

“One time when we were down there, Mom took me over to Washington to show me where she once worked at Bob Mount's Candy Kitchen. He was still alive then. She could really make good candy. She could pull taffy on a big hook on the wall and make the best Divinity and Fudge. She also worked for him in Petersburg. He had two Candy Kitchens.”

Bob's Candy Kitchen is announcing the opening of the Candy Season and dedicate it with a Special Sale Saturday by giving away ½ Pound of any kind of Fudge and Taffy with each pound sold at our regular price of 20c the pound. With each pound purchased you get 1½ lbs. all day Saturday. We have no left-over candy to dispose of; it is all fresh made.

Our Special Sale for this Saturday will be Taffy Candy at 12½c the lb. This is made fresh for this sale—**BOB'S CANDY KITCHEN.**

Potato Chips at Bob's Candy Kitchen—fresh made every day. Special price for parties and suppers.

REAL HOMEMADE CANDY

We are starting our sale now on Home-made Candies—will have a larger stock and greater variety this year than ever before. We are making several new delicious pieces that we have never made before and the price this year on our homemade goods will be down to 20c the pound. The nuts we are using are the new crop. Chocolate, sugar and all are fresh so we don't lie when we say our candies are pure and the price no high-

er than the common factory made—**Bob's Candy Kitchen, near Lyric Picture Show.**



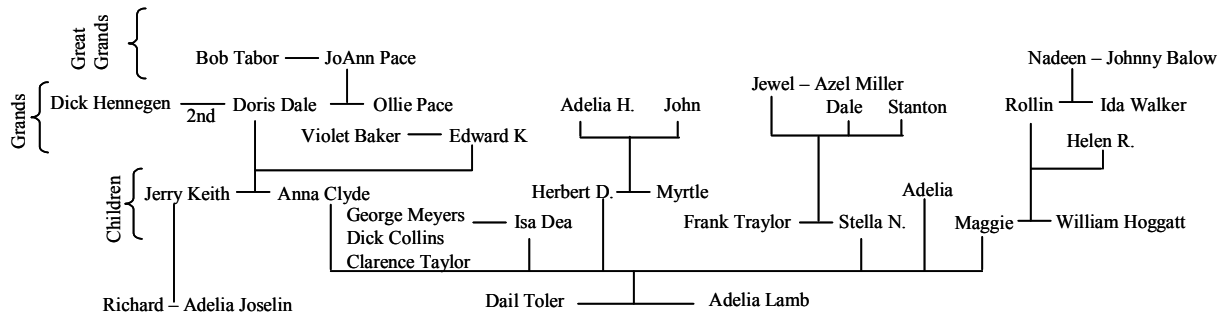
The Tolers, Keiths and Tabors. L to R: Jerry Keith, Doris Keith Pace, Dick Hennegen, JoAnn Pace Tabor, Bob Tabor, Vi Keith (Ed's wife) and Edward Vern Keith (Doris' brother).



Edward and Doris Kieth 1956.



Front L to R: Jewel Miller and Ma (Adelia) Toler. Back: Frank Traylor and Stella Toler Traylor (Adelia's daughter).



Stella Toler

Anna Toler had one brother and four sisters. Stella married Frank Traylor and they had three children; Jewel, Dale and Stanton. The children were in Petersburg High School along with Rentis Pace. Jewel was in the class of 1927 and Stanton was in the class of 1931. The class prophesy for Jewel was telling for she went on to marry Azel Miller, a high school sweetheart. Azel's parents were Sallie and Charles Miller and Charles was a policeman.

You'll be surprised at this, Jewel Traylor, one of your feminine members is now doing work or acting as one of the officials of a prominent Milling Company in Petersburg. Miss Traylor is a Miller now.

SENIOR CLASS WILL

We, the Seniors of nineteen hundred twenty seven, about to leave our Alma Mater, being of sound mind which we have retained during the four years of toil and hardships in P. H. S. we hereby make and publish our will:

→ Azel Miller—Overton Cahill wills his position in the upper four hundred.

To Hilda Catt and Arbutus Rumble—Hilda Sunkle wills some of her modesty and dignity.

To Olive Rathfon—Edith Smith wills her position as base drum player in Drum Corp, providing Olive can wear Edith's red dress.

To Edith Read—Dorothy Read wills her popularity among high school boys.

To "Frostie" Howard—"Louie" Foreman wills the right to entertain the other twin.

To Agatha Benjamin—we will two dozen note books to be used in writing to the star track man of Princeton.

→ To Lowell Gray—Lula Miller and Lowell Traylor will their courage to monopolize the faculty numbers.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK PROGRAM

The members of this years graduating class of the local High School are:

Edith J Smith, Josephine M. Basinger, Lula T. Miller, Irene Griffith, Julia G. Howard, Mabel C. Lucas, Vena Malott, Hilda M. Kunkel, Ruth Elkins, Ula B. Aders, Delores M. Carlisle, Dorothy E. Bruggeman, Irene Harper, Dorothy Berridge, Orville Hale, Frank H. Finney, Courtney A. Preston, Lester F. Cox, Shirlev B. Griffith, Shannon B. Early, Edward C. Alexander, Vera B. Willis, Margaret C. Hutton, Jewel Traylor, Overton J. Cahill, Robert R. Davis, Dallas K. DeJarnett, Vernon F. Pletz, William A. Nordhorn, Claude T. Colwin and Ferrel Sutton.

