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ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ONLY

OWEN COUNTY
INDIANA
1843 TAX LIST

(Poll and Property)

By

Charles M. Franklin



ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



1843 Tax List - Owen County

Wayne Township

Names	Section	Town.	Range	Acres	Comments
Alexander, Abner	28	11	2	80	
	19	11	2	24.67	
	36	11	3	160	
	36	11	3	80	
	25	11	3	80	
	31	11	2	143.25	
Alexander, Willem	20	11	2	80	
	20	11	2	80	
	20	11	2	80	
	20	11	2	80	
	20	11	2	20	
	21	11	2	20	
	6	10	2	71.25	
	30	11	2	56.25	
Asher, John	18	11	2	80	
	18	11	2	80	
Asher, Daniel	13	11	3	80	
	13	11	3	80	
	7	11	2	40	
Anderson, Alford					
Asher, William					
Applegate, Squire					
Asher, Wm. Heirs	16	11	2	80	
	9	11	2	80	
Arnold, Joseph					
Anderson, Wm.					
Alexander, Wm. C.					
Anderson, Danl. Junr.					Gon
Arnold, William					
Alison & Lemmos					
Baldin, McKinzy	1	11	3	24	
Brazier, Isaac	18	11	2	80	
	19	11	2	3	
Baker, David	25	11	3	14	
Beels, Livery	30	11	2	20.75	
Buskirk, John V.	32	11	2	.50	Ferry
Bull, George					
Beck, Simpson					
Beck, James					
Brasier, William					
Brasier, Hiram					
Baldin, James W.					
Buskirk, J. V.					Guardian of Goss Heirs
Bryant, Alfred					
Bryant, John					
Brown, Alfred					

Wayne Township (Cont.)

Names	Section	Town	Range	Acres	Comments
Brazier, Washington					
Brazier, Gideon					
Bull, John					
Brasier, Wesley					
Brasier, John					
Baldin, W.					Gon
Begdy, Daniel					Gon
Browning, Jas.					Gon
Baker, John					
Bea, Johnathan					
Boldon, Milton					
Carson, Jonathan	32	11	2	60.50	
	5	10	2	173	
Champer, Basil					
Chambers, William					
Combs, William	25	12	3	80	
Cundiff, G. W.	25	11	3	40	
	25	11	3	7	
Civett, Alfred					
Craddick, John Jr.					Mungumry
Cushat, Jacob					
Carpenter, Jefferson					
Cotter, Meshac					Gon
Cherry James M.					
Chaney, Isaac					
Dittemore, George	25	11	3	40	
Dittemor, John Heirs of	31	11	2	39	
Dowden, Zachariah	30	11	2	78.50	
Dittemore, Elizabeth	30	11	2	60	
Dittemore, Adam	32	11	2	52.25	
	6	10	2	71.75	
Dunning, Thomas & Son					
Dunning, Thomas					
Dunning, James Q.					
Dunnigan, James L.					(Agent for minors Mary Ann & Thos. Jefferson)
Dagley, James					
Dittemore, Michael					
Dean, John	12	11	3	80	
Dagley, Thomas C.					
Dowden, Zephaniah					
Dagley, Elias					Gon
Dickson, Samuel					
Dobbins, John					Gon
Dittemore, Green					
Denny, Wm.					
Dungan, Jackson					
Dagley, Joseph					
Downs, Jacob					Gon
Dittemore, Adam					(Administrator of Michael Dittemore)

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Names	Section	Town	Range	Acres	Comments
Dittimore, William					Gon
Dunagan, Acre	8	11	2	40	
Dittemore, Michael Heirs of	32	11	2	27	
Edwards, William	12	11	3	40.09	
	7	11	3	40	
	7	11	3	40	
Edwards & Warren	24	11	3	40	
Edwards, Isaac B.	32	11	2	3.75	
	32	11	2	1	
Evans, John	31	11	2	15	
Edmundson, Thomas					Gon
Eslinger, Adam					
Edward, John					Gon
Easter, George	21	11	2	40	
Eslinger, John					
Fisher, Elizabeth	12	11	3	80	
Fritz, Wm. S. C.	13	11	3	80	
Fisher, Edmund					
Far, James					
Far, Daniel					
Far, William					
Frazier, Arlindo					
Fain, Wm. B.					
Goss, Geo. Jr.	21	11	2	40	
	20	11	2	70.75	
	23	11	2	70	
Goss, John	21	11	2	80	
	21	11	2	40	
Goss, Joseph A.	33	11	2	69.40	
	21	11	2	40	
Goss, Geo. Senr.	20	11	2	80	
	20	11	2	100	
	20	11	2	10	
	20	11	2	80	
Goss, David Junr.	30	11	2	120	
	25	11	3	29	
Goss, Geo. Sen.	20	11	2	80	
Goss, James	36	11	3	80	
Goss, David Sen.	31	11	2	150	
Goss, Joseph C.	31	11	2	110	
	32	11	2	17	
Goss, Fredric	31	11	2	50	
	6	10	2	93	
Goss, Joseph E.					
Goss, Ephraim's Heirs					
Gray, Daniel B.					
Gibbing, Thomas					
Gallaker, Isaac					

Harrison T. S.

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Names	Section	Town.	Range	Acres	Comments
Goble, William					
Goss, Ephraim					
Gray, James					
Hancock, Henry					
Hussey & Goss					
Hutson, John	32	11	2	3.50	
Hughes, Jacob	13	11	3	80	
	12	11	3	40	
Hughes, Peter	12	11	3	162.70	
Hale, Christopher	31	11	2	78	
Hoage, Philip	6	10	2	71	
Hughes Heirs	36	11	3	160	
Hussey, Curtis	32	11	2	15	
	32	11	2	.50	
	32	11	2	.50	
Hopper, Thomas					
Hiner, Joel					
Hail, Frederic					
Hall, Philip					
Harris, James M.					
Hopkins, H. H.					
Hammons, James					
Hutson, Thomas					
Harrison, Richard					Gon
Howard, Abel					Gon
Howel, Harrison					
Hester, W. A. V.					
Hayse, L. M.					
Harris, Thomas					
Johnson, John Jr.	25	11	3	33	
	25	11	3	40	
Johnson, John Sen.	25	11	3	80	
	25	11	3	66	
James, James E.					Mungumry T. S.
Johnson, Harvey					
Jackson, Joel					Gon
Jackson, Fielden					
Johnson, John S.					
Killough, Silas					
Killough & Alexander	32	11	2	2	
Kerr, David					
Lee, Preston H.					
Lewis, Samuel					
Lebo, Isaac Z.					
Lundy, Stockton					Gon
Laughlin, Richard	33	11	2	52.20	
	28	11	2	60	
	28	11	2	40	

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Names	Section	Town.	Range	Acres	Comments
Labertew, John P.	29	11	2	82.60	
	28	11	2	40	
Little, Abraham	29	11	2	74	
Lookenbill, Lewis	36	11	3	160	
Labertew, Elisha	32	11	2	30	
Langdon, Samuel					
Little, Milow L.					
Lukenbill, Abslom					
Lukenbill, Alexander					
Lukenbill, Henry					
Lemmons, Edmond B.					
McCarty, Aaron	17	11	2	160	
McCarty, Janie	17	11	2	40	
	17	11	2	80	
McGinnis, Elisha	17	11	2	160	
	7	11	2	160	
	7	11	2	80	
McGinnis, Elizabeth	19	11	2	53.33	
Mayfield, Pleasant	13	11	3	80	
	24	11	3	40	
Morun, Tobias					
Morehead, Elizabeth					
McGinnis, Harrison					
Morris, David					
McHolland, David					No Property
Moore, Danl. S.					Gon
Mayfield, John C.					
Minton, Jacob					Gon
McQueen, Daniel					No Property
Martin, Abner Heirs					Not Found
Mayfield, Henry					Gon
Miller, John					Decesed
Martin, Abner Heirs	(Sick and No Property Worth Listen)				
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Nicholus, George	25	11	3	80	
Nicholas, Silas					
Nicholas, Jonathan					Gon
Nicholas, John					Gon
Norris, William					
Nogle, Isaac					
Putoff, Matthew R.					
Payne, Samuel					
Pitman, Andrew					Decesed
Quin, Joseph					Harrison T. S.
Ross, William					
Robertson, Thomas	18	11	2	160	
Reno, Jesse	18	11	2	80	

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Names	Section	Town.	Range	Acres	Comments
Richards, Harrison					
Rhodes, William	32	11	2	1.50	
Rankin, Dewit	32	11	2	1.50	
Ross & Hester					
Stierwalt, Frederic	1	11	3	80.96	
	12	11	3	40.09	
	1	11	3	40	
Sink, Matthew	21	11	2	80	
	21	11	2	40	
Stierwalt, John	20	11	2	40	
	20	11	2	17.50	
	20	11	2	20	
	21	11	2	17.50	
	29	11	2	82.60	
	29	11	2	82.60	
	29	11	2	34.60	
	21	11	2	60	
Sandy, Thomas	30	11	2	135	
	29	11	2	48	
	29	11	2	12	
	20	11	2	20	
	19	11	2	80	
	25	11	3	130	
	30	11	2	42.80	
Sandy, Jeremiah	29	11	2	165.20	
	30	11	2	66	
	6	10	2	71.25	
Sandy, Henry	30	11	2	81	
Surber, Isaac	19	11	2	80	
	24	11	3	83	
Snodgrass, Wm.	24	11	3	80	
	24	11	3	40	
Snodgrass, Abm. H.	1	11	3	133.60	
Stierwalt, Peter	20	11	2	60	
	20	11	2	120	
	1	11	3	30	
	19	11	2	10	
Sink, Tice	21	11	2	40	
Secrets, Beson					
Shirley, John L.					
Sea, William					
Snodgrass, Joseph					
Sandy, Wm. G.					
Stierwalt, Wm.					
Sandy William B.	29	11	2	70	
Sink, David					
Stierwalt, Henry					Gon
Shirley, Levi					Gon
Steel, William					Gon
Shrewsbury, Joel					Gon

Wayne Township (Cont.)

