

L to R: Ira, Walter, Ruth, Margaret, Yula Adams, circa 1910.

The Adams went to Reel's Chapel and then they went to Hamlin Chapel some time later. The Paces and Cockerhams also went to Reels Chapel. The Brown Cemetery, where some Paces and Cockerhams are buried, is across the road from Reel's Chapel. Aaron Grider sold part of his land to the Christian Church for \$100, for use as a cemetery. That cemetery is called Brown Cemetery because the church was a brown building, so the story goes.



James W. Adams

Mrs. Clara Adams and children are moving from the George Frank farm, where the Adams family has lived for 29 years. She is moving to the Sam Leech farm in the Beech Hills.

PCD 12/11/1931

Ruth A. Adams

Ruth Adams was born on November 4, 1892 and married Perry Pace, the step brother of Tom Pace. Shortly after their marriage, Ruth died on March 27th, 1913 at the age of 20 from Broncho Pneumonia brought on by Measles. She was buried in Reels Chapel.¹⁸



Ruth Adams, circa 1913.



Yula Adams

Yula was born March 3, 1898 in Knox County. He was the last child of Margaret Jane Meyers and Walter Andrew Adams, the baby of the family. He went to the local school in Harrison Township. By 1920 Yula, then 22, was still working on his father's farm in Knox County. He married Lucile then after her death he married C. Italia McGarrah in 1920 and had three children Enrid Virginia born 1920, Conrad M. born 1927 and Richard W. born 1928. By 1930 Italia, then 31 and Yula then 33 were living on Bruceville Road in Vincennes. Yula was a handyman working in an orchard.¹³ Yula died September 24, 1952.¹⁶

Yula Adams



Dorena Becker Adams, Ira Adams, Yula Adams, Ruby Pace, Bertha Adams Pace. Bicknell 1936



Brothers and sister: Ira, Bertha and Yula Adams

Ira Gillispie Adams

Ira Adams went to Evansville College in Evansville, Indiana and was in the first Freshman class. In 1920 he was living at the Excelsior Club, a rooming house that was acting as a dorm for the University. At the time he was 24 years old. He graduated in 1923 with a degree in Social Studies.

After graduation he taught at the Petersburg Public School then in New Brighton, Minnesota and in 1927-28 in the Minneapolis city schools. In 1929 he went down to College Station, Texas and became an Associate Professor in Economics at Texas A&M University.³⁰ By 1930 he was living at the College Park area of College Station with his wife Dorena Becker. They were married two years before. At the time he was 35 and she was 30, and they had no children. Ira and Dorena eventually had two children Jean and Andy. Ira became a full professor in 1935 and taught at the University till his death on April 30, 1956.¹⁹



Ira Gillispie Adams, College Station, Texas.

Mr. A. W. Adams and son, Prof. Ira G. Adams arrived here Saturday from New Brighton, Minn., where Prof. Adams has just finished a very successful school year. Mr. Adams will remain here indefinitely but Prof. Adams will return to Minnesota at once. Prof. Adams taught in the Petersburg Public Schools in 1925.

Petersburg Press , 6/14/1927

Prof. Ira G. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams is spending his vacation in Evansville. He will spend the week end in Petersburg. He will probably return to Minneapolis where he will be employed in the city schools there this coming school year.

Petersburg Press , 8/20/1927

Mr. A. W. Adams left Saturday for Clark Station, Tex. to spend the winter with his son who is teaching there.

Pike County Democrat
10/25/1929

Evansville College

Founded in 1854, the Methodist affiliated Moores Hill Male and Female Collegiate Institute of Southeastern Indiana was moved to Evansville in 1919 and renamed Evansville College (today the University of Evansville). Student enrollment that first year was 104. There was no time to construct any buildings before school began that fall, so the Young Men's Hebrew Association building on Vine Street was rented for temporary class space.

Olmsted Administration Hall was completed in 1922 at a cost of \$315,000. It was used for classrooms and faculty and administration offices and for several years just known simply as "Administration Hall." In the first 10 years of Evansville College's existence, there were no dorms. Instead, non-commuter students lived in residential houses in the community that had been reconfigured to accommodate dorm living. From 1919 to 1924, about 30 female students lived in a large old house on what was then Upper First Street (now Southeast First). The last name of the owner of the house was Sweetser — and the residence became known as Sweetser Hall. Many male residential students lived at the YMCA across from the College, but eventually a house was rented for them on what was then Upper Third Street (now Southeast Third). It became known as Excelsior Hall.



Administration Hall Evansville College

Calmuck Area Schools

There were several rural schools in the Calmuck area for the families children to go to. There was the McCray school and the graded or Calmuck school.

The McCray school was on Glen Berry’s plot near the road from Monroe City to Petersburg. It was a typical rural schoolhouse. There were no grades but groups A, B, C... perhaps based on accomplishment. In 1886 Frank Cockerham, age 15 was in “grade” B with three others age 12 to 18 and the teacher was Henry Hinkle. Other Cockerham and Adams Children were also in the school. In the 1909 school year Yula Adams was going to school with Carrie and Bessie Cockerham (Frank and Sarah (Pace) Cockerham’s children) as well as other Cockerhams and children from neighboring farms.³¹

Calmuck Area, Harrison Township, Knox County

James Earl Like, an elderly gentleman from there said that the area of Calmuck was very swampy and only oxen could get through by laying poles down across the swamp. It was called cowmuck for a long time, but someone changed it to Calmuck.³⁰

James graduated from high school three years ahead of Imogene. His dad Otis Like was born in 1899 and celebrated his 100th birthday in 1999. James probably got his information from his father.