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Jewel Traylor and Azel Miller, Indianapolis 1937

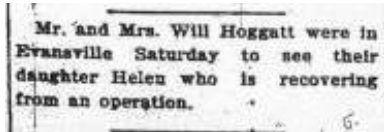
Stanton Traylor married Mildred Harbin and they had one son William Kay. After she passed away he married Norma Harner and they had two children Danny Lee and Jeanna Renee.

Herbert Toler married Myrtle and they had two children; Adelia and John William. John William Toler and Evelyn had a daughter Sue, a cheerful little girl who later died as a teenager. Later John married Mary.

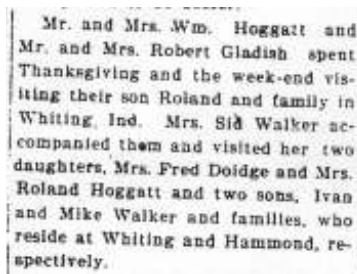
Hilda Adelia (Dea) was unmarried and Margaret (Maggie) married Will Hoggatt and they had two children; Helen and Rollin.



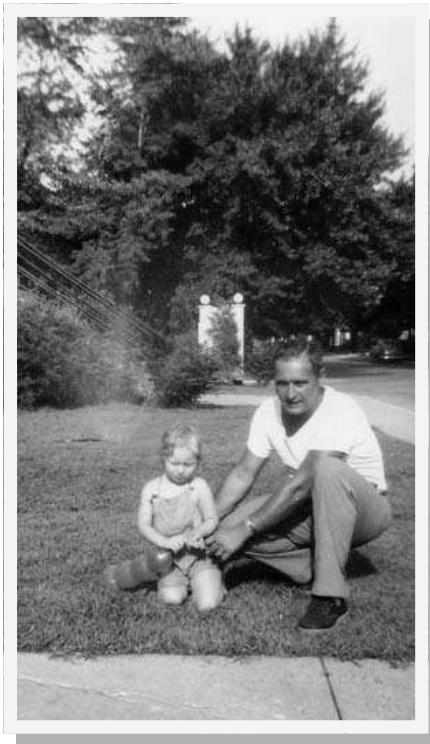
Norma Traylor with the baby.



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John William Toler and his daughter Sue. 1951.



L to R: Jewel Traylor Miller, Nellie Houk, Azel Miller, Doris Dale Keith Pace, Jerry Keith, Center: JoAnn Pace (age 6), 1936, Monument Circle, Indianapolis.

Isa Dea Toler

Isa was Anna's sister and helped take care of Doris in Indianapolis. She was born in 1891. Isa was married several times, first to George Meyers December 5, 1914 then to

DALE J. COLLINS
Dale J Collins who married Miss Isa Toler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Toler of near this city, died at his home in Indianapolis at 7:30 o'clock last Wednesday evening, January 18th. The funeral services were conducted at the residence at 3543 North Emerson, Indianapolis, Saturday, the 21st. In addition to his widow he is survived by his father and a half sister at Fortville, Ind., and three brothers. Death was due to diseases contracted from gas attacks suffered in the **World War**. He had a fine record as a soldier and participated in the major engagements of Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel. He was 35 years of age. Interment was made at Indianapolis. The funeral was attended by a number of relatives of the widow from this county. from this county.

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Dale J. Collins on April 10, 1922. Isa was a flapper in the 20s and lived in Indianapolis. JoAnn Pace was born in her house on Emerson Avenue. Her last husband was Clarence Taylor, a fireman in Indianapolis who enjoyed doing woodworking.



Isa Dea Toler with a friend. Indianapolis



Isa with her niece Adelia Hilda Toler.



Dale Collins

REGISTRATION CARD

1. **ROLL NUMBER** 562 **ORDER NUMBER** 1749

2. **NAME** Jerry Keith

3. **PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS** RR #12 Petersburg Pike Ind

4. **Age in Years** 35 **Month** Dec **Day** 7th **Year** 1882

5. **RACE**
 White Negro Oriental Indian Other

6. **U. S. CITIZEN**
 Natural Born Naturalized Citizen by Birth's Substitution Before Engraver's Registry Declared No Answer

7. **PRESENT OCCUPATION** **EMPLOYER'S NAME**
 No Answer Goodler Goodier

8. **PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS**
 No Answer RR #12 Petersburg Pike Ind

9. **NEAREST RELATIVE**
 Name: Edward Kern Keith
 Address: RR #12 Petersburg Pike Ind

10. I affirm that I have verified the above answers and that they are true.
 P. M. G. 49.
 Section No. 1 (Rev. 11-1-18) **Jerry Keith**

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

13-4-19

1. **INDEX** **BUILD** **HAIR** **COMPLEXION** **COLOR OF EYES** **COLOR OF HAIR**

2. **Has person had arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he otherwise physically disabled? (Specify)**
 No

3. I certify that my answers are true that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers and that I have administered his answers as marked, and that all on his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

George Tucker
 Registrar

Date of Registration: **May 12 1918**

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

Most males had to register for the draft in WWI, here are Jerry Keith and Herbert Toler's registration cards.

Serial No. Registration No. 57

1. **Name** Herbert Dale Toler

2. **Home** R# 2 Petersburg Ind

3. **Date of Birth** May 23 1897

4. **Where Born** Petersburg Ind U.S.A.

5. **Place of Employment or Business**
 No Answer

6. **Place of Employment or Business**
 No Answer

7. **Place of Employment or Business**
 No Answer

8. **Place of Employment or Business**
 No Answer

9. **Place of Employment or Business**
 No Answer

10. I affirm that I have verified the above answers and that they are true.
 P. M. G. 49.
 Section No. 1 (Rev. 11-1-18) **Herbert Dale Toler**

REGISTRATION CARD

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Howard Breton
 Registrar

Date of Registration: **June 5 1918**

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

LOCAL BOARD
 FOR THE COUNTY OF PIKE
 STATE OF INDIANA.
 WINSLOW, IND.

