

July 1999

MINUTES OF THE BLACKFORD-WELLS COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY – MAY 15, 1999

The May meeting of the Blackford-Wells County Genealogy Society was called to order by President, Lynn Elliott. She also led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Secretary's minutes were read and corrected.

Our speaker, Indiana Senator David Ford, presented a program about cemeteries and Indiana laws governing them. He stated that up to now the laws concerning cemeteries had no teeth in them. A law (HB 1512) was passed regarding cemeteries. It states that a person who removes grave memorial(s) must file with the county recorder's office all information on the memorial and a photo of the grave marker along with a written description of the site where the memorial was removed. It is also illegal to buy or sell grave memorials, artifacts and commemoratives such as fences, etc. Any person who knowingly damages memorials, artifacts, grounds, etc., is guilty of a Class C felony. A Class D felony is for damage over \$2500.00.

A set of laws now govern Indiana Cemeteries. Remote cemeteries are under the Township Trustee and he is responsible for seeing they are mowed and cared for. These laws were amended in 1999. A farmer who has a cemetery on his land must provide access to it. Perpetual care goes to the new owner if the land is sold.

Pioneer and Indian burial ground were discussed. Mr. Ford stated there are funds in current budget for Godfrey Reserve restoration that could possibly be used to memorialize Indian burial grounds. Norma Smith stated that Catholic cemeteries are under the jurisdiction of the Bishop.

After Mr. Ford's presentation and discussion, the Treasurer's report was read. At present there is \$1448.00 in the treasury.

It was announced that Patricia K. Johnson, Northeast District President will be attending the July 17th meeting to be held in Bluffton.

Committee Reports

Cemetery Committee – is working.

Connie Brubaker reported that the Wells County web site is set up.

Unfinished Business

Space for storage of the society's records was again discussed. It was agreed that the storage area should be supervised. Virginia Wittwer suggested space in the Arts Council Building might be used. The Arts Council is interested in the old Bluffton High School building. She will get information on the building and its disposal.

New Business.

There was no new business.

President Elliott thanked David Ford for his information on cemeteries.

The meeting was closed by members repeating the Mizpah Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Blanche Bennett, Secretary

CASPER HOLLOWAY REMEMBERS NOTTINGHAM

September 2, 1978 June grove wrote a story for the Bluffton News Banner about the life of Casper Holloway and the things he could remember about Nottingham and the surrounding neighborhood. Due to my limited amount of space, I can only use excerpts from her story here, the whole story can be read in the news paper that is on tape at the Bluffton Library

Casper Holloway attended the first Bluffton Street Fair in 1896, only then it was called an agricultural exposition. He stayed all night with an aunt and uncle who had a house where today's post office stands. Casper's aunt ran the Bluffton telephone exchange from that house also. It was an exciting time for the boy. Even though the fair then little resembled the one today - no kiddie rides, no games, no exotic foods - there was still a lot for a 7 year old to see.

Merchants used those first Street Fairs to lure people into their shops. The way to do this was to provide some sort of entertainment out in front of the stores. "Joe Rose had a grocery", remembered Casper and he had a bunch of Shetland ponies out front. They were the first Shetlands I had ever seen.

He continued:

"A shoe store on West Market featured a colored fellow with a banjo and people would stop to request songs for the man to sing". He also recalled that a man rode a bicycle on a wire stretched across Market St. from the Penney's building to the Murphy Store building.

Casper's first brush with the law occurred during one Street Fair. He had bought some bananas and was busily eating them one day as he walked through the poultry tent. Finished with the banana, he looked for somewhere to put the peel. Where else but in one of the chicken cages? No sooner had this been accomplished when Casper felt a heavy hand on his shoulder and he turned around to see the marshal. "I thought sure I'd go to Jail," he said. What he had to do was dig the banana peel out of the cage and deposit it somewhere more appropriate.

Casper spent most of his 89 years on the farm where he was born. His grandfather John had homesteaded the land back in 1859 when he first came to Wells County. Milton and Mary Jane Watkins Holloway, Casper's parents, took up house keeping in a modified version of the house in Nottingham twp. because, at first, Milton was able to build just two rooms for his bride. Later he dug a basement, moved the first two rooms back on that and added more rooms to the front. It was here that Casper was born Jan. 3, 1889.

Casper attended the one room Molehill School not far down the road from the farm. He never really much cared for book learning though and liked even less the fact that his parents boarded his school teachers. For this though Mary Jane received 45 cents a day. Casper remembered the tramps that used to come around to the house when he was a youngster. "We'd usually have at least one stop by once a week," he said, "and my mother would always feed them."

According to Casper, about once every three months a tramp would ask to stay all night and he would never be refused. However, he had to comply to a few rules. First, he had to wash, which he did in a tub of water that he carried out to the back yard. Then, after the evening meal, he would sit up long into the night telling the family stories about his travels. "most of these tramps were well educated men," said Casper, "and us kids used to get to stay up at night and listen to the tales. It was a lot of fun."