Names	Section	Town.	Range	Acres	Comments
Bellers, Abm. C.					Gon
Stout, Enoch					
Stark, Wm. A.					
Taylor, Thos. P.	1	11	3	65	
	1	11	3	80.96	
	1	11	3	65	
	12	11	3	42.10	
	32	11	2	18.50	
	32	11	2	8.50	
Thompson, Keller	19	11	2	80	
	19	11	2	80	
Thompkins, Mary					
Thompson, William					
Thompson, James Cen.					
Taylor, Vance W.					
Tompkins, Christopher					
Tompson, James Junr.					
Urvin, Marcus					
Wooden, James	12	11	3	80	
	12	11	3	40	
Williams, Wiley	28	11	2	1.35	
	19	11	2	80	
	17	11	2	160	
	20	11	2	80	
	16	11	2	40	
	21	11	2	80	
	20	11	2	12.50	
	18	11	2	47.50	
	21	11	2	22.50	
	19	11	2	15	
Whittaker, Bland B.	9	11	2	80	
	8	11	2	40	
	9	11	2	40	
	16	11	2	160	
Wooden, Robt. Heirs	19	11	2	80	
	13	11	3	40	
Woodsmall, Jefferson	13	11	3	80	
(Guardian)	18	11	2	33	
Wilson, Thos.	16	11	2	320	
	8	11	2	160	
Wilson, John	18	11	2	70	
	7	11	2	40	
Woodsmall, Jefferson H.	13	11	3	80	
	13	11	3	40	
Walters, Robert	19	11	2	80	
	24	11	3	160	
Walters, William	24	11	3	78.80	
	24	11	3	64.56	
	24	11	3	31.60	
	24	11	3	29.37	

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Names	Section	Town.	Range	Acres	Comments
Wrinkle, Russel	32	11	2	15	
Wampler, Hezekiah					
Wilson, William					
Wampler, Jefferson					
Wilson, Nelson					
Whittaker, Jas. K.					
Whitson, Joseph					
Wyatt, Humphrey					
Whitson, John M.					
Wilson, William M.					
Wampler, Jerramiah					
Walker, Charles					
Waid, Samuel					
Young, George					
York, Jeremiah					
York, Noah					
Yakely, Henry					Gon

Montgomery Township

Alverson, Thomas	34	11	3	160	
	29	11	3	80	
Allen, Thomas	20	11	3	160	
	20	11	3	80	
	20	11	3	80	
	24	11	4	40	
	20	11	3	40	
	19	11	3	31.31	
	24	11	4	40	
Anderson, Danl.	9	11	3	80	
	9	11	3	68	
Asher, Arabian					
Aker, Joseph	30	11	3	80	
Alley, Job	18	11	3	40	
Ayres, John					Gon
Adams, Ansyl					
Anderson, William					
Anderson, Vincent	8	11	3	74.35	
Alley, Wilson					
Aker, Moses	13	11	4	25	
	13	11	4	15	
Anderson, Eli					
Aker, William					
alloway, Alfred	22	12	3	40	
Alexander, Abner	35	11	3	80	
Brasier, Jonathan	19	11	3	40	
Gull, Thomas	32	11	3	130	
	33	11	3	80	
	33	11	3	80	

Jackson Township (Cont.)

Names	Section	Town.	Range	Acres	Comments
Watts, Fielden					
<u>Harrison Township</u>					
Asher, Joseph	32	12	2	80	
	31	12	2	20	
Asher, Mary	9	11	2	60	
	9	11	2	80	
Asher, William Heirs	9	11	2	20	
	9	11	2	40	
Applegate, Cassander	4	11	2	53.44	
	33	12	2	80	
	4	11	2	8.50	
Applegate, Hezekiah					Gon
Applegate, Samuel					
Beasley, Allen D.					
Brazier, John	30	12	2	31	
	30	12	2	68.02	
Brown, John	21	12	2	159	
Baldin, James W.	36	12	3	40	
Baker, Prater	36	12	2	40	
Baldin, McKinry	In Wayn T. S.				
Baldin, John L.					
Baugh, Christy					
Baldin, Asher					Removed
Buchanan, Josiah					
Buchanan, Ezekiel					
Baldin, Samuel					
Bowman, John					
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Burpo, Milton					
Costin, Isaac					
Canady, Aaron					
Craddick, John					Removed
Cavins, Frederic					
Cummins, Lloyd	24	12	3	40	
Combs, William	25	12	3	80	
	25	12	3	40	
	25	12	3	40	
Chambers, Wm.					
Delap, George	33	12	2	.50	
Dunagan, Aker	8	11	2	80	
	8	11	2	80	
Dunagan, Jackson					Removed
Dunagan, Hiram					
Divine, Quinton	19	12	2	148.50	
Duncan, James					
Duncan, William					

Harrison Township (Cont.)

Names	Section	Town.	Range	Acres	Comments
Devore, Isaac					Removed
Dunning, William					
Edwards, Cassius	21	12	2	80	
	21	12	2	40	
Evans, And. J. B.	4	11	2	57.44	
	33	12	2	40	
	33	12	2	40	
	32	12	2	40	
	32	12	2	40	
	5	11	2	18	
Evans, Jesse	8	12	2	160	
	5	11	2	41.50	
Evans, Andrew	5	11	2	12	
Evans, Harvey	5	11	2	.25	
Evans, William	6	11	2	40	
	6	11	2	40	
	6	11	2	40	
	7	11	2	40	
Evans, James					
Evans, And. H.					
Evans, Elizabeth	6	11	2	36	
	6	11	2	40	
Fisher, Elizabeth	24	12	3	80	
Freeland, William	5	11	2	130	
Foster, James					
Gray, Robert	19	12	2	60.12	
	19	12	2	80	
Guy, Samuel	33	12	2	4.50	
Goss, Ephraim	4	11	2	57.51	
	33	12	2	75	
	33	12	2	40	
	4	11	2	8.50	
Goss, Ephraim Sen.	5	11	2	130	
Gibson, John					
Gray, David	20	12	2	40	
Gragg, Lewis	33	12	2	40	
Galliher, Isaac	36	12	3	40	
	36	12	3	40	
Holbert, Thomas	24	12	3	40	
Holmes, William	36	12	3	80	
Hancock, Henry	31	12	2	52	
	31	12	2	40	
	4	11	2	49.10	
	33	12	2	40	
	33	12	2	40	
Hancock, Sarah	33	12	2	80	
Hall, Margaret	32	12	2	40	
	32	12	2	40	

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Names	Section	Town.	Range	Acres	Comments
Hill, Clarissa	5	11	2	.25	
Hancock, Stephen F.					
Hancock, Henderson					
Holbert, William C.					
Holmes, John M.					Removed
Hancock, Albert					Not Found
Holbert, Thomas					Not Found
Hancock, Abington					
Jones, Neely	30	12	2	68.02	
	30	12	2	31	
Jones, Thomas	30	12	2	80	
Jones, Matthew M.	29	12	2	40	
Johnson, John H.					
Knox, Alexander	5	11	2	80	
Knox, Isaac	Mungumry Town Ship				
Labertew, Joseph	31	12	2	33.57	
	31	12	2	61.15	
Lacy, Jesse	5	11	2	87	
Lacy, Milton					
Murphy, Benjamin	30	12	2	67.50	
Martin, Lewis R.	21	12	2	160	
Mannon, William Jr.	20	12	2	40	
	20	12	2	40	
Mannon, Robert	20	12	2	160	
	24	12	3	40	
Murphy, Benjamin	31	12	2	80	
	31	12	2	67.15	
Murphy, Thomas	31	12	2	69	
Mills, Hayden					
McGuire, John M.					
Murphy, Josephus					Removed
Matthews, Jackson W.					
Mannon, William					
McGinnis, Joseph					Not Found
Nicholas, Hugh					
Norton, Greenleaf	19	12	2	297.12	
	20	12	2	160	
	29	12	2	160	
Orear, James	36	12	3	40	
Pickens, Samuel	25	12	3	80	
Pritchard, Elijah					
Putoff, John	Not Found		Morgan County		
Quin, Joseph					

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Harrison Township (Cont.)

Names	Section	Town.	Range	Acres	Comments
Richards, Rezin	5	11	2	5	
	5	11	2	8	
Rankin, David					
Reed, Isaac	25	12	3	40	
	36	12	3	40	
Shelton, John	28	12	2	40	
	28	12	2	40	
	21	12	2	40	
Smith, Daniel Y.	32	12	2	160	
	32	12	2	80	
	32	12	2	40	
	31	12	2	11	
Sandy, Henry	6	11	2	126.82	
Staggerwalt, Frederic	6	11	2	80	
	7	11	2	40	
Steele, William L.					Removed
Smith, William					Gon
Shafer, Peter					
Skeller, Allen					Removed
Snider, William					Gon
Thompson, James	19	12	2	80	
Truax, James	6	11	2	120.22	
	6	11	2	44	
	7	11	2	40	
Thompson, Anderson					
Whittaker, Mary	20	11	2	80	
Wheeler, Thomas J.	24	12	3	80	
	24	12	3	40	
Wheeler, Samuel	4	11	2	160	
	4	11	2	160	
	5	11	2	80	
	8	11	2	80	
	7	11	2	160	
	7	11	2	160	
Williams, Wiley					
White, David F.					
Wilson, William					
Young, Scott W.					

