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## Record of Physician License, 1885

by Beth Bassett

*"In a settling community, the physician was a cognizant of every public movement, very often being the prime originator of the same. His profession led him behind the closed doors of family life, and not seldom is he the father confessor and adviser as well as the patent healer. Many times driving through impassable roads, in rain, sleet and snow, in both darkness and daylight, making as swift progress as possible although hampered by conditions little understood by those who have present day privileges in every part of Newton County". - from the obituary of Dr. R. C. McClain.*

From the shelves of our library at the Resource Center, I located the ledger that contains the licenses of physicians in Newton County from 1885-1916. This ledger was once held in the Clerk's office at the courthouse, and in 1993, the clerk at the time, Kyle Conrad, donated this ledger as well as others to our society.

In 1870 almost all physicians were unlicensed. In most places, anyone could hang up a shingle and practice medicine. Between 1870-1900, the practice of medicine changed dramatically, and by 1900 almost every state had passed some type of medical licensing acts. This legislation gave the examination and health boards a broader authority to determine who could become and remain a physician in their jurisdiction.

Under the Act of 1885, a physician must take out a license in each county in which he practices. The only time that this was not enforced was that in the case of an emergency that demanded prompt attention, or if the physician was here on a professional visit for consultation. Those who had to obtain a license were those who regularly practiced their profession in ordinary cases.

The ledger actually held the licenses obtained through the clerk's office and signed by the presiding county clerk. Where and when the applicants received their diplomas was part of the official document. This information revealed the various types of medical treatment that these professionals brought to the area. Some of the institutes and colleges remain today, others have either merged into other facilities, or no longer exist.

Colleges included Rush Medical College of Chicago; Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati; Medical College of Indianapolis; Louisville Medical College; University of Michigan. Other institutions listed were: Indiana Eclectic Medical; Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio; Chicago Homeopathic Medical College; Detroit Homeopathic. The diversity of the institutions and degrees or diplomas fully illustrates the ever evolving methods that would eventually lead to the medical practices of today.

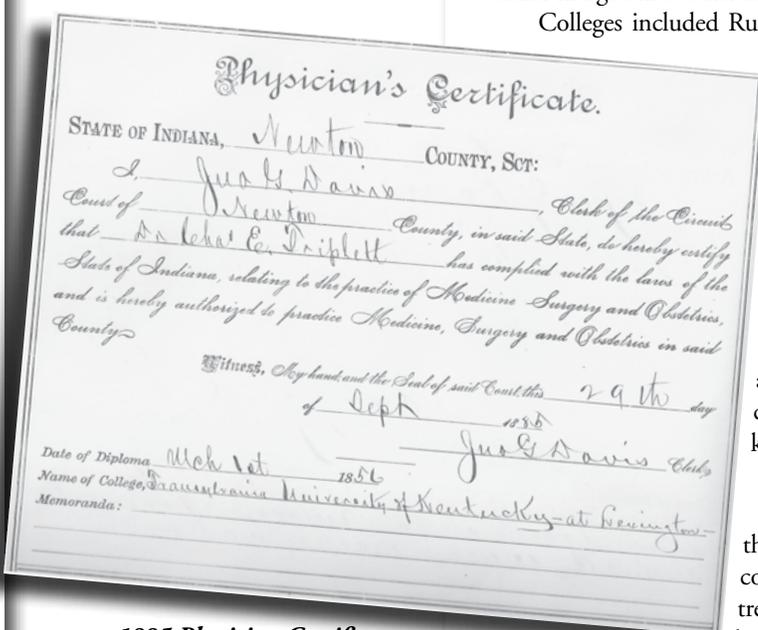
### Evolution of Medical Practices

The colonial and early federal periods, (1492-1830), was the height of "heroic medicine". This is the practice of purging and bleedings, as well as high doses of toxic drugs like calomel to treat almost every condition. It is believed at that time more of the "cures" may have killed people than the illnesses themselves.

### Thomsonian Medicine

In the early 19th century, the era of "do-it-yourself" ebbed into the medical practice. Popular medical sects popped up all over the country that emphasized the participation of the patient in his or her treatment. One of these sects, the Friendly Botanical Society, started by Samuel Thomson of New Hampshire, who wrote a paper entitled

"The New Guide to Health: Botanic Family Physician." This society evolved into Thomsonian medicine, where it popularized taking herbs and drinking herbal teas < *Continued on page 2* >



**1885 Physician Certificate  
for Morocco's first physician,  
Charles E. Triplett, Sr.**

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### Homeopathic Medicine

Another reaction to "heroic medicine" was homeopathy, started by German physician Samuel Hahnemann. He believed that doctors of the day were giving too much medicine to their patients, and that a smaller amount of the drugs should be diluted in water and given to the patient. He also believed that a thorough medical history should be taken of each patient. Homeopathy also wel-

comed women, who were not permitted to practice regular medicine. Newton County physicians in this ledger that practiced homeopathic medicine were Forman, Godfrey, Wescotts, Hartsell, McChaffee.

### Eclectic Medicine

Eclectic medicine utilized botanical remedies and other substances along with physical therapy to treat patients. Thought to follow closely the medicinal practices of Indians, these doctors utilized anything they could find to benefit the patient. Doctors listed in the ledger following this profession were: Crisler, Clymer, Caldwell, Barnes, and Tilney.

Between 1840-1900 medical practices

went from being medieval acts to incorporating many elements of modern science. The advancement in chemistry and biology had major impacts on medicine, its teaching and practices. As medical practitioners began to understand that the body was comprised of basic chemicals, effective treatments for disease and injuries were developed. Purging and bleeding methods, thankfully, went out of style.

It is possible that there were other physicians in the area during the same period but did not register with the county and therefore are not included here.

## Record of Physician License Transcriptions

Name	Date of License	Diploma Date	Name of College	Memorandum	County Clerk
Allen, Alevi D.	August 5, 1888	1883	Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois	Residence Roselawn	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Beckner, James F, Sr.	August 28, 1885	February 4, 1849	Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio		John G. Davis
Brice, B. R.	September 29, 1886	March, 1861	Hudson College, Cleveland, Ohio	Also license Benton Co.	John G. Davis
Barnes, Dawson E.	May 8, 1890	February 14, 1890	Indiana Eclectic Medical		Wm. H. Kenoyer
Burt, Albert S.	February 16, 1892	February 19, 1878	University City of New York	Located in Momence	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Baum, Ernest William	September 13, 1895	May 22, 1895	Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois	Post Office, Morocco	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Combs, M. R.	August 11, 1885	February 26, 1885	Medical College of Indiana, Indianapolis		John G. Davis
Caldwell, Samuel N.	September 7, 1885	June 1, 1850	Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati		John G. Davis
Calvert, George S.	August 28, 1885	February 26, 1885	N. W. Medical College of St. Joe, MO		John G. Davis
Crisler, Joseph B.	October 23, 1889	Nothing listed	Attended Lectures of Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, Licensed under 3 years Act.	Address Brook, Indiana; Files affidavit of Lewis G. Blankenbaker and L. A. Crisler	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Cheatham, R. H.	September 3, 1891	February 24, 1891	Louisville Medical College, Louisville, KY	Located Goodland	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Clymer, Keever	September 29, 1886	January 22, 1878	Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio	Also a graduate of the Eclectic College of Medicine located in Cin. Ohio, Diploma Dated 1858.	John G. Davis
Cronk, Fremont	September 3, 1892	March 31, 1891	Rush Medical, Chicago, Illinois	Address Goodland	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Collier, Theodore E.	May 3, 1893	March 30, 1893	Medical College of Indiana	Address Goodland	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Conway, James S.	March 24, 1892	February 25, 1879	College of Physicians and Surgeons, Keokuk, Iowa	P.O. Goodland	Ira H. Drake
Coppock, Anson	September 7, 1885	February 26, 1877	Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery		John G. Davis
Crozier, William J.	October 23, 1916	March 2, 1881	Missouri Medical, St. Louis	Clinton County Phys. License Included	Charles M. Daniels
DelaClaire, F.	December 20, 1890	March 4, 1889	Curtis Physio-Medical	Traveling Physician	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Farber, James H.	February 15, 1889	1886	Miami Medical College, Cincinnati	Residence in Brook	
Forman, William Tipton	November 12, 1904	May 10, 1904	Chicago Homeopathic Medical College	Kentland, IN	Reuben Hess
Godfrey, Luman M.	May 20, 1892	February 11, 1875	Detroit Homeopathic	Traveling Physician; P.O. Colon, St. Joseph Co., Michigan	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Glick, Orval E.	March 22-Sept 22, 1915	Physicians Temporary Permit			Chas. M. Daniels

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Name	Date of License	Diploma Date	Name of College	Memorandum	County Clerk
Humston, Milton L.	August 22, 1885	March, 1866	Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, Kentucky		John G. Davis
Hatch, Jethro A.	September 4, 1885	February 15, 1860	Rush Medical College of Chicago, IL	Kentland, IN	John G. Davis
Hartsell, Wm. W.	May 22, 1888	dated 1883	Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago	Residence, Rensselaer	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Hazel, John B.	December 28, 1888	June 20, 1883	Medical Department Central University, Louisville, KY	Residence Goodland	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Irwin, Oliver H.	February 13, 1890	February 24, 1890	Indiana Medical of Indianapolis	Residence in Sheldon, Illinois	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Kellogg, A. O.	February 26, 1886	1844, 1849, 1866, 1872, 1879	Berkshire Med. College, Pitts. Mass; College Phys & Sur., Canada, Oneida, N.Y; Duchess Co., NY; Medical Legal Society	Was Supt. Of Hosp. for Insane - N.Y. for many years	John G. Davis
Lovett, John A.	July 10, 1889	March, 1889	Central College of Physicians and Surgeons	Resides in Goodland, Indiana	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Lunde, Conrad A.	July 20, 1896	August 12, 1892	German Medical College of Chicago	Chicago, Illinois	Ira H. Drake
McCain, Richard C.	August 3, 1885	February 15, 1875	Louisville Medical College, Kentucky		John G. Davis
McChaffee, Jerome C.	September 18, 1886	No Diploma	Homeopathic	Licensed under the 10 Years Practice Act	
McClain, Joseph N.	August 28, 1885	No Diploma	Licensed under the 10 Year Practice Act;	Affidavit of E. G. Smith & J. F. Beckner	John G. Davis
Merry, John W.	January 6, 1886	March 31, 1869	University of Michigan of Ann Arbor, Michigan		John G. Davis
McCord, Charles E.	September 9, 1895	March, 29, 1895	Medical College of Indiana	Post Office, Goodland	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Pratt, B. W.	September 25, 1885	February 24, 1882	Columbus Medical College, Columbus, OH		John G. Davis
Pratt, Laura N.	February 26, 1886	March 9, 1884	Columbus Medical College, Columbus, OH		John G. Davis
Petry, Franklin	September 6, 1904	None listed	P&S License from White County	Have White Co. license in back of book	Ruben Hess
Rainford, George	October 16, 1886	None listed	Under 10 Year Practice Act	Lake Village	John G. Davis
Recher, Lawson H.	September 22, 1885	June 26, 1879	The Medical Department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor		John G. Davis
Roberts, William R.	February 11, 1895	June 21, 1894	Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, Kentucky	Post Office, Brook, IN	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Speck, Adolphus C.	April 2, 1887	March 2, 1868	Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, OH	Resides in Sheldon, IL	John G. Davis
Seiberth, Jacob	August 26, 1904	April 22, 1904	Medical College of Indianapolis, Ind	Physician Certificate of Examination, Roselawn, IN	Reuben Hess
Smith, E. G.	June 30, 1886		Under 10 Year Practice Act		John G. Davis
Smith, George B.	September 16, 1885	February 29, 1872	Indiana Medical College, Indianapolis, IN		John G. Davis
Tilney, William D.	November 15, 1889	February 22, 1889	Indiana Eclectic Medical College	Traveling Physician, Residence Crawfordsville, IN	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Triplett, Charles E.	September 29, 1885	March 1, 1856	Transylvania University of Kentucky at Lexington		John G. Davis
VanDuzer, A. J.	November 26, 1886	May 29, 1884	Medical Department Central University of Louisville, Kentucky		John G. Davis
Washburn, Israel B.	December 23, 1885	February 25, 1861	Rush Medical College of Chicago, Illinois		John G. Davis
Wheeler, John A.	September 4, 1888	April 21, 1852	University of Michigan	Residence in Iroquois, IL	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Wescott, Joseph B.	March 21, 1890	March 18, 1890	Chicago Homeopathic Medical College	Resides in Goodland	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Wood, Henry W.	January 7, 1895	March 4, 1891	Columbus Medical	Address Sheldon, IL	Wm. H. Kenoyer
Wilson, Frank D.	June 13, 1902	None listed	Issued on former license from Whitley County, PO Address		Ira H. Drake

# President's Thoughts

By Bernie Murphy

As I sit here pondering a subject for this column and looking out at our latest snowstorm, I looked through all the subject matter from past *Newcomer* issues and came upon many articles by Donna LaCosse. I only got to visit with her a few times at the Resource Center and attended one of her Mt. Ayr book committee meetings—what a delightful and fun lady she was! Since I have only been back to Newton County for the past five years, I wasn't familiar with Donna and Harold and all the contributions she has made to the history of our county. I want to dedicate this issues' column to her.

All who knew Donna would agree that she was a "dynamo" when it came to history.

She and Harold volunteered at the Resource Center for several years and she wrote the "Historically Yours" column in the *Newcomer* for over 10 years—she probably would have written more if her eyesight had not failed her! She also served as our State County Historian for several years traveling to the State Capital for meetings updating and sharing information on Newton County with other County Historians from around the state. She also served NCHS as secretary of the Family History Division for many years. Donna also was editor of the *Morocco Courier* during the 70s and 80s writing many articles about the history of Newton County. She also served as secretary of the Mt. Ayr Alumni Association

where she compiled family history information of many of the alumni which was later used for the "History of Mt. Ayr, Jackson and Colfax Townships" which was issued last May – this book has sold over 400 copies and has had to be reprinted! Donna and her committee spent endless hours for several years in compiling information and pictures and then writing and publishing this important history.