Nottingham enjoyed its biggest growth during the oil boom of the 1890's. To view Nottingham today - with only its church graveyard - one would never guess that it used to be a thriving community with stores, a saloon, an ice cream parlor, livery stables and many private homes. He remembered the medicine shows that used to come to town; at least, he remembered one in particular because this show had with it a magician. "On the last night of the show, this magician had a farmer bring in three big rocks from his farm. After people in the audience examined them to make sure they were what they were supposed to be, the magician had the town blacksmith come up and try to break them with a sledge hammer, however he could never do it, then the magician would hit the rocks with his handkerchief wrapped hand and the stones would smash into little pieces. "If I could've found out how he did that, I'd be a millionaire today."

At the turn of the century, peddlers swarmed over the territory selling everything from Seth Thomas clocks to buggies. "The first ones to come were called pack peddlers because they carried everything in two big packs on their back. The salesman usually had a scheme. They would stop at a house and ask if they could leave some of their merchandise there for awhile for safekeeping saying that they would come back later to pick it up. What the peddler was counting on was that the people at the house would get so used to the merchandise being there, that they'd end up buying it. Many times, it worked.

In the 1890's a barrel stave factory operated a mile North of Nottingham and Casper said that his dad worked there for 15 cents a day. "work in those times meant from the time the sun came up til the time it went down," he said, "and no coffee breaks in between."

When the oil was flowing freely around the Nottingham area, people would go a long way to see a well shot. It so happened one day this very thing was going to occur on land west of the Holloway farm and a few women had come over to the Holloway house to watch. Several men came walking down the road about that time, a man by the name of Doc Templin following slowly along behind, bent over his cane. The women in the house commented on how the bearded old Doc Templin looked "poorly," that he wouldn't last another winter, and they wondered among themselves what his poor wife Judy would do when Doc was dead.

About that time, the well started coming in and the nitroglycerine that had been lowered into the well was due to explode. "someone yelled for everyone to take cover in the woods 20 rods to the north," said Casper "and all the men started to run," but poor old Doc Templin, with the cane and beard, the one not long for the world, led all the rest to the place of safety, and what's more, he was the first one over the fence. He lived to be in his 80's, laughed Casper, "I can still see his long beard blowing back over his shoulder as he ran."



Casper Holloway, with one of his restored buggies.

						Dr. Walker office + store (1859)	House (1890)	House (1890)			
Preacher Coon House		Shin Sawmill (printing press later)		Log Cabin (1859)		Boiler shop (1892)	Supply store for oil wells (1890)	Livery Stable (1890)			
	Frank Clark house	Empty lot	DR. Cauler	House	House	Fausts Blacksmith + house (1859)	school house (1859)	Cemetery (1890)	House (1890)		
		Charlie Melling House	started practice here	This is the way Casper Holloway remembers Nottingham in the 1890's.				Machine Shop (1890)			
		house	CRANE House								House (1890)
		house	House								
		house	John Chinaman's house (1890)				Roy Smith's house (1890)	vacant lot	Cass white barn and store (1890)	Cass white store	House (1890)
	Prouty House	Dode Wilson's son's house	Dode Wilson house	Biggest house in Nottingham Township *	Hilton House	Hilton Blacksmith 1890		South of Hilton's Blacksmith shop was: Ice cream parlor, Thornburg's Saloon and a big livery barn. ↓			

* Seven acres because seven people by the name of Acre lived here. There was Will Harrison Acre, Martha Acre, Evie Acre, Vern Acre, Meredith Acre, Fred Acre and Ginpole Acre. Ginpole was a nickname because no one could figure out what to name him.

WIDOW 'LIFE AND SOUL' OF TINY TOWN

by Chuck Crumbo, staff writer for Bluffton News Banner

PHEONIX, Although seventyish, widowed and no longer willing to drive her car ("I've got too much trouble these days in getting a license.") Addie Cochran is far from being isolated in her rustic crossroads grocery here.

The peppery storekeeper, who still mows her lawn while keeping up on the latest area gossip, is the life and soul of this minuscule community which is tucked deep in the southeast corner of Wells County.

When Mrs. Cochran and her husband first opened their store here, the town was flourishing through the gas and oil boom of the 1920's and 30's. There were several houses around here, including some people who lived in my old garage. Mrs. Cochran began in relating what this town was like 52 years ago.

"There was a blacksmith shop, a photo store, a post office, a couple of churches - including one with a parsonage," Mrs. Cochran continued. All that remains is the grocery, a church without the parsonage and a nearby farmhouse. The rest of them either died or moved away. It seems that when the oil fields left, all of the people with them left, too." She added with a touch of loneliness in her voice.

For all intents and purposes, when Mrs. Cochran closes the store's doors for the last time, this town will close with them. "I know that's true, none of the boys want to come here to take it over and I don't think anybody really wants to buy it. But I'm never going to leave here either", Mrs. Cochran promised.

"when we bought the store we sold just about everything, including shoes, overalls, drygoods, groceries and gasoline," Mrs. Cochran said while chatting with this reporter on one of the two worn "liar's" benches inside the store. A quick glance around the room, revealed that "just about everything" is still being sold. Brooms hang from an antiquated wire rack near the front window. Bags of candies are stored in old-fashioned, reach-in cookie display cases. A 19th century scale and meat slicer, now idle, still rest on top of another counter. Outside, an old centrifugal-force gasoline pump stands at attention.