Clay Township

Abraham, John					
Allen, Elijah	1	9	3	76.67	
Alberty, Francis	Franklin T. S.				
Alberty, Jesse					Oald
Alberty, Clinton					
Alberty, Henry C.					
Allenn, Noah	6	9	3	39.75	

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HARDWARE WAS BIG BUSINESS

JOHN W. BEEM,

DEALER IN

HARDWARE, STOVES, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS

BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC.

Spencer, Ind., Oct 4 1883.

J. B. SCOTT,

Dealer in



HARDWARE, STOVES

HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS,

FARM IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

Freedom, Ind., Sept 15 1885

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Spencer, Indiana, Oct 7 1875
Mr. Dr. John S. Figg,

Bought of **W. L. DAGGY,**

DEALER IN

Iron, Nails, Doors, Sash, Glass, Stoves, Hardware.

WEST SIDE OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE.

Here are a few letterheads from late 19th Century
Owen County dealers

Reproduced from original letterheads found in
Owen County Commissioners boxes, Owen County Archives.

D. J. JOSLIN,
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN
Hardware, Tin-Ware, Cutlery, Implements
COOK, PARLOR, AND HEATING STOVES, &c.,
At the "Old Stand," West side of Public Square, Spencer, Indiana.

SPENCER, IND.

1885



VERMILION CAST

Spencer, Ind. Sept 20 1880

At School Trustees

Spencer, Ind.

F. T. BATTERTON.

Some 1873 Obituaries from the Owen County Journal

Moses Taylor

Last Monday morning our fellow townsmen Moses Taylor and his step-son Wm. Croxson, owners of the mill north of town, started for Monroe county, near White Hall, to bring in a work bull the latter had purchased a few days before. Going to the pasture, Mr. T. approached and fondled the bull (having previously owned the animal he regarded him perfectly gentle and safe), and then placed a rope around his horns to lead him by. To the latter proceeding Mr. C., objected, on account of the unnecessary labor, but Mr. T. persisted. Getting outside the pasture, he started down a rocky hill, leading the bull, while Mr. C. went to the barn - Rob't Reed's - for the horses. About the moment he reached the barn a little boy who was there shouted: "the bull is killing the man!" Mr. Croxson ran with all possible speed to the relief of Mr. Taylor, whom he found lying on his back in a gutter and the bull standing over him. The bull appeared docile, and quietly walked off when released. In reply to the inquiry whether he was much hurt, Mr. Taylor remarked that he believed the bull had killed him; that he butted him down and tramped over him several times. It is the opinion of the physicians that his death resulted from dislocation of the spinal column, as his whole body seemed to be paralyzed. In fifteen or twenty minutes he quietly breathed his last, having been rational to the final moment. He was a man of some 48 or 50 years of age, a consistent church member, and one of most valued citizens. The funeral will take place from the family residence this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Owen County Journal August 21, 1873

Alexander Evans

Died, Sept. 19th, 1873, three miles southeast of this place [Spencer], at the residence of Abner Franklin, Alexander Evans, in the 91st year of his age. Mr. Evans was born in Virginia in 1782, and lived in his native state until he was 20 years of age. He moved to Kentucky and married, and then emigrated to this state while it was yet a wilderness. He settled on a farm near Chambersville, this

county, and by his industry and labor made it one of the finest farms in this part of the country. He was stricken with blindness some 30 years ago, and, to add to his cup of bitterness, his wife - who had been a co-laborer with him in all his toils - died a few years after this event.

Owen County Journal, September 25, 1873

Mary J. McCormick

September 20, 1873, at her residence in Chambersville, about four miles east of Spencer, Mary J. McCormick, aged 65 years, 1 month and 17 days. She was born August 3rd 1807, in Livingston county, Ky. and moved to this county with her father, John Dunn, February 5th 1817. She was a resident of the county fifty-six years, a consistent member of the M.E. church at this place for forty years, and one of the few who bore the trials and hardships of the first settling of the country.

Owen County Journal, September 25, 1873

Ella Piggman

At the residence of I.H. Fowler in this place [Spencer] of inflammatory rheumatism, Ella Piggman, aged about 20 years. Ella had lived in Mr. Fowler's family several years... On Monday her remains were taken to Worthington, where her parents reside, for interment.

Owen County Journal, September 25, 1873

Mr. J.J. Shepherd

Died on Thursday evening, Sept. 25th, at his residence three miles west of this place [Spencer], Mr. J.J. Shepherd, of the firm of Shepherd & Merrel, dealers in agricultural implements, &c. The deceased was one of our most prominent and influential citizens. The deceased leaves a wife and three small children to mourn his death.

Owen County Journal, September 25, 1873

Alexander McBride

Death still reaping a rich harvest in this part of the country. Last Friday Alexander McBride died at his residence one and a half miles northeast of Freedom. Mr. McBride was an old resident of the county, and for many years had been closely identified with her interests.

Owen County Journal, October 9, 1873

Infant son of John and Susan Harner, and twin infants of S.H.H. and H.A. Mathes

Died in this place [Spencer] at 25 past 8 o'clock on the evening of Oct. 3rd, 1873, of cholera infantum, Paul Nathaniel, infant son of John F. and Susan L. Harner, aged 10 months and 16 days. On Monday morning, October 6th, 1873, at 4 o'clock, of cholera infantum, Walter Sinex, infant son of S.H.H. and H.A. Mathes, aged 9 months and 15 days. Also, on Tuesday morning, Oct. 7th, 1873, at 9 o'clock, of the same disease, Julia Grace, infant daughter of S.H.H. and H.A. Mathes, aged 9 months and 16 days. *In another column, the editor stated* "We sincerely condole with our friend S.H.H. Mathes in his present sad bereavement - the loss of his twin babes, The little boy was sick about three days, and the little girl but sixteen hours. A double casket having been manufactured for the purpose, they were buried side by side, with their little arms locked together as if in ordinary repose."

Owen County Journal, October 9, 1873

Mrs. Margaret Abrell

On Friday night last Mrs. Margaret Abrell, mother of our worthy sheriff, R.T. Abrell, Esq., died after a short illness. Although she had been poorly for some months, her death was unlooked for. Mrs. A. was in the 79th year of her age, and had seen Owen county grow from a wilderness to its present highly cultivated, proud position. She was a native of Kentucky, but had lived in this county for 37 years. She had a somewhat remarkable memory, which she retained to the last.

Owen County Journal, October 16, 1873

Mrs. John Rone

The aged, like autumn leaves, are falling. On the 4th inst. the aged consort of our venerable friend John Rone, of Clay township, died after having been an invalid for something like two years. She was about 80 years of age and had been a resident of this county nearly forty years. We sincerely console with uncle Johnny in his sad bereavement

Owen County Journal, November 20, 1873

Capt. John H. Johnson

Capt. John H. Johnson died of consumption, at his residence in Spencer, on Monday evening, Nov. 24th, 1873. His demise was not sudden or unexpected to his friends, as he had been unable to leave his bed for about a year past. Mr. Johnson was fifty years old at his death. He was well known to almost every citizen of the county, having been a resident of Spencer ever since he was a small child; and during that time, he was at various periods closely identified with the public interest of the county. He served the county one term in the capacity of Land Appraiser, and one term as Sheriff. Served with credit and honor in the late War of the Rebellion as Captain of Company I of the 19th Regiment Indiana Volunteers, and was selected and served as Assistant Doorkeeper to the senate at the regular and special sessions of the Indiana Legislature of 1865.

Owen County Journal November 27, 1873

OBITUARIES

from RARE 1901 ISSUES of *OWEN COUNTY DEMOCRAT*

Buried With Military Honors

The body of Thomas H. Williams reached here today from the Philippines where he died Sept. 2, 1900, of typhoid fever

Thom was born in Spencer, Ind. Sept. 21, 1876, and grew to manhood in his native town. He attended the public schools and obtained a very fair education along the more practical lines, but did not continue till his graduation.

When the Spanish-American war broke out he enlisted at Indianapolis on June 10, 1898. He was sent to Ft. Pickens Fla., located on Santa Rosa Island, and was assigned to Battery L, first Heavy Artillery. Later they were transferred to Ft. Barrancas on the mainland. While there he was confined for some time in the hospital as a result of vaccinations and came near losing his arm.

On Oct. 16, he was honorably discharged from service July 18, 1899; he reenlisted in the 31st U.S. Volunteer Infantry and was sent to the Philippines, where he died Sept. 2, 1900 of typhoid fever. His body was placed in a vault at Zaneboanga on Mandano Island, an out of the way coast town where vessels seldom land. This accounts in a measure for the tardiness in bringing the body home.

Death Results From Accident

John Gantz, son of Dr. Thomas and Mary E. Gantz of Freedom, Ind., died Oct. 27, 1901. On the last day of the year 1897 he met with an accident in a

coal mine near Brazil, Ind. When the full extent of his injuries were known, his life was thought to be a question of a few days or weeks at most.

To prolong this brittle thread of life, all that the trained skill of the father could do and all that the love of the mother, for an afflicted child could suggest were freely given.

For almost four long years the battle went on to keep the precious life without its feeble tenant of clay. But at last nature was exhausted and unable to bear up longer under the strain.

Aside from the Bible and religion, which was the comfort of the soul, he interested himself in art, science, literature and the political problems of the day.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church of Brazil, Ind. He quietly and peacefully passed away Sunday afternoon, October 27, 1901.

Mrs. Lycurgus Wood Dead

Word was received here last week of the death of Mrs. Lycurgus Wood of Victor, Colo. Her husband was at one time sheriff of Owen county and they lived near Chambersville. Many of the older citizens will remember Mrs. Wood and be pained to learn of her sudden death. She was killed in a runaway while on her way to attend the funeral of a friend, being thrown out of a carriage and injured to such an extent that her death followed in a very short time. She was hurt internally, her left arm was broken and her

face bruised. She was about sixty years old at her death.