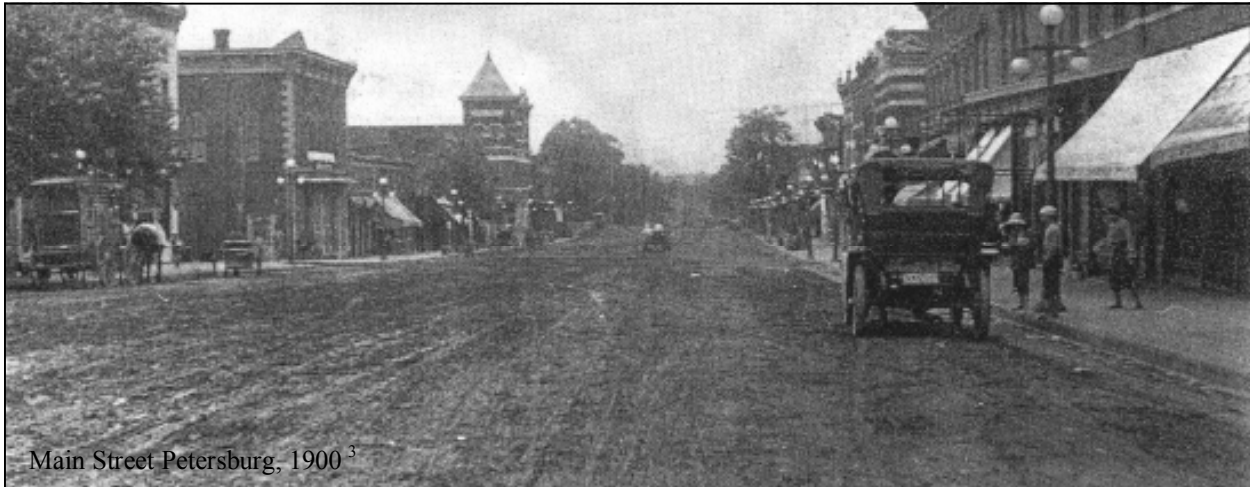
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Petersburg



Petersburg - 1900s

Peter R. Brenton had considerable land holdings in the White Oak Springs area of Pike County which was an important source of fresh water for travelers. In 1816, he and several of his neighbors pooled some of their land together for a new town. In honor of his contribution they named the town Petersburg after him.²⁸



TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS

The Petersburg Press

The two main newspapers in Petersburg were the Petersburg Press and the Pike County Democrat. It often contained interesting insight into the local community. Below are some interesting stories.

While engaged in cutting lumber at the Briggs saw mill in this city last Saturday, a large hollow log was placed on the tramway and as it was being sawed into slabs a half dozen or more big black snakes emerged from the hole in the log to the consternation and amazement of the man in charge of the rig. They were dispatched at once in true biblical style.

May 10, 1929

Walter Lemmon drove down town one night not long ago with one of his neighbor's hens roosting on his auto bumper. The chicken knew he was a good fellow and was not disturbed. However, he found out the fowl was there after he got out of the car and put it aside and took it home when he returned.