There are just a few modern conveniences, like an electric refrigerator and a gas furnace, which is anchored in the center of the room where a pot-belly stove once stood and a burglar alarm system ("It's saved us a couple of times") have been installed.

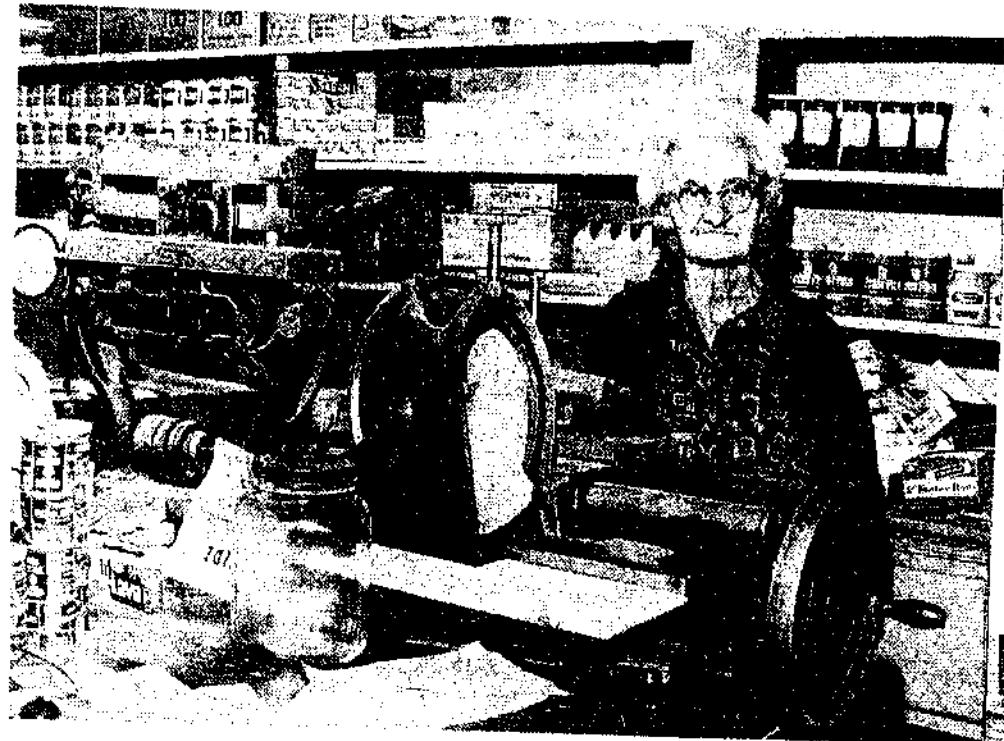
Before everyone owned a car, her husband would load up a "huckster wagon" and ride into the countryside peddling the store's wares.

"You couldn't believe the crowd we'd have in here on Saturday nights. Why you couldn't even find a place to park out in front of the store before dark. They didn't have television or radio in those days and all of the people would come down here to swap the latest news or remember some of their favorite tales."

Altho those days of neighborliness are gone, Mrs. Cochran said this town is "still a good place to live. It seems the older I get, the more worried my friends are about me. There's never been a day without somebody coming here. There was a blizzard three or four years ago when snow covered the doors. Some of the neighbors crawled in to see if I was all right.

Mrs. Cochran, somewhat kiddingly, said she was a little reluctant in consenting to an interview. “

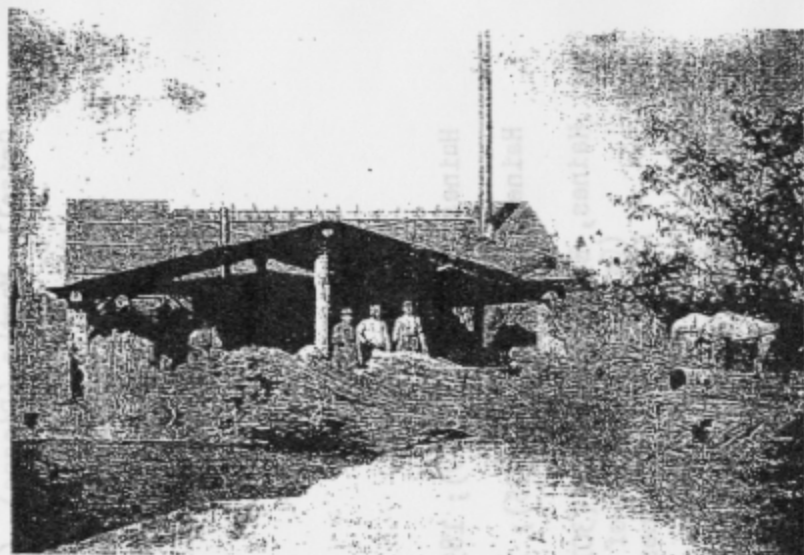
“The last time a reporter was here, it was because some of the boys from nearby came in bopped me on the head and robbed me. The one boy came in and I was sitting here just like now and I thought he just wanted gas. He had a stocking over his face and he told me he wanted my money. I’d told him I wouldn’t give it and I reached up to grab his mask because I thought he was kidding. He wouldn’t take it off and he hit me on the head with his gun. When I saw my own blood flying it was then that I thought I was getting robbed so I laid down and he taped my hands,” Mrs. Cochran said in recounting the incident she sustained a cut that needed six stitches to close.