Thursday, October 31, 1901

Death of Thomas Medaris

Thomas Medaris died at his home in Morgan Township last Friday morning, Oct. 25 of consumption, aged about 23 years. He was well liked and his untimely death is the source of much sorrow to his relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Kattman of Poland. The remains were laid to rest at New Union.

Thursday, October 31, 1901

Old Uncle Peter Miller who not long since moved from this city with his son David to Brazil, died in that city Monday morning and was brought to the Denmark cemetery for interment Tuesday. Mr. Miller resided for many years in Owen County near Denmark. He was about 82 years old at the time of his death.

Clay City Democrat, October 17, 1901

B. C. Laurimore received word Tuesday of the death of his mother, Mrs. Frank Laurimore, of Thorntown, Ind. and left on the afternoon train for that place. Her death was very sudden and came as a shock to Mr. Laurimore as it was not known here that she was sick. She was about 60 years old at her death.

October 31, 1901

100 Years Ago

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Coca-Cola contained cocaine instead of caffeine.

Most women only washed their hair once a month.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the US was twenty-two cents an hour.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the United States had a bathtub.

There were only 8,000 cars in the US and only 144 miles of paved roads.

Scotch tape, crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.

Eighteen percent of households in the United States had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost 11 dollars.

his pocket, entered DePauw University and without further help graduated to become one of DePauw's distinguished alumnus and went on to put himself through Columbia Law School by teaching English to such as Leon Trotsky. He did not know who he was until years later when meshing time frames of Trotsky's time in the U.S. with Dad's recollections and a picture of him let Dad know who he was."

Ed. Note: Edna Hartsock Sinclair's contribution to OCHGS, *It Came to Pass: Quincy, Indiana*, is on our Publications List and has been enjoyed by many. Sadly, Maribel McGinnis lost her long battle with cancer last year. Both left important imprints on our county. I find it interesting that Leon Trotsky (1879-1940) was tutored by an Owen County man. Trotsky, leader of the Bolshevik revolution in Russia, was, while Lenin lived, the second most powerful man in Russia. He lost his leadership to Joseph Stalin who later caused his assassination in Mexico City.

ANOTHER INTERSTING STORY ABOUT A QUINCY FAMILY

This one was brought to our attention by Sue Trotman.

She writes:

"William Keith (from *The Town of Quincy, Part 1*), is my father's mother's mother's father and the family by the name of Crofton (actually Crafton) is William's Keith's sister Lucinda and her children. Lucinda (Keith) Crafton was living near her brother in Quincy with her children in the 1860 census and she was listed as head of household. I believe her husband died about 1854. John B. is listed as being 7 years old in 1860. He was Lucinda's youngest child. A sister of the father John Crafton, (her name was Altha) had married a man named Dow Strain. John B. Crafton lived with a family named Strain in Bloomington when he was a young man and learning to be a telegrapher on the railroad. I am presuming it was his Aunt Altha Strain, but I have no proof of that. The Keith, Craig, and Crafton families came to this area from Scott County, Indiana, and to Scott County from Gerrard County, Kentucky. Beyond that the Keith family goes back into Maryland, then to Scotland.

This would not be remarkable except for the fact that one of her sons was the John B. Crafton who went down on the *Titanic*. My great-great-grandfather, William Keith, bought one of the first lots when the town of Quincy was laid out. He came to this area from Scott County. He had been a pilot on the riverboats, and I am guessing that he saw that the railroads were replacing the rivers for transportation. John B. Crafton went to Bloomington and at about age 15 started working as a telegrapher. He rose through the ranks and became a railroad executive before his end. He went to Europe for his health in 1912 and had booked passage home on another ship, but changed to the *Titanic* in order to get home a little bit sooner."

Several newspaper articles appeared over the years dramatizing this story. Rose H. McIlveen featured the story in her "Looking Back" column in the Bloomington *Herald-Times* April 21, 1984; Dawn Faris wrote about the event and the man in the same newspaper (date unknown); and Pam Service wrote about the ship and its local connection in her "Museum Memo" column April 9, 1987 for the *Herald-Times*. Again, in the January 20, 1998 issue of the same paper Mike Leonard called attention to the life story of J. B. Crafton; and Jackie Sheckler featured him in her column in the *Sunday Herald-Times* December 12, 1999.

"Grandpeople"

Excerpt from "The Hoosier Farm Wife Says" by Rachel Peden, Mrs. R.F.D. *Indianapolis Star*, Sunday, March 16, 1975

What is a senior citizen? It's a euphemism. In his highly readable "Careful Writing" Theodore Bernstein says "a euphemism is a word or phrase that affords a way of getting around saying something unpleasant." Then he asks, "Which is the more unpleasant: the mealy-mouthed phrase or the unpleasant thing itself?" Many individuals in the group now monotonously classed as "Senior Citizens" say they hate the classification. They say they would prefer to be called old women and old men.

Junior Citizens, referring to a group of men and women beyond the age, say, of 35, might feel rude or fear resentment calling them "old men and women", or even "the elderly." This column therefore seriously suggests replacing it with the title "Grandpeople." And for these reasons: the term "Grandpeople" is honest, respectful, and loving. By the time a person is old enough to be called a Senior Citizen he is either a grandfather and beaming about it, or a grandmother happily whipping out snapshots at the drop of your guard. Even if the person has no grandchildren the term suggests a loving, wise, and enjoyable person; useful, independent. It is honest but almost flattering. — Mrs. R.F.D.

OBITUARIES from two rare issues of OWEN COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Dr. Heavenridge's Death

Brother of the Spencer Pastor Crosses Over to the Beyond

Dr. A.H. Heavenridge, of Stilesville, Hendricks county, died at his home at that place, Monday evening at 9 o'clock February 10th, aged 72 years 9 months and 14 days, of blood poisoning. He was one of the best known and most prominent physicians in the state, and one of the oldest native residents of Hendricks county.

He was a brother of Rev. M.S. Heavenridge, pastor of the M.E. church of Spencer, both of whom were graduates of DePauw University.

Deceased leaves a wife and daughter, Mrs. Kennie Shields.

Pastor Heavenridge was at the dying bedside of his brother when the spark of life went out, and remained to the funeral February 12th and returned Thursday evening, accompanied by Mrs. Heavenridge.

Owen County Democrat, February 20, 1902

Otis R. Wiley

Otis R. Wiley was born Nov. 28, 1872, in Owen county, Ind., and died at his home in Patricksburg Feb. 13, 1902, at the age of 29 years [-] months and 16 days.

He united with the M.E. church Dec. 31, 1898, and was baptized and taken into full connection in the church Nov. 19, 1901, under the pastorate of Rev. C. A. Ward.

He was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Carrie A. Troth Sept. 2, 1899, which union was blessed with one child, Elizabeth Rose.

His devoted wife, mother and child remain to mourn their loss. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Kenworthy, of Center Point, in the M.E. church, on Friday, at one p.m.

Owen County Democrat, February 20, 1902

Mrs. Bill Troth and son, of Vandalia, attended the funeral of her nephew, Otis Wiley, here Friday.

Owen County Democrat, February 20, 1902

A Double Funeral

Burial of Francis M. and Mary J. Cook
Grandfather and Granddaughter

Francis M. Cook was born in Owen county, Indiana, May 14, 1832, and died at his home in Jackson township on Sunday July 13, 1902, at the age of seventy years, and one month and twenty-nine days. His parents emigrated from Kentucky over seventy years ago. He was married to Mary J. Powell March 11, 1858. To them were born seven children,

his wife and two daughters having preceded him to the spirit land. He united with the M.E. church near thirty years ago, and lived a consistent Christian, until God said it is enough come up higher. He was laid to rest Monday July 14, 1902, in Wilkerson cemetery, Rev. Newport officiating.

Mary J. Cook

Mary J. Cook was born Feb. 1, 1900, and died July 12, 1902, at the age of two years, five months and twelve days. She was the daughter of Joshua V. and Josephine R. Cook and the granddaughter of the deceased Francis M. Cook.

Owen County Democrat August 7, 1902

Mary J. Buchanan Gone to Her Reward

Mary J. Buchanan, daughter of Jas. H. and Margaret Buchanan, born in Gosport, Owen county, Ind., September 13th, 1859, departed this life August 1st, 1902, aged 43 years, 10 months and 8 days. Mary, as she was usually called, was a model woman. She joined the Baptist church at Quincy, Ind., and was baptized in March, 1878, by Elder Terry, and was a faithful member to that church until 1894, when she moved her membership to Cataract Baptist, and was a constant worker in the church until August, 1900, when she became afflicted with that dreaded disease, cancer. She battled with it for two long years, but at last had to give up. It was her delight to train the children in church and Sunday school. She was the leader of the choir as long as she was able to attend.

She was united in marriage to Emery Gray October 6th, 1879; to this union were born six children - 3 boys and 3 girls. Two boys and two girls preceded her in death. She bore her afflictions in patience.

She selected her pall bearers: Mrs. Nora Layne, Mrs. Cora Dorsett, Mrs. Hattie Gorham, Mrs. Mettie Hammond, Mrs. Maud Mugg, and Mrs. Orie Mitchell, of Columbus, Ohio.

She was buried Sunday at Hudson Hill. The funeral was conducted by Elder Homes, of Alaska, Ind. She leaves an aged father, one brother, a husband, one son and a daughter, and many friends to mourn their loss.

Owen County Democrat August 7, 1902

Ann Eliza Cooper

Ann Eliza Cooper departed this life at Bloomington, Ind., on Friday morning,

August 1st, 1902, at the residence of her nephew, James N. Cooper, while on a visit there, after an illness of about six day duration.