*ROW 1: Donnie Rice, Ulysses Adams, Gertrude Adams, Geneva Cockerham, Betty May Myers, Billy Scott, Willard Cockerham, Alice and Pauline Morningstar
 Row 2: Ruth Adams, Pearl Cockerham, Jessie Dammigan, Lillian Perry, Bill Adams, Fonda Sigford, Robert Cockerham, Robert Manning
 Row 3: Irene Cockerham, Annalita Adams, Marie Housley, Helen Tryon, Jennie Cockerham, Lowell Dammigan, Woodrow Boyton
 Back row: Gladie and Helen Scott, Teachers, Lester Parker*

McCray School , 1928 or 29.

Record of Attendance from Sept 2nd 1909 to Oct 15 1910
Thos E. Martin Teacher.

No.	NAME OF PUPIL	AGE	GRADE	MONTHLY SUMMARY																			
				Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Days Present	Days Absent	Days Tardy	Per cent of attendance	Punctuality	Discipline
				1909-1910																			
	Ray G House	6																12	4		75		
	Eric Jones	15																11	4	1	70		
	Mary Jones	13																19	1	1	95		
	Maggie Stone	11																9	2		90		
	Yula C. Jones	12	5															15	4		80		
	Beil Stafford	11																15	4		80		
	Bessie Cockerham																	19	2		95		
	Edna Stafford	9																19	2		95		
	Charley Cockerham	12	7															16	3		84		
	Harrie Cox	12																13	2		94		
	John O Cokerham																	19	1	1	95		
	Vva Jones	9	2															20		1	100		
	Edward Stark	8																20		2	100		
	Ida Anderson	9																20			100		
	Mack Stone	8																18	9		60		
	Bessie Cockerham																	18	2		80		
	Dellie Cockerham	8																18	2		80		
	Spurl Mc Coy																	18	2		90		
	Floyd Stark	7	1															19	2	1	95		
	Kiddy Osborne	8																19	2		95		
	Louise Stafford	7																19	2		95		
	Howard Martin																						
	Orlando Cokerham																	7	1		88		
	Margie Cokerham	8	1															11	3		80		
	Oliver Cokerham																	20			100		
	Courtesy Stone	6	P															20			100		
	Albert Anderson	7																20			100		
	Cecil Cokerham	6																16	3		85		
	Connedgette Osborne	6																					
	Victor Mc Coy																						
	Mallard Strout																						
	Floyd Nelson																						
	Mary Wilson		P																				
	Victor Mc Coy																						
	John Anderson																						
	Edna Cokerham																						
	Effie Barker																						
	Mildred Baker																						

Calmuck School
Attendance Record,
1897.

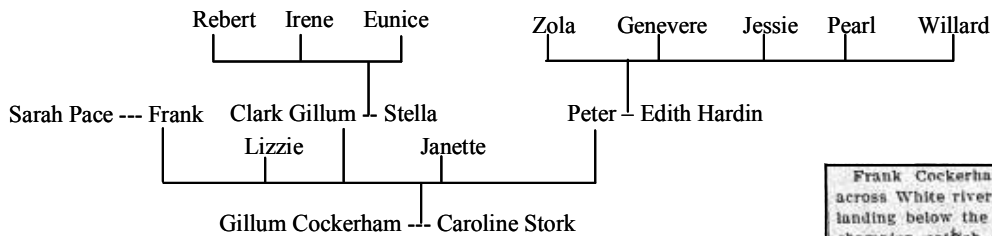
Record of Attendance from *September 27 1897* to *Oct 22 1897*
W. Myres Teacher

No.	NAME OF PUPIL	AGE	GRADE	DAY OF MONTH														MONTHLY SUMMARY													
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	George Adams	14	4																								19	1	0		
	Ottie Paris	13	4																								20	0	0		
	Ethel Perry	14	4																								20	0	0		
	Grace C. Cocherham	13	4																								20	0	0		
	Clarence Perry	10	4																								19	1	0		
	Guy Adams	14	4																								13	1	1		
	Agnes Wilton	9	3																									3	3	0	
	Grace Cocherham	9	3																									19	1	0	
	Paul Perry	13	3																									20	0	0	
Frank Perry	Lidda Bartlow	12	3																								19	1	2		
	Edith Paris	11	3																								16	2	0		
	Harlin R. Snyder	12	3																								3	3	0		
	Vivie Snider	10	3																								20	0	0		
	Stella Cocherham	10	3																								14	1	0		
	Riley Muncy	12	3																								20	0	0		
	Elain McFannin	11	3																								20	0	0		
	Harley Thom	10	2																								8	2	0		
	Odes Taylor	9	2																								20	0	0		
	Lizzie Rose	11	2																								17	3	1		
Frank Perry	Iona J. Paris	11	2																								19	1	0		
	John Bartlow	10	2																								19	1	2		
	Bessie Perry	10	2																								20	0	0		
	Bertha Adams	12	2																								19	1	0		
	Dora Cocherham	8	2																								18	2	0		
	Ella Lamb	12	2																								16	3	0		
	Hattie Wilton	12	2																								15	4	0		
	Stella Cocherham	12	2																								19	1	0		
	Stella Evans	8	2																								20	0	0		
	Earl Adams	10	2																								20	0	0		
Bill Adams	10	2																								21	0	0			
Clarence Perry	10	2																								20	0	0			
Ady Paris	9	2																								20	0	0			
Ethel Muncy	10	2																								19	1	0			
Eliza Sweet	9	2																								15	3	0			
Nettie Lamb	8	2																								8	3	0			
Lucy Taylor	7	1																								20	0	0			
Evah Osborne	7	1																								20	0	0			
Joe Adams	9	1																								20	0	0			
Lucy Paul	8	1																								17	3	0			
Annie Adams	8	1																								20	0	0			
John Adams	6	1																								20	0	0			
Harley Muncy	9	1																								17	3	0			
Jim Ross	13	1																								18	0	0			
Pyrry Thom	10	1																								18	0	0			
Ray Adams	10	2																								19	1	0			
Frank Perry	13	3																								788	43	5			

