10m
(Dob. W/b Feb. 2, 1861)

78) **Margaret, wife of G. Light** Born Dec. 10, 1831 Died Sept. 12, 1871

79) Blank sandstone

80) **Minervia Evans** 1841 – 1925

(d/o John O. and Nancy (Bigger) Johnson Ooley, wife of #1 Thomas Benton Bush, #2 Finley B. Evans)

ROW

81) **David Mull** 1923 – 1925

(The Owen County Cemetery Book says Daniel Mull. Name & dates are from that book beside Susianna Mull. Very hard to read; identical stones)

82) **Susianna Mull** 1921 – 1921

83) **Graves**

Anna	William M.
Apr. 5, 1862	May 31, 1857
Mar. 6, 1949	Mar. 5, 1907

84) **Lucinda Graves** Born Aug. 14, 1820 Died Feb. 26, 1905

(The Owen County Cemetery Book says Luconda Graves. Mother)

85) **T. C. Long**

(No dates)

86) Blank sandstone

87) **J. F.** (Headstone and footstone)

Jonathan A. Franklin	Christina L., wife of J. A. Franklin
Born Mar. 16, 1849	Born Mar. 18, 1850
Died June 14, 1898	Died _____

(The Owen County Cemetery Book says Johanthan, 1847 – Jul. 19, 1882. Christina (Light) Franklin died Dec. 29, 1905. Owen County Death Record Book H-16, pg.28)

88) **Ray son of J. A. & S. A. Johnson** Died Nov. 15, 1888

(Ray was born December 23, 1886. J. A. is John Anderson Johnson (1856-1950). S. A. is Sara Ann (Dyar) Johnson (1859-1935). John Anderson Johnson is s/o Lewis David and Elizabeth (Wise) Johnson)

G. J. (Headstone & footstone)

Glennie C. son of J. A. & S. A. Johnson Born Dec. 23, 1886 Died April 13, 1888

(see note on Ray, above. Did not find a marriage record for John and Sarah.)

89) **A. J.** (Headstone & footstone)

Angelina Johnson Born Jan. 16, 1848 Died Jan. 23, 1888

(d/o Lewis David and Elizabeth (Wise) Johnson)

90) **P. J.** (Headstone & footstone)

Perlina Johnson Born Jan. 16, 1848 Died Aug. 19, 1881

(d/o Lewis David and Elizabeth (Wise) Johnson)

91) **L. J.** (Headstone & footstone)

Lewis Johnson

E. J. (Headstone & footstone)

Elizabeth Wise Johnson

Born Mar. 4, 1807

Died July 19, 1882

Born Apr. 15, 1815

Died Jan. 18, 1888

(Small marble stones at foot of the graves that say "Father" and "Mother". Lewis David Johnson and his 2nd wife Elizabeth (Wise); his 1st wife Anna (Ooley) died bef. Aug. 1833. She was d/o John & Martha (Carpenter) Ooley)

92) **J. M. J.** (Headstone and footstone)

James M. Johnson

Born Feb. 14, 1834

Died Oct. 11, 1885

Cornelia

Jn. 24, 1840

Jn. 16, 1930

(James M. is the s/o Lewis and Elizabeth (Wise) Johnson. The Owen County Cemetery Book says Jan. 24, 1840 and Jan. 18, 1930 for Cornelia (Green) Johnson. They married Sep. 15, 1858. Owen County Marriage Book 28, pg.309)

93) Concrete base

94) Concrete base

95) **Ooley**

David

1840 - 1913

Wife Sarah C.

1845 - 1909

(David and Sarah Catherine (May) Evans Ooley. Small initialed footstone S.C.O. Did not find his small initialed footstone)

96) **Herschel son of D. & S. C. Ooley**

Died July 26, 1903 Aged 26y

(He died while in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana hospital; born May 4, 1877, s/o David and Sarah Catherine May Evans Ooley. His death notice in the *Indianapolis Star* newspaper stated he died on the 25th of July 1903)

97) **Robertson**

Russell H.

1894 -

Faye E.