Donna has donated many personal artifacts and research materials to our society. For all her achievements and gifts the Newton County Historical Society says "thanks". As she always said: "Keep on making history!" Donna will always be remembered and greatly missed!

## A Tribute to Donna LaCosse

by Beth Bassett, Director Family History Division

The contributions made by Donna LaCosse to our community throughout her lifetime will never be forgotten. She spent many hours volunteering in several organizations, many of which I am not aware, but those that I do know, such as the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Morocco Fire Department; the Auxiliary of the Morocco American Legion; the Morocco Cub Scouts; the Mt. Ayr Alumni Association; the 63rd Infantry Division Association of World War II Veterans and our organization, the Newton County Historical Society are eternally grateful for her leadership skills, knowledge and joy that she brought to each of them.

I have always known Donna to be a writer, whether it be for our local newspapers, the *Northern Star*, *The Morocco Courier*, *The Guide*, or the *Blood and Fire*; or for local history books such as "The Morocco Sesquicentennial Collection", "Newton County, Indiana, 1985", "The History of Mt. Ayr, Jackson and Colfax Townships", her heart poured into every ounce of ink utilized to publish her recipe columns, local news, family and local histories.

Donna's creative talent also included crafts and sewing. She was the go to person for Morocco High School and the North Newton Class of 1975 when it came time for senior chords. When the North Newton choral girl's group went to the state competition, it was Donna who made the dresses that we wore for our first place performances there, as well as the Christmas concert that year. There was also a time in the mid 1970s when Pine Brothers Cough Drops held a contest for local schools – students had to write the name of their company on 3" x 5" pieces of paper and send them into them. The school who handed in the most entries would be awarded a free concert by Tommy James and the Shondells—Donna supplied thousands and thousands of these pre-cut pieces of paper for us to fill out, just because she wanted to help.

You see, it is those little things like that we always recollect first about the individuals who come into our lives and make a difference.



Open house for our new Resource Center in November, 2006. Left to right Harold, Donna, Becky Lyons and Avalyn Cooper.



Christmas Open House, 2011, left Donna and right, Harold greeted visitors and welcomed them to our holiday extravaganza!

Personally, Donna taught me many things, including optimism, tenacity and sensibility. I worked and played alongside her and Harold most of my life; a lot of who I am today is because of their influence in my life.

Well, Donna, we are still writing history as you have always encouraged, but we miss you and your warm smile with words of inspiration—our world has faded a bit with your passing—I'll see you on the other side.

# Historian's Corner

By Newton County Historian Diana Elijah

Family winter stories are interesting. In January, 1963, we had snow that wouldn't stop. The picture is of my husband, Paul Elijah, who was 6'1" and is standing in front of a drift that was in front of his parent's farmhouse in Jackson Township. In time, the county highway had to bring huge snow blowers to remove this drift.

We had a snowmobile, and our two older children, Rick and Elaine thoroughly enjoyed its use. One day, Rick was showing off, riding standing up with his knee on the seat-he fell off and the snowmobile hit the front of our house under the living room window. Paul was very angry, but thankfully, Rick wasn't hurt and there wasn't any major

damage to him or the snowmobile, just a few repairs.

Back in the 70s, the south end of our road was only dirt, and the kids loved riding the drifts down there.

In the late 1970s, probably 1978, a huge storm brought large amounts of snow. So the kids were out of school for several days. They built a large fort, enjoyed sledding, played games and did puzzles.

Mark was four or so, and he went out to play, but disappeared. I called to him several times-no response. I wasn't too concerned of him not answering, because most of the time the kids would end up at Grandma Elijah's across the yard. Finally I sent someone outside to search for him. They found him inside the snow fort - it had begun to melt and he couldn't get out of the opening. He was scared, but okay.

The ice storm of 1991 was another experience. Our electricity went off in the early afternoon. Mark drove home from school, and I called my mother who lived in Brook, so we went there and about six o'clock her electricity went off as well. My son Rick was living at Blankenbaker's house about two miles from our farm, so he checked on our cows. On the third day, Paul contacted his cousin up by Crown Point for help in finding a generator - as our animals needed water, and we needed to get our freezer and refrigerator going at both houses.

During all of this time, Paul's mother was at her daughter-in-laws in Kentland. She and my mother both ended up at the house with us and the generators. They kept us functioning at a minimum, but we survived.

We emptied Mom's freezer, thinking we could rent a locker at the Brook Locker Plant, but they did not have any spaces left. Stop and think, no cell phones or computers at that time!

I remember the area looking like a war zone with broken electric poles every where.



Paul Elijah beside a snow drift, January 21, 1963.

## Do You Know Your County of Newton?

By Janet Miller  
Answers on page 21

The Family History Division of Newton County Historical Society and members of the Mt. Ayr, Jackson and Colfax Community in 2013 published the book "History of Mt. Ayr, Jackson and Colfax Townships, Newton County, Indiana". The following questions are taken from this publication.

1. This book was dedicated to a long-time member of the Newton County Historical Society who has served as Newton County Historian. Can you name this person?
2. Mt. Ayr is the only town in Jackson Township. What year was it platted and by whom?
3. Since the late 1800's Mt. Ayr has had three known newspapers. Can you name them?
4. In the early years of Jackson Township there were seven district schools. Can you name these one-room schools? In Colfax Township there were five district schools. Can you name them?
5. What years did the Mt. Ayr High School serve as a Junior High School for the North Newton School Corporation?

### Local Republished History Books On Sale at the Resource Center

"The History of Mt. Ayr,  
Jackson and Colfax Townships"  
"Roselawn, Thayer and Shelby,  
The First 100 Years - 1882-1992"  
"Ralph, The Story of Bogus Island"  
"Hoosier Hunting Ground"  
"Newton County Landmarks"  
"Beaver Lake,  
Land of Enchantment"  
Past editions of the *Newcomer*  
Post Cards - Coloring Books

DVD: "Everglades of the North: The  
Story of the Grand Kanakakee Marsh"

Just Arrived  
"The Saga of Jennie M. Conrad"

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### Bogus Bog

#### All About Some Famous Counterfeiters

*Extracted from the Ft. Wayne Daily Gazette, February 6, 1877*

"From the *Chicago Times* of a few days ago the following special correspondence, dated at Knox, Indiana, January 28, 1877, is taken believing that it will be of general interest:

"Some sixteen miles from Knox, and two miles from North Judson, is located what is now called Bogus creek, but which old settlers call Bogus run or Bogus bog. As you cross the little bridge, to your right you see a mound rising up out of the marsh, and covered with trees. In this mound were two caverns, which are now nearly filled with rubbish, but are still visible, and here the greatest counterfeiting probably every carried on in the history of the world flourished successfully for years. Three men, whose names we have been unable to gather, were the ring leaders. Several others were implicated in the concern, among others two prominent paymasters, who paid of the troops in bogus money and then skinned out. The Potawatomie's owned the territory, and were in the bogus men's pay. At that time the approach to the dens was impassable, owing to the quick sands to any but experienced hunters and Indians, while Indian scouts watched every possible passage. In consequence of the payment of the troops at Fort Wayne in bogus eagles and half eagles, the authorities began to get on the alert, and as soon as the Indians were moved out, the gang of coiners moved to Bogus Island in Beaver Lake, Newton County, thus rendering that fertile little island infamous forever. Thus far we have quoted general history, now for verbal testimony.

"It's singular to me," said a prominent farmer of Starke County, "that the *Times* which unearths everything on land, on sea, or under the sea, has never looked after the biggest counterfeiters in metal the country ever was cursed by."

"And forthwith a correspondent of that omnipresent paper was poking among the rubbish of the bogus dens, and occasionally risking his boots in the quicksand of Bogus bog. Inquiry among immediate residents elucidated nothing material but the trail was struck at last.

"It's haunted," said a Hoosier with long hair and a long nose.

"Many a man who knew too much lies rotting in the quagmire there, so granddad says."

"And who is your venerable grandsire?"

What his name it matters not, a promise of secrecy we hold inviolate, and without that promise we could have learned nothing.

"Some twelve miles from Bogus bog is a log shanty. It is hidden back in the woods, as though seeking obscurity, and thither a *Times* man wandered with a bottle of whisky in one pocket and a bright, new silver half-dollar in another. These and his own acumen were the only possible sames to the old man's confidence, s the sequel will show.

"Knocking on the door, a querulous "Come in" responded to the summons, and opening the door, the intruder came near furnishing a meal for two huge brutes of the canine genus.

"An old man, who might have been a hundred years old as far as his looks went, cowered over the fire, whilst a blear-eyed old woman sucked at the stump of an old pipe.

"I have lost my way, sir, (one variation from the truth), and seeing your hospitable light, (had seen nothing of the kind. No. 2), I have thus trespassed upon your hospitality."

"Where be you from?"

"From New York, (No. 3), and if you can accommodate me I will give you this," handing him the half-dollar. "I also have something to drink," pulling out the whisky.

"I was welcome at once. Both of the aged sinners partook, and the old man started his other half to bed, so as to have so much more whisky for himself.

"What do you call this?" looking intently at the silver coin.

"I call it half a dollar, but look here, old man, you've treated me hospitably (No. 4), and I'll give you this 50-cent shinplaster for that coin, it's a bogus one (5), and I can't cheat old folks like you."

"Sakes alive, this here bogus? Why, I never seed a purtier piece of money, did you make it in Lafayette?"

"No, I didn't make it myself. Others make it, and I pass it."

"They used to make right smart of money up there in Stark, but it wasn't compared to this here piece." The old man was started, and as the whisky set him up, he got right on the string and gave some such statement as this answering questions. To have written them down would have dried the old man up, for, as previously warned, he was shrewd as an old fox.

"Stranger, you make better money than they used to, but d\*\*n me if you can make as much. Why Hake's (or Hek's) gang, I said Heck, and that I guess wasn't his real name,

either; they kept it up nigh onto twenty-seven years. Well, their molds came from Lafayette, so I heard, and they made nigh a million dollars or perhaps more. Why, there are people today, so I hear tell, who were big bankers used to deal with them. The paymasters used to buy up considerable, and it was that d\*\*d paymaster at Fort Wayne who hurt the trade."

"No, it was the fellow in Detroit. What year? Dunno zactly." The old fellow got fearfully mixed on dates but the business evidently ran from 1812 to 33 or 7.

"What became of that \*\*\*\* of a paymaster that he was never heard of after? Well, I guess he knew too much and got lost in the quicksand. yes, he came to Bogus Run and knew too much. It wasn't healthy them days to know too much. I've knowed of lots of men who came poking round, at different times. Unless they were all Svares (surveyors) they lost their way and sometimes the wild cattle eat them up." Here the old fellow hugged himself and chuckled at the sinister joke.

"Did they have two holes?"

"Who told you they had two holes?" and the old reprobate peered savagely through his shaggy eyebrows at the questioner.

"Why, you did," (No. 6).

"Did eh? Well I suppose if a man comes into your shanty, whom you don't want to see, you want a back door to get out, don't you?"

"How many were there in the gang? Well how many be there in yours? Only six? Well, Hek had thirty or forty. No, not in the cavern, but counting agents. What's become of them? Well, stranger, you have me. When they went to Beaver Lake I lost sight of them. Yes, they had women. I suppose they were the wives. I seed some come and go. I guess they didn't stay long. They were too fine looking ladies for Bogus Creek."

"The old man, who had been getting frightfully mixed up, collapsed suddenly and couldn't be resuscitated.

"Next morning he was savage and suspicious. Returning home I met a man from Pulaski County who asked me who had a she wolf for sale.

"A what?"

"A she-wolf."

"Later, I learned that raising wolves for the bounty on their scalps is quite a business, and that an artist can make lots of scalps out of one wolf."

*Editor's note: a site called newspapers.com. revealed this article. It is a paid service, and anyone interested in amusing themselves for hours searching old newspapers, this site is highly recommended!*

## Pupils Perfect Attendance First Quarter School, 1916

*Extracted from the Newton County  
Enterprise, February 8, 1916*

The following is a list of the names of the boys and girls enrolled in the township schools, who were neither tardy nor absent during the first four months of school. Taking into consideration the long distances that most of these young people have to travel in order to reach their respective schools, they should receive the highest degree of commendation.

### Jefferson Township

**No. 1**-Gertrude Henderson, Virginia Staton, Lloyd Staton, Hilda Mabbitt, Goldie Hoaks, Garnet Henderson, Gerald Strole, V. Kindig, Maxwell Mabitt, Harold White, Celesta Chidester, Paulene Swaim, Russell Henderson, Beneta White, Irene Swaim, Ruby Franklin, Dolores Strole, Glen Kindig, Ina Haste, Lucile Henderson, Dorothy White, Ione Francoeur, Crystal Franklin.

**No. 3**-None. **No. 4**-Otho Kenoyer, Vanessa Simmons, Verna Collins, Dorothy Kenoyer, Gordon Grubbs. **No. 6**-Maythel Wolverton. **No. 10**-Golda Murphey, Wilbert Murphey, John Parr, Marshall Murphy, John Krug, Thelma Parr, Nev-in Parr.

### Grant Township

**No. 1**-None. **No. 2**-Charles Best. **No. 3**-Glen Gordon, Max Herriman, Lois Gordon, Don Herriman, Johnnie Kell, Frank Gordon. **No. 4**-Fern Wildasin, Ruth Walker. **No. 5**-Tena Cobus. **No. 6**-Jane Burgess, Bethel Constable, Pauline Burgess. **No. 7**-Dorothy Drake, Grace Bohannan, Herbert Drake Curtis Hoover, Louise Bohannan.