She was born in Wayne county, Ky., April 13, 1820, passing her eighty-second birthday in April last. Her father died in Kentucky when she was quite young, and when she was ten years old her mother came to this state, bringing her family, the deceased and two brothers, John 4 and Frederick Cooper, both deceased, with her.

The family settled on a small farm, not far from Freeman, in Clay township, where the mother remained until her death, the deceased continuing to live with her. For about eight years prior to her death deceased, who was never married, made her home with J. C. Robinson and wife here in Spencer, Mrs. Robinson being her niece.

Miss Cooper united with the Little Flock Regular Baptist church in Clay township in 1848 or 1849, and was a most faithful and devoted member and attendant of that church until her death. It was the rule of her life to be found in her seat, if at all possible, at every service, and she did not permit distance, the infirmities of age, or any obstacle possible to surmount to keep her away.

She was buried at noon last Saturday at the old Livingston grave yard among many relatives who had gone before. Elder Thomas Mitchell conducting a brief service and J. C. Robinson adding some remarks concerning her life and character.

Owen County Democrat August 7, 1902

Mrs. Lucinda Ann Winklepleck Joined the Heavenly Hosts

On Monday, August 4, 1902, at her home in Franklin township, Mrs. Lucinda Ann, beloved wife of Emanuel Winklepleck, crossed the great river after a long illness from pulmonary tuberculosis. Deceased was born in Indiana, September 14, 1863, and died at the age of 39 years, 11 months. Her father was John Biddle, born in Ohio as was her mother. Deceased was an estimable and Christian woman whose loss by the awful disease of consumption has caused great sorrow in the community where she was so well known and loved. Burial took place Tuesday at the Vandalia cemetery.

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ISAAC and AMANDA BIDDLE

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Barbara Neumeyer remembers her mother's comments about her Grandma Amanda, how much she loved her, and about the filled cookie jar waiting for visitors. She was a Winklepleck before her marriage to Isaac Jacob Biddle. They lived two or three miles east of Patricksburg. Isaac was a good blacksmith, did a little farming, but took special pride in his orchard. He sold apples, pears, and peaches. He also was a carpenter. Some log barns in the area may be attributed to his skill.

Isaac had a Black Angus cow that had twins and he broke those steers to drive. He could be seen hauling wheat to the mill at Patricksburg with that yoke of black oxen and preferred them to his horses for field work. As with most farm families in those days, sorghum and maple syrup were home produced, all the meat and vegetables and fruit they needed were raised and preserved, and about the only staples bought were coffee and sugar.

Isaac Jacob Biddle was born 19 Oct. 1858 and married Amanda M. Winklepleck in Owen County 2 Oct. 1877. They had five boys and seven girls: Ida M. 29 Sep. 1879; Oliver Wilson 2 Aug. 1881; Effie 14 Feb. 1883; Marie 3 Dec 1883; Mina 10 Oct. 1886; Grover Mar. 1889; Ernest 14 Sep. 1893; Herbert E. 1 Jan. 1895; Bessie 20 Jan. 1896; Lessie 17 Aug. 1898; and an infant son who died when 6 weeks old.

Amanda Mulvina was a daughter of Levi Winklepleck and Eliza Eyedel, and granddaughter of Philip Winklepleck and Rosina Keyser. Roberta Inlow (2406 N. Richard Dr., Shelbyville IN 46176), another descendant, traces the Winkleplecks from Johannes Winckelblech who, with his wife and three children, came to America in the ship "Adventurer" in 1732. The name was changed to the current spelling in Ohio. Her information comes from the book *Genealogy of the Winkleblech, Winkleblack, Winklepleck Family in America*.

Amanda died 26 May 1916. Isaac married again on 11 Jan. 1919. His second wife was Mary Garrett of Vigo County. Isaac died at his son Herbert's home 14 Sep. 1935. He and Amanda are buried in Splinter Ridge Cemetery in Lafayette Township.

Some Facts About the Civil War

From the booklet *Facts About The Civil War* by the Civil War Centennial Commission 1960

According to the U.S. Census, the population of the United States in 1860 numbered 31,443,321 persons. Of these, approximately 23,000,000 were in the 22 Northern states and 9,000,000 in the Southern states. Of the latter total, 3,500,000 were slaves.

At one time or another, the Northern armies numbered 2,100,000 soldiers. The Southern armies were considerably smaller. The total dead on both sides was about 600,000.

Of the 364,000 on the Union side who lost their lives, a third were killed or died of wounds and two-thirds died of disease.

There were 6,000,000 cases of disease in the Federal armies, which meant that, on an average, every man was sick at least twice. The diseases most prevalent were dysentery, typhoid fever, malaria, pneumonia, arthritis, and the acute diseases of childhood such as measles and malnutrition.

The principal weapon of the war and the one by which 80 per cent of all wounds were produced was a single-shot, muzzle-loading rifle in the hands of foot soldiers.

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OBITUARIES from RARE ISSUES of 1905 OWEN COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Joseph Liston Pierson's Death

Joseph Liston Pierson departed this life Saturday, March 11, 1905 at 1:30 p.m. at his elegant home on Hillside Avenue, Spencer, Indiana, aged 66 years and two days, from pneumonia, after a brief illness.

Deceased was born March 9, 1839, in Sullivan county, Indiana, and was one of twelve children of Moses and Mary (Liston) Pierson, the former a native of Shelby county, Kentucky, and the latter of Ohio. Of those children four are yet living, to-wit: Moses and Isaac T. Pierson of Terre Haute, the latter now in California for his health, and Mrs. Eunice Lucas and Mrs. Nancy Edmonson, two married sisters.

In the civil war in 1861 Joseph L. and Moses Pierson both enlisted in Vigo county in the 85th Indiana Volunteer infantry, Colonel J. P. Beard commanding, and served throughout the war. They were both brave men and splendid soldiers and received honorable discharges from the service. Joseph L. was badly wounded and was nine months in the hospital.

Joseph L. Pierson came to Freedom, Owen county, with his brothers Moses and Isaac, in 1867, and opened the lumber and stave business in which they met with great success and accumulated a fortune.

In 1879 Mr. Pierson was married to Miss Cassandra Conant, a daughter of Rev. Cyrus Whitman Conant of Greene county, who had come out from Massachusetts and was a learned and good man. The marriage was a happy one for both contracting parties and the first death in the family came in the departure of the deceased last week.

In 1879 Mr. Pierson moved his business to Spencer and his brothers, Moses and Isaac T. went to Terre Haute, their future home.

The deceased left the following children: Temple Guy Pierson, the joint representative from Owen and Clay counties in the Indiana legislature; Nancy Pierson MacLean, wife of Robert D. MacLean, of Buffalo, New York; Mary Susan Pierson, living at home, and Paris Conant, the

youngest, now a student in the freshman class at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

He was an old fashioned Democrat in his politics. He had long been a member of the Baptist church, having in his younger days united with the faith of that denomination at Freedom.

For long years he had been a member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

He was the largest individual taxpayer in Owen county and had large real estate possessions in Terre Haute and Indianapolis.

The funeral occurred Monday from the residence on Hillside Avenue at 2 p.m. and an immense concourse of people assembled to attend the last rites. Rev. D. B. Banta, the Presbyterian pastor, and Rev. Will C. Monroe, the Baptist pastor, officiated.

Then the order of Odd Fellows too charge and marched in solemn procession to Riverside cemetery where final ceremonies of the order were given.

The honorary pall bearers were: Dr. N. D. Cox, Judge John C. Robinson, I. H. Fowler, W. F. Cassady, E. R. Bladen, Thos. G. Spangler.

Undertaker F. E. Drescher had charge of the funeral proper. The banks, stores, public offices and business places all closed from 1 to 4 and a vast throng of our people attended the funeral.

The following relatives and friends were to attend the funeral: Moses Pierson (brother) and his wife; nephews Frank, S. E. and Maston Pierson; B. F. Conant, wife's brother, Terre Haute; Mrs. Hattabaugh, niece, Newberry; Dr. Garrett, Indianapolis, G. M. Wells, representing the State Committee of Young Men's Christian Association of which T. G. Pierson is a member; Senator Ralph W. Moss, of Clay county; and senator Presley Smith of Paragon.

Owen County Democrat, March 16, 1905

Mrs. John T. Wilson's Death

Last Thursday morning Mrs. John T. Wilson, wife of one of the most prominent colored citizens of our town, died at her home on south Washington street, after an illness extending over two years of catarrh of the stomach.

Mrs. Wilson was the daughter of Matthew and Mary Thomas and was born near Chambersburg, Orange county, June 9, 1851, being at the time of her death 54 years, 4 months and 10 days old.

Twenty-eight years ago the first day of October she was united in marriage to John T. Wilson who survives here. To this union were born two children, one of whom died in infancy and the other is Mrs. Preston Eggleston of this place. Another child by a former marriage, Edgar Walls, of Romona, is also left to mourn her loss. One brother, Wm. Thomas, of Paoli, Ind., who is the only one remaining of a family of thirteen children attended the funeral.

Mrs. Wilson united with the A.M.E. church thirty-five years ago and has always been an active worker in all church affairs. The funeral services were conducted Friday at 1 p.m. at the A.M.E. church under the auspices of the Household of Ruth and were largely attended. Rev. John Cravens, of Bloomington, Preached the sermon. The interment was in the colored cemetery west of town.

Owen County Democrat, October 26, 1905

Mrs. Katherine Dyar

Mrs. Katherine Dyar, an aged resident of Freedom, was brought here for burial in Riverside cemetery Monday morning, having died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Belle Johnson, in that place Saturday.