1894 - 1916

(The Owen County Cemetery Book lists Faye's date of death as 1915)

98) **Joshua Gooden Oct. 9, 1874 Aug. 6, 1915**

99) **Infant son of J. & E. Gooden May 10, 1898**

100) **Gooden**

Amanda

Died Mar. 19, 1928

Aged 74y 3m 18d

Cornelious

Died June 18, 1901

Aged 56y 7m

(Cornelius has a small headstone. Amanda Isabella (Franklin), born Dec. 4, 1853, d/o Joshua and Eliza (Franklin) Elliott Franklin, married Cornelius Nicholas Gooden. Info extracted from an article written by Vivian Zollinger "Owen County Ancestors" Dec. 31, 1992. They married Jul. 26, 1873. Book 30, pg.292)

101) **J.F.** (headstone & footstone)

Joshua Franklin

Born Dec. 17, 1822

Died Oct. 18, 1903

E.F. (headstone & footstone)

Eliza Franklin

Born Mar. 16, 1824

Died Jan. 13, 1895

(Joshua, s/o Jonathon & Jennie (Hood) Franklin, married Mrs. Eliza (Franklin) Elliott. She had a dau. Susan, another dau. and 5 sons. This information found in an article written by Vivian Zollinger for the "Owen County Ancestors" Dec. 31, 1992)

102) **F.M.F.** (headstone & footstone)

F. M. Franklin

Died Jan. 16, 1894

66 years

C.F. (headstone & footstone)

Charlotte Franklin

Died

Aged 66y

(Francis Marion is s/o Thomas C. & Dorothy (Davis) Franklin, b. abt 1828. Charlotte Jane (Edwards) Franklin, b. Aug 1, 1833, d. Aug. 1, 1910, aged 77y 2m 1d, d/o Henry and Nancy (Elmore) Edwards who married on Mar. 2, 1854 Owen Co. IN. Book H, pg.32)

103) **Franklin**

John F.

Mch. 20, 1858

Dec. 17, 1919

Ellen

Mch. 8, 1858

Mch. 10, 1926

(Masonic Emblem. John F. is the s/o Joshua and Eliza Franklin. Ellen Thompson married John Dec. 24, 1882. Book 31, pg.470)

104) Infant dau of J. A. & O. L. Franklin

(The Owen County Cemetery Book lists this, we did not find the stone)

ROW

105) Gentry

Wm. L.	Margaret E.	Martha J.
1845 - 1917	1848 - 1936	1868 - 1929

(This is a raised bench tombstone, placed right in front of the entrance to the cemetery)

106) Woodsmall

Nora, wife of Geo. Woodsmall

Born July 30, 1872 Died July 28, 1909

(The Owen County Cemetery Book lists date of death as 1902)

107) Hicks

Lonnie	Alice Dora	Wilma E.
1876 - 1952	1874 - 1941	1910 -

(Owen County Death Record Book H-17, pg.35 lists Wilma E. Hicks date of death as Nov. 13, 1910 age 6 months. Owen County Cemetery Book says 1901)

108) Minerva E. Bledsoe, wife of George W. Bledsoe

Nov. 6, 1854 Nov. 21, 1904

(Minervia E. (Gentry) Bledsoe. Marriage Book 31, pg.21)

109) Coffee

Laura A.	John M.
1862 - 1895	1863 - 1936

(John M., s/o James D. and Martha (Coffey) Coffey, married Laura Light Oct. 10, 1889. Book 32, pg.463. She was d/o Israel & Nancy (Gooden) Light)

110) Israel Light

Nancy Light

Dec. 3, 1824 June 15, 1836

Mar. 12, 1900 (no death date)

(Nancy (Gooden) Light was the 2nd wife of Israel. Elizabeth Vaughn was his 1st wife. Nancy died Dec. 26, 1920, Owen County Death Record H-18, pg.41)

111) Alice Light 1868 - 1931

At the foot of the grave there is an Iron Cross without a name or any dates)

ROW

112) Franklin

Ralph R. Franklin July 13, 1892 Sept. 5, 1910

(His real name was Ralph R. Woods. This information found in an article written by Vivian Zollinger for the "Owen County Ancestors" Dec. 31, 1992 issue. The Owen County Cemetery Book does not list this tombstone)

113) Wallace E. Franklin 1912 - 1913

114) Sylvia Franklin, wife of Joseph Franklin

Born Nov. 29, 1885 Died Jan. 27, 1905

(Joseph A. Franklin, b. 6-6-1882, married Sylvia Yocum May 20, 1905, Book 34, pg 7)