Cockerham Family

Gillium Cockerham

Gillium was born on July 28, 1834 and died on June 2, 1898. Gillium married Caroline Stork who was born September, 1844. They had ten children but only five survived: Frank born April 15, 1871, Clark born March 1878, Lizzie born September 1881, Jeanette born November 1884, Peter born July 1889,⁸



Frank Cockerham

Frank was born on April 15, 1871 in Monroe City, Knox County. He married Sarah E. Pace on January 21, 1890. They had eight children: Lee Roy born April 12, 1890, John W. born 1892, Ruth E. born March 13, 1895, Caroline Carrie born July 4, 1897, Bessie born March 29, 1900, Wilber born November 3, 1902, Luther Herman born June 15, 1909 and Louie Ervin born January 31, 1914. Frank was a farmer outside of Monroe City.

Frank Cockerham who lives just across White river from Cockerham's landing below the city caught the champion catfish of the season last week in that river. It measured five feet in length and weighed 87 pounds. It was caught on a large hook, and the bait used was a small catfish. It took three boys almost three hours to land this fish, which was taken to Monroe City, sold to Adams' grocery and "steaked" out to customers.

Pike County Democrat
June 6, 1930

Luther H. Cockerham
Luther H. Cockerham, 81, of Petersburg, died at 8 a. m. Saturday in Detroit, Mich.
A former resident of Monroe City and Petersburg, he was born June 15, 1909, in Knox County, the son of Frank and Sarah Pace Cockerham. His wife, Jessy Cockerham, preceded him in death.
He retired from Chrysler Corporation in Detroit.
Surviving are six daughters, Betty Frankum of Monroe City, Anna of Smithville, Tenn., and Melba, Nellie, Margaronie and Shirley, all of Detroit; a son, Morris Cockerham of Detroit; a sister, Bessie Rasico of Columbus, Ohio; 22 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Two brothers, two daughters and a son preceded him in death.
Funeral services will be held at 10:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Harris Funeral Home in Petersburg. Burial will be in Walnut Hills Cemetery in Petersburg.
Friends may call at the funeral home after 3 p. m. Tuesday.

BESSIE RASICO
COLUMBUS, Ohio—Mrs. Bessie E. Rasico, 91, formerly of Petersburg and Monroe City, died Sunday in the Eastland Care Center, Columbus, Ohio.
The funeral will be Thursday at 1 p. m. at the Harris Funeral Home, Petersburg, with interment in Walnut Hills Cemetery, Petersburg.
Friends may call from 4 to 8 p. m. Wednesday at the funeral home.
She was born March 29, 1900 in Knox County to Frank and Sarah Pace Cockerham. She was a member of the Church of God.
Surviving are two sons, Guy Rasico and Burl Debolt, both of Whitehall, Ohio, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Three brothers, Lee, Louie and Luther Cockerham are deceased.
(Sept. 15, 1991)

KNOX COUNTY FARMER DIES
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Mr. Norman Stafford, a farmer who resided about 4 miles from the two ferries—Stork's and Cochran's—died suddenly about 4:30 p. m. on Wednesday of heart trouble while on his way to the home of a neighbor, Mill Cochran.
The two men had just returned from had gone to their homes. Stafford's had gone to their home. Stafford's wife was away in the neighborhood on a visit with a neighbor and he had just eaten his supper, or dinner, whatever we may term it, and started up to see Cochran, when he became ill on the way. When near Cochran's home he fell. His friend ran to his assistance but Stafford died before his friend could be of any assistance.
Stafford is survived by his widow and 4 children, three sons and one daughter. He was 45 years of age and for a long time has been afflicted with asthma. He was well known among the merchants of Petersburg where he often traded. His funeral takes place this afternoon at the Freeland cemetery.

PCD July 12, 1929

Clark Gillium Cockerham

Clark Cockerham married Stella and they had three children: Eunice M. born 1913, Irene born 1915 and Rebert born 1919. All the children attended the Calmuck School.³⁴

Rebert Cockerham and Will Adams visited the Monroe City schools Saturday.

PCD 12/11/1931

Peter Cockerham

Peter, son of Gillium and Caroline and the brother-in-law of Sarah Pace Cockerham was born in 1889. He married Edith Hardin on June 2, 1913²⁰ and they had several children: Geneva Jessie, Willard A., Pearl and Zola Imogene.¹⁷ The children went to the McCray school in the Calmuck area (see school photo). They then attended the Monroe City High School. The High School history book had Geneva marrying a Wilson and Zola married a Walton then later marrying Bill Clark. Peter was a farmer but eventually ran the Cockerham Ferry to Pike County.

Baby Swallows Piece Of Screen Door Wire

Dr. Rice on Monday pulled a piece of screen wire from the throat of the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cochran of Cochran's ferry. The child had been crawling about on the floor at the Cochran home that morning when it swallowed the piece of wire which stuck in its throat, causing terrible pain.