Mrs. Dyar was about 78 years old and was one of the oldest residents of the county where she had lived all her life with the exception of a few years of her married life which were spent in the far west. She was the mother of five children: Alfred, Jerome, and Ed Johnson, off of whom live out west, and Mrs. Mary Williams and Mrs. Belle Johnson, with the last of whom she had made her home since the death of her husband a number of years ago.

Owen County Democrat, October 26, 1905

Ralph Sharp's Death

The subject of this sketch, Ralph Sharp, was born June 22, 1873, and died at the home of his mother near Whiteland, Indiana, March 5, 1905, not having reached the age of 32

Birth Record Index 1882-1920 may not include your ancestor

We can think of several reasons for omissions from the county's birth records. Many babies were delivered at home and often by the neighboring "granny woman" who was not required to forward the information to the county's health office. Even if a physician was in attendance, roads could be impassable at times, and travel to Spencer might be more difficult and time-consuming than his busy life could accommodate. Those of us who use such records need to be aware that they may not include all births in the county at that time. Recently, a small book was donated to the Genealogy Department of Owen County Public Library that underscores the point. Ernie DuBois of Patricksburg brought in a "Pocket Enumeration" listing some Marion Township children born between 1903 and 1918, presumably for a school survey. William Penrod did the enumeration probably about 1923 or 1924. Several pages are missing. Others are obliterated by a child's drawings. Yet, the information remaining is intriguing. Some of the column headings are: Parent or Guardian, Child, Age, Place of Birth, Date of Birth, Occupation, District, and Signature. Following are some of the children noted as born in Marion Township but not included in the WPA Birth Record Index. Do make allowances for the difficulty in reading the names and dates. Errors are to be expected.

Irma 11, and Mary 8, declared by Orval Burger
Paulina 13, and Paul 10, declared by Clara Blair
Eugene 18, Opal 17, and Ruby 15, declared by Bert Booker
Florence 15, declared by Eli Dickey
Pearl 20, Dennis 18, Gladdis 15, and Opal 13, declared by Allen Dickey
Floyd 10, declared by Frank Ewell
Elizabeth 20, and Eva 18, declared by Mary E. Fiscus
Harry 18, Charles 17, and Alma 14, declared by John Frye
Charles 14, Goldie 12, Hallie 10, Elizabeth 16, and Hershel 19, declared by Emerson Greenwood
Wilma 7, and Robert 6, declared by Coy Garrard
Donald 16, declared by Fredrick Huber
Elizabeth 10, and Clifton 15, declared by Joseph Hicks
Opal 16, declared by Silas Hulett
Lorena 10, declared by William Inman
Wilbur 12, declared by Alva Kitch
Mildred 14, declared by Walter Kriebel
Austin 16, Coy 14, and Irene 10, declared by Elsie Losier
Morris 19, and Mary 12, declared by Jesse Leighty
Irene 15, declared by Charles Loehr
Carl 17, Gilbert 13, and Thelma 6, declared by J. L. Long
Josephine 16, declared by George I. Morris
Mildred 10, declared by Lewis Mishler
Everet 18, Margaret 14, Paul 13, and Rosie 10, declared by J.O. McDaniels
Frances 6, declared by Madison Newport
Irene 15, and Florence 12, declared by William Neiswinger
Theodore 20, declared by Anna Newport
Paul 17, declared by Malcom Reid
Virgil 18, and Paul 12, declared by Hamilton Wright
Ward 18, and Charley 12, declared by Charles Williams
Jannita 9, declared by Aaron Young

Other notations that may prove to be valuable clues are in the "Place of Birth" column. The older children of John Humble were noted as having been born in Arkansas. Earl Sindlinger claimed his children were born in Michigan. H.D. Hudson, J.L. Long, John McCart, Orval Smith, and Grant Weiss reported children born in Illinois. John Ley, Lewis Mishler, John E. Orman, Ross Stephens, and Bernard Stephens declared children born in Clay County, Indiana.

If you would like a transcript of the old "Pocket Enumeration" please contact me, Vivian Zollinger, 1819 Concord Road, Gosport, Indiana 47433. Please include \$1.50 for copies (15 pages) and \$1 for mailing.

years. He grew up in Johnson county, Indiana, and a few years ago came to this county where he has since resided.

On January 17, 1901, he was married to Miss Mary Nichols who survives him. Bringing his letter from the Whiteland Presbyterian church, he united with the Bethany church, Jan-

uary 11, 1902, and has since been an acceptable member of that church.

He bought a piece of land near here and with the help of his good wife began the work of making for themselves a comfortable home. For a few years he worked earnestly for the most commendable purpose but weakened by disease, he was forced to give up this plan, shut up the little home and

return to his former home in Johnson county. Though brief the struggle he showed to his friends by his energy and industry the desire of his heart to own a home and take his place among his neighbors. Though few the number of his years, this life has not been lived in vain.

Owen County Democrat, March 15, 1905



School Number 9, Marion Township

Photograph contributed by Mozelle E. Humbert, 5514 S. Adams St., Marion IN 46953-6141.
School research by Debbie Drescher for 1994 history book.

Only the teacher, John Gonser, is identified in this picture. The one-room school also was known as Burger School. In 1855 Marion Township was divided into nine school districts. The growing town of Patricksburg became the tenth. Burger School, Number 9, was located in the southeastern corner of Section 26, Marion Township, just west of Denmark. It closed after the 1930-31 school year.

Can you identify any of the students?

THE TOWN OF QUINCY

Part I

compiled by Charles Hartsock 1937

given to Owen County Public Library by Edith van Westrum, his granddaughter, March 2001

Historical Information Concerning the Town of Quincy Original Owners of the Land

The land lying north of the road running east and west through the north part of Quincy was owned by John Dunkin, who lived where Newton Reid now (1937) lives; the land lying west of the road running north and south past where Harry Beaman now lives was owned by Benjamin Mugg, Elmer Mugg's grandfather. He lived where Harry Beaman now lives.

The remainder of the land, in fact the land on which most of Quincy was afterwards built, was owned by Wm. Combes, Mrs. Woodie Combes's grandfather. He lived where Mr. and Mrs. Carlton now live.

Before the coming of the Louisville, New Albany, and Chicago Railroad (about 1854), there was a well-established Public Highway leading from Putnam County and the country north of Quincy through where Quincy now stands and on to Gosport, which had been established many years before Quincy was. This Public Highway had been established to meet the needs of the early settlers and passed by or near the homes of these early residents. It crossed Brush Creek somewhere near where the railroad now crosses it. The coming of the railroad and crossing the creek and this highway near the same place gave some farseeing citizens the idea of this being a favorable place at which to locate a village or town.

So I suppose a railroad station was first established. Soon a few residences were made and thus a little town came into being. The creek furnished water for steam and someone conceived the idea of establishing a sawmill and someone else began to think of building a flouring mill. The creek would supply the water for steam, the nearby forests would supply logs for lumber, and wood for fuel, the surrounding farms, grain for the flour, and the Public Highway and the railroad would furnish means of communication with the surrounding country.

A town plot was soon laid out. Just the exact date of this plotting and by whom made I do not know. I think there are authentic sources of information however, also as to the name given the town.

Among the early settlers of Quincy were Marcus L. Orrell, L. D. Orrell's grandfather, Wm. Vestal, Aikin Dakin, Leslie Dakin's grandfather, Wm. Keith, Court Cummings's grandfather, a family by the name of Crofton, relatives of the Keiths, a family by the name of Pittman, a family by the name of Davis (Mrs. Davis was the mother of O. M. Dunkin and Geo. Dunkin), a family by the name of Moore.

A little later probably, there came Philip Buck & Sylvanus Buck (brothers), James Archer, Leroy Sanders, Thomas Murphy, Wm. H. Watts, Henry Hart, grandfather of Grover Hart, Silas Buchannan, Wm. Buchannan and Harvey Buchannan, sons of Silas Buchannan, Reuben Dunkin, brother of John Dunkin, Andrew Grady, son-in-law of Reuben Dunkin.

Still a little later Wm. Davis, James Davis, Jerry Davis, grandfather of Mrs. Olive Cantwell, John E. Ashley, Jesse Hamilton, Joseph Snodgrass, grandfather of Joseph Snodgrass Jr., Elias O'Rear, Martin Scott & others.

The first sawmill of Quincy was located on the lot now owned by Frank Mannan. It probably occupied most of the ground extending from the street west of the Mannan property east almost to where the P.O. now is located. I do not know who established this mill and first operated it, but think it was a man by the name of Hart. When I first remember it was being operated I think by James Johnson, Mrs. Vella Dunkin's great-grandfather. It was a sort of two-story affair having the engine room below and the logs drawn up to the upper story from the west end on an incline track and placed on a carriage and drawn up to the saw at the east end. The saw was a straight long saw moving up and down. This was before the days of circular saws used later and still in use. This mill furnished employment for a goodly number of men, not only at the mill but in cutting timber and in hauling logs to the mill. In those days oxen were used almost exclusively for hauling the logs to the mill. There were some ox stables that stood almost where Mrs. Mannan's house now stands. I think the land out west of town, probably, now owned by Mr. Ben Mugg was used for pasture for the oxen at night or when not in use.

Later, probably about 1871 or 1872 a man by the name of John Boots operated a circular sawmill on this same ground and did an extensive business. Horses were then used for hauling the logs. This mill however was there for only a few months or for a comparatively short time.

In about 1874, a two-story school building was erected on this same lot having two rooms below used for school purposes. The upper room was used by the Masons. Later, however, after the erection of the present Masonic Building, the upper room also was used for school purposes. This building served Quincy as a school building until the erection of the present buildings.