### Washington Township

**No. 1**-Hazel Jessen. **No. 2**-Wanetta Deardurff, Eva Wildrick, Ruby Deardurff, Clifton Hendricks, Margaret Hendricks, Everett Wildrick. **No. 3**-Cleo Archibald, Ruby Hagen, Hyla Baker, Harold Whaley, Nellie Whaley, Virginia Archibald, Vera Whaley, Cecile Hagen. **No. 4**-Burnadine Whaley, Morlin Whaley, Fern Swartz, Lawson Whaley, Carrel Whaley, Grace Russell, Nellie Swartz, Henry Swartz. **No. 5**-Verle McCarty, Gerald McCarty, Lloyd McCarty. **No. 6**-Gladys Brewer, Lela Brewer, Lawson Bennett, Vernon Buswell, Genetta Bennett. **No. 7**-Audria Wellingham, Charles Weldon, Floyd Harden, Ira Harden, Neva Whaley, Freeman Inman, Everett Wilson, Florence Weldon, Dorothy Wilson, Lillie Arnold, Sarah Small, Alice Weldon, Lester Weldon. **No. 8**-Glen Honn, Nora Honn, Pauline Hood, Walter Gerrich, Dorothy Hood, Katherine Gerrich, Mabel Honn, Bertha Sentz, Janice Hood, Freda Myers, Marion Honn, James McCabe, Bernard Fleming, Mary Honn. **No. 9**-Celia Herath, Violet Corbin, Inez Herath, Elsie Corbin, Virginia Herath. **No. 10**-Kermit Whaley, Mary Guntle, Earl Cole, LeRoy Guntle.

**No. 11**-Edith Robinette, Sherwood Carlson, Edna Robinette. **No. 12**-Gertrude Troup, Harvey Troup, Zella Troup.

### Iroquois Township

**No. 1**-Kathryn Mather, King Anderson, James Mather, Harold Ekstrom, Paul McDonald, Lawrence Dewees, Ella Mather, John Ekstrom. **No. 3**-Gilbert Weston, Frank Fleming, Paul Weston. **No. 4**-Harold Fleming, Darold Fleming, Villa Hartong, Arvilla Russell, Orville Schmitt, Virginia Russell, Evelyn Terry, LaMoil Jenkins, Ralph Jenkins. **No. 5**-Elmer Barten, Elsie Barten, Ruth Cooper, Clarence Jay, Vernie Waling, Worth Antcliff. **No. 6**-Genevra Padgett, Alvin Padgett, Barton Hamacher, Lorna Galbraith, Helen Hamacher, Bernice Hamacher, Donald Galbraith, Troy Perkins, Shadrack Farris, Ivan Woods. **No. 7**-Martha Harris, Janiece Burke, Blanche Holder, Mildred Holder, Dorothy Holder, Della Holder, Melvin Brandenburg.

### Beaver Township

**No. 1**-Mary Ann Watkins, Walter Watkins, Bethel Hickman, Mabel Parmley, Bessie Watkins. **No. 2**-Elba Burnside, Gladys Stockton, Mildred Graves, Iva Burnside, Agnes Potts, Adeline Dexter, Ethel Potts, Raymond Storey, Eva Storey. **No. 3**-Harry Dowers, Lawson Weidman, Ernest Weidman, Mildred Sanderson, Mayme Dowers, Roy Bower, Cleatis Henry, Emerson Weidman, Marvin Bower, Allen Bower. **No. 4**-Edna Vayette, Raymond Potts, Bessie Vayette, Ruby Bridgeman, Clifford Guinn, Fred Conn, Wayne Conn. **No. 5**-John Protzman, Sydney Carlson, Cora Kalfise, Venetta Potts. **No. 7**-Orville Hunter.

### Jackson Township

**High School, Mt. Ayr**-Ernest Harris, Marion Makeever, Lera Standish, Vera Standish, Nelson Wildrick, Emma Benson, Maria Harris, Virginia Yeoman, Esther Yeoman.

**Grammar Room Mt. Ayr**-Hazel Jenkinson, Jennie Benson, Effie DeLong, Romona Hufty, Dorothy Sigler, Ernest Corbin, Paul Dirst, Russell Blankenbaker.

**Intermediate Room, Mt Ayr**-Robert Hufty, Harry Arnold, Delma Arnold, Helen Hardy, Edna Blankenbaker, Irene Elijah, Edith Hufty.

**Primary Room, Mt. Ayr**-George Johnson, Edna Schanlaub, Effie Schanlaub, Florence Shupe, Annabel Hufty, Charles Warran, Violet Johnson, Lydia LaHue, Clarence Corbin, Kenneth Long, John Hardy, Morris DeLong, Hazel LaHue, John Hufty.

**No. 1**-Basil Watkins, Irvin Carter, Burdette Hoon, Beryl Watkins, Jonas Frey, Howard Frey, Howard Smith, Elizabeth Frey, Donald Smith. **No. 2**-Herman Wiltfang, Gilbert Florentine,

Bernice Severs, Lee Dirst, Kinder Elijah, Albion Burns, Cletis Brown, Opal Zoborosky, Lela Brown, Hannah Wiltfang, Bessie Brown, Tena Wiltfang, Willie Herron. **No. 5**-Lavina Anderson, Gerald Schanlaub, Velma Bicknell, Irvin Helmuth, Selma Bicknell, Clara DeVries, Ida DeVries, Garrit DeVries, Fred DeVries, Ruth Shriver. **No. 6**-Herschel Hunter, Robert Rowan, Herbert Hunter, Clara Brunton, Della Rowan, Sarah Kennedy, Jessie Rowan. **No. 7**-Gaylord Fleming, Earl Schanlaub, Ralph Fleming, Everette Fleming, Edna Nichols.

### McClellan Township

**No. 3**-Ethel Martin, Viola Rainford, Georgia Shuey. **No. 4**-Hattie Zacharias.

### Colfax Township

**No. 2**-Harvey Yoder, Sarah Yoder, Eli Yoder, Bertha Wildrick. **No. 3**-None. **No. 4**-Elsie Morton. **No. 6**-Thomas Parks, Frances Parks.

### Lake Township

**Advanced Room, Lake Village**-Edith Ford, Sara Yott, Gyda Bryant, Jessie Odell, Laura Mott, Walter Lawbaugh, Ethel Odell, Gladys Bingham, Lucile Bingham, Dick Fatt, Owen Rainford, Leslie Bridgeman, Thelma Cool, Wilda Odell.

**Primary Room, Lake Village**-Raymond Lyngge, Elsie Platt, Nettie Odell, Robert Kight, Emily Lawbaugh, Vernice Rainford, William Brown, Cora Lantz, Eddie Platt, Daniel Odell, Vinnie Brown.

**No. 3**-Ruby Ross, Lawrence Hansen, Adley Boyd, Theodore Hansen, Chester Boyd, Meddie Madison. **No. 4**-Violet Collins, Jay Anderson, Linza Collins, Mary Hanson, Gilbert Christenson, Earl Hanson. **No. 5**-Florence McColly, Mabel McColly, George Davis, Marion Willis, Marion Griffin.

### Lincoln Township

**Advanced Room, Roselawn**-Charles Hopper, James Rice, Clarence Bell, Arthur Barkey, Mina LaCrosse, Martha Barkey, Albert Studer, Fred Christensen, George Johnson.

**Primary Room, Roselawn**-(No report)

**Advanced Room, Thayer**-George Coffman.

**Primary Room, Thayer**-Goldie Coffman.

**No. 5**-Arvesta Cox, John Cox, Willie Cox, Belle Miller, Elvera Grossman, Elmer Grossman, Bessie Cox. **No. 6**-Arthur Thompson, Grace Cox, Eunice Mooman, Nellie Hickman, James Thompson, Verda Hickman, Ivy David, Velma Flatt, Jennie Thompson, Harry Tresner, Theron Wilder.

*Thanks to Pat Arnold for transcribing this article.*

# Salt

Hettie Abbott by Jeff Manes

## Justice Of The Peace, Store Owner Shares Life Full Of Rich Moments

*"No sane local official who has hung up an empty stocking over the municipal fireplace is going to shoot Santa Claus just before a hard Christmas." - Alfred E. Smith, American governor, 1873-1944.*

Hettie Abbott was raised a farmer's daughter in Newton County near Lake Village and Roselawn. In 1964, she and her second husband, Bill Abbott, moved into and opened up a mom-and-pop grocery store called The Farmer's Market on U. S. 41 in Sumava Resorts. Sadly, Bill is now deceased and The Farmer's Market sits empty.

For the last 18 months, Abbott, 91, has lived with her daughter, Lois, in Rensselaer. Hettie has raised four children. She doesn't drink beer anymore, but still smokes. The staunch Democrat says smoking is what keeps her going.



Hettie Abbott, 2012. Family photo.

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*Hettie, bear with me, I jump all over the place with these interviews. "That's the only way I can talk," she said.*

*I remember when you were the justice of the peace for Lake Township in Newton County. Probably married a few couples during your tenure, huh?*

"Oh, yes. Lots of people."

*Did you ever meet Fern Hale, the JP who lived in Enos?*

"Many times. Fern had a bunch of motorcycles in one night, maybe 30 or 40 of them. I don't know what the charges were, trespassing, probably."

*Fern made a great homemade ham salad sandwich at her tiny grocery store. Yeah, Sumava was the Big Apple compared to Enos. Your store was a little bigger than Fern's, too.*

"Yep, Fern dealt with the bikers. I took care of the truckers."

*Truckers? What were they charged with?*

"Visiting a house of ill fame. I had 29 of them stop in; it took all evening to mug 'em and fingerprint 'em."

*Where was this house of ill repute?*

"The nudist colony in Roselawn. It made national headlines in the

newspapers at the time; I believe it was in the early 1970s. I know it was a Friday night because I'd eat fish at Lukes Restaurant on Fridays and they messed up my dinner plans."

*Hettie, Roselawn has had nudist colonies for close to a century. Why did those truckers get fined?*

"Because they weren't there to worship the sun. Two 'waitresses' were brought to me as well. I found all of the truckers and one of the women guilty."

*But Roselawn is Lincoln Township, why did they bring the truck drivers to your office in Sumava.*

"You take whoever the police bring you. Ralph Knapp, the JP of Lincoln Township, might not have been available at the time."

*Knapp wasn't he the original owner of the nudist colony back in 1920s?*

"You're thinking of Alois Knapp. The nudist colony started about the time I started school - 1927."

*The year Babe Ruth swatted 60 homers. You mentioned Lukes restaurant. You must remember the place in the early days.*

"The first time I ate there was in 1931; there was a big rally going on. Al Smith was hoping to get the Democratic nod in the primaries against Franklin D. Roosevelt."

*Smith was a Catholic, wasn't he?*

"He was an old drunk."

*During part of your childhood, you lived east of Lake Village near the area known as Blue Grass.*

"Yeah, Blue Grass was known for bootlegging. Annie Duchier ran a bootleg place near 10 and Old (U.S.) 41."

*Did you go to Mount Ayr High School?*

"For three years. I graduated from Morocco High School."

*Ever bump into any of your classmates?*

"I'd have to go to the cemetery to do that."

*Life on the farm?*

"Dad farmed 40 acres. We raised corn, potatoes, strawberries .... Truck farming more or less. We lived off the land. There were 12 of us kids - two died. We were poor, but we didn't know we were poor. It was the Great Depression."

*Let's talk more politics.*

"My father was a devout Republican. And you know what? My father and I never saw eye to eye."

*I knew you were a Democrat because I remember you and my ma representing the party when you worked the polls together on election day.*

"Your mom and I were talking astrology 50 years ago. She knew how to do charts way back then."

*Yeah, I remember when the Baptists would knock on our door and warn her to change her ways, that astrology was evil.*

"And what would Karen say to that?"

*Ma would remind them the Magi were astrologers and close the door. What year did you first run for political office?*

"I started in 1960, when John Kennedy was elected president. I was the Democratic county chairman for eight years. I also was vice president and district secretary."

*Let's switch gears. Do you still like to gamble?*

"Oh, yeah. My sister and I used to go down to Arkansas every year and bet the horses. We had a lady friend who tended bar in the hotel. She invited us for a couple of beers after the races."

*A bar is a logical place to have a beer.*

"It was Election Day. All of sudden about 15 men came in through the back door and ordered drinks. Soon after, the feds came in and asked what we were doing in the bar on Election Day. I told them we were thirsty. One of the feds said, 'I'm going to have to haul you all in.'"

*Then what?*

"Well, one of those 15 guys who was drinking at the bar said, 'I don't think so; I'm running for governor of this state. These are my friends and we're going to have a few drinks.' The Feds said, 'What about these two women?' Soon to-be-Governor Bill Clinton said, 'They're with us.'"

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The Farmer's Market was a place where you could buy a quart of blueberries, a can of yellow wax beans or a box of red worms. And every riparian ragamuffin who stepped foot in the store always received a free piece of gum or candy from Hettie Abbott.

Later, when we got to be in our teens, The Farmer's Market is where we'd pay our speeding tickets. Most of the time, she would let us off the hook.

Hettie Abbott has always maintained, "When you go out on the town, wear red and sit in the middle of the room."

That's comin' from a beautiful, progressive woman who was born in 1920, the year the 19th Amendment was passed. *Reprinted from the March 24, 2011, Post Tribune.*

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Members of the Brook Conservation Club in the 1950s-60s. Left, Slim Flynn, Kenoyer, Harry Lawrence, Dick Conn, Bill Kenoyer, Unknown, Chet Anderson and Duttonhaner. From the Bassett archives.

# Pages of the Past

Excerpts taken from *The Newton County Enterprise during Winter of 1914* by Janet Miller

## Kentland

Talk to Club Women: The importance of "Home Economics as Taught in Our Public Schools" was discussed by County Superintendent Schanlaub before the Woman's Club at its regular monthly meeting. Mr. Schanlaub, in his opening remarks, stated that "while we are seeking solutions to our industrial problems we see our young men and young ladies flocking to the cities, depopulating the open country and small towns. Stern necessity has caused us to look for solutions to the problem" and in offering an answer the speaker drew a comparison between the pleasures, comforts and advantages of city life and the common drudgery of country life. He urged that these conditions must be changed, that the child in the country must be given at least a few of the opportunities and privileges of their city cousins."

Bud Weldon will move next week to his farm near Greencastle. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon are fine people and will be missed in the section southwest of Kentland where they have resided for many years.

D. S. Fletcher has sold his blacksmithing business to John and K. C. McCartney, who will continue at the old stand. The new men at the anvil are high-class workmen and well known in this community.