Although no longer used, Mrs. Cochran shows off the store's old meat cutter and scales.



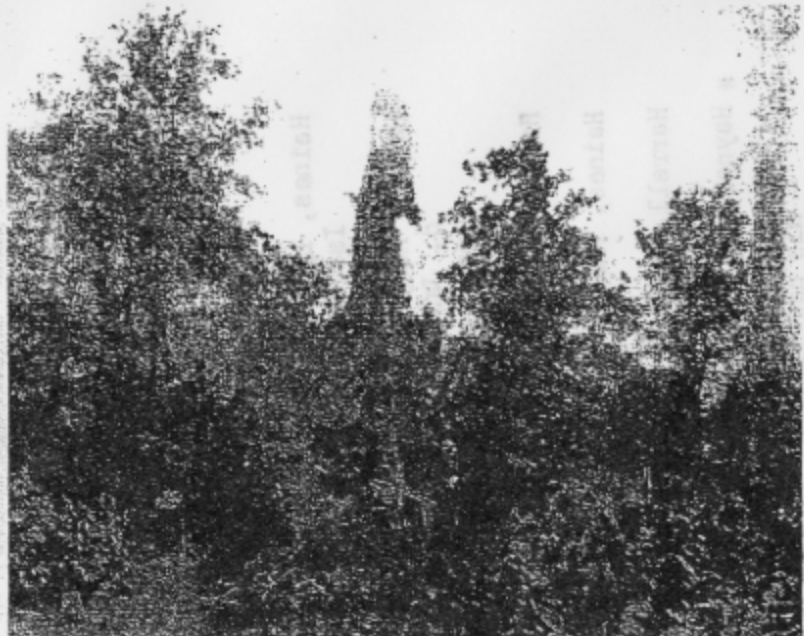
Addie Cochran poses besides a “modern” gasoline pump outside her stor



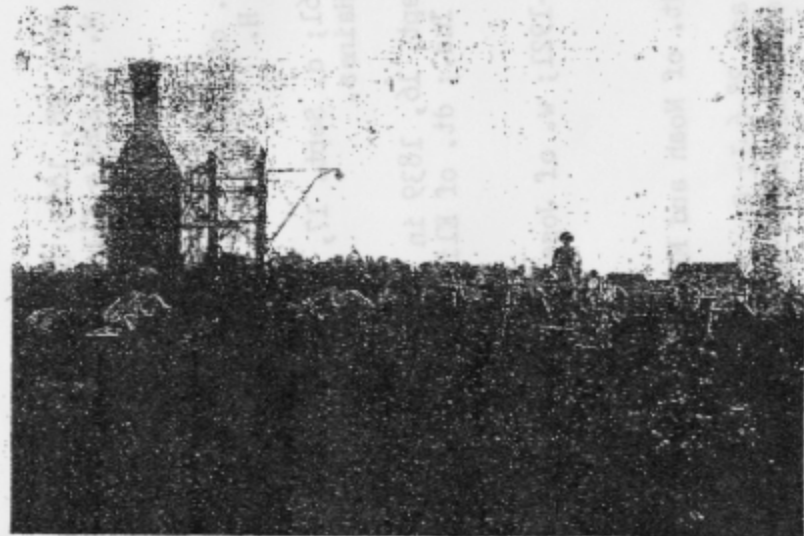
CANE MILL — On the same Dan Engle property late in the 19th Century, above is a cane mill operation. Dan Engle is not in the photo. His brother, Joe Engle, is at left, John Macy, second from left, and Arthur Engle, right. The man third from left was not identified.



JURY COINCIDENCE — Isaac Engle, fourth from left in back row, is among those pictured during jury duty here. He served on a murder trial jury before the turn of the century. Generations were to pass before Wells County had another murder trial — and coincidentally his grandson, Merle Engle, served on that one.



THAT'S OIL HERE! — This photo in the oil years of Southern Wells County long ago illustrates an oil well being shot on the Dan Engle farm, one-half mile east of Phenix. A note with the photo refers to the scene as "probably well No. 3 or No. 7 in woods." Merle Engle furnished this and the other pictures.



FIRST DITCHING MACHINE HERE — In case you did not know it, that contraption at left was believed to be the first ditching machine in Wells County. Note its upright steam boiler. Left to right are Arthur Engle, Adama Hoffner (who later founded the Hoffner Department-Variety Store chain), Dan Harden and two unidentified men with the horse. The engine was the Dan Engle farm about 1910.

Cont. Jay Co Ann. Record

Grimm, Mildred A. (305); 1907-1934.