The idea of erecting a flouring mill as before mentioned was carried out very soon after the coming of the railroad by the building of a large two-story building, just near the creek and west of the Public Highway and just north of the railroad. For

TWO OBITUARIES from RARE 1906 ISSUES of OWEN COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Julia Ann Hensley

Julia Ann Hensley, nee Anderson, the subject of this sketch, was born March 2, 1862, and died July 7, 1906, aged 44 years, 3 months and 11 days.

She was the daughter of William and Lucinda Anderson, both of whom have preceded her to the great beyond – the father ten and the mother seventeen years ago. This couple whom many of you will remember, moved into this neighborhood from Bowling Green, Clay county, in the year 1845, when the country all about here had scarcely yet heard the sound of an ax. They settled on the old home place, then known as a part of the Hare-Steele farm, and here reared a family of nine children – four boys and five girls, of which Julia was next to the youngest. Seven of this family have outlived her, all but one are present today. The first time this family circle was broken was during the Civil war, when one of the brothers, Daniel, died from an accidental wound while his regiment was at Knoxville, Tenn.

While yet a girl of only fifteen or sixteen years she attended a revival meeting under the pastorate of the

Rev. F. A. Eller at Wesley Chapel, became concerned about her relations to her God, and ever since this time she has loved her church.

On November 25, 1891, she was married to Charles Hensley. They moved immediately to a beautiful home already prepared by the husband on an adjoining farm.

The great crown and divine blessing of motherhood came to her on June 8, 1893, when Herman now a boy of thirteen years was born. This great boon came to her again on October 14, 1895, when Hester now a girl of eleven years was given her.

The value of music in the home life was not forgotten and the children received instruction in it. No one could visit this home and fail to notice the many beautiful flowers which adorned it. No one can be among flowers all the time and not imbibe something of their purity and gentleness.

Aunt Julia was a devoted mother and when informed by her physician that she must die, she said that her only regret was the she must leave her children at such a tender age.

Owen County Democrat Thurs. July 19, 1906

Nehemiah Summer

Nehemiah Summer was born Aug. 25, 1830 in Whitley county, Kentucky, and died at Romona, Ind. Sunday, Sept. 30, 1906 at 1:25 p.m., aged 76 years, 1 month., and 5 days.

He was a soldier in the Civil war, having served in K Troop, 2nd Ind. Cavalry.

He was married to Amanda Baily Jan. 1, 1868, and to this union was born eight children. Frank Summer died in infancy; the other seven – A. J. Summer, Mrs. George Sims, George Summer, Mrs. J. C. Clark, Homer Summer, Mrs. Charles Quinn and James Summer – with the wife, survive him.

Bro. Summer united with the M.E. church at Shilo about 11 years ago and continued a faithful member until the end of life. He was a kind and loving husband and father, always benevolent to the needy and considerate of the rights of others.

The funeral service was conducted at the home Monday morning and the burial was in Riverside cemetery, this city.

Owen County Democrat, October 4, 1906

An Obituary from the *Gospel Herald*

from Wilma Massengale, 5355 N. Messick Rd., New Castle IN 47362-9307; e-mail: wmasngale@nitc.net

On the 16th of April, 1870, in Clay County, Indiana John Royer, aged 65 years, 9 months and 12 days. He was buried on the 18th at Funk's burying ground, where a large assembly of friends and relatives followed him to the grave. Funeral discourses were delivered by Elias Michler and David Oberholtzer, from Rev. 14:13. He was a consistent member and a deacon in the Mennonite church. He leaves a widow and seven children to mourn their loss.

Wilma adds this further information: this John is the father of Rev. John Royer b. 6 Nov 1840 in Ohio, d. 22 Dec 1924 in Spiceland, Henry County, IN and buried in the Christian Cemetery at Patricksburg, Owen County IN. He was in *The History of Patricksburg, Indiana* noted as a shoemaker. "In 1864 John Royer put up a shop here and did a good business. Everybody liked him for he was a genial fellow. His second wife was Miss Laura Raper, a live, energetic school teacher, who taught him out of his trade into the ministry. He became a successful Methodist preacher." Wilma also found in the same publication:

On the 21st of November 1888 in Clay County, Indiana of palsy and old age, Catherine Royer, aged 86 years, 1 month and 9 days. She was born on the 12th of October, 1802. Her maiden name was Funk. She was married in Virginia to John Royer on the 5th of April 1827, and moved to Ohio in the fall of 1830, and to Indiana in the spring of 1853. She was a member of the Mennonite Church for about 30 years. She leaves seven children, 49 grandchildren, and 38 great-grandchildren.

Cancer "Doctor" Moses Swank Sues the Estate of Amos Nichols

A case from Owen County Common Pleas Court Box 41, Owen County Archives

In 1858 Moses Swank distributed handbills promising cancer cures. He traveled from town to town treating cancers and promising that he would cure the patient or no payment would be charged. The ads included testimonials from satisfied customers.

Amos Nichols, desperate for relief from his illness, became one of Swank's clients in September 1858. He boarded in the home of another patient in Terre Haute and the doctor came to the house to treat him. Court testimony from former patients, who earlier agreed to swear the doctor had cured them, revealed somewhat different outcomes. There may have been some short-term improvement from surgical excision of the tumors plus "medicine" applied to the affected area. But cross examination from the Nichols attorney brought out the fact that patients actually saw their cancers worsen over time. The treatment prescribed for Amos Nichols was the cutting away of tissue from his lip and jaw, removing a tooth, dabbing on medicine that caused extreme pain, and prescribing lifestyle changes such as avoiding greasy and salty foods and avoiding exercise that would "heat him." The agreement he entered into in writing September 13, 1858, was to pay Moses Swank \$200. Amos signed the agreement with his mark and we wonder if he was able to read what he signed. After Amos's death a year later, Moses Swank, referring to the agreement, demanded his money from the administrator of the estate. The document from the court is incomplete as to the outcome, but it does shed some light on the state of medicine in the 1850s.

CANCERS CURED OR NO PAY

DR. SWANK

Will be at the following places,
for the next two months, and longer if business
requires.

At Greencastle at Jones's Hotel
At Crawfordsville at the Crane House
At Lafayette at Branble House

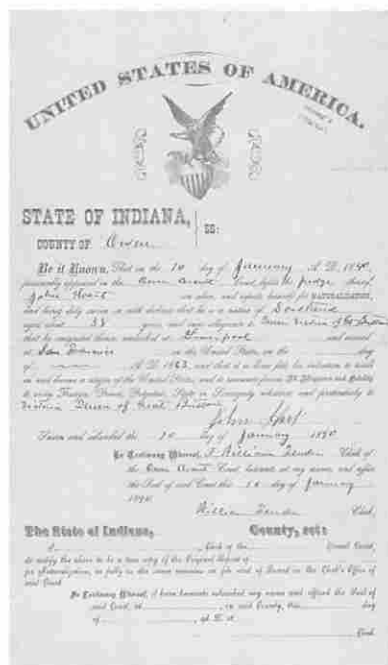
We know the idea has prevailed in the world, and does yet to some extent, that Cancers cannot be cured, but experience is the best teacher, and we know we can cure them if we get them in time. He operates upon them with medicine, which generally requires from one to three days to a week to kill them. If he does not heal them up sound he will charge nothing for his services.

Counsel Free of Charge!
CERTIFICATES

July 7, 1859, Amos Nichols wrote his will, leaving his entire estate to his wife (unnamed) and after her death, the land to go to his three sons and personal property to his three daughters (all unnamed in the will); however he named as executors son B. H. Nichols, along with A. L. Nichols, and directed them to see that his sons John M. and Thomas M. receive an education. The will was proved August 26, so we know Amos was dead less than a year after seeking a cure from his cancer.

Found in the Archives

John Hart's Naturalization Document



The old document reads: "United states of America. State of Indiana, County of Owen. Be it Known, That on the 10 day of January, A.D., 1890, personally appeared in the Owen Circuit Court, before the Judge thereof, John Hart an alien, and reports himself for NATURALIZATION, and being duly sworn on oath declares that he is a native of Scotland aged about 38 years, and owes allegiance to Queen Victoria of Gr. Britain, that he emigrated thence, embarked at Liverpool and arrived at San Francisco in the United States, on the ____ day of ____, A.D. 1863, and that it is bona fide his intention to reside in and become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever All Allegiance and Fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State of Sovereignty whatever and particularly to Victoria Queen of Great Britain.

Signed: John Hart

Sworn and subscribed the 10 day of January, 1890

In Testimony whereof, William Fender, Clerk of the Owen Circuit Court, hereunto set my name, and affix the Seal of said Court this 10 day of January, 1890.

Signed: William Fender, Clerk.