The wire hadn't been there long enough to cause inflammation.

PCD 6/20/1930

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A very joyful afternoon was spent at the home of Miss Lois Cockerham, it being her 12th birthday. A number of her friends were present and the evening was spent in games. Miss Lois received many pretty gifts. Those present were: Ella Cross, Jessie Wyatt, Berdina Sanders, Clara Hale, Victoria Morris, Ethel and Jessie Steer, Elsie Murel Smith, Ethel Selby, Essie Charles, Edna Fox, Mildred, Mable, Jeanette Camp, Hilda Masters and Beatrice Brown.

Petersburg Press
5/11/1928

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cockerham, of Stork's Ferry Sunday, a fine girl baby--Imogene.

PCD 9/20/1929

MAN STOPS RUNAWAY; ONE HORSE RUN OVER BY WAGON

Friday, about 3:30 p. m., on the new pavement near the Petersburg Milling Co., a runaway of two horses drawing a wagon was stopped by Don Cockerham of Knox county. In the wagon were three women, one of whom had two infants. None of them were hurt.

When Cockerham saw the runaways, he dashed out into the road, grabbed one horse, causing it to stumble and fall, the wagon wheels passing over both man and horse.

Mr. Cockerham was bruised and skinned considerably. The horse, evidently internally injured, was unable to rise. Dr. B. C. Ornbau was called, but the horse was beyond aid, and died shortly afterward.

One of the women in the wagon was the wife of Charles Jones, a farmer, who lives south of Petersburg on the "Line Road." It was not learned who the other occupants of the car were.

The breaking of the lines caused the horses to run away.

PCD December 29, 1931

DOUBLE DROWNING THREATENED

PETE COCKERHAM NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH IN RESCUING HIS 4 YEARS OLD DAUGHTER WHO FELL OFF A FERRY BOAT SATURDAY

A double drowning was narrowly averted at Stork's Ferry, two miles north of this city, Saturday morning when Genevieve, the little four years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cockerham, fell off the ferry boat and her father jumped into the river to rescue her.

Mr. Cockerham is the man who operates the ferry and the little girl was keeping him company and playing on the boat. The child was watching her father get an automobile on the boat. She was standing at the far end of the boat and either fell off or was jarred off by the movement of the boat and fell into the river. A lady who was occupying a front seat in the car heard a splash in the water and saw the child's body disappear into the water.

The lady screamed to the father and showed him where the child had disappeared. He instantly jumped into the water and soon the child arose near him and he seized her by the hair. The water was about fifteen feet deep at this place and the current was rather swift. Both father and daughter were being carried down the river rapidly when John Morning, who was on the boat at the time, jumped into the skiff that always accompanies the boat and hastened to the rescue.

With a few swift strokes of the oars Morning soon reached the struggling pair in the water and took the little girl from her father's clasp and placed her in the boat. After some effort to keep the skiff from capsizing he managed to get Mr. Cockerham into the boat. Mr. Cockerham was completely exhausted and could not possibly have maintained the unequal contest with the current of the stream much longer.

Petersburg Press 5/8/1928

Martin County





Downtown Loogootee, 1920

Loogootee - 1900s

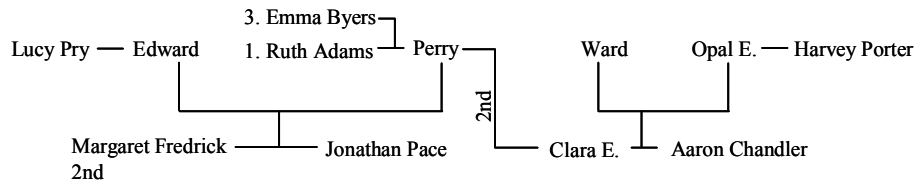
Loogootee was platted by Thomas Gootee in 1853 and incorporated in 1866. How the “Loo” was added to the name no one knows for sure. Some speculate that Mr. Gootee’s wife who was named Lucinda, which the first part sounds like “loo” was the origin.

Small towns like Loogootee were beginning to look a little more genteel by the turn of the century. Yards were larger, trees were larger and houses were larger. Wagons filling the streets of town meant good business. The 1913 flood had not effected Loogootee in the same drastic way as Shoals. The water was high and fields flooded, field production was ruined, costs were high but the flood did not damage the homes in Loogootee as it did Shoals which was located directly on the White River.

The town did not have an effective water system till 1914 when it was built and installed by Walter Van Hoy. By 1915 Loogootee built its light plant and gave electricity to the town. Waggoner’s store sold the best candy, some kind of coconut candy, peanut brittle and a chocolate with peanuts in it. There was some kind of pink candy and taffy, all very popular with the kids. The picture in the 1920s are of improved streets and horses have been replaced by cars. There were some big stores but many small businesses. One growing business was button making from the mussel shells found in the White River at Shoals.²⁴ Imogene Stewart Adams remembers seeing shells with holes in them at the cemetery down by Decker.

Perry Jacob Pace

In 1917 Perry was working in a button factory in Loogootee, Martin County for Ward Chandler. Ward was the son of Aaron and Clara E. Chandler local farmers. Clara had married Aaron in Martin County when she was 19 (8/4/1892) and they had two children, Ward and Opal, but Aaron died in 1917 leaving Clara a widow. By 1920 she and Perry got married even though there were 15 years age difference. Perry was still working in the button factory in 1920. Opal Chandler married Harvey Porter.¹²



On April 7th, 1921 Perry filled out and filed a “Declaration for Pension of Children Under Sixteen Years of Age” in an attempt to cash in on his fathers earlier attempt to get a medical pension from being in the Civil War. His father’s attempt was rejected several times but finally did get a \$6.00 per month judgment. Perry stated that his father had died from piles (hemorrhoids) due to exposure. The judgment that Jonathan did get was for Rheumatism and he actually died from Typhoid Fever. Perry’s attempt was “rejected on the grounds that the soldiers death from alleged piles and flux cannot be accepted as in any manner due to his military service”³⁹, in November 1921.