March 22, 1929

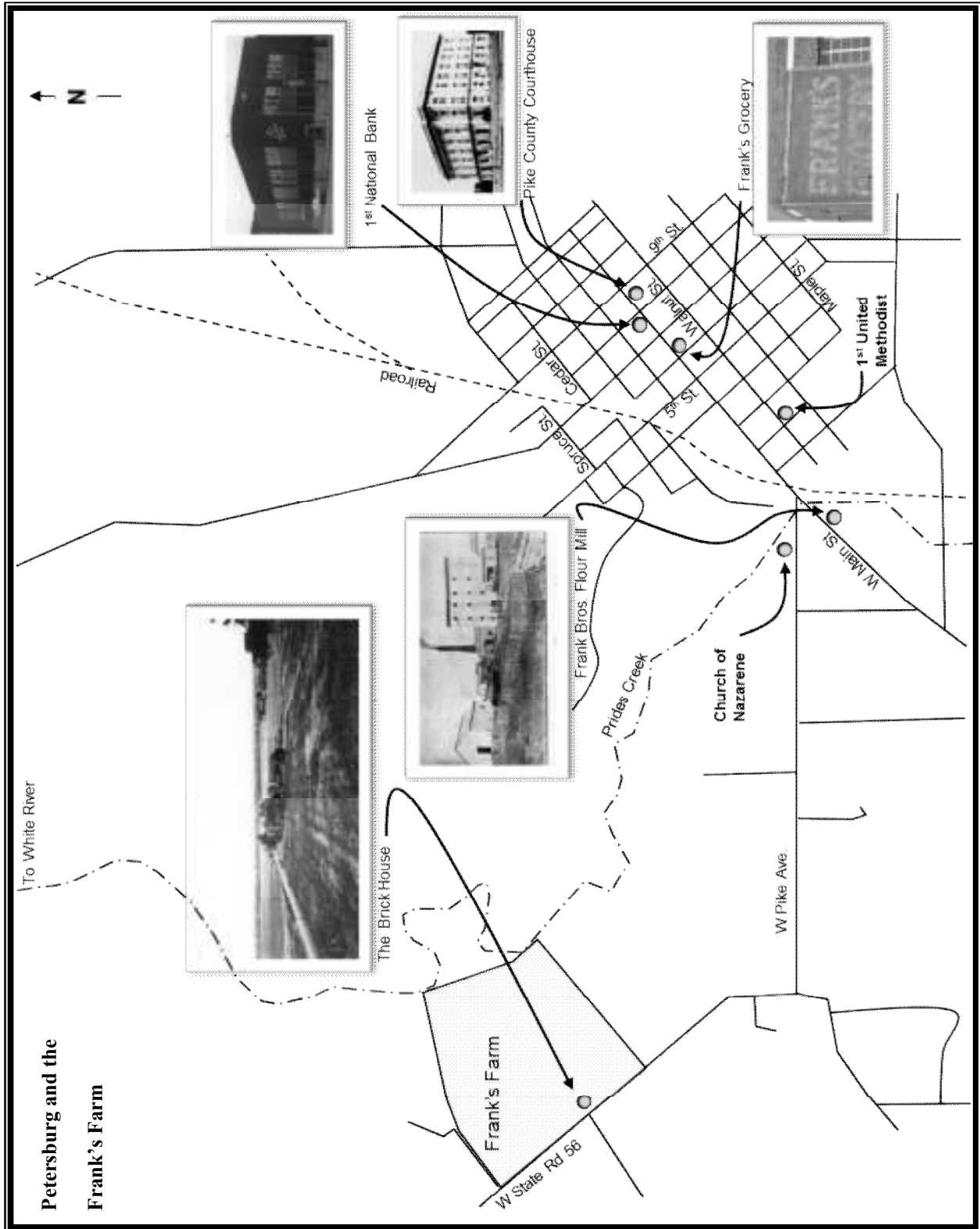
In Jail For Stealing

Virgil Austin and Charles McFarland, of Mullen Hill, this city were arrested Tuesday afternoon by Chief Wm. Weathers on a charge of chicken stealing.

The theft took place on Monday night, so Austin confessed to Weathers, at the hen-roost of John Howard, on ninth street, where they found 7 nice springers. Being chicken hungry, they took them to the home of Austin and with their friends has a fry that must have been a good one.

Wednesday they were tried in court and sent to the penal farm for four months.

September 23, 1930





First National Bank Of Petersburg located at the corner of 8th and Main streets.

First National Bank Of Petersburg

George T. Frank was the President of the First National Bank from 1913 to 1936. The bank, originally the Pike County State Bank, was started by his relatives, two brothers Gustoff and Moses Frank. Gustoff was the first President from 1894 to 1909. George worked in the bank as a teller and advanced to president.²⁸ The bank under George had foreclosed on many properties around Petersburg and that was how they acquired the farm Thomas Pace sharecropped.

In 1880 George T. age 21, was living at home with his parents, Sarah and Simon P. Frank. Simon age 69 was a miller (probably at the Frank Flouring Mill) and Sarah was 55. George had a brother Mark who was a druggist, age 31 and a sister Bettie M. then 23 keeping house. They also had a servant, Anna White age 18.¹⁴ By 1910 George T. Frank was a cashier at the bank that Gustoff and Moses had started. He was 52 years old and married. His wife, Nannie was 47 and they had two daughters Nellie, age 20 and Louise age 16.⁷ In 1920 Nellie and Louise were still living at home on South 7th Street with George and Nannie. Louise was an Assistant Cashier at the bank¹² and by 1923 Nellie took her place. Both Louise and Nellie were also Directors of the Bank.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Directors and Officers elected Monday January 9th, 1923 First National Bank, Petersburg, Indiana.
 Directors: George T. Frank, S. J. Haines, H. M. Wolf, J. R. Chew, Louise F. Wellman, Nelle M. Frank, Prentice Willis, Joe O'Brien, N. R. Erwin.
 Officers: Geo. T. Frank, President; S. J. Haines, Vice President; Joe O'Brien, Cashier; Nelle M. Frank, Assistant Cashier; Leona Nordhorn and Floyd Burch, Bookkeepers.

Petersburg Press,
 Jan 19, 1923

The Franks In Petersburg

The Frank brothers, Gustoff and Moses came to Indiana from Prussia (Germany). Jewish merchants they both got started in business in Petersburg. Moses Frank owned Franks Grocery on Main street. There was also a Frank Brothers Flour Mill on Main near Pike Avenue.

Gustoff Frank in 1880 was 43 and married to Sarah, age 35. They were both from Prussia and he was a dry goods merchant. They had three sons, Solomon 13, Sigmund 11 and Edward 3 as well as two daughters Bertha 8 and Estella 5.¹⁴

Moses Frank in 1880 was age 36, born in Prussia and married to Josephine, age 33 also from

Prussia. Moses was a dry goods merchant.

They had a son Gustoff age 2 and a daughter Bernice age 1. They had a housekeeper Maggie Hagen age 19 living with them. They also had two clerks from the store living with them. They were also from Prussia, Simon Wolf age 14 and Albert Haas age 28.¹⁴

Reorganization Sale!

Like a storm out of a clear sky, (On account of the accident that I feel which forced me to crutches for the last two months, our store will be reorganized. I am not able to be in the store for any work. Leland, my age, will be manager and cashier in charge, and Miss Laura Walker will be bookkeeper and helper, and under this new arrangement the stock must be reduced. Prices must reduce the stock. See these prices and take advantage.