Grisell, Martha (Dingee) (19); b. March 8, 1764 at Wilmington, Del.;
d. May 11, 1843 in Penn Twp., Jay County, Ind.; dr. of Joseph and
Rachel Dingee; w. of (1) Thomas Grisell, (2) Hugh Hilles. Although
she was buried by the side of her 2nd husband, the gravestone makes
no mention of such marriage.

Haines, Donloe A. (299); 1893-1897; s. of Edwin E. and J. Anna (Holloway) H.

Haines, Edgar A. P. (235); 1873-1886; s. of Joseph T. and Mary (Jordan) H.

Haines, Edwin Ellsworth (301); 1864-1929; s. of Isaac T. and Mary Elma
(Gray) Haines; h. of (1) J. Anna (Holloway) H. (2) Lucy (Spade) H.
Known as "Ell" Haines.

Haines, Effie (237).

Haines, Halcyon (181) 1869-1879; dt. of Isaac T. and Mary Elma (Gray) H.

Haines, Isaac T. (184); b. Aug. 15, 1835 in Belmont Co., Ohio; d. Oct. 29,
1917 in Jay County, Ind.; s. of Timothy and Hannah (Tomlinson) H.;
h. of Mary Elma (Gray) H.

Haines, J. Anna (Holloway) (300); b. Oct. 28, 1863; d. 1919; dt. of John
and Luvica (Cox) Holloway; 1st w. of Edwin Ellsworth Haines.

Haines, Joseph (238).

Haines, Joseph T. (236); 1833-1922; s. of Timothy and Hannah (Tomlinson)
Haines; h. of Mary L. (Jordan) H.

Haines, Lydia E. (182); b. Nov. 3, 1861; d. Sept. 17, 1881; dt. of
Isaac T. and Mary Elma (Gray) Haines.

Haines, Mary Elma (Gray) (183); b. Sept. 16, 1839 in Monroe Co., Ohio;
d. Jan. 2, 1909 in Jay County, Ind.; dt. of Elisha and Atlantic O.
Gray; w. of Isaac T. Haines.

Haines, Mary L. (Jordan) (234); 1838-1921; w. of Joseph T. Haines.

Haines, Thomas (239).

Hartell, Mary L. (303.3); 1893-1951; dt. of Noah and Martha (Bell) Williams.

* Haynes, E. J. (179); d. June 1, 1870; age 28-6-1; Co. F, 75th Ind. Inf.;
mustered in, 8-12-1862; out as corporal, 6-8-1865. Gravestone shows
his name to have been Edwin J., but Army service record in
archive of Indiana + + + + + has it Edward J.

Haynes, Frances G. (178); d. Sept. 2, 1870; age 1-8-5; s. of E. J. Haynes.
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Haynes, Lydianie (177); 1850-1868; w. of E. J. Haynes. First name spelled
as it appears on gravestone.

Hedges, LaKresha A. and Karissa Dawn (106.1); LaKresha b. 1949 and d. 1975;
w. of Donovan Mac Hedges; Karissa Dawn b. 1974 and d. 1975; dt.
of Donovan Mac and LaKresha Hedges.

Hilles, Elizabeth (Wilson) (17); b. Nov. 13, 1778; d. Jan. 19, 1840 in
Jay County, Ind.; dt. of William and Elizabeth Wilson; 1st w. of
Hugh Hilles (m. March 12, 1801)

Hilles, Hugh (18); b. March 8, 1778 in Chester County, Pa.; d. June 18,
1847 in Jay County, Ind.; s. of William and Rebecca (Pugh) Hilles;
h. of (1) Elizabeth (Wilson) H. and (2) Martha (Dingee) Grisell H.

Hilles, Martha (Dingee) Grisell; see Grisell.

Hoover, Rachel (72); d. 1853.

Hoover, Rhoda (73); 1820-1858.

Horn, Samuel (81); 1795-1864.

Irey, Aaron H. (33); d. Aug. 16, 1841; age 2-4-1; s. of M & R M Irey; names
of parents as shown on gravestone.

Irey, Albert R. (13); 1872-1888.

Irey, Alfred R. (15); 1835-1918; s. of Mahlon and Mary Irey.

Irey, Jonah (247); b. Feb. 3, 1817; d. April 15, 1903; s. of Phineas and
Martha Irey; h. of (1) Ann Wilkins, (2) Mary Parrett.

Irey, M -- (39); infant; d. 1863. Initial only appears on gravestone.

Irey, Mahlon (32); d. June 5, 1841; age 19-7-13; h. of Mary (see below).
Age appears to be 19; may not be correct.

Irey, Martin J. (172); d. 1862. Gravestone refers to him as "infant son,"
but does not name parents.

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Irey, Phineas (35); d. May 2, 1852; age 60.

Irey, Pluma (Gove) (173); dt. of William and Sarah Gove.

Irey, Rachel Ann (34); b. May 5, 1842; d. Aug. 2, 1846; dt. of Jonah and Rebecca (Hilles) Irey. Date of death appears to have been August 18 and age one year. Above dates are taken from family records.

Irey, Richard S. (25); b. Sept. 25, 1861; d. May 20, 1862; s. of Samuel J. and Joanna (Smith) Irey.