The forthcoming marriage of Miss Callie McCartney to James M. Egan, Miss Helen C. Britton to Albert J. Bower, and Miss Sadie Illingworth to John Flatt of Morocco, were announced in St. Joseph's Church Sunday.

Auto Tax Receipts and Disbursements. L. G. Effingham, secretary of state, has made his report on the total receipts and disbursement of money from the registration and licensing of motor vehicles in Indiana during the first six months that the new auto registration law has been in effect. The new law went into effect July 1, 1913, and the report covers the period to Jan. 1, 1914. The total amount of fees received by the state in that time was \$150,235.30, and out of this sum \$31,989.72 was taken for operating expenses. Newton county paid in during the six months noted the sum \$1,562.25, and will receive back under the distribution plan \$1,254.27. This money will be turned into the county road repair fund, and automatically will be absorbed to pay the salary of the new county road superintendent, and expenses incidental to that office.

All work and no play is what makes chil-

dren dull. Send or take them to the Kentland Theatre and see what a difference. They will tell you about it when they get old.

"Six hours in a snow drift" will be a title of a story that Tony Schuh can tell his grandchildren in years to come. Tony was returning from a pleasure trip down state and was a passenger on the west bound passenger train that floundered in a snow bank east of Goodland Monday morning. The train was held for six hours in a six foot drift of snow, and it required four engines to plow through the snow and bring the train on to Kentland.

## Jackson Township

Mr. and Mrs. Preston F. Roberts of Jackson township celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in a quiet manner Sunday at their farm home. Their son, Bela F. Roberts and wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Paulus, of Jackson township and Attorney Jesse Roberts and wife, another son of the aged couple, were down from Chicago and a big dinner was spread. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts spent a very happy day, notwithstanding the fact that three of their children are far away. The absent ones were Mrs. Roy Flanders, Mrs. F. M. Cole and Claude Roberts, all of Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were married Dec. 28, 1863 at Bedford, Ind., have resided in Newton county and on the same farm for about 45 years. They came from Bedford to Monon, then Bradford, by train, and across country by stage.

Hamlin Smith is moving to the farm he purchased of J. R. Sigler, known as the Will Lyons farm. Clarence Dwellenger will move from the Agate farm into the house vacated by Mr. Smith, and Elmer Stucker will move to the Agate farm. Will Little, the barber, has rented the house vacated by Mr. Stucker and says he will keep batch.

## Washington Township

Miss Zelda Whaley and Ray Risley were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Whaley, on Christmas day by Rev. Taylor, a former pastor. Miss Blanche Light, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Light, and Thomas Collen were also married at 5 o'clock Christmas evening by Rev. Gardner, pastor of Mt. Zion.

Moving time has come for some, and Frank Martin has moved from the Charles Martin farm to a farm of his own near Dorn cemetery. Ellis Smith and family have their goods all packed and are ready to move to a farm near Donovan. Ray Risley will move onto the Spittler place.

## Morocco

Ross Lucas has a new Overland, and it's a peach. Ross has the Overland agency now, and he knows how to sell 'em too.

The Newton County poultry show held at Morocco the past week was a splendid success. There were 450 birds entered in competition for premiums, and the attendance was estimated at a thousand or better. The birds were cooped by the Kripper Cooping Company of Milwaukee and were presented to good advantage. The poultry fanciers of Morocco labored hard and expended a good sum of money to make the show a success. And in doing so materially advanced the interest of poultry raising in the county. The next show will be held in Kentland. The champion bird in the county, bred by A. M. Robertson, a white Rock cock, was purchased by Dr. Hess for \$25.00 and Kentland will have the pleasure of listening to its aristocratic crow.

## Conrad

The headquarters or ranch house of Mrs. Jennie M. Conrad was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning.

Fred Don was at Conrad the first of the week and secured the contract for building a ranch house for Mrs. Jennie M. Conrad, to replace the one destroyed by fire last week.

## Brook

Mrs. J. B. Dickson received a Christmas present Monday tho somewhat late was none the less acceptable. The afternoon mail brought an English plum pudding such as only the English make. It had been sent by a niece and nephew in Cambridgeshire, England—the home of Mrs. Dickson's girlhood days. She is the last of eleven children and has spent many years away from her childhood home.

## Roselawn

Trustee Gundy was down from Roselawn Monday filing his annual report with the auditor. Work is progressing nicely on the new four room brick school house at Thayer, and the building will be a credit to Lincoln township. About four inches of snow fell in the north end of the county Sunday, while this corner got scarcely enough to cover the ground.

## Goodland

Judge Hanley made the following appointments before the adjournment of court Saturday: Mrs. B. W. Pratt, Mrs. C. L. Constable and Mrs. C. E. Burgess members of the Goodland Library Board.

## Record of Infectious and Contagious Diseases, 1908-1931

By Beth Bassett

The expansion of careful clinical observation of individuals suffering from a variety of maladies in the 1800s led to the development of statistics that professionals would use to create reports that emphasized that hygiene was closely related to health issues.

These reports stated that one of the major obstructions for cleanliness was the absence of a clean water supply; the expense of public drainage; and defective town policies for eliminating garbage in the streets where individuals survived off of this discarded filth. Laws were put into place that would include the removal of slaughter houses from the main city and town districts; the relocation of livestock pens to a specified distance from residences; improving city water; and removing/improving privy vaults and outhouses.

In 1891, the State of Indiana required every county to have a health commissioner, elected to a four year term and form a county board of health. The secretary of this health board had to be a physician. In 1909, the county boards were abolished and an office of Health Commissioner was established. His duties included enforcing health laws and collecting, recording and reporting vital statistics of the county, that included infections and contagious diseases.

On our library shelves next to the Record of Physician Licenses (see story elsewhere in this edition), was a ledger entitled Record of Infectious and Contagious Diseases. The dates that it covers are from 1908 to 1931. All townships and towns are included in this record.

The information recorded included name, date, illness, age, sex, address of patient, number in family, reported by, address of reporter, date reported, recorded by, and month, date, year quarantine established. The transcription of these records had its usual difficulties: trying to decipher hand writing and putting an exact year to entry dates. The files that appear on our web site, [www.ingenweb.org/innewton](http://www.ingenweb.org/innewton) are as accurate as could be managed - and it is hoped that if anyone has any clarification or correction, they will send them to the society for updating.

I also question if all of the physicians during this time period actually reported this information, as there isn't a mention of the flu outbreak in 1918. Our local newspapers

carried several reports of the flu in families throughout the county on a weekly basis during that year and into 1919, leading me to believe this record is incomplete. However, the information that we do have is available now to researchers on our web site, and a summation of the information is included in the table published with this article (pages 22-23).

It was interesting to note that entire families suffered together with most of these illnesses. The table reflects only one surname for the family names, but the number of cases indicates each individual reported.

This research wasn't one of the happiest projects for me, but the information contained with this ledger is a delightful find for a genealogist, as well as excellent documentation of the physicians that practiced in our area at the time.

I have included definitions found at [wikipedia.com](http://wikipedia.com) of the illnesses recorded.

### Diphtheria

An upper respiratory tract illness. It is characterized by sore throat, low fever, and an adherent membrane on the tonsils, pharynx, and/or nasal cavity. A milder form of diphtheria can be restricted to the skin. Diphtheria is an infectious disease spread by direct physical contact or breathing the aerosolized secretions of infected individuals. Historically quite common, diphtheria has largely been eradicated in industrialized nations through widespread vaccination. In the United States, for example, there were 53 reported cases of diphtheria between 1980 and 2000, but only a total of 2 cases of diphtheria have been reported in the 21st century, the last of which was in 2003. The diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus (DPT) vaccine is recommended for all school-age children in the U.S., and boosters of the vaccine are recommended for adults, since the benefits of the vaccine decrease with age without constant re-exposure; they are particularly recommended for those traveling to areas where the disease has not been eradicated.

### Measles

Also known as rubeola (and not to be confused with rubella or roseola) is an infection of the respiratory system caused by a virus. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes and a generalized skin rash, the symptom for which measles is best known. Measles is spread through respiration (con-

tact with fluids from an infected person's nose and mouth, either directly or through aerosol transmission), and is highly contagious—90% of people without immunity sharing living space with an infected person will catch it.

### Scarlet Fever aka Scarlatina

An infectious disease which most commonly affects 4-8-year-old children. Symptoms include sore throat, fever and a characteristic red rash. Scarlet fever is usually spread by inhalation. There is no vaccine, but the disease is effectively treated with antibiotics. Before the availability of antibiotics, scarlet fever was a major cause of death. It also sometimes caused late complications, such as glomerulonephritis and endocarditis leading to heart valve disease, all of which were protracted and often fatal afflictions at the time.

### Typhoid Fever aka Typhus

A common worldwide bacterial disease transmitted by the ingestion of food or water contaminated with the feces of an infected person, which contain the bacterium. The disease has received various names, such as gastric fever, abdominal typhus, infantile remittent fever, slow fever, nervous fever and pythogenic fever. The impact of this disease fell sharply in the developed world with the application of 20th-century sanitation techniques. The bacterium that causes typhoid fever may be spread through poor hygiene habits and public sanitation conditions, and sometimes also by flying insects feeding on feces. Public education campaigns encouraging people to wash their hands after defecating and before handling food are an important component in controlling spread of the disease. According to statistics from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the chlorination of drinking water has led to dramatic decreases in the transmission of typhoid fever in the U.S.A

### Smallpox aka Variola

An infectious disease also known by the Latin name Variola. The disease was originally known in English as the "pox" or "red plague"; the term "smallpox" was first used in Britain in the 15th century to distinguish variola from the "great pox" (syphilis). The last naturally occurring case of smallpox was diagnosed on 26 October 1977. Smallpox localized in small blood vessels of the skin and in the mouth and throat. In the skin it resulted in a characteristic < *Continued on page 22* >

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# Newton County's Civil War Burials

by Kyle D. Conrad

As we continue to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, we present another database of Newton County Civil War history.

Sources used for this database were many. John Ade had compiled a list of soldiers who fought in the Civil War from Newton County in his 1911 history book. From there I researched local newspapers, veterans lists, cemetery records, discharge records, Civil War databases, US Census records, family histories and biographies, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War graves registration database, among other resources.

The result is a thorough listing of the graves of all of the known Civil War veterans buried in our county, and a short list of those that are believed to possibly be here but no proof can be obtained. This may be due to their name appearing in one source or another with no other accompanying source found.

This compilation also led to the marking of two unmarked Civil War veteran graves; Confederate veteran James Harrison, buried at Riverside Cemetery at Brook, and Freeland Runion at the Doran Cemetery in Washington Township. Due to the size of this database, this is the second of two published installments. They are sorted alphabetically according to their burial location. \*Denotes that information regarding burial site and veteran information is unproven; the burial site is listed without proof, or the source supplied one reference to being a veteran without further confirmation. There were no veteran burials in McClellan; Colfax does not have a cemetery. The townships of Beaver, Iroquois, Jackson, Lake and Lincoln appear in the Fall, 2013 edition of the *Newcomer*.

Last Name	First Name	Middle	Death Date	Company/Infantry	Muster In	Muster Out	Burial Site
<b>Grant Twp.</b>							
Adams	Samuel	K.	1917	A./ 31st Ill.	28 Sept 1864	31 May 1865	Goodland
Bellows	William	H.	1908	A./ 4th IL Cav	12 Oct 1864	23 Jun 1865	Goodland
Benjamin	George	K.	21 Feb 1921	A./ 5th Penn			Goodland
Burr	Elliott	R.	1918	K./ 136th NY	26 Sept 1862	3 Dec 1862	Goodland
Burr	Howard		1909	I./ 35th Wis.	18 Feb 1864	15 Mar 1866	Goodland
Cross	George	W.	30 May 1905	Unkown Reg.			Goodland
Davidson	Benjamin	P.	14 Nov. 1934	Ohio 3rd Light Art.	27 Feb 1864	31 Jul 1865	Goodland
Ellis	Charles		10 May 1910	C./ 69th Ill Inf.	14 Jun 1862	27 Sep 1862	Goodland
Freelove	George	A.	1896	K./ 10th Ill Inf.	29 Apr 1861	13 Jun 1861	Goodland
Galbraith	George		31 Aug 1899	K./ 8th Ill Cav	8 Oct 1864	17 Jul 1865	Goodland
Gillmore	Remington		1910	D./ 36th Ill	20 Aug 1861	30 Apr 1864	Goodland
Griggs	Henry	T.	1 Jun 1924	C./ 76th IL	8 Feb 1864	19 Jul 1865	Goodland
Hamblin	Stephen		1903	H./ 113th Illinois	1 Oct 1862	20 June 1865	Goodland
Harper	Dyer	R.	21 May 1919	I./ OH 121st Inf.	11 Sep 1862	8 Jun 1865	Goodland
Heath	Robert		1879	Batt. I Ill 2nd Light Artillery	31 Dec 1861	14 Jun 1865	Goodland
Henderson	James	P.	21 Feb 1902	D./ 12th Ind.	3 Aug 1862	8 Jun 1865	Goodland
Hopkins	Philander	R.	30 Jun 1914	A./ 42nd Ind. Inf.	26 Dec 1863	21 July 1865	Goodland
Hugg	Benjamin	F.	14 Dec 1911	D./ 1st Md PHB Cav.	27 Nov 1861	28 Jun 1865	Goodland
*James	Francis	Marion	2 Aug 1910	Confederacy			Goodland
Johnson	Daniel	S.	19 Feb 1908	A./ 3rd New York Cav.	13 Jun 1861	17 Jul 1864	Goodland
Kaufman	Benjamin		1920	B./ 192nd PA Inf.	14 Feb 1865	24 Aug 1865	Goodland
Laing	Joseph		1918	F./ 53rd Illinois	1 Feb 1862	12 Nov 1862	Goodland
Lynch	James	A.		K./ 86th Illinois Inf.	23 Jan 1865		Goodland
McCurry	William	A.	7 Jan 1898	I./ 29th Ind. Inf.	7 Oct 1864	26 June 1865	Goodland
Meeker	Howland		23 Jan 1888	A./ 64th Ill Inf.	25 Sept 1861	11 July 1865	Goodland
Monty	Joseph		17 Jan 1916	F./ 64th Ill.	1 Aug 1862	3 May 1865	Goodland
Mosher	Horatio	K.	1923	E./ 114th NY Inf.	13 Aug 1862	27 June 1863	Goodland
Murphy	Asa	B.	4 Sept. 1915	K./ 48th Ind.	28 Jan 1861		Goodland
Ormiston	George		4 Sep 1924	28th NY Light Art.	27 Dec 1862	31 Jul 1865	Goodland
Ortner	John	M.	9 Feb 1922	G./ 209th PA	4 Sep 1864	31 May 1865	Goodland
Pool	Daniel		Nov. 1907	F./ MD 1st ES Infantry	28 Sept 1864	23 Feb 1865	Goodland
Reece	Able	Palmer	20 Apr 1919	B./ 95th Ohio Inf.	April 1861	July 1865	Goodland
Robinson	James	Clay	29 Nov. 1929	H./ 123rd Penn Vol.	9 Aug 1862	12 May 1863	Goodland