115) Samuel Gooden

Susan J. Gooden

1848 - 1910 1845 - 1905

(Susan's date of death is listed as 1936 in the Owen County Cemetery Book. There is a marriage record for Samuel Gooden and Sarah J. Conder Apr. 7, 1907, Book 34, pg 266. Samuel's date of birth is given as Aug. 15, 1848 and Sarah's as 1849. Also marriage record for Samuel Goodwin and Susan J. Elliott on Oct. 29, 1869, Book 29, pg 557. There is a Samuel Gooden, age 2, in the 1850 Owen County Census, pg 110, as s/o Hezkiah and Minerva Gooden. I was not able to identify if this was the same person)

116) Joseph Gooden Departed this life Jan. 5, 1905, Aged 53 years

117) J.N.F. (headstone & footstone)

James N. Franklin Mar. 26, 1855 Feb. 4, 1923

Barbara I., his wife June 14, 1858 Sept. 18, 1939

(Barbara Isabella (Kay) Franklin and James Nelson Franklin. James is s/o Francis Marion and Charlotte Jane (Edwards) Franklin. Did not find her small initialed sotne)

118) E.F.F. (headstone & footstone)

R.M.F. (headstone & footstone)

Everett F. Franklin

Rosa M. Franklin

Born May 8, 1879

Died Aug. 4, 1905

(s/o James Nelson and Barbara Isabel (Kay) Franklin)

119) Hallie F. Franklin dau. of E. & R. M. Franklin

Died Dec. 13, 1908 Aged 57y 7m 7d

(Hallie Fern is d/o Everett F. and Rosa M. Franklin; dob w/b 5-6-1851. The Owen County Cemetery Book says 5y 7m 7d)

Born May 17, 1877

Died Nov. 2, 1907

After this reading was taken in 1999, four more unmarked stones have been discovered in 2000.

Additional Listings not found at the cemetery, but listed in the Owen County Cemetery Book:

William Lemrick Born Ohio

Died Feb. 10, 1919 Clay Twp. Ref: Death Records Owen County Health Dept.

Thomas Deem Mar. 12, 1853 - Dec. 11, 1911

s/o Adam Jay and Prudence (Vaughn)

Elizabeth H. Franklin

w/o W.E. Feb. 13, 1820 - Jan. 1887

Glen M. Franklin

May 13, 1901 - Dec. 6, 1958

WHERE DID OUR OWEN COUNTY ANCESTORS COME FROM?

Data compiled by Roger Peterson

From the 1860 Federal Population Census, some interesting comparisons can be made. The places of birth can take you back to another place to search for your family data. About one third were born in Indiana, and the 1860 census doesn't tell us which county. But the remaining two thirds were born in other states or countries. Comparing that information with the age of the individual - and this study only deals with heads of families - can lead to a time and place for further research. Over one out of six were born in Ohio. Many of those people settled in the western part of Owen County in the mid 19th century. Another 1 out of ten was born in Pennsylvania and may have stopped for a time in Ohio. Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee are the stated birthplaces of almost a third of our 1860 heads of household. Much of that migration began much earlier and many families from our southern borders came first to other counties of Indiana. It may be interesting to note that over 100 heads of household were German born. For some time now a migration survey conducted via the Owen County Homepage has registered counties in states that Owen County surnames can be traced back to. An up-to-date compilation of that survey will be included in the summer issue of this quarterly. Watch for it.

Below is a list showing the number of heads of household born in each place given in the 1860 census:

Alabama	2	Byron*	14	Kentucky	455	Ohio	525
Arkansas	3	Hanover*	9	Massachusetts	10	Pennsylvania	350
Canada	3	Prussia*	12	Maryland	50	S. Carolina	16
Connecticut	4	Wittenburg*	44	Michigan	1	Scotland	4
D.C.	1	Great Britain	4	Missouri	2	Switzerland	12
Delaware	4	Iowa	2	N. Carolina	284	Tennessee	100
England	13	Illinois	8	N. Hampshire	1	Virginia	216
Georgia	1	Indiana	1170	New Jersey	23	Wales	1
Germany	21	Ireland	29	New York	41		

*Places in Germany. Byron may have been Bayern or Bavaria. Wittenburg, a city in the state of Brandenburg, may have been the census taker's interpretation of Wurttemberg.