HARDWARE	PRICES	GROCERIES	PRICES
No. 1 Roofing, a roll	\$1.00	Best Potatoes, a sack	20c
No. 2 Roofing, a roll	\$1.25	10 Bars White Soap	40c
One set Piece Wire Cutters, each	15c	Chocolate Candy, a pound	5c
These wire cutters will cut a No. 9 wire		No. 2 can Tomatoes	11c
Aluminum Water Pails	80c	Best Crackers, a pound	12c
Cloth Horse Covers	\$1.00	Tall Condensed Milk	11c
Leather and Cloth Horse Covers	\$1.48	Small Condensed Milk	9c
No. 2 Galvanized Tubs	75c	Peas, a dozen	25c
No. 3 Galvanized Tubs	60c	Milk Coffee, a pound	15c
Galvanized Wash Boilers	\$1.00	Best Airplane Peas, a can	15c
Poultry Netting, all widths		Just arrived—Garden Seeds, Field Seeds	
Perce Staples, Claws		Seed Potatoes, Glass Sets	

This stock reducing sale means the turning of merchandise into cash. None of these items will be charged as these sale prices are cash. Come in and fill your baskets. We deliver. The store will always be known as

Frank's Grocery and Hardware

The same Policy of Service and Quality will be maintained

Petersburg Press, March 9, 1923



Old Frank's Grocery on 6th & Main street - 2009.



The Old Frank Flouring Mill, Petersburg, Ind.

Former Merchant Of Petersburg Is Dead

Mr. Gus Frank, aged 52 years, 7 months and 13 days, died at his home on South Seventh street, this city at 8:15 Tuesday night of diabetes after an illness of several months. He was a son of Moses and Josephine (Levi) Frank.

He was born August 15, 1877. On Feb. 5, 1902 he married Sadie Seemel of Dunker Hill, Ill., and in that union were born four children, who with the widow survive. They are Leland whose home is in Illinois, Melvin, here, Mildred of St. Louis, and Susol, here.

His funeral was held from the late home at 3:08 p. m. yesterday and the remains were laid to rest in Walnut Hill cemetery.

In former years Mr. Frank was engaged in the boot and shoe business here in the store now owned and occupied by Joe Thompson, corner Sixth and Main sts., and later removed to the present Beal & Marsco corner where he operated a grocery for a number of years. He was located in business for a time at Hazelton. He went out of business in this city shortly after the world war ended.

He was unusually active in all the local work of helping out during the world war. For a number of years he had been retired and blind for some years.

He was always an active man and a great booster for his town and community.

Pike County Democrat

April 11, 1930

FISHED FOR WHITE MULE

CAUGHT THE MULE, RAN A RACE, GOT CAUGHT, LANDED IN JAIL

Chester Curry had good fortune in so much that he found a gallon of White mule in the city dump six miles north of this city on the Vincennes road. Curry was very dry according to his story to Mayor George Deffendall, and having heard that "bootleggers" often kept their "mule" hidden in trash piles, and during he started out in search of liquid refreshments. His efforts were successful. He unearthed a gallon and fearing some one else might find it, he emptied the gallon into quart and pint containers, and took the "mule" home with him. On reaching home he allowed his son-in-law, Haskell Lucas, to partake of some of the mule. It had such a kick, that soon Lucas began getting noisy, and this disturbed Curry, and he called the officers and had Lucas arrested for intoxication. This kind of treatment did not set well with Lucas, and he told the officers that Curry gave him the "mule" that caused him to become hilarious, and then the officers started out in search of Curry. Curry was suspicious that the lightning might hit him, and before the officers reached his home, he had left, trekking it overland to Oakland City. Sheriff Thomas Kendall, and Chief of Police, Thomas Whitney gave chase. Whitney caught the "mule" for Oakland and was waiting there when Curry arrived. He promptly arrested Curry, and returned him to this city, where he was tried before the Mayor for possessing intoxicating liquor. He was found guilty, and was fined \$100.00 and sentenced to 60 days on the state farm. Young Lucas was released from custody. Sheriff Kendall took Curry to the farm this morning.

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Pike County Democrat
April 19, 1929

Prohibition

Prohibition, also known as The Noble Experiment, was the period from 1919 to 1933, during which the sale, manufacture, and transportation of alcohol for consumption were banned nationally as mandated in the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Though it prohibited the sale of alcohol, it did little to enforce the law. The illegal production and distribution of liquor, or bootlegging, became rampant, and the national government did not have the means or desire to enforce every border, lake, river, and speakeasy in America.

Prohibition became increasingly unpopular during the Great Depression, especially in large cities. On December 5, 1933, the ratification of the Twenty-first Amendment repealed the Eighteenth Amendment.

BIG FOUR CHANGES SCHEDULE

Change of train time at Petersburg effective 12:01 a. m. March 31st, 1929.

South bound—Train No. 1 due to leave Petersburg 7:35 a. m.—Same as before. Train No. 34 due to leave Petersburg 1:25 p. m.—6 minutes later than before.

North bound—Train No. 4 due to leave Petersburg 11:25 a. m.—5 minutes earlier than before. Train No. 2 due to leave Petersburg 6:25 p. m.—same as before.

No change in time of leaving Evansville or Terre Haute.

The Big Four Railroad

The Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway, also known as the Big Four was formed on June 30. The railroad was headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, in the building known as the Big Four Building.

The Big Four ran between Terre Haute and Evansville stopping in Petersburg. Though in the 1920s it was owned by the NYCRR it was still called the Big Four. The train would have been a good way for Ira Adams to get back and forth from college in Evansville.

THE GYPSIES HERE

Ten wagons loaded with gypsies are camped at Ashby, half mile south of Petersburg and will make headquarters here for the next two weeks. The band is composed of more than 30 men, women and children, and they have 40 horses. They are old-style gypsies, and refuse to travel about the country in automobiles, but live by trading horses.