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Last Name	First Name	Middle	Death Date	Company/Infantry	Muster In	Muster Out	Burial Site
<b>Grant Twp.</b>							
Rockwood	Elisha	E.	18 Oct 1899	A./ 53rd Ill Inf.			Goodland
Sapp	John	W.		Corp. C 36th Ind.	23 Oct 1861	21 Sept 1864	Goodland
Sawyer	George	L.	1913	I./ 69th Ill Inf.	14 Jun 1862	27 Sep 1862	Goodland
Slyter	Seth			G./ 36th Ill	20 Aug 1861	10 Nov 1864	Goodland
Slyter	Sylvester		25 Mar 1899	D./ 91st IL	8 Sept 1862	6 Oct 1863	Goodland
Smith	George	H.	19 Mar 1922	H./ 64th Ohio Inf.	9 Nov 1861	Jan 1866	Goodland
Smith	George	B.	1922	B./ 51st Ind.	14 Dec 1861	14 Dec 1864	Goodland
Starkweather	John		9 May 1926	L./ 12th Ill Cav	23 June 1865		Goodland
Stillman	John		10 June 1923	G./ 2nd Kentucky Inf.	3 July 1861		Goodland
Tice	Lewis	E.	1922	G./ 104th Ill	27 Aug 1862	30 Nov 1862	Goodland
Toyne	William		25 Jan 1918	C./ 29th Ind. Inf.	14 Sep 1861	12 Dec 1862	Goodland
Verrill	Samuel	K.	1917	F./ 2nd Cal. Inf.	5 Oct 1861	18 Oct 1864	Goodland
Wampsher	Robert		13 Apr 1906	B./ 11th Penn Cav.	19 Aug 1861	13 Aug 1865	Goodland
Ward	Joseph	Simon	30 Apr 1915	F./ 113th IL			Mt. Calvary
Welch	George		1928	H./ 15th Ind.	14 Jun 1861	11 Jun 1864	Goodland
Wellington	James	H.	21 Mar 1899	A./ 69th IL Inf.			Goodland
Wickersham	Jonathan		1920	C./ 32d Ill.	22 Oct 1861		Goodland
Williams	Abraham	W.	1 Nov 1892	H./ 5th Kansas Cav.	14 Nov 1861	8 Dec 1864	Goodland
Woodin	Alex	E.	29 Jun 1905	F./ 76th NY Inf.	23 Oct 1861	15 Jan 1862	Goodland
<b>Jefferson Twp.</b>							
Alexander	William		15 Sep 1915	C./ 47th Ohio Inf.	28 Sep 1864	31 May 1865	St. Joseph
Anstett	Florenz		22 Feb 1914	E./ 58th Ind.	12 Nov 1861	9 Sept 1863	St. Joseph
Arendt	Christopher		2 May 1933	D./ 151st Ind.	6 Feb 1865	19 Sept 1865	St. Joseph
Doran	James		20 Jun 1892	D./ 11th Mich.	20 Aug 1862	16 Jun 1865	St. Joseph
Finnesy	David		10 Nov 1903	I./ 83rd Ohio Inf	18 Aug 1862	31 Oct 1863	St. Joseph
Nagele	Joseph		April 1912	F./ 8th IL	11 May 1864	4 May 1866	St. Joseph
Alte	Jacob		August 1916	B./30th KY Inf.	19 Feb 1864	18 Apr 1865	Fairlawn
Balcom	Edward	W.	27 Aug 1880	E./37th IL	18 Sept 1861	14 Jan 1864	Fairlawn
Barkhurst	George	L.		H./150th Ind.	15 Feb 1865	5 Aug. 1865	Fairlawn
Bart	William	J.	1 Jul 1910	E./165th PA 1st Lt.	3 Dec 1862	28 Jul 1863	Fairlawn
Blye	Joseph	Martin	1871	D./135th Ind.	10 May 1864	21 Sept 1864	Fairlawn
Bridgeman	George	M.	29 Jan 1914	I./128th Ind.	18 Mar 1864	27 Jun 1865	Fairlawn
Burton	Thomas	W.	10 Oct 1923	H./137th Ind.	26 May 1864	21 Sept 1864	Fairlawn
Bush	Isaac	N.		B./51st Indiana	14 Dec 1861	2 Jun 1865	Fairlawn
Bush	Theodore	M.	10 Jan 1917	B./79th Ohio Inf.	21 Oct 1862	9 June 1865	Fairlawn
Castle	Thomas			B./46th Ind.	5 Nov 1861	18 June 1863	Fairlawn
Cheseborough	Robert	F.	June 1906	I./38th Ind.	22 Mar 1863	15 Jul 1865	Fairlawn
Conklin	James	D.	7 Jun 1924	I./138th Ohio	14 May 1864	1 Sept 1864	Fairlawn
Cummings	George	A.		F./36th Ill Inf.	20 Aug 1861	22 Sept 1864	Fairlawn
Cummings	William		Nov. 1907	H./88th Ill	27 Aug 1862	8 April 1863	Fairlawn
Dick	George		Mar. 1891	Need to check			Fairlawn
Dodson	Jesse		16 Jan 1910	B./51st Indiana	24 Mar 1864	13 Dec 1865	Fairlawn
Duttenhaver	Philip		30 Jun 1915	L./15th IL Cav	23 Dec 1863	26 Jan 1865	Fairlawn

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Last Name	First Name	Middle	Death Date	Company/Infantry	Muster In	Muster Out	Burial Site
<b>Jefferson Twp.</b>							
Frankenberger	Charles		Apr 1905	A./128th Ind. Inf.	15 Dec 1863	31 May 1865	Fairlawn
French	John		6 Dec 1893	K./54th Ind.	16 Nov 1862	none given	Fairlawn
Fry	Daniel		1912	H./9th Ind.	5 Dec 1864	13 Aug 1865	Fairlawn
Hartsock	William	H.	1921	E./3rd MD PHB Inf.	5 Nov 1862	29 May 1865	Fairlawn
Hatch	Jethro	A.	3 Aug. 1912	Surgeon, 36th Illinois	11 Dec 1862	8 Feb 1865	Fairlawn
Heilman	Abraham		19 Feb 1914	D./4th Ill Cav	31 Aug 1862	15 Jun 1865	Fairlawn
Higgins	John		11 Oct 1931	B./51st Indiana	14 Dec 1861	26 Mar 1863	Fairlawn
Humes	Worthington		25 Dec 1888	I./68th Ind. Inf.	19 Aug 1861	20 Jun 1865	Fairlawn
Johnston	John	Z	24 May 1912	E./2nd Ohio Cav.	30 Oct 1861	11 Sep 1865	Fairlawn
Jones	Henry	C	1912	H./15th Ind. Inf.	14 June 1861		Fairlawn
Kelly	Leroy	H W		B./51st Indiana	14 Dec 1861	11 Nov 1862	Fairlawn
Kenoyer	James		Feb 1927	B./51st Indiana	14 Dec 1861	13 Dec 1865	Fairlawn
Laird	Samuel		Feb 1878	Need to check			Fairlawn
Light	Albert			Lt. B 51st Indiana	14 Dec 1861	24 Feb 1862	Fairlawn
Linton	John	R.		G./1st Batt., 11th Reg. US Inf.			Fairlawn
Lowe	James	H.	23 Jun 1893	A./128th Ind. Inf.	15 Dec 1863	18 Mar. 1866	Fairlawn
Lowe	John		12 Oct 1921	B./51st Indiana	14 Dec 1861	27 Dec. 1862	Fairlawn
McBorders	John			D./86th Ind.	9 Aug 1862	25 Jan 1863	Fairlawn
Means	Samuel	A.	27 Jan 1926	H./36th PA Cav.	4 Jul 1863	11 Aug 1863	Fairlawn
Noble	Stillman	Monroe	9 Mar 1916	A./2nd NY Heavy Art.	5 Jan 1864	29 Sept 1865	Fairlawn
Oswalt	Francis	M.	Jan 1905	L./11th Ind Cav.	29 Jan 1864	19 Sept. 1865	Fairlawn
Randall	John	W.	1913	H./ 15th KY	14 Dec 1861	14 Jan 1865	Fairlawn
Rodgers	Morris	E.		C./ 86th Ohio	1 Aug 1863	10 Feb 1864	Fairlawn
Ross	Charles	E.	6 Dec 1927	I./ 8th Ill. Cav.	18 Sept 1861	17 Jul 1865	Fairlawn
Ross	Frank		11 Apr 1905	I./ 8th Ill. Cav.	24 Jan 1862	29 Jul 1862	Fairlawn
Sager	Jacob	W.	30 Sep 1890	G./ 9th Ind.	5 Sep 1861	28 Sept 1865	Fairlawn
Sedgley	William		4 June 1871	D./ IL 67th Inf.	13 Jun 1862	27 Sep 1862	Fairlawn
Shepard	John	Wesley	22 Jun 1897	I./ 53rd Ill	4 Jan 1864	22 Jul 1865	Fairlawn
Shilt	Jacob	H.	19 Feb 1913	G./ 209th PA	4 Sep 1864	31 May 1865	Fairlawn
Skinner	Jira	A.	Oct 1919	B./ 51st Indiana	14 Dec 1861	7 Apr 1863	Fairlawn
Speck	Adolphus	C.	29 Mar 1890	F/ MN 2nd Cav.	25 Dec 1863	2 Dec 1865	Fairlawn
Staton	Joseph		30 July 1889	E./ 76th Ill.	22 Aug 1862	25 Mar 1863	Fairlawn
Strohm	John		1872	L./ 12th Ind Cav.	12 Jan 1864	10 Nov 1865	Fairlawn
Thompson	John		Feb 1879				Fairlawn
Thayer	Alexander	T.	19 Feb 1909	A./ 8th Ind. Cav.	29 Aug 1861	Not listed	Fairlawn
Thayer	Hamlet	D.	1884	A./ 8th Ind. Cav.	29 Aug 1861	Not listed	Fairlawn
Warren	Horace	K.	Oct 1896	H./ 15th Ind.	14 June 1861	18 Feb 1863	Fairlawn
Warring	Christian	M.	Dec 1936	M./ 7th Ind Cav	19 Sep 1863	13 June 1865	Fairlawn
Whittlesey	W.	D.	12 Jul 1902	I./ 83rd Ohio Inf	13 Aug 1862	24 Jul 1865	Fairlawn
Wood	Clark	A.	24 Sep 1927	E./ 99th Ind.	11 Aug 1862	5 June 1865	Fairlawn
<b>Washington Twp.</b>							
*Adams	Lewis						Pleasant Grove
Alexander	Marion	M.	9 June 1930	I./ 34th Ind.	9 Oct 1861	3 Feb 1866	Pleasant Grove