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DEATHS REPORTED in 1906 issues of *OWEN COUNTY DEMOCRAT*

Ptomaine Poisoning

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wells and three children of Jefferson Township ate canned salmon last week and soon became prostrated as a result of ptomaine poisoning. Silvan, a son four years old, died in convulsions Wednesday evening. The rest of the family are convalescing except Mrs. Wells, who is not yet out of danger. April 5, 1906

Died in Monon Depot

Mrs. Minnie Jane Wharff, age 27, who was on her way to Vandalia to visit her parents died at the Monon depot at Gosport, Sunday, at 8 o'clock p.m. Mrs. Wharff accompanied by her husband and two months' old son left their home in Crawfordsville Sunday for Vandalia where her parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ward live. Mrs. Wharff has been very near death for some time of lung trouble and at her request her husband endeavored to take her to visit her parents. When she reached Gosport she was so weak that death came from exhaustion or heart failure. She is survived by her husband, son, her father and mother, five sisters and two brothers. April 5, 1906

Death of Little Girl

Madaline Ward, the little daughter of Edward Ward and wife of Vandalia, died at her home in that place Saturday after a long illness of tuberculosis. Madaline was eight years old at the time of her death and is survived by four sisters and two brothers. She was a sister of Mrs. E. W. Wharff who died at Gosport last Sunday. April 12, 1906

Death of Mrs. Ida Pugh

Mrs. Ida Pugh, who has been sick for almost two years with a complication of diseases, died at the home of her parents, C. E. Brown and wife, in Clay township Monday morning about 10 o'clock. The funeral services were held Wednesday and interment was at Chambersville. Mrs. Pugh leaves a father, mother, husband, one brother and two sisters. May 3, 1906

Naomi A. Maners

Naomi Armilda (Neill) Maners was born near White Hall in Owen county, July 16, 1883. She was the only daughter of Jas. And Nancy E. (Raper) Neill, both

of whom preceded her in death when she was only a little girl. After the death of her father and mother she was taken to the home of her grandparents, John A. Raper and wife, to live. Here she remained until the death of her grandmother, when she was twelve years old. After this she went to live with her cousins, Alva Rowe and wife, and while there united with the Christian church at Liberty, Greene county. Living here a short while she went to make her home with her grandmother, Naomi E. Neill. It was there, on the 14th of August, 1901, that she was married to Abner Franklin Maners. To this union was born two sons. The first preceded its mother in death when only a few hours old, and the other, Emil, living just three days after her death, having been born on December 25, 1905. For several months before her death she was in poor health, and was advised by her physician to try a change of climate. On the 28th of May, 1906, they took their leave for Canon City, Colorado. On the morning of her death, June 13, it was discovered that little Emil was sick. On June 16 his little soul passed into the hands of its maker. On Wednesday, June 20th both bodies were laid to rest in one casket in the White Hall cemetery, near her old home. July 5, 1906

George D. Willen

George D. Willen, son of John and Barbara Willen, was born Nov. 30, 1869, at Stockton, Owen county, Indiana. He was baptized in infancy and on May 24, 1885, he renewed his baptismal vows by confirmation in the Evangelical Lutheran church at Steubenville, Ind. March 8, 1880, he married Miss Cristina Moser to which union were born four children, Charles, Dollie, Oliver and Pearl. About four years ago Mr. Willen became afflicted with insanity, but at times he was rational and especially so during his last illness. He died Tuesday morning, Sept. 2, 1906, aged 36 years, 9 months, and 25 days. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, two sons, two daughters, mother, three brothers and sister. Oct. 4, 1906

Ann Swalley

Aunt Ann Swalley, who has been lingering for a long time, died Sunday night and was buried at the Swalley cemetery. Sept. 27, 1906

Jacob Huffer

Jacob Huffer, an aged farmer of western Owen county, died at his home Saturday. Funeral services were conducted Monday at the old Mennonite church by Elders D. F. Hoover and Wm. Krieble. Interment at the Mennonite cemetery.

Clay City Democrat Nov. 29, 1906

Killed by a Train while Asleep

Thad Brighton, twenty-nine years old, a well-known workingman of Gosport, undertook to walk home Sunday and it is the supposition that he became tired and sat down on the Monon railway tracts near Stinesville to rest. While asleep he was struck by a Monon train and killed. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of his brother, Michael Brighton, at Gosport. July 5, 1906

Death of Pioneer James Beaman

James Beaman was born in Montgomery county, North Carolina, April 21, 1812, and died April 6, 1906, aged 93 years, 11 months and 15 days. At the age of 13 years he emigrated with his parents to the northern part of Owen county, Ind. in what is now Jennings township, where he has ever since resided. October 27, 1831, he was married to Lydia Helm to which union was born twelve children, eight sons and four daughters. Two daughters, two sons, and his wife preceded him in death. His chosen profession was farming. He was identified with the Missionary Baptist church and was long and favorably known as a successful preacher of the gospel. April 12, 1906.

Charles Beem, Sudden Death

Charles Beem, age 58 years, and son of Col. John Beem of Spencer, died suddenly Monday morning. Charles was walking along East Market street near the public square Monday morning about eight o'clock apparently in his usual health, which had not been very good of late, when he was seen to reel, and after going a few steps, he sat down on the curbing, remarking to some by-standers

that his time was up - that he was dying. He died in a few minutes, and before he could be removed to his home. A Coroner's inquest was held relative to the cause of the death. The verdict was that deceased came to his death from heart failure. Charles Beem, or "Nutsey" as he was familiarly called, was a well-known about Spencer. He was married at one time, and has one son, Harry, who, with his father, two sisters, Mrs. A. J. Newsom and Mrs. Richard Mullinix, and one brother, Ben, survives him. He was buried in the Riverside cemetery Tuesday, religious services being held at the residence of his father by Rev. Gaither, pastor of the M.E. Church. Aug. 23, 1906

Polly Nichols Gone

Polly (McGinnis) Nichols was born July 6, 1847. She was a daughter of Samuel McGinnis who died near Eminence, in Morgan county, about thirty-one years ago. At about the age of 18 years, she gave her heart and hand in marriage to Zephariah Nichols. They were blessed with five children, three sons and two daughters., one daughter, Theresa H., having died in infancy. Three sons, one daughter and the husband survive. About twenty-five years ago under the pastorate of Elder B. F. Butler, she united with the Corinth Baptist church of which she remained a member until her death about two o'clock in the morning of October 12, 1906. Having retired for the night in her usual health without sickness, she expired. The funeral services were held at Samaria Baptist church October 13th conducted by her former pastor, Elder B. F. Mugg, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near by. Nov. 1, 1906

Delilah Ferrand

Mrs. Delilah Ferrand of Morgan county departed this life Saturday March 3. Mrs. Ferrand's maiden name was Baldwin. She was a sister of Prof. Ira Baldwin and Mrs. Ed Devore of Wayne township. Deceased was born and reared to womanhood in Taylor township this county. Interment made in the Paragon cemetery. April 5, 1906

Death of William G. Sinex

Word has been received here of the death Thursday evening March 22, of William G. Sinex, of New Albany, who was a son of the late Dr. William Sinex, formerly of Spencer. Mr. Sinex spent the

major part of his boyhood days in Spencer and was well known to many of our citizens. He was born August 30, 1857, being 49 years old at the time of his death. He was a traveling salesman through Southern Indiana, Kentucky and part of Tennessee.

April 12, 1906

Death of Jesse Morris

Jesse Morris, an aged and respected farmer of this county, died at his home five miles east of Spencer Saturday morning at 2 o'clock after a long illness of cancer of the stomach and heart trouble. The funeral was held at the Laymon church Sunday and interment at Chambersville cemetery. Mr. Morris was born in Ohio and was 64 years, 11 months old at the time of his death. When quite young he came to Owen county where he was united in marriage to Lottie Laymon who survives him. They were married over forty years and have six living children, Otis and Jefferson Morris, Mrs. Phenia Pugh of Spencer, Ennis Morris of Vincennes, and Mrs. Emma Whistman and Mrs. Nettie Bradway. He also leaves two brothers, Jerry Morris of Washington, Ind., and Jacob Morris, of Ellettsville, and a sister, Mrs. Rebecca McBride, of Freedom. April 12, 1906

Death of Virgil Camden

Saturday last Virgil Camden, formerly a resident of Clay township, and son of Wm. H. Camden, deceased, was buried at Patrickburg cemetery. Mr. Camden was formerly a teacher in this county. He was a Mason and was buried under the rites of that order.

July 5, 1906

Washington Stogsdill

Washington Stogsdill, son of Williamson and Elizabeth Stogsdill, was born in Monroe county, Ind., April 5, 1861, and died at his home in Clay township, Owen county, on November 20, 1906. He was married to Mary J., daughter of Joseph and Martha Gross February 24, 1881. To this union was born nine children, four having preceded the father in death, leaving five children, William, Josiah, Rolla, Ruth and Leafy. He united with the Primitive Baptist church at Little Flock on December 17, 1905. Besides his dearly beloved wife and children he leaves to mourn his loss, five sisters, Mrs. Millie Adkins, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Harrison Freeman, Mrs. John

Bunson, Mrs. James Livingston. He was laid to rest in the Gross cemetery.

Nov. 29, 1906

Death of John Wilson

John T. Wilson died at his home in Bloomington Thursday, Nov. 22, 1906, aged 66 years, 4 months, and 8 days. He was born in Vigo county, Indiana, and spent his early childhood there. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in the first regiment of colored troops to be raised in Massachusetts, and went to the front, where he served his country faithfully. At the close of the war Mr. Wilson came to Spencer and married Miss Polly Ann Walden. They raised a family of four girls and one boy, two of whom survive, Charles Wilson, of Marshall, Ill., and Mrs. Liza Chavis, of Spencer. After the death of his first wife he again married, and this time his wife being Mrs. Adaline Walls, who died about a year ago in Spencer. Two children were born to them, one of whom, Mrs. Preston Eagleson survives.

Nov. 29, 1906

Mrs. Jane Mead

The following was taken from the *Washington Herald*. Mrs. Mead is the mother of W. S. Mead of Spencer. Mrs. Jane Mead, of Bogard township, died Thursday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Sparks, near Cornettesville. Mrs. Mead was born in Butler county, Ohio in 1821. When she was 16 years old, her parents moved to Daviess county. Then moved to a farm near the place where Mrs. Mead died. Her husband, John B. Mead, died several years ago, after which she lived with her daughter. Of the family there are left W. S. Mead, Spencer; D. E. Mead, Jeffersonville; Mrs. E. O. Allee, Plainville; Mrs. Medora Williams, Odon; Mrs. Ida Hatten, Upland, Cal., and Mrs. James Sparks with whom she lived.

Oct. 4, 1906

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The 1860 Owen County census counted 7,312 males, 7,064 females, and 48 individuals for which gender was not noted.