Pike County Democrat
Sept 13, 1929

RUNS GYPSIES OUT OF COUNTY

The band of gypsies which passed about Petersburg last week was on Monday of this week escorted by Sheriff Summers out of Gibson county. They had camped near Owensville when the sheriff was called to move them on.

Pike County Democrat
Sept 20, 1929

The Better Food Markets

Kroger's

NATIONAL CHILD HEALTH WEEK

Country Club Milk Full Cream 1/2¢
Country Club Corn Flakes 1/2 lb. package 1/2¢

Plant Tincture Small Package 1/2¢	Snyder's Cottage Large Bottle 2/4¢
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Old Malted Rice No. 2 Case 1/2¢	No. 3 Case 1/2¢
Country Club Raisins 1/2 lb. 1/2¢	Country Club Raisins 1/2 lb. 1/2¢

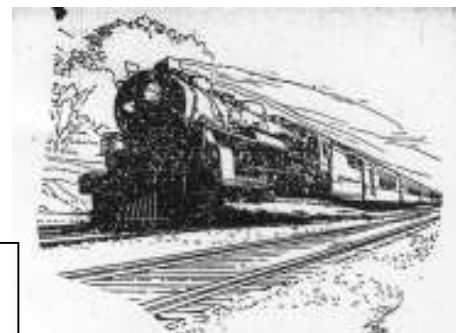
WALDORF TOILET PAPER 4 Rolls 3/8¢

Country Club French Bread 1/2 lb. per 1/2¢	Chocolate Raisins 1/2 lb. 1/2¢
Country Club Big Cake 1/2 lb. 1/2¢	Fruity Flavors Country Club 1/2 lb. 1/2¢

Hammond Ham 1/2 lb. piece or more, per lb 1/2¢	Yard Ham, choice sliced, per lb 2/4¢
Chick Ham, choice per lb 2/4¢	

AVONDALE MUSTARD 1/2 lb. glass 1/2¢	
WALDORF RICE FLAKES 1/2 package 1/2¢	
ORANGES 1/2 lb. per doz. 1/2¢	

Pike County Democrat May 1929



The train you ride on
...an institution on wheels

A GREAT railway train is much more than a giant mechanical to carry you through the land. It is also a vibrant human organization.

Within some of these modern carriers on the BIG FOUR, thirty to more people, all trained specialists, are busy cooperating to carry for you to assure you of safety, comfort, health, good food and lodging—and to take you swiftly to your destination—on time.

Such famous trains as the Superluxe Limited, the Ohio State Limited, the Blossoms, the Kentucky and other BIG FOUR through trains are always alluring human institutions.

No other means of travel is so comfortable, so convenient, so dependable—and so safe.

Big Four Route

THE GREAT CENTRAL LINE

Pike County Democrat
September 13, 1929

Bicknell

A decorative flourish consisting of a series of elegant, flowing lines that curve and loop under the word "Bicknell".



Bicknell Business District, circa 1940²²

Bicknell—1930s

Bicknell was a small town focused on agriculture and coal mining. Around the turn of the 20th century it was prosperous and the mines were supplying a good work opportunity. After the mines closed by the late 1900s most of the shops also closed.

The city of Bicknell has lost 2425 inhabitants in the last ten years. The 193 census, just announced gives that town 5210. Ten years ago it was 7,635.

Pike County Democrat 5/25/1929



The coal mine at Bicknell which have been idle nearly two years began work this week with 125 men employed. The wages are \$5.00 a day.

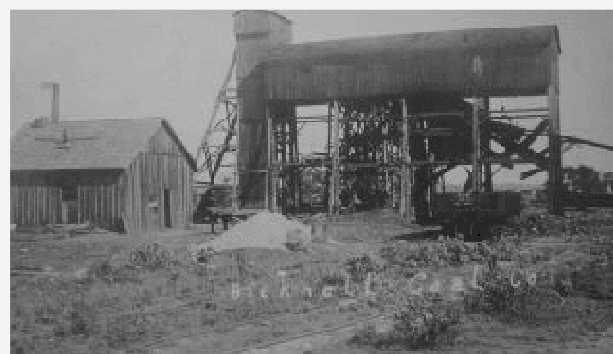
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Raymond Mosby, James Wineinger , Lloyd Wineinger, and John and Herbert Reel all worked in the mines in the 1930's and 40's, which in the end, like many, was their death. James was killed in a mining accident in 1937 and Raymond and Lloyd both died of Black Lung disease.



Freeman Mine, Bicknell²²



Bicknell Coal Company, 1910.²²

Thomas Jefferson Pace

In 1931 Raymond Mosby, Ruby's husband, talked Thomas into moving to Bicknell. Tom worked in the WPA till he got steady work. Tom finally got a job at a grade school as a janitor and maintenance man. Thomas moved into a small house with a big garden out back, across from the school at 702 Maple. In February, 1931 Rentis went down to Texas to work for his Uncle Ira for three months. When Rentis came back he joined the Army in June 1931.



Pace Family in Bicknell, front yard of 702 Maple. L to R: Tom, Ruby Ollie, Raymond, Bertha, Rentis. Front: JoAnn, Jackie.

“They (the Paces) went to the Nazarene Church in Bicknell. I always went there with them. Of course it was within walking distance. When Ruby and Ray got a car, Ruby would come by and pick us up on Sunday for Church. The house on Maple Street is the one the I remember the most. They were close friends with John and Mable Reel who lived down Maple Street (603) from them. They would all go to church together.”²¹



Public School on Maple Street, Bicknell.