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Last Name	First Name	Middle	Death Date	Company/Infantry	Muster In	Muster Out	Burial Site
<b>Washington Twp.</b>							
Board	William	T.	12 Dec 1871	I./128th Ind.	7 Mar 1864	30 May 1865	Pleasant Grove
Burton	William	B.	29 Nov 1900	H./ 15th Ind.	14 June 1861	11 Jun 1864	Pleasant Grove
Buswell	George		9 May 1888	2nd Lt. Co. E 97th VA			Buswell
Buswell	Thomas		6 Apr. 1884	Lt. Col. 97th VA Conf.			Buswell
Buswell	Wesley		8 Apr 1911	Confederacy			Buswell
*Collens	Marion						Doran
Corn	John	T.		A./ 128th Ind. Inf.	15 Dec 1863	10 Apr 1866	Pleasant Grove
Crawn	Thomas		31 Jul 1863	B./ 51st Indiana	14 Dec 1861	13 Mar 1863	Pleasant Grove
Denney	Isaac	C.	25 Jan 1900	B./ 51st Indiana	13 April 1864	17 May 1865	Pleasant Grove
Ellis	Lewis		29 Apr 1890	E./ 12th Ill Inf.			Pleasant Grove
Everts	Charles		20 Sept 1902	Unknown regiment			Pleasant Grove
*Frame	James						Pleasant Grove
Haworth	Daniel		3 Jul 1867	H./ 73rd Ind.	16 Aug 1862	1 July 1865	Pleasant Grove
Holliday	William	P.	18 Dec 1921	H./ 151st Ind.	28 Feb 1865	28 Sept 1865	Pleasant Grove
Honn	David	J.	25 Oct 1908	H./ 59th Ind. Inf.	21 Aug 1862		Doran
Hosier	Abner	G.	6 Apr 1866	E./ 99th Ind	15 Aug 1862	31 May 1865	Porter
Howenstine	Josiah		22 Dec 1895	K./ 5th Ind. Cav.	11 Aug 1862	15 Jun 1865	Pleasant Grove
Hybarger	Amos			G./ 155th Penn. Inf.	28 Aug 1862	31 May 1865	Pleasant Grove
Jackson	James	H.	Nov 4 1904	C./ or G 86th Ind. Vol.	13 Aug 1862	6 June 1865	Buswell
Johnson	Lemuel	J.	11 Apr 1874	B./ 51st Indiana	14 Dec 1861	16 Jul 1862	Porter
Kenoyer	Aaron		28 Aug 1911	B./ 51st Indiana	14 Dec 1861	13 Dec 1865	Buswell
Knight	John	W.	24 Jul 1882	A./ 128th Ind. Inf.	15 Dec 1863	25 Nov 1865	Pleasant Grove
Laffoon	William		11 Oct 1900	A./ 25th Ind.	22 Oct 1864	23 Aug 1865	Pleasant Grove
McCabe	James	S.	24 Nov 1874	K./ 8th Ind.	5 Sept 1861	20 Sept 1863	Pleasant Grove
McFarland	Henry	M,	1931	G./ 78th Ill Inf.	1 Sep 1862	7 June 1865	Buswell
Miller	Peter	S.	22 Dec 1931	H./ 33rd VA	24 July 1863		Buswell
Moore	Thomas	C.	2 May 1920	E./ 99th Ind.	11 Aug 1862	5 June 1865	Pleasant Grove
Myers	Benjamin	H.	1 Oct 1865	H./ 151st Ind.	28 Feb 1865	18 Sept 1865	Pleasant Grove
Myers	John	C.	1912	C./ 8th Ohio Cav.	26 Mar 1864	30 Jul 1865	Pleasant Grove
Perigo	Warren			E./ 76th Ill.	22 Aug 1862	22 Jul 1865	Prairie Vine
Pfrimmer	Daniel	A.	3 Sep 1900	Capt. E./38th Ind.	18 Sept 1861	20 Jan 1865	Pleasant Grove
Pierce	Samuel		25 Feb 1929	E./ 76th Ill.	22 Aug 1862	22 Jul 1865	Pleasant Grove
Robinson	William	O.		D./ 10th Indiana Inf.	18 Sept 1861	8 Sept 1864	Pleasant Grove
Runnion	Freeland	S.		H./ 151st Ind.	9 Mar 1865	19 Sep 1865	Doran
Sarver	John	C.	23 Nov 1941	E./ 99th Ind.	14 Aug 1862	5 June 1865	Prairie Vine
Stanley	Jesse		21 Nov 1878	H./ 151st Ind.	28 Feb 1865	19 Sep 1865	Doran
Stonesipher	Hanson		28 Oct 1880	G./ 209th Penn Inf.	4 Sep 1864	31 May 1865	Pleasant Grove
Tilbery	James	S,	5 Apr 1883	L./ 7th Ind. Cav.	12 Aug 1863	30 May 1865	Pleasant Grove
Voglund	Frederick		19 Nov 1901	H./ 42nd IL	27 Aug 1861	16 Sep 1864	Pleasant Grove
Whaley	John	F.	5 Aug 1896	H./ 151st Ind.	28 Feb 1865	19 Sept 1865	Buswell
White	Levi		12 Aug 1864	E./ 99th Ind.	15 Aug 1862	12 Aug 1864	Pleasant Grove
Williams	Ambrose	R.	30 Oct 1925	C./ 46th Wisconsin	6 Feb 1865	27 Sep 1865	Pleasant Grove

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# Home is Where Your Story Begins

Early Physicians Listed in the "Record of Physician Licenses" Family Histories by Beth Bassett

## Dr. George Rainford

Dr. George Rainford was born in London, England, June 1, 1810. He opened an office in Haymarket Square, now the theatrical district of London. He married Harriet Strickland (1814/15-1851), the daughter of a tenant farmer living on one of his father's farms. They had five children, two sons who died in infancy; George Charles, born 1837; Mary Elizabeth, born June 23, 1840; Harriet Catherine, born June 4, 1845. His parents did not agree with the marriage, so they left England and two buried infant sons behind for the United States. A son, Robert, was born September 13, 1849, in Joliet, Illinois; Harriet died on October 7, 1851 in Joliet, Illinois.



**Dr. George and Margaret Rainford. Lake Village early physician,**

Dr. Rainford relocated to Rockville Township, near Richie and Deselm, Illinois. While living there, he was called to attend a hired man at a nearby farm. He left medicine and promised to return in the morning. On his return the following day, he diagnosed his illness as smallpox, and refused to take charge of the case because of the danger to the lives of his own family.

On January 12, 1854, Dr. Rainford married Margaret Wilcox, born September 26, 1832. Twelve children were born to this union: Mettie Morrily, born August 5, 1851; Alice, born November 5, 1855; William, born May 4, 1857; Herbert, born October 28, 1860; Henry Milton, born April 21, 1863; Albert, born August 24, 1864; Ida, born March 11, 1866; Walter, born June 19, 1867; John, born August 25, 1869; Margaret, born January 2, 1871; Frederick, born September 10, 1874;

and Belle, born November 20, 1877.

In 1878, Dr. Rainford brought his family to Lake Village. All the children married and most raised families in the Lake Village area. He doctored the ills of the community and the last baby he delivered was grandson Lawrence Rainford, son of Albert and Effie (Roush) Rainford.

One night, Dr. Rainford retired early for the night because of illness. His son, John came asking for help for an ailing child. John's mother sent home to Momence to call another doctor. His trip was in vain so he returned to ask his father's help a second time. Dr. Rainford heard him and immediately dressed and left with him on horseback. The Kankakee River was flooded and the horse refused to go across, so the doctor walked and swam to the other side. After attending the child, he returned to his home in Lake Village. As a result of this exposure, Dr. Rainford died on March 6, 1892. He was laid to rest in the Lake Village Cemetery under the Catholic rites. His wife, Margaret, died November 27, 1908, and is buried beside her husband. - Source: "History of Newton County, 1985".

## Dr. Charles E. Triplett, Sr.

In 1856, Dr. Charles E. Triplett, Sr., rode into the village of Morocco on a beautiful white horse. He had in cash one twenty dollar gold piece which he gave to his landlord, John Ade, as advance payment for board. It was the time of year when there was not much sickness and it was three months before he had an opportunity to use his professional skill – he pulled a tooth.

It was not long before calls became frequent and he became engaged in an extensive practice from Rensselaer to Momence and Watseka, Illinois, and south to Benton County. He made his trips on horseback, always carrying in his saddle bag a jug of cough syrup, quinine, tincture of iron, yellow root and lobelia. He was sometimes gone from home weeks at a time. A story by the late Hume Sammons relates how the doctor took four lads with him to help with an amputation. They held the lanterns while he worked and two of them fainted away.

Doctor Triplett was born in Kentucky,

December 13, 1834, to Charles Morehead and Clarissa (Dawkins) Triplett. He was left an orphan at five days. He was reared on a plantation and at thirteen years of age worked on a river barge from Louisville, Kentucky, to New Orleans. Later taken under the guiding hand of Dr. John Shelton, he was sent through Louisville Medical College.



**Dr. Charles Triplett, Sr., Morocco's first physician.**

After coming to Morocco, he married Mary Alice Pulver (1840-1908), on May 17, 1857. They had eight children, four infants dying at birth; Haidee/Florence, 1858-1882; Charles Ethelbert, 1862-1943; Harriett, 1870-1934; Chester Lee, 1881-1890. In 1862 he entered the Union Army as a surgeon of the 88th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. Later he was a brigade surgeon and during Cleveland's administration was a member of the Board of Examiners for United States pensions.

Dr. Triplett, Sr., passed away on August 29, 1917. He is buried in Murphey Cemetery, Beaver Township alongside his wife and other family members. - Sources: "The History of Newton County, 1985"; [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)

## Dr. Jethro Ayres Hatch

Jethro Ayres Hatch was born in Pitcher, Chenango County, New York on June 18, 1837, one of five children born to Jethro and Minerva (Pierce) Hatch. In 1847, his family

later settled in Sugar Grove, Kane County, Illinois, where he attended the common schools and the institute in Batavia, Illinois. He graduated as a physician from the Rush Medical College in Chicago, Illinois, in February 1860. In 1861, J.A. arrived in Kentland and became their first physician.

In response to the first call of President Lincoln, Hatch enlisted, and in 1862, he was commissioned as the Assistant Surgeon of the Thirty-Sixth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and afterward promoted to Surgeon, with the rank of Major. He participated in many of the greater engagements of the Civil War, retiring with a military record that but few could boast. He continued to serve until he mustered out of service February 8, 1865, at which time he returned to Kentland. Here, he resumed his practice, as well as serving as Secretary and later President of the Pension Examining Board from 1865-1907.

Dr. Hatch was instrumental in organizing the Kentland American Legion Post, McHolland GAR Post, and in 1906, became a member of the Loyal Legion of America, composed of officers of the Army. He was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and at the time of residence here, was the only member in Newton County. He was a Mason of high rank and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

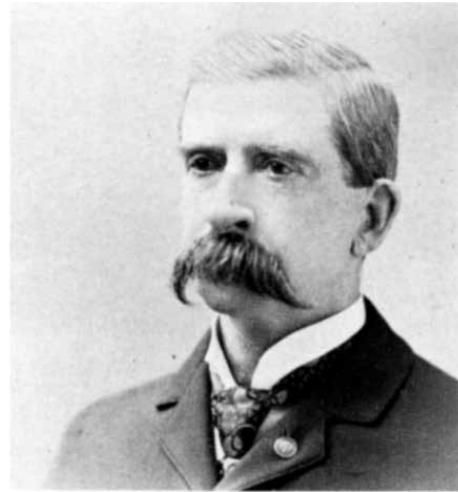
During his entire life, he was an active Republican. In a special legislative session of 1872, and the regular session of 1873, he represented the 10th District, which includes Jasper, Pulaski and Newton County, as their State Representative in the U.S. Congress. He was elected to the 54th Congress, (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1897), but was not a candidate for re-nomination in 1896.

Upon completing his terms in office, he again resumed his medical practice in Kentland, as well as serving on the board of the Logansport Hospital for the insane. At that time, he also served as the physician and surgeon for the Logansport Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was a surgeon for the Chicago and Cairo Division of the New York Central Railroad from the time it was built until 1907, at which time he and his family moved to Victoria, Texas and engaged in the Real Estate business.

On May 26, 1881, he was married to Sarah Shaeffer of Ohio. To this union a son, Darwin and a daughter, were born.

On the afternoon of his death, August 3,

1912, Dr. Hatch had made a short talk before the Republican convention in Victoria, Texas. He had been calmly seated for some moments when those near him saw his head drop to one side. Given immediate attention by the attending physician, the end came as peacefully as it was sudden. Services were held in Victoria, but his body was returned to Kentland, where he was interred at Fairlawn Cemetery. *Source: Spring, 2003 "The Newcomer".*



**Dr. Jethro Hatch, Kentland's first physician.**

### **Dr. Theodore Collier**

In point of years of continuous service, Doctor Collier was one of the oldest members of the medical profession in Jasper or Newton Counties. For over twenty years he has had his home at Brook, and looked after the needs of his patients in and around that town with a skill and fidelity which brought him a fine reputation as a physician and a high standing as a citizen.

It is noteworthy that he was one of the men, including Doctor Crook, Doctor Lovett and the Hartleys of the Hartley Grain Company, who installed the first telephone line in Newton County, running from Goodland to Wadena. That was in the spring of 1894, and that little telephone line was the nucleus of the present telephone system of Newton County.

Theodore Collier was born in Greene County, Ohio, December 11, 1862, a son of Albert and Susan (DeHaven) Collier, both of whom were natives of Ohio. In the paternal line Doctor Collier is of Scotch-Irish and French, but both the DeHavens and the Colliers have been Americans since colonial times. In 1870 Albert Collier moved his family to Howard County, Indiana, locating east of

Kokomo, near Greentown, and then in 1875 they all moved to Starke County, Indiana, locating three miles south of Knox, where the father followed farming.

Doctor Collier grew up on farms in Western Ohio, in Howard County, and Starke County, Indiana, and largely made his own opportunities for entering the medical profession. He attended country schools, and spent five winters in teaching in Starke County. He took one year of preparatory work at Valparaiso University, then another year in the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, and in 1893 graduated with the degree of M. D. from the Medical College of Indiana, at Indianapolis, now the regular, medical department of the Indiana State University. Doctor Collier had always been a leader in his profession, and had taken some post-graduate work in the Chicago Eye and Ear Hospital at Chicago.

Immediately after getting his degree he began practice in Goodland in partnership with Dr. J. A. Lovett, but in May, 1894, established his office and home at Brook. On October 4, 1894, he married Miss Minnie Shilling, (1865-1950), daughter of William F. and Lavina (Gesaman) Shilling, of Pennsylvania German descent; lived for a time in Stark County, Ohio, and in 1852 established a home in Starke County, Indiana. They had three children: Orpha, (1895-1952); Mary A., born in 1899; and Albert W., (1902-1973). Both Doctor and Mrs. Collier are buried at Riverside Cemetery in Brook, Indiana.

Doctor Collier served as secretary of the old Newton County Medical Society for one year; was a member of the Jasper and Newton County Medical Society, and belonged to the Indiana State Medical Association. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Brook and belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church; politically was a Republican. He practiced medicine for 40 years in Brook, and was active in civic and education affairs. He served as president of the Brook School Board for 28 years. The Brook High School gymnasium was named in his honor, and remains to serve the area as a community center. *Source: "Brook, Indiana, Washington and Iroquois Townships, A Sesquicentennial Collection".*

### **Dr. Samuel N. Caldwell**

Dr. Samuel N. Caldwell, was born at Piqua, Miami County, Ohio, December 14, 1825. His parents were Samuel, born in Kentucky, and Mary J. (Mitchell) Caldwell, of Virginia. His great-grandfather, Matthew

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Caldwell was from Belfast, Ireland, who came with his parents to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. In 1781, Matthew married Miss Mary Pinkerton and they moved to Ohio where Mathew Caldwell died on October 25, 1810. Samuel N.'s father, Samuel was born in Fayette County, Kentucky and died July 12, 1840 in Ohio. Samuel and Mary J. had four children, Samuel N., Eliza G., Ormsby and Mary J.