Perry submitted his 1921 pension application through his U.S. Representative, Oscar E. Bland. This prompted letters back and forth from Bland and the Bureau of Pensions in August, October, November and December but the outcome was still the same, rejection. In 1954 Perry once again tried to get a pension through his U.S. Representative, this time William G. Bray, and once again was rejected.

By 1930 Perry and Clara owned a house in Loogootee valued at \$900 and they also owned a radio. He was also listed as the owner of the button factory. Perry was 45 and Clara was 57 and they had no children.¹³ After Clara passed on Perry married again on February 4, 1959 in Bicknell to Emma Byer(s). He retired at 70 and died at age 76 in the Restwell Nursing Home. He died on February 5, 1965 and is buried at the Goodwill Cemetery, Loogootee, Indiana.

Mr. Perry Pace of Loogootee spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clark Cockerham here after having delivered 3,170 pounds of mussel shells that day to a Petersburg button factory.

Pike County Democrat, 11/20/1931

Shoals News
July 29 1920

The button cutters employed by the Shoals Pearl Button Company numbering about fifty, struck Monday for higher wages. A few remain at work and the plant is operated daily. The management indicates that for the present they will utilize their energy in laying in stock for the winter run and will let the strikers remain out.

A few of the strikers went to Loogootee to work at a button factory there and others have taken employment elsewhere, most of them finding employment locally.

Just what the outcome of the matter will be is problematical as both sides seem firm in their resolves in the matter.

Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD 2014

1 Name as full Perry Jacob Pace No. 29

2 Place Logansport Ind.

3 Date of birth Apr 16 1877

4 Do you (1) own a motor vehicle, (2) a non-motor vehicle, (3) an auto, (4) or have you declared that intention to do so? Natural born citizen

5 Where born Logansport City Ind. U.S.A.

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation or profession? Button Cutter

8 If other than above? Hard Chandler 22

9 Where employed? Logansport, Ind.

10 How many children, with child under 12, or a more or less than 12, wholly dependent on you for support? None

11 Married or not? Single Sex Male Caucasian

12 What military service have you had? None

13 Do you have any physical defects? Defective vision

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Perry Jacob Pace

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tell whether or not applicant is Tall shorter medium or over? Slender

2 Color of eyes? L. Brown Color of hair? L. Brown Hair? Med.

3 How person had seen, by hand, foot, or both eyes, or as he otherwise declared (specify)?

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Eduard Weale, Clerk
(Signature of Registrar)

Daniel Circuit Court

President _____

County Knox

State Ind.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 487 1. NAME (Print) Perry Jacob Pace ORDER NUMBER _____

2 PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) Vincennes St. Logansport Martin Indiana

(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

ITHE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL

3. MAILING ADDRESS _____

(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If none insert word none)

4. TELEPHONE _____ 5. AGE IN YEARS 54 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Knox County

DATE OF BIRTH Apr 16 1877 (Town or county) (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Clara E. Pace Logansport, Indiana

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Self

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Logansport Martin Indiana

(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 4-1-42) 16-2162-2 Perry Jacob Pace



This group photo shows the employees of Ward Chandler's Pearl Button Works. Fabius Gwin built the building, and Ward Chandler managed the business. From back left: Willie Davis, Unidentified, Ross Waggoner, Lester Acton, Austin Beckett, Jim Hellums, Unidentified, Fred Day, Unidentified, Paris Cannon, and Arthur Jones. Perry Pace is shown sitting in the middle on the steps. The three men to the far right in the photo are Harry Brown, Saul Neideffer, and Tip Downey. Manager Ward Chandler is standing in the doorway.²³

THE BUTTON FACTORIES

The button industry in Loogootee went from the early 1900s into the 30s, and a few small operations continued into the 1940s. By then it was more of a cottage industry. At its peak it provided a livelihood for about three hundred men. Shells were found in the White River and are still harvested each year. Mussel diggers plied their flat bottomed boats up and down the White River bringing in hundreds of tons of mussels to be cut into the button blanks. The shells from the White River were superior to those of the Tennessee River the major shell producing river in the U.S.

There were big factories like the Gwin in Shoals and the Ward Chandler factory in Loogootee. Ward Chandler had the largest shop in Loogootee. Harold Riggins started his work in 1924 in a two machine shop under the direction of Walter Norris, which eventually worked up to a thirteen machine shop. The shop later had fifty to sixty machines and was located in the old brick yard. Ward Chandler was the owner of the shop.

Others who had shops in Loogootee were Charlie Jones and Paris Cannon, Perry Pace and Bud and Jasper Jones. Perry Pace's shop was located at what is now the entrance to Blair Village across from Loogootee High School. Fabe Gwin in Shoals built a sandstone structure near the river especially for button making. Among others, there was a Mr. Sullivan, Claude Stone and Albert Edwards. Lew Summers, Doris Traylor's dad, managed a cutting machine near the brickyard. Doris remembers going with her sister and playing in her dad's factory.