Bertha died on March 17, 1949 from breast cancer. About a year later Thomas was thinking of remarrying but Ruby thought it was too soon. Thomas wrote Rentis about the matter and Rentis told him to do what he wanted. In 1951 Thomas married Mabel Brown Reel, her husband had passed away in 1945. Thomas and Mabel lived in the house in Bicknell till they passed away. Mabel died on March 7, 1973 and Thomas at the age of 90 that same year .

Mabel’s first husband John W. Reel was a coal miner. They were married on September 11, 1914 in Sullivan County, Indiana. John was working at the Vandelia Coal Company, mine #14. In 1920 they were living in Jefferson, Sullivan County but by 1930, because of hard times, they had moved in with Mabel’s brother Herbert Brown and his wife Lillian and their two children, Chester and Donna in Bicknell. Later John and Mable moved into their own house at 603 Maple Street in Bicknell.

“My Father was Herbert Brown. John and Mable lived with us for nearly a year. My Dad was a coal miner, not working but one day a week, but he would work on a farm in the summer months, his pay either eggs, milk, fruit or veges. I don't remember going hungry, but later years my Dad would tell us times we only ate a bowl of oatmeal and a potato for dinner. Once a

month the Trustee would put on our porch a basket of food, sugar, flour, beans, rice and coffee. I only remember being in a happy home and always family members showing up at meal time. I thought that was Great!” (Donna Brown Bell) By 1942 John was working at the Knox Consolidated Coal Company #2 mine.



Bertha, Ruby and Jackie at the Maple Street house in Bicknell.

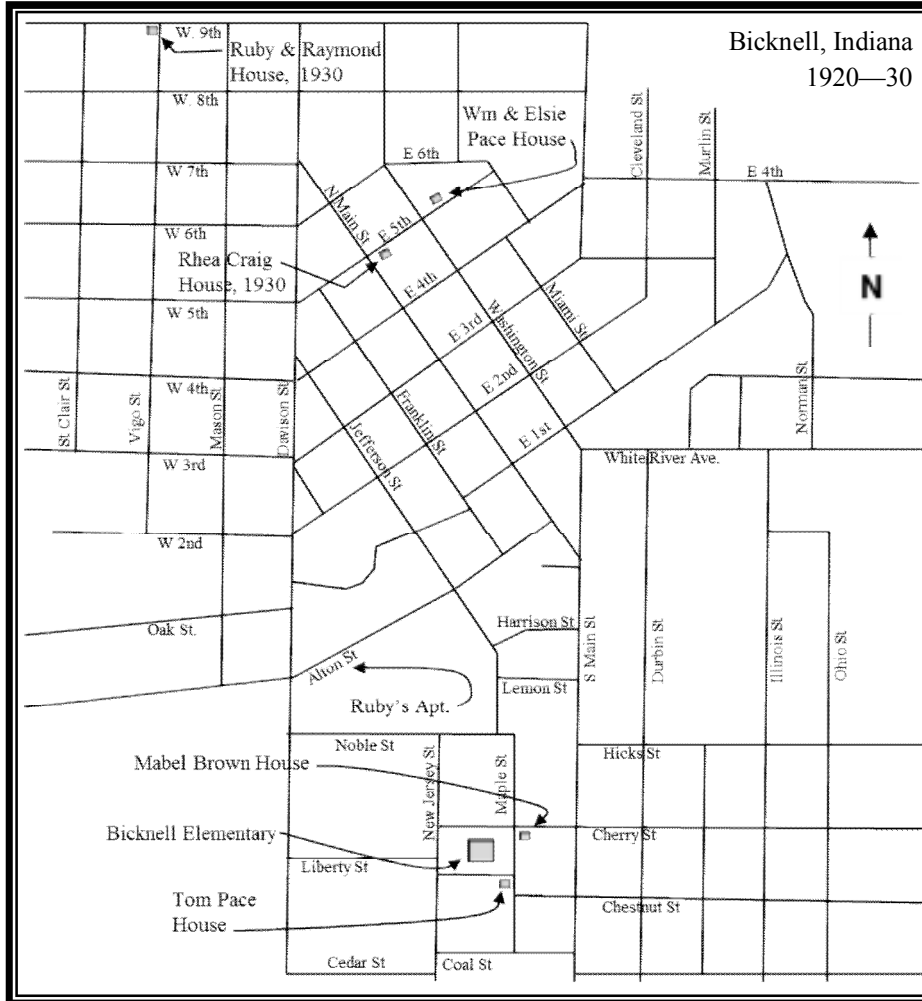


Mable Brown Reel

Thomas and Mabel in the front yard at 702 Maple Street, Bicknell.



John Reel and Jessie Brown (Mable’s father). Courtesy of Donna Brown.



Mrs. Mable Pace
BICKNELL — Mrs. Mabel Pace, 78, 702 Maple St., died Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., in Good Samaritan Hospital.
 She was born in Greene County March 10, 1896, daughter of Jesse T. and Phebe A. Bedwell Brown. She was first married to John Reel, who preceded her in death in 1944. She married Tom Pace on Dec. 18, 1949, and he survives. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene.
 Surviving besides the husband are a stepdaughter, Mrs. Glen (Ruby) Phillippe, Bicknell; a stepson, R. E. Pace, San Francisco, Calif.; four sisters, Mrs. Hazel Stockrahm, Linton, Mrs. Violet Hale, Mrs. Carrie Smith and Mrs. Pearl O'Haver, all of LaGrange, Ill.; a brother, Ted Brown, Bicknell; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
 Funeral will be Saturday, 1:30 p.m., Bicknell Church of the Nazarene, the Rev. Ron Freeland officiating. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Friends may call at the McClure Funeral Home after 1 p.m. Friday.