Dr. Samuel N. Caldwell, at the age of twenty-one, entered the Cincinnati Medical College, from which he graduated in 1850 and immediately afterward commenced practice at Piqua, Ohio, where he married Miss Mary J. McKinney on September 30, 1851, she died on February 23, 1873.

On July 29, 1874, Samuel N. married Miss Henrietta Lester, born November 9, 1846. They have six children, Mary, Mack, Samuel O., Newton G., Myrtle M. and Grace. Dr. Caldwell moved to Newton County in 1865, and lived on the same farm. Both Samuel, (1825-1898), and Henrietta, (1846-1928), and daughter Grace, (1877-1975), are buried at Weston Cemetery, Jasper County, Indiana.

It has been noted that Dr. Caldwell was the first doctor in the Pilot Grove area. He also had several land holdings in Newton and Jasper County. *Source: "History of Mt. Ayr, Jackson and Colfax Townships".*

### Joseph B. Crisler

Joseph B. Crisler was born in Preble County, Ohio on November 24, 1843, the son of William Ansel (1812-1873) and Margaret "Ann" Harraman (1818-1891). Census records from 1900 indicate he was a widower at age 57, living next to Dr. Chaffee and his wife in Brook. There is a marriage between a Joseph B. Crisler and Mary Pence on February 19, 1891.

It is also written that he was a member of the first town board of Brook, serving alongside Henry Meredith and John Franklin in 1891, serving until May, 1892. *Source: "Brook, Indiana, Washington and Iroquois Townships, A Sesquicentennial Collection"; www.ingenweb.org/innewton*

### Dr. John A. Lovett

When the settlement of Tivoli, which became Goodland was founded, the need of a physician was fulfilled by the coming of its first doctor, Dr. John A. Lovett.

John A. Lovett was born in Marion County near Indianapolis, December 15,



**Dr. John A. Lovett and his wife, Mary (Clark) Lovett, Goodland's first physician.**

1839. He moved, with his family, to Clinton County in 1851, and remained there until he left to attend Thorntown Academy from which he was graduated in 1862. He studied medicine as was the practice in those earlier days with Dr. A. B. Gentry of Frankfort, Indiana and later was graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago. On May 15, 1863, he was married to Mary A. Clark at Frankfort, and two children, Justin and Alma were born to the couple.

Dr. Lovett located in Goodland in December of 1868 when the town could boast of being little more than a hamlet. He was the first physician here and, for many years, when his health permitted, enjoyed a large practice which extended not only to this immediate locality but also into surrounding counties. He was said to have been a man of great force of intellect and in the front ranks of practicing physicians of the country. He was a reader and a student, keenly alive not only to matters pertaining to his life-long profession but in the world of general literature. An ardent Republican, he took an active part in politics and was a strong writer upon political subjects. He had strong literary tastes and at one time edited a small (with pen along) paper which furnished all of the news in his country neighborhood in Thorntown, Indiana, he was only about 14 years old. Dr. Lovett was a man of strict moral habits and religiously inclined. At one time he held a position in the census department in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Lovett's health had been impaired several years prior to his passing in 1903, but he had been actively engaged in his profession and other interests until physically impossible to continue. After ill health came, however, he continued to give aid whenever possible

to the sick or those who desired his counsel. His passing on August 4, 1903, left a void for a long circle of friends to whom he had long ministered. His close touch with the people, his kindly, heartfelt sympathy for the afflicted and his long ministrations to the sick, made his place not easily filled. This spirit was also exhibited toward him in his last hours by his brothers, among them Dr. B.W. Pratt, Dr. John G. Kinneman of Goodland, Dr. Hatch of Kentland; Dr. Landon of Remington, and others. Dr. Collier of Brook started his practice in the office of Dr. Lovett as a young man before going to Brook to establish his practice.

Dr. Lovett's wife, Mary A. (Clark) Lovett, his daughter, Mrs. Alma (Lovett) Garrigus, a son Justin of Huntington, and three brothers survived.

Mrs. Mary A. Lovett, widow of Dr. John A. Lovett of Goodland, lived for about eighteen years after the death of her husband. The Goodland Herald said of her passing: "with the passing of Mrs. Lovett, Goodland loses another of those fine old ladies who has watched this community grow from a vast prairie to a rich farming center that it is today-saw the few small buildings of a half century ago increase in number until the present time." *Source: Goodland Herald, "Through The Century", by Nellie C. McCurry. August 3, 1961.*

### Dr. Joseph Hartly McClain

Dr. McClain was born in Wayne County, Indiana on April 5, 1825, and was married to Miss Catherine Henry, (1826-1902), an estimable Virginia lady in 1844. Their children included Charles W., (1858-1937); Rebecca E.; Sarah (1847-?); Hiram, (1849-?); William, (1850-?).

He was the son of Hiram Henry (1784-1855) and Rebecca (Cain) (1793-1863) McClain. He had two siblings, Elizabeth (1813-1888), who married Gideon Hiestand; and Nancy J. (1835-?).

He began the practice of medicine in 1856 and was a successful practitioner at Milford, Iroquois, and Sheldon, Illinois; Kentland and Morocco, Indiana. He died on April 22, 1891 at his home in Sheldon, Illinois.

A large number of Masonic brethren and other friends escorted his remains to Kentland where they were met by a designation of Masons and other friends who joined in the escort to cemetery south (Fairlawn), where Rev. J. J. Claypool performed the last sad Rites at the grave. *Source: Obituary, 1885 Kentland Gazette; ancestry.com.*

## Richard Curry McCain, M. D.

Dr. McCain practiced medicine for forty years in the Kentland community. He was born July 10, 1852, at Trenton, Missouri, the son of Rev. Cornelius, (1824-1914), and Eliza Anne (Curry), (1829-1916), McCain, who are both buried at Fairlawn Cemetery in Kentland, Indiana.

After completing a course at Hanover College, he began the study of medicine under Dr. A. H. Shaffer. He then entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, as well as one term in the Louisville Medical College in Kentucky, where he graduated in 1875. He began his medical profession at Darlington, Indiana, but in the fall of 1875, came to Kentland.

On January 23, 1882, he married Miss Gertrude E. Test, (1861-1941), daughter of Thaddeus and Sallie (Myers) Test of White County, Indiana. Doctor and Mrs. McCain children were: Donald T., (1882-1883); Helen, (1884-1980); Edna, (1886-1894); Viola, (1888-1912); Nellie, (1890-1918); Kenneth Cornelius, (1892-?); Paul Test, (1894-?); Bertha T., (1896-?); John Coburn, (1899-?); Louise, (1899-?); Gertrude, (1905-?); Howard, (1905-?).

In 1883, Dr. McCain started in the drug business in Kentland. He was an active member of the Republican party, and in 1905, he was elected to the State Senate, serving from 1905 to 1909.. He served as a public health

officer and was a member of the school board for two terms and as postmaster for two terms.. He was identified with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias in Kentland. The family belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. McCain's obituary in the October 21, 1920 *Newton County Enterprise* revealed this information:

"The sudden death of Dr. R. C. McCain on Sunday afternoon came as a terrible shock to this community. He passed away instantly with an attack of heart trouble while out riding with his family.

"Dr. McCain had planned on taking a business trip to Indianapolis, but missing the train, suggested to Mrs. McCain that they take a ride, and in company with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Neher, and their children, drove to the north part of the county. Nature appealed strongly to Dr. McCain and seeing a road that was little traveled suggested that as the route. The sand was quite heavy and at times the occupants of the car were required to walk. They stopped on a bridge three miles west and one mile north of Morocco and go out out for a time. The Doctor was entertaining one of his grandchildren by pointing out minnows as they swam past under the bridge. They were about 10 minutes, and Mrs. McCain started to get in the car she saw her husband sink back to the floor on the bridge, and without a word death claimed one of the oldest and best known citi-

zens of the county." *Source: "History of Jasper and Newton County, 1916"; ancestry.com.*

## Dr. John W. Merry

Dr. John Whiting Merry, born to George Anson, (1819-1910) and Catherine M. (Hewitt), (1818-1870), Merry on August 24, 1843, in Erie County, Milan, Ohio.

From his obituary we get the following account of his life and times:

"Dr. Merry's early life was spent on the farm with his parents, who moved with him when he was quite young to Indiana. From early youth he was ambitious to obtain an education. He secured all that was possible to do in the country schools of the time. When he was sixteen, his mother died, and it was at that time he left home to attend an academy. He set out from his home on foot; his personal belongings suspended by a stick over his shoulder. At a crossroads along his journey, he saw a campaign picture of Abraham Lincoln, and beneath was the legend relating he rise of this great American from an obscure backwoods' environment. it inspired him and filled him with moral courage to face the world into which he was journeying along.

"For three or four years, John Merry taught school and attended the academy alternately. In a pamphlet he wrote some time ago, "Reminiscences of a Teacher", he tells some interesting experiences of these early days.

"We next find the young man attending a business college in Detroit, Michigan. It was while thus engaged that he enlisted in Company "M", 1st Regiment, Michigan Light Artillery Volunteers. He was immediately sent south. While always in active service, he never participated in any battle, as his regiment was not engaged by the enemy. He was mustered out of the service in Jackson, Michigan, August 1, 1865. It is said that the doctor never applied for a pension until the soldier's age law went into effect, whereby the pension came to him automatically at the age of 65, although he has assisted many soldiers and soldiers' widows to secure pensions.

"At the close of the war, Dr. Merry entered the University of Michigan. Thus began his training for the work that he ws to follow the remainder of his days. He graduated in 1869. It was while attending the University that he met, and after graduation, married Addeline Chilcote, who then lived in Jasper County, near Francesville, Indiana. Dr. and Mrs. Merry moved to Montgomery, Michigan, where he began to practice medicine.



**Dr. Recher's office in Morocco. Dr. Recher practiced medicine in Morocco from 1882-1942. His office was located on the second story of the former People's Drug Store. Mike Williamson Collection. Dr. Recher's story is the Winter/Spring 2005 *Newcomer*.**

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"Five children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Merry, two of whom, the Misses Blanch and Jessie, together with Mrs. Merry, survive.

"During the holiday week, just thirty-five years ago, Dr. Merry moved with his family to Mt. Ayr, Indiana. That was in 1885, when the village still was in its infancy. His life and activities during these years are so familiar to all, that the writer could not hope to tell anything which would be new. Primarily, the removal from Michigan at the time which established a standard of training for a doctor. Indiana passes such a law. As the doctor told the writer some time ago, "Any man can hang out his shingle and practice in Michigan." This was disgusting to a man who had secured the best that the schools then offered by way of training for his work. Nor was he content with this first training. He was a constant student and kept abreast of the times, as science and practice brought to light ideas, appliances, and remedies, which were helpful in the relief of suffering humanity. On three different occasions, while in active practice he attended medical institutions in Chicago and took post-graduate work.

"While busy with his practice, the doctor found time for other things of community interest and benefit. In addition to conducting the drug store, which he acquired something like thirty years ago (1890), his greatest interest was in the telephone service. For while it is true a line came into the town, it was Dr. Merry who pushed the lines out into the surrounding country, making it possible for every farmhouse to come into immediate touch with the outside world.

"He filled a place in the village that cannot be filled. He will not soon be forgotten."

Dr. Merry was the Newton County Health officer and was advertised as "Physician, Surgeon, and Optician". He ran Merry's Drug Store across from Mt. Ayr School, where part of his job included pulling teeth, with no anesthetic or x-rays. A barber's chair was fastened to the floor and pliers were used to extract teeth, following the words, "Hang onto those arms." This quote coming from Mt. Ayr resident David D. Miller, as well as "This tooth doesn't have a cavity. Get back in the chair! I will get the right tooth!" This was followed with an additional extraction.

Dr. Merry died on January 1, 1920 in Rensselaer, Indiana. *Source: "History of Mt. Ayr, Jackson and Colfax Townships"; ancestry.com; Newton County Enterprise obituary, January 8, 1920.*

### Dr. M. L. Humston

Dr. Milton L. Humston was born in Henry County, Kentucky, November 3, 1838, the son of Dr. Charles Morehead and Susan (Morehead) Humston, the second of eight children in the family. He passed away in his home in Goodland on June 24, 1925. He had practiced medicine in Newton County for sixty-three years.



**Dr. M. L. Humston, early Goodland physician.**

While he was a student at the Kentucky School of Medicine, at Louisville, Kentucky, he came to Newton County in 1862 to have charge of the practice of Dr. Charles Triplett, Sr., of Morocco, while he served in the Civil War; then returned to Kentucky where he received his diploma and was graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine in 1866.

He was married to Amanda Nichols (of LaGrange, Kentucky, in 1863, who passed away June 3, 1878. To this union were born five children, Charles Nichols, (1863-1926); George Goldsmith, (1868-1948); Lewellyn Claude (1869-1907); Ada Bernice (1872-1920); Benoni, (1878-1878).

He then was united in marriage to Rhoda McCurry, August 26, 1879. To this union was born one child, Esther Elizabeth (1884-1884). Rhoda preceded him in death on July 17, 1917.

In his early life he practiced medicine in Morocco and Goodland and was instrumen-

tal in establishing on a permanent basis one among the first newspapers of the county, the *Morocco Courier*, the first issue being April 5, 1878. After a residence of twenty years and four months in Morocco, he, with his family, moved to Goodland during the year of 1883, where he continued to reside until his death.

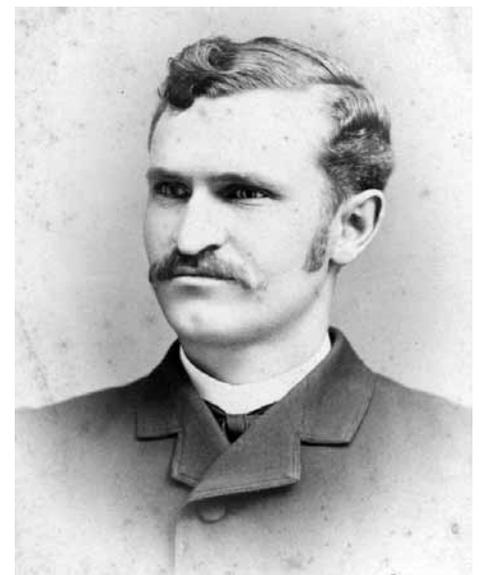
Dr. Humston united with the Methodist Church in Morocco in 1864, later transferring his membership to the Goodland Methodist Church where he served a long tenure as a church official.