Maude (Sherfick) Sorrells: "Charlie Jones and Paris Cannon, Perry Pace, and Bud and Jasper Jones also had shops in Loogootee. Fabe Gwin and "Dabber" Edwards had shops in Shoals. Many of the men who dug mussels in the summer worked for these owners in the winter cutting buttons. A good Button cutter can turn out about five pounds of small blanks a day."

Button Factories, Cont.

“Cutting button blanks is a skilled job and took weeks to learn. Anyone can punch holes in shells but they need to be spaced properly so the shells do not break and not much is wasted. When there were no laws regulating minimum wages or maximum working hours, four or five dollars was all a beginner could hope to earn in a week. The first week he worked he would probably end up owing money to the shop owner since he had to buy all the tools from him: files, Saws, wooden plugs, tongues. The owner only furnished the basic machine.”

“A button cutting machine resembles a lathe. On one side there is a small tubular saw held in place by a wooden spoon; on the other side a wooden plug that presses the shell against the saw and blocks it when it breaks through. Water is run over the shell while it is being cut to reduce the dust and cool it.”

“Buttons were never finished locally; only the first stage of manufacturing was done in this County. The blanks were generally shipped to Muscatine, Iowa for final processing. The blanks were cut as close as possible to the supply of shells because 70-80% was waste. The perforated scrap shells were used as road filler. Some were also used for decorative purposes on concrete outdoors. Even some graves had perforated shells as decoration.”

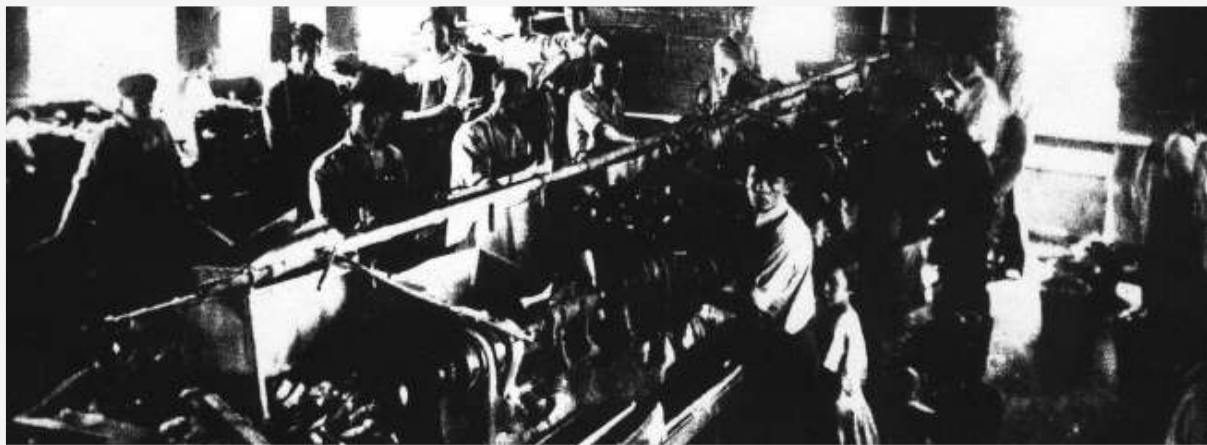
“Shell buttons were replaced by plastic just after World War II. The plastic ones are not as sturdy but are cheaper to manufacture and before long plastic buttons flooded the market. Almost over night the bottom fell out of the pearl button industry. Certainly nobody in Martin County got rich in the button business, but it provided a decent living, and the end of the industry caused economic hardships.”

“Today, of the hundreds of men who made their living as button cutters, only three, Claude Stone and Albert Edwards of Shoals, and Perry Pace of Loogootee, still follow the trade.”²³

Fabius Gwin was assistant prosecuting attorney for the 49th judicial circuit in 1902. This Shoals attorney was born in Rutherford Township. He attended the Danville Law School and was admitted to the Bar in 1891. In later years Mr. Gwin was known as "the button king" because of his highly successful button factory in Shoals.²⁴

J. W. Chandler, manager of the Loogootee Pearl Button Works, is pleased with the outlook to have his factory running full time and with a complete pay roll in the near future. He says that he expects business conditions in the button line to be so improved in a few weeks that his plant will double its present crew of workmen

BUTTON FACTORY TO OPEN
J. Ward Chandler, manager of the Loogootee Pearl Button Company, has received notice that the factory is to be re-opened for business next Monday. This is especially welcome news to the employes who have had to look elsewhere for work for some months during the temporary shut down of the plant. The market for the pearl button product has been very slow on account of an over production and the importation of the cheaper Japanese buttons into America, since the close of the war.



Button Cutters, Loogootee ²³

Dike County



Thomas Jefferson Pace

Thomas Jefferson Pace married Bertha Anna Adams on April 28, 1906. He worked for George Frank on Franks Farm outside of Petersburg Indiana. George Frank was a banker and owned the 1st National Bank in Petersburg. Thomas and Bertha had four children; James Oliver, Andrew Kenneth (died at birth), Ruby Agnes and Rentis Eldred. James, Andrew, and Ruby were born in Knox County while Rentis was born in Washington, Indiana. George Frank made a deal with Thomas to run a farm he had near Petersburg. Thomas and his family moved to the Brick House farm in 1915.

The Brick House was built about 1870 and was owned by George Frank. While Thomas ran the farm he got to live in the Brick House. When they first moved to the farm (1915) they lived in a wood house near the creek at the back of the property. Though they called the creek Pike Creek it must have been Pride Creek. When the tenants moved out of the Brick House (1917) Thomas and his family moved in. They continued to live there and farm till 1929.