Irey, Sarah P. (Smith) (36); b. 1839; d. Dec. 10, 1856; age 17-10-1; dt. of A. & R. A. Smith; w. of Oliver Irey. Parents probably were Abraham and Rachel Ann (Paxson) Smith.

Irey, Walter J. (249); d. Sept. 13, 1890; age 11 months, 22 days.

Irey, William (248); b. 1852; s. of Jonah and Ann (Wilkins) Irey.

Irey, William R. (14); 1861-1879.

Johnson, Arthur C. (or G.) (110); d. Aug. 31, 1848; age 1-9-23; s. of Levi and Harriet (Rigby) Johnson.

Johnson, Harriet (Rigby) (116); d. June 26, 1859; dt. of Seth and Delilah (Gilbert) Rigby; w. of Levi Johnson (married March 2, 1845). One of the five survivors of the Seth Rigby family, all 10 of whom are buried at West Grove. See Nos. 111-115, incl.

Keese, Almira (10.1); 1843-1938; w. of Nathan R. Keese.

Keese, Mary J. (168); d. June 11, 1863; age 1-2-10; dt. of W T & M J Keese; inscription not altogether legible.

Keese, Nathan R. (10); 1839-1901; h. of Almira Keese.

+ Kelly, Minnie and baby (U).

Kitchen, Della (Rankin) (314.2); 1883-1959; dt. of Charles and Rebecca Ann (Gray) Rankin; w. of Howard H. Kitchen.

* Kitchen, Howard H. (314.3); 1874-1955; h. of Della (Rankin) Kitchen; Co. B, 12th Pennsylvania Inf., Spanish-American War.

- Lewis, Anson E. (96); b. April 11, 1842; d. Aug. 16, 1855; s. of Syra and Sarah Ann (Grisell) Lewis.
- Lewis, Atlantic Ocean (92); d. Sept. 13, 1840; age 2-6-4; dt. Emry and Rachel (Thomas) Lewis. Spelling of father's name is correct.
- Lewis, Elizabeth (Haines) (29); b. 1831; d. April 4, 1870; dt. of Timothy and Hannah (Tomlinson) Haines; w. of Lorenzo Dow Lewis.
- * Lewis, Elma (Grisell) (U); 1810-1853; dt. of Joseph and Letitia Grisell; w. of Hervey Lewis. Spelling of name Hervey is correct.
- Lewis, Emery H. (142); b. July 17, 1841; d. Sept. 2, 1852; s. of Enos and Margaret (Grisell) Lewis.
- Lewis, Emry (27); b. 1798; d. Sept. 8, 1852; age 54-2-27; s. of Thomas and Mary (Morgan) Lewis; h. of Rachel (Thomas) Lewis. Spelling of name Emry is correct. His mother was buried at West Grove; also four brothers: Enos, Hervey, Morgan and Syra.
- Lewis, Enos (140); b. Oct. 9, 1799 in Virginia; d. Aug. 9, 1889 in Penn Twp., Jay County, Ind.; s. of Thomas and Mary (Morgan) Lewis; h. of Margaret (Grisell) L. Enos and Margaret Lewis conveyed the land for West Grove Cemetery and meeting house. Also see Emry Lewis, above.
- Lewis, Hannah (180).
- Lewis, Hannah M. (97); b. Aug. 17, 1849; d. Aug. 24, 1855; dt. of Syra and Sarah (Grisell) Lewis.
- Lewis, Hervey (106); 1806-1892; s. of Thomas and Mary (Morgan) Lewis; h. of Elma (Grisell) Lewis. Complete dates of birth and death are on gravestone, but illegible. Also see Emry Lewis, above.
- Lewis, James M. (143); b. Oct. 24, 1844; d. Sept. 29, 1854; s. of Enos and Margaret (Grisell) Lewis.
- * Lewis, Joseph D. (258); b. Dec. 19, 1838; d. Sept. 30, 1895; s. of Enos and Margaret (Grisell) Lewis; h. of (1) Mary Jane (Hopkins) Lewis, (2) Leah M. Nuding Lewis; Co. F, 75th Ind. Inf.; mustered in as sergeant 9-21-1862; commissioned 2nd Lieutenant 1-28-1863, and Captain 9-1-1864; mustered out 7-21-1865.
- Lewis, Letitia C. (105); 1847-1911; dt. of Syra and Sarah Ann (Grisell) L.
- Lewis, Lorenzo Dow (30); b. Oct. 28, 1828; d. May 1, 1878; s. of Emry and Rachel (Thomas) Lewis; h. of Elizabeth (Haines) Lewis. Spelling of father's name, Emry, is correct.
- Lewis, Margaret (Grisell) (141); b. 1802; d. Aug. 20, 1882; d. of Thomas and Martha (Dingee) Grisell; w. of Enos Lewis.
- Lewis, Mary E. (257); d. 1898. Infant dt. of Lineas Q. and Leona (Paxson) L.