He was a charter member of the Morocco Lodge F. & A. M., No. 372, and was one among a few who bought a building and helped establish the Lodge. In his official capacity as Deputy Grand Master of Northern Indiana, he delivered the charter to Goodland Masonic Lodge No. 445 on June 7, 1872. On his removal to Goodland his membership was transferred to that Lodge. He was also a member of the Goodland Royal Arch Masons No. 142. He was a charter member of the Goodland Lodge Knights of Pythias, No. 142.

During his later years he was inactive because of physical incapacity. *Source: Newton County Enterprise, obituary, July 2, 1925.*

### Dr. Benjamin W. Pratt

Dr. Pratt practiced medicine in Newton County for twenty-five years, and was president of the First National Bank of Goodland at the time of his death on April 11, 1913. He was highly regarded citizen of Newton County, and was an integral part of the growth of the area and Goodland.



**Dr. B. W. Pratt, age 28, a partner with Dr. Lovett, Goodland's first physician in 1883.**

He was the son of Benjamin W. and Jane Pratt, born at Johnstown, Ohio, February 7, 1859. He graduated from high school, and took up the study of medicine in his hometown. In 1882, he graduated from the Sterling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and located at Goodland, forming a partnership with Dr. Lovett. The following year, Dr. Lovett left Goodland, and he relocated back to Johnstown, Ohio, where his father had practiced medicine for forty years. At the request of many friends, he returned to Goodland in 1885, and continued in the practice of medicine until June 5, 1906. On August 5, 1905, he became president of the First National Bank of Goodland, and remained in that position until his death.

On February 9, 1887, he united in marriage with Miss Leona Pettit, and from this union was born one child, Mary Lucille, and a sister, Laura. *Source: Newton County Enterprise, obituary, April 17, 1913.*

**Laura (Pratt) Recher**

Benjamin W. Pratt's sister Laura practiced medicine in Goodland between 1881 and 1890. She was born in Johnstown, Ohio, 1857, and was a graduate of Oberlin and Dennison Colleges. She stopped practicing medicine when she married Lawson Recher of Morocco in 1890. She passed away August 8, 1944 at her home in Morocco. *Source: Obituary, August, 1944, Newton County Enterprise.*

**Dr. Keever Clymer**

From his obituary in the *Goodland Herald*, February 5, 1916.

"Dr. Clymer was one of those pleasant old men that all were glad to meet. His friendly advice to the younger people was always good to receive as it was of unusual quality and merit-and those who heeded it profited by so doing. He was loved by all.

"Keever Clymer, son of Joseph and Eliza Clymer, ws born August 11, 1832 in Anderson Fork, Clinton County, Ohio. He died in Goodland, Indiana, January 29, 1916, at the age of 83 years, 5 months and 18 days.

"He spent his boyhood days on his father's farm near Peru, Indiana, and received his early education in the district school held in a log cabin, after which he completed his schooling at what is now known as DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana.

"After reading medicine at Logansport for two years under Dr. Landis, he attended the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating from there January 28,

1858.

"He began his practice of medicine in Wapicon, Miami County, Indiana, remaining there two years, then moved to Etna Green, Indiana, where he was married to Rezina Ann Black. Of this union there were born four children, one son, G. D. Clymer, of Goodland and three daughters, Mrs. Alta Velma Bond, of Goodland, Willo, deceased, and one died in infancy. His wife and mother passed from this life December 23, 1909.

"In 1863, he moved to Seneca, LaSalle County, Illinois, where he did his life's work. Where his counsel and advice were eagerly sought, not only in the medical field, but in the social and civic affairs of the community.



**Dr. Laura (Pratt) Recher, practiced medicine in Goodland for eight years with her brother, B. W. Pratt 1881-1890.**

"In 1886, he moved to Goodland, Indiana, remaining there a few years, thence to Lovell, Wyoming, where he completed his fifty years spent in the medical practice.

"From Wyoming, he returned to this city in the year 1908, an invalid, passing the major part of his time at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Bond, where he had the loving care and attention of his children and grandchildren until the call came.

"Funeral services were held at the Bond home; the body were taken to Seneca, Illinois, where they were laid to rest in the family mausoleum in Mount Hope Cemetery at Seneca, Illinois."

**Doctor's Office Was Carried With Them**



**Typical instruments found in a doctor's medical bag circa 1900s. This collection is part of the Dr. Recher artifacts that belong to Mike Williamson.**

**Now You Know Your County of Newton!**

By Janet Miller  
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1. The History of Mt. Ayr, Jackson and Colfax Townships publication was dedicated to Donna Schanlaub LaCosse. Donna, for most of her life, has been researching, collecting, writing and preserving family and local Newton County History. Donna served many years as Secretary to the Mt. Ayr Alumni Association. With Donna's passing on January 1, 2014, the Newton County Historical Society lost a dedicated member.

2. Mt. Ayr was platted by Lewis Marion in 1882.

3. Mt. Ayr's three known newspapers were: "*The Mt. Ayr Bumblebee*", "*The Mt. Ayr Pilot*" and "*The Mt. Ayr Tribune*."

4. The seven one-room schools located in Jackson Township were: #1 – Hochstetler School; #2 – Wright School; #3 – North Star School; #4 – Mt. Ayr School; #5 – Brown School; #6 – English/Kennedy School; #7 – Fleming or Yoder School. The five one-room schools located in Colfax Township were: #1 – Odle School; #2 – Tolin/Wildrick School; #3 – Mead School; #4 – Switch School; #5 – Harris School. By 1917 there was only one school in Colfax Township which was Colfax Community Center School.

5. The Mt. Ayr High School served as a Junior High School for the North Newton School Corporation from 1975-1986.

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< *Continued from page 11* > maculopapular rash and, later, raised fluid-filled blisters. Smallpox is believed to have emerged in human populations about 10,000 BC.[4] The earliest physical evidence of it is probably the pustular rash on the mummified body of Pharaoh Ramses V of Egypt. The disease killed an estimated 400,000 Europeans annually during the closing years of the 18th century (including five reigning monarchs), and was responsible for a third of all blindness. Of all those infected, 20–60%—and over 80% of infected children—died from the disease. Smallpox was responsible for an estimated

300–500 million deaths during the 20th Century. As recently as 1967, the World Health Organization (WHO) estimated that 15 million people contracted the disease and that two million died in that year. After vaccination campaigns throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, the WHO certified the eradication of smallpox in 1979. Smallpox is one of two infectious diseases to have been eradicated, the other being rinderpest, which was declared eradicated in 2011.

### Whooping Cough aka Pertussis

A highly contagious bacterial disease. In some countries, this disease is called the 100

days' cough or cough of 100 days. Symptoms are initially mild, and then develop into severe coughing fits, which produce the namesake high-pitched "whoop" sound in infected babies and children when they inhale air after coughing. The coughing stage lasts approximately six weeks before subsiding. Prevention by vaccination is of primary importance given the seriousness of the disease in children. Although treatment is of little direct benefit to the person infected, antibiotics are recommended because they shorten the duration of infectiousness.

Disease	Year	#	Town (partial list)	Family Names (partial list)
Diphtheria	1908	9	Goodland	Babcock, Kinnell
Measles	1908	1	Goodland	Augspurger
Scarlet Fever	1908	5	Kentland	Couch
Typhoid Fever	1908	9	Morocco	Atkinson
Scarlet Fever	1909	1	Kentland	Littlejohn
Typhoid Fever	1909	5	Conrad, Lake Village, Morocco	Martin, Hansen, Sprig, Purple, Hopper
Diphtheria	1911	22	Morocco/Beaver Twp.	Lewsader, Bates, Williams, Baldwin, Dewey, King, Zoborosky, Marques
Measles	1911	2	Morocco	Robinson
Scarlet Fever	1911	6	Roselawn/Brook	Caldwell, Hershman, Osborn, Brady
Typhoid Fever	1911	1	Morocco	Whaley
Measles	1912	10	Morocco/Beaver City/Iroquois Twp.	Hanson, Collins, Holley, Brown, Zoborosky
Scarlatina	1912	2	Mt. Ayr, McClellan Twp.	Petigien
Scarlet Fever	1912	11	Mt. Ayr/Goodland/Roselawn	Roush, Arnold, Lehr Family, Tice
Typhoid Fever	1912	6	Morocco	Severs, Murphey, Hofferth, Don
Whooping Cough	1912	6	Morocco	Betz, Robinson Family
Diphtheria	1913	9	Kentland/Thayer/Beaver City	West, Tyson, Unzucker, Padgett, Lloyd, Brewer
Measles	1913	16	Morocco	Baird, Rich, Archibald, Padgett, Hahn, Purkey, Hickman, Carlson
Scarlet Fever	1913	13	Jefferson Twp./Morocco, Conrad	Weldon, Sebold Family, Barker, Gains, Gerrick, Chidester
Typhoid Fever	1913	6	Morocco/Jefferson, Beaver Twp.	Sayler, Glaze, Broderick, Clark, Mabbitt, Best
Whooping Cough	1913	9	Beaver City/Brook	Holley, Hershman, Lowe, Deitz, Vanderwoot
Diphtheria	1914	2	Morocco	Ketcham, Flemming
Measles	1914	7	Brook	Vent, Howell, Goddard, Leedom
Scarlatina	1914	1	Brook	Barten
Scarlet Fever	1914	10	Kentland/Brook/Goodland/Conrad	McCray, Rowley, Nicely, Brown, Davis
Small Pox	1914	4	Foresman/Brook	Denney, Dowty, Thomas
Variola	1914	3	Iroquois Twp./Goodland/Brook	Gerrick, McCluland, Conn
Diphtheria	1915	5	Morocco/Goodland	Dexter, Moran, Jr., Wilhelm
Scarlatina	1915	7	Morocco, Brook	Potts Family, Conn
Scarlet Fever	1915	11	Morocco	Burnsides, Dexter, Jessen
Small Pox	1915	1	Kentland	Ortner
Measles	1916	54	Morocco/Lake Village/Goodland/Roselawn/Blair Ranch/Foresman	Billings, Deardurff, Bassett, Stoner, Wildrick, Potts, Swarts, Taylor, Lucas, Norris, Butler, Kay, Purkey, Hoover, Moody, Russell, Williams, Taylor
Scarlet Fever	1916	1	Brook	Herath
Small Pox	1916	4	Kentland/Goodland	Molter, Hazel, Lewellyn

Variola	1916	9	Goodland/Morocco	McAlexander Family, Patrick, Ortner, Kenton, Wilderson, Padgett
Measles	1917	5	Morocco	Lawrence, Godard, Martin
Scarlet Fever	1917	13	Goodland/Kentland	Sego, Denny, Reed, Polen, Burns Family, Corey
Measles	1918	1	Goodland	Shufflebeam
Scarlatina	1918	12	Kentland/Brook	Hardin, Sammons, Staton, Lyons, Stonehill, Cooper, Franklin
Scarlet Fever	1918	8	Kentland/Brook/Morocco	Bruck, Corbin, Possy, Sell, McCray, Harry, Britten, Conn
Small Pox	1918	3	Kentland/Morocco	Cline, Inman, Best
Diphtheria	1920	1	Brook	Brunton
Measles	1920	1	Goodland	Frohreich, Ruth
Scarlatina	1920	3	Goodland	Brucker, Christy
Scarlet Fever	1920	12	Morocco/Goodland/Brook	Baird Family, Brunner, McKee, Polen Family, Nester, Tebo
Small Pox	1920	8	Lake Village/Goodland/Brook	Hansen, Boyd, Whitcomb, King, Bartlett, Vaughn
Variola	1920	4	Morocco/Goodland	Denton, Townsent, Marshall
Diphtheria	1921	10	Morocco/Kentland/Brook	Shultz, McAlexander, Portwood, Standish, Stutesman, Deno
Scarlet Fever	1921	10	Thayer/Kentland	Spitler, Medlock, Hoaks
Diphtheria	1922	9	Morocco/Kentland	Schultz, Elgas Family, Ross, James, Whaley
Scarlet Fever	1922	14	Brook/Kentland/Thayer/Goodland	Pennington, Amick, Egan Family, Haster, Berger, Marin, Spitler
Scarlet Fever	1923	19	Kentland/Roselawn/Lowell	Floyd, Hailman Family, Tinton, Noble, Williams Hishman
Typhoid Fever	1923	1	Kentland	Martin
Diphtheria	1924	1	Morocco	Cox
Measles	1924	1	Goodland	Christy
Scarlatina	1924	3	Kentland	Conners, DeLay, Whittaker
Scarlet Fever	1924	7	Kentland/Fair Oaks/Roselawn	Kirk, Cockerell, Dieter, Bailey, Rainford, Thompson
Small Pox	1924	1	Beaver Twp.	Carlson
Small Pox	1925	7	Brook	Plott, Bassett, Lyons, Laffoon
Typhoid Fever	1925	1	Brook	Bower
Whooping Cough	1925	11	Goodland/Newton County	Dunn, Illingsworth, Lewellyn, McGraw, Schneidt, Avery, Brackett
Diphtheria	1926	3	Mt. Ayr/Morocco	Burton, Sullivan, Rolls
Measles	1926	2	Morocco	Shirley, Nelson
Scarlatina	1926	3	Kentland	Shepard
Scarlet Fever	1926	1	Ade	Honn
Small Pox	1926	2	Morocco/Roselawn	Porter, Brooks
Scarlet Fever	1927	6	Morocco/Brook/Lake Village/McClellan Twp./Mt. Ayr	Padgett, Corbin, Sheffer, Printy, Schanlaub
Small Pox	1927	17	Fair Oaks/Roselawn/Mt. Ayr	Scott, Batchelder, Ware, Gordon, Brunton Family, Gordon Family, Long, Miller, Fruz
Scarlet Fever	1928	11	Morocco	
Small Pox	