The fields around the house were planted in wheat with some hay and corn. The hay and corn were for the animals. The wheat was cut for sale in mid summer. It was cut by a binder pulled by a team of horses. The binder cut the wheat, tied it in bundles and a conveyer belt dropped it on the field. The boys, Rentis and Oliver, stacked the bundles with a few laid across the top to let the rain run off.

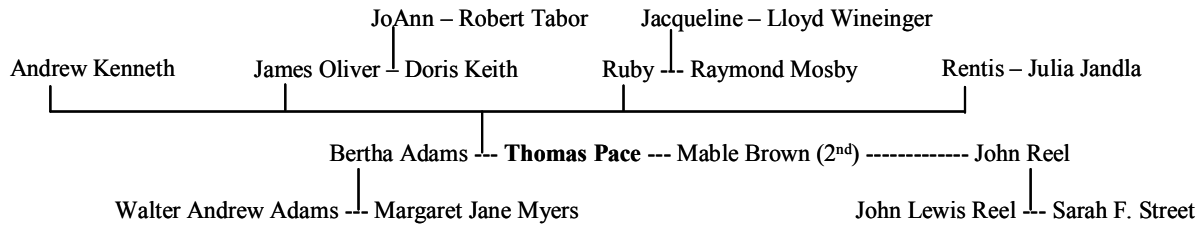
Near the house were apple, peach and pear trees. They also had a big garden. There was a cow in the pasture next to the house. All the tools were kept in the barn out back. In the basement of the house was the kitchen and storage. Bertha made sauerkraut there in summer. She set up 5 gallon jars for the winter.

Pride's Creek

It is believed that Woolsey Pride Sr. was the first white man to build a home in Washington township. Woolsey settled at White Oak Springs in 1800 near a creek that was later named after him, Pride's Creek. Woolsey built and shared a fort with many neighbors till 1808 when he moved to Jefferson township.²⁵



Bertha Anna Adams (age 20), Thomas Jefferson Pace (age 23).
Wedding day April 28, 1906, Vincennes, Indiana



For harvesting, a thrashing machine would be hired from Petersburg. Rentis would watch it come up the road belching smoke (it was self powered and pulled a trailer). The steam engine would take all day coming up the road because it was so slow. A long belt would run from the steam engine to the thrasher. The thrasher would release the grain and throw the chafe 50' in the air. A big time for the farm.

Thrashing day was also a big cooking event for Bertha. She and friends from other farms would cook up a big meal for the crew and everyone involved. She in turn would go and help cook, when the thrasher went to other farms. The thrasher would burn coal and wood, would dump the grain into sacks which were tied to the outlet stream. With a shut off valve, new sacks could be attached. With several wagon loads of grain, TJ Pace would take them to Petersburg to the mill on the south side of town. There he would get paid (money really going to George Franks) and the grain would be turned into flour.

GOOD WHEAT ACREAGE
 Practically all the wheat that will be sown in this county this year is now in the ground and much of it is up and looking well. The wheat acreage will probably be larger this next year than usual although unfavorable weather prevented some farmers from getting in as much as they intended.

CORN MATURING FAST
 Corn is approaching maturity very fast now and a few more days of warm sunshine will see the crop beyond the danger of frozes. It is not thought that the frosts have done very great damage even to the late planted corn and the early planted is not hurt at all. A big freeze coming in damp or wet weather, however, would still do enormous injury to the crop.

Petersburg Press 1928

The farm also had 15 acres of peach trees and a couple of acres of apples. On slow days TJ would take peaches and apples into town (Petersberg) in his wagon and sell them on the street. He would split this money with Franks. He would do the same with pumpkins in the winter.

When Thomas and his family went to visit Grandpa Adams in Knox Co., they crossed the White River by ferry, probably Cockerham Ferry. From there they went a mile or two and turned right at a dirt road to the Adams house. A longer trip was to visit Perry Pace in Loo-gootee, Martin. Co. Perry owned a button factory there next to his house.

Ruby married Raymond Mosby in 1926. Raymond was a coal miner. Ruby had her first and only child at the brick house. On September 3 1928 Ollie and Rentis were told by the doctor in the middle of the night to clear out and go stay with a neighbor. They walked through the woods about three miles to a friend's house to spend the rest of the night. The next morning they came back to see the new baby. Jacqueline Joyce was born in the upstairs "Big Bedroom". Though the house was big, three floors, the upstairs bedrooms were seldom used.

CHICKEN THIEVES AGAIN BUSY

Wednesday night thieves quietly drove up to the residence of Thomas Face on the sand road and loaded into a truck 25 fine Rhode Island Red Hens and three roosters. They got into the chicken house by breaking the lock on the front door. After looking around a while Mr. Pacc made no further effort to track the truck as it was simply impossible. This is another indication that thieves are getting very active again. The farmer has a hard enough time even when he saves what he produces but when some one comes and carries it off there is little encouragement. It would seem that the best thing for farmers to do would be to watch their premises and give the thieves a good dose of shot. However, unless one keeps a remarkably wide-awake watch-dog it is practically impossible to watch a hen house.

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WHEAT CROP ALMOST TOTAL FAILURE

Added to the farmer's other troubles is the practical certainty that the wheat crop will be almost a total failure. Much of the ground sown to wheat in this county last fall will be plowed up and planted in corn if the season proves anything like a favorable one for that crop. There is said to be now no hope that wheat will come out and do any good and the only farmer who will be ahead in the wheat raising business is the farmer who did not sow any wheat at all. A combination of unfavorable weather conditions seems to be the cause of the failure of the wheat crop. There was no snow to cover and protect the crop and the ground was kept

constantly wet by heavy rains. Part of the crop seems to have frozen out and the rest of it was drowned out or ruined by wet weather.