- Lewis, Mary (Morgan) (93); d. May 28, 1855; age 86 years 8 months; dt. of Morgan and Mary Morgan; w. of Thomas Lewis. Five of her sons also are buried at West Grove: Emry, Enos, Hervey, Morgan and Syra.
- Lewis, Mary Jane (Hopkins) (256); b. Sept. 8, 1833; d. Aug. 28, 1884; dt. of Ambrose and Eliza (Gardner) Hopkins; 1st w. of Joseph D. Lewis.
- Lewis, Morgan (94); b. July 25, 1789; d. Sept. 11, 1840; s. of Thomas and Mary (Morgan) Lewis; h. of (1) Mary Thorn, (2) Sarah Wilson. See also Mary (Morgan) Lewis, above.
- Lewis, Rachel (28); b. 1848; d. June 21, 1867; age 19-1-9; dt. of Emry and Rachel (Thomas) Lewis. Spelling of father's name, Emry, correct.
- Lewis, Rachel (Thomas) (26); b. 1809; d. March 23, 1861; age 52-10-26; dt. of Peter and Mary Thomas; w. of Emry Lewis. Spelling of Emry correct.
- Lewis, Sarah Ann (Grisell) (104); b. Nov. 12, 1819; d. Aug. 22, 1891; dt. of Joseph and Letitia (Whitacre) Grisell; w. of Syra Lewis.
- Lewis, Syra (101); b. Sept. 14, 1811 in Harrison Co., Ohio; d. Sept. 29, 1855 in Penn Twp., Jay County, Ind.; s. of Thomas and Mary (Morgan) Lewis; h. of Sarah Ann (Grisell) Lewis (m. March 14, 1839). See also Mary Morgan Lewis, above.
- Lewis, Syra E. (98); b. Aug. 10, 1851; d. Sept. 6, 1855; s. of Syra and Sarah (Grisell) Lewis. Inscription on gravestone not clear; year of birth may be 1854.
- * Lewis, Thomas G. (243); b. Oct. 16, 1833 in Columbiana Co., Ohio; d. June 11, 1895; s. of Enos and Margaret (Grisell) Lewis; h. of Rachel Eliza Hunt (m. Dec. 25, 1882), dt. of Mahlon and Deborah (Smith) Hunt; Co. H, 11th Iowa Inf., commissioned 2nd Lieutenant.

Mendenhall, Alice (Votaw) (274); b. Jan. 21, 1850 in Penn Twp., Jay County, Ind.; d. May 22, 1915 in same township; dt. of Quinby B. and Harriet (Burton) Votaw; w. of William F. Mendenhall (m. Jan. 21, 1871).

Mendenhall, Joseph W. (57); b. Dec. 11, 1837; d. Dec. 19, 1857; s. of William and Rebecca (Ward) Mendenhall.

Mendenhall, Mariah (Bowersock) Farrington (276); b. May 2, 1813 in Adams County, Pa.; d. May 19, 1911; dt. of Jacob and Mary Bowersock; w. of (1) William D. Farrington, (2) William Mendenhall; widely known as pioneer midwife.

Mendenhall, Morris Q. (273); b. May 29, 1873; d. June 7, 1874; s. of William F. and Alice (Votaw) Mendenhall

Mendenhall, Rebecca (Bond) (56); b. April 28, 1805; d. Nov. 19, 1842; w. of John and Amy (Galbreath) Ward; w. of William Mendenhall (m. July 27, 1831 in Columbiana Co., Ohio).

Mendenhall, William (55); b. March 25, 1800 in Chester County, Pa.; d. July 8, 1883 in Penn Twp., Jay County, Ind.; s. of Aaron and Lydia (Regester) Mendenhall; husband of (1) Rebecca Ward, (2) Mariah (Bowersock) Farrington; deed for West Grove Cemetery conveyed to him as trustee; for many years sexton.

* Mendenhall, William F. (275); b. May 22, 1845 in Penn Twp., Jay County, Ind.; d. Sept. 27, 1915, same county; s. of William and Mariah (Bowersock) Mendenhall; h. of Alice (Votaw) Mendenhall (m. Jan. 21, 1871); Co. B, 138th Ind. Inf.; mustered in 5-27-1864; out, 9-30-1864; for many years sexton of West Grove Cemetery.

Moyers, Rachel (Williams) (138); b. April 22, 1843; d. 1870; dt. of George and Rachel (White) Williams; w. of Thomas Moyers.

+ Moyers, Thomas (0); h. of Rachel (Williams) M.

McKinney, Patrick (87).

McKuras, Kate C. (Lewis) (103); b. Aug. 17, 1849; d. Jan. 28, 1877; dt. of Syra and Sarah (Grisell) Lewis; w. of Hugh McKuras.

McNutt, Jennie (Brower) (313); 1865-1940.

Oblinger, George Washington (210); b. June 12, 1856; d. Feb. 25, 1891; h. of Mary Lena (Gray) Oblinger, who was a dt. of Rees and Prudence (Williams) Gray.

Oblinger, Jannetta (209); b. Feb. 23, 1890; d. June 9, 1891; dt. of George W. and Mary Lena (Gray) Oblinger.

Paxson, Aaron E. (166); d. 1862; infant s. of George and Lydia (Mendenhall) P.

Paxson, Achsah (Peacock) (122); b. 1828; d. April 22, 1852; age 24 years, 15 days; w. of Cyrus Paxson; mother of John Riley Paxson.

Paxson, Byno (206); 1888-1889; s. of William E. and Eva (Mitchell) P.

Paxson, Claudie E. (207) 1888-1889; son of William E. and Eva (Mitchell) P.

Paxson, Eva (Mitchell) (208.1); 1866-1952; w. of William E. Paxson.

Paxson, Lela (117); d. Sept. 1, 1890; age 5 days; dt. of John J. and Emily Jane (Rigby) Paxson.

Paxson, Matilda E. (Keese) (165); 1849-1876; w. of Mahlon Paxson.

Paxson, Nathan O. (167); d. July 29, 1871; age 1-5-26; s. of M I & M E Paxson; names of parents as they appear on gravestone.

Paxson, William E. (208); 1861-1939; s. of Phillip and Annie (Peacock) Paxson; h. of Eva (Mitchell) Paxson. Known as "Ellie" Paxson.

Paxson, William M. (123); 1815-1848; s. of Benjamin E. and Sarah (Mitchell) P.

Paxson, Youba (205); 1893-1896; s. of William E. and Eva (Mitchell) Paxson.

Pellman, William Henry (303.2); b. 1868; d. 1952; h. of Zulia (Rigby) Elick Pellman.

Pellman, Zulia E. (Rigby) (303.1); 1869-1954; dt. of Silas and Susan Rigby; w. of (1) Frank Elick, (2) William Henry Pellman.

Register -- (136).

Register, Aaron (266); b. July 17, 1865; date of death unknown; lived to be a youth, possibly 16 to 21; s. of Thomas and Martha (Mendenhall) Register.

+ Register, Abigail (U); b. March 1849; d. November 1856; dt. of William and Eliza (Foreman) Register.

Register, Amos M. (282); b. July 21, 1852 in Penn Twp., Jay County, Ind.; died 1913 in same township; s. of Thomas and Mary (Williams) Register; h. of Hannah (Lewis) R.

Regester, Ann (128).

Regester, Ann (137); infant dt. of Thomas and Mary (Williams) Regester.

+ Regester, Ann (Sumption (U)); b. Dec. 25, 1830; d. Dec. 30, 1868; dt. of John and Susannah (Lewis) Sumption; 2nd w. of Robert Regester (m. 1850).

+ Regester, Ann (Williams) (U); b. 1827 in Belmont Co., Ohio; d. Nov. 2, 1848 in Jay County, Ind.; dr. of George and Rachel (White) Williams; 1st w. of Robert Regester (m. 1848).

+ Regester, Charles (U); b. November 1850; d. November 1856; s. of William and Eliza (Foreman) Regester.

+ Regester, Daniel R. (U); b. Dec. 6, 1815 in Columbiana County, Ohio; d. Dec. 30, 1874 in Jay County, Ind.; h. of Eliza Sumption. Cope's History of the Smedley Family says he was buried at West Grove (p. 653).

+ Regester, David (U); b. Oct. 10, 1843; d. October 1846; s. of William and Eliza (Foreman) Regester.

Regester, Eliza (Sumption) (129); b. 1835; d. 1868 in Jay County, Ind.; dt. of John and Susannah (Lewis) Sumption; w. of Daniel R. Regester (m. Jan. 1, 1853); Cope's History of the Smedley Family (p. 653) says she was buried at West Grove.

Regester, Elota Fay (280); 1891-1909; dt. of Amos M. and Hannah (Lewis) R.

Regester, Esther (U); infant dt. of Thomas and Mary (Williams) Regester; d. 1854; location probably near No. 134.

Regester, Hannah (Lewis) (281); 1852-1923; dt. of Lorenzo D. and Elizabeth (Haines) Lewis; w. of Amos M. Regester.

Regester, Martha (Mendenhall); see Crane.

Regester, Mary (Williams) (134); b. Oct. 14, 1831 in Belmont Co., Ohio; d. April 23, 1863 in Jay County, Ind.; dt. of George and Rachel (White) Williams; 1st w. of Thomas Regester (m. June 16, 1849).

+ Regester, Morgan M. (U); b. Oct. 29, 1869; d. Dec. 31, 1869; s. of Thomas and Martha (Mendenhall) Regester.

Regester, Robert (132); b. Oct. 2, 1825; d. Sept. 11, 1880; s. of Robert and Abigail Regester; h. of (1) Ann Williams, dt. of George and Rachel (White) Williams (m. 4-20-1848); (2) Ann Sumption, dt. of John and Susanna (Lewis) Sumption (m. 4-7-1850); (3) Sarah (Gray) Sumption, dt. of Thomas and Catherine (Lewis) Sumption (m. 11-11-1869).

Regester, Sarah (133); 1834-1911; dt. of Thomas and Catherine (Lewis) Gray; w. of (1) John Sumption, (2) Robert Regester, (3) - - St. John.

+ Regester, Susan (U); b. July 23, 1841; d. October 1846; dt. of William and Eliza (Foreman) Regester.