Thomas Pace
BICKNELL — Thomas Pace, 90, of Bicknell died at 4:50 a.m. Wednesday at Good Samaritan Hospital.
 He was born in Knox County March 19, 1883, the son of Johnathan and Parley McFarris Pace. His first wife, Bertha Adams, preceded him in death in 1949. He married Mabel Brown Reel, who also preceded him in death March 7.
 A Bicknell resident for 40 years, he was a retired farmer and last employed as a custodian at South Side School. He was a member of Bicknell Church of the Nazarene.
 Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Glen (Ruby) Phillippe of Bicknell; one son, R.E. Pace, San Francisco; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by two sons, five brothers and one sister.
 Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Bicknell Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Ron Freeland officiating. Burial will be in Bicknell Odd Fellows Cemetery. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Friday.

Ruby Agnes Pace

Ruby and Raymond had one daughter, Jacqueline Joyce on September 3rd 1928 at the Brick House. They moved to Bicknell, and Raymond went to work in the coal mines. They were members of the Church of the Nazarene in Bicknell.

“We lived in Bicknell all the time, after that all these years. We just rented a house, we rented one down on South Main St. and it was kind of an apartment. He had to get up early when it was dark, when he left to go to the mine, Jackie was just a baby. I had her in bed with me after he left. I just stayed in bed.”

“The man that lived there in that house on Alton, he'd come one morning and opened the door and just stood there looking at me lying in the bed, just like scared the life out of me. We heard that he was awful bad to all the women you know, and I told Raymond about it as soon as he got home, and he said: "you get your things, were gettin out of this place, your not staying here alone”.”

“We had a one seated truck. Raymond and me, we'd go for rides and Jackie was a baby. I had her on my lap. “Dad worked on the WP A after he came over here (Bicknell). He worked at something. The last place he worked was at the school as a janitor. That old school is tom down now. That was a pretty good job he had there. It was close. He was a janitor there a good bit.”²⁷



Raymond, Jackie, Ruby in Bicknell, 1929.



Raymond Mosby and Ruby



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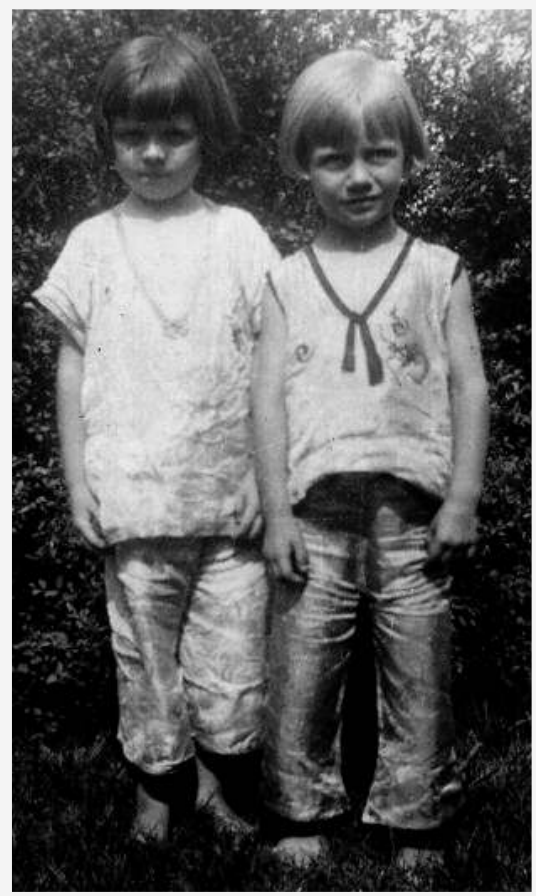


Rentis, Jackie and Ruby

Jacqueline Joyce Mosby

Jackie was born on September 3, 1928 near Petersburg, Pike County.

“I attended school at South Side and Bicknell High School. I attended the Church of Nazarene for 57 years. Taught the Jr. High School for six years. Was in charge of the music department. Have done special singing, solo and duets with my mother all my life. Music is and always has been my life. When I became ill in 76, I had to stop all of this. I had to do something else with my life so I started to write a recipe column for two newspapers. I wrote my column for the Knox County Daily News and the New Harmony, Ind. Times. I went on to write and publish a cookbook and it sold just fine. The book is called "Come Into My Kitchen". My Church has appointed me to adopt two missionary families to keep in contact with, writing to them and sending special cards. I have one in South Africa and another in Brazil.”



Jackie (l) and JoAnn (r) wearing Chinese outfits brought by Rentis. 1934

“We have moved so much it is hard to keep tract of dates. We had to move a lot because of Lloyds work. We moved to Arizona right after we were married. The dry dust did not agree with me, so we moved back to Bicknell, to Evansville, to Martinsville, to Indianapolis, back to Evansville, and back to Indianapolis and back to Bicknell 18 years ago. Hope we never move again, Ha.”

“I do not feel that I have done anything major with my life, but I have done my best with much interest and zest and that is all one can do. We went through the great depression and we survived. I was lucky. I had a lot of love from my parents. I never had toys for Christmas for a long time but I was happy because of love in our home. We were poor in those depression days but I was rich because of love.”²⁹



Jackie married Lloyd Wineinger on April 27, 1947 in Bicknell Indiana. Jackie passed away in 2005 and Lloyd on January 11, 2008.