Petersburg Press 3/6/1928

In the early 1930s, because of the depression, George Frank sold the Brick House farm and Thomas forced to move out. That first winter they stayed in Petersburg while Thomas tried to find work. They lived near the mill (now a restaurant). But there was no work anywhere and all he could find was part time work. During that winter Rentis became very ill and was unconscious for three days but pulled through.²⁶



Bertha and Tom (center) with Doris Keith (left) and some of her friends. Brick House, Petersburg, 1925.



The family in the wagon going for an outing, Tom standing with pipe, Bertha standing with large hat. Seated are James Adams (Bertha's brother) and his wife Clara and their three daughters Dorothy, Annalea and Ruth. In the back are Ruby, Rentis and Oliver Pace with dog Shep. Circa 1916.

"Dear Eldred:

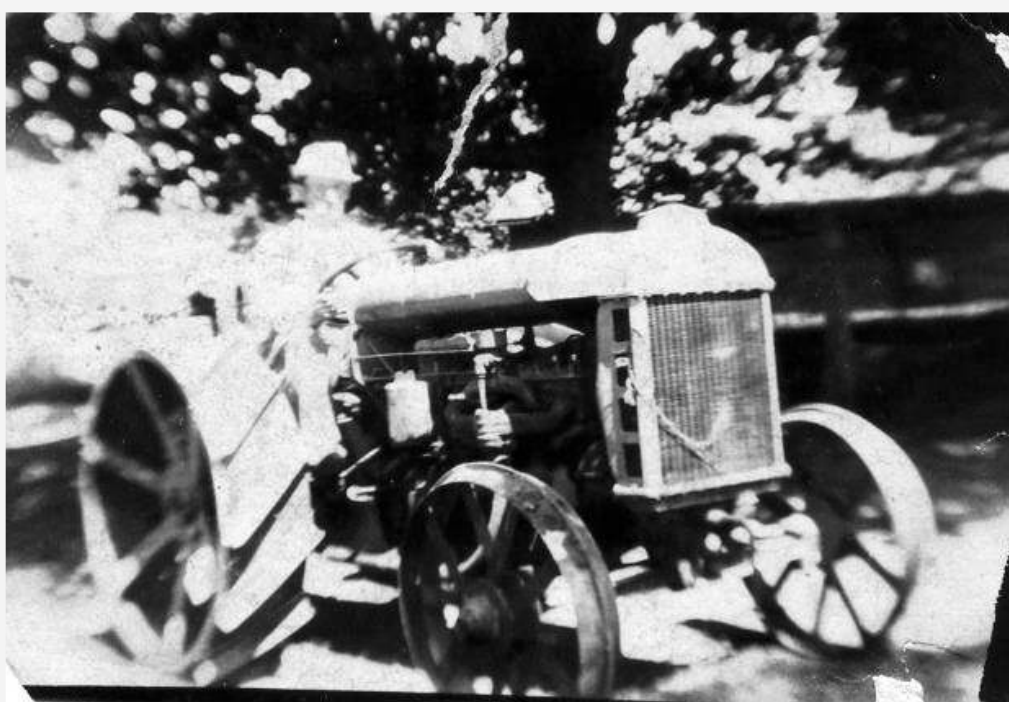
I had a birthday the 4th of January, I was 73 years old. I think that makes Ruby almost 2 years older than me. I am 16 months older than you and you are a little over 1 year older than Annilee. It doesn't seem possible that we are all in our seventies, but it is so. I can remember when we used to all get together and make ice cream. Boy did we think we were living high on the hog, ice cream made by ice from the horse trough. I remember how my Dad and your Dad would set around and talk and each one had a pipe in their mouth and smoke just reeling. Well will close for now. Hope you are all well and happy. God bless you all.

Dorothy"¹⁶

"I remember sitting on the porch with my Dad and he was smoking his pipe as usual. He stopped, held it out looking at it with a scowl, then threw it out into the field saying 'I'm never gonna smoke again'. And he never did."²⁶

Tom Pace's old FPK Automatic
Camera. Eastman Kodak Co.
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Tom on the farm tractor at the brick house, 1916

Horady Park

Phineas Hornady donated the land for Hornady Park in his will when he died in 1899. Phineas was the youngest of six children of David and Hannah Whitehead Hornady. David and Hannah were earlier settlers of Pike County and had about 360 acres of good land.

When their parents died, Phineas and his brothers and sisters took over the farm. Later when his brothers died, Phineas and his three sisters lived on the farm and Phineas became one of the wealthiest farmers in Pike County. The home was like a treasure house compared to most homes in the county.

After his death the three sisters continued to live in the family home till the last passed away in 1913. By that time the farm was overgrown and local residents helped to restore the farm. Later a Boy Scout cabin and 4H buildings were added to the park.

David Hornady was a minister at the Regular Baptist Church and his teachings influenced his children. Phineas stipulated in his will that gambling and drinking would not be allowed in the park.²⁵

The big Farmers Picnic at Hornady Park got under way to a good start yesterday with probably 500 people in attendance. Last night rain halted the band concert by the Mens Band of this city. Today is the big day with dinner served on the grounds, contests and speakings in the afternoon and the judging of livestock.

Pike County Democrat, August 28, 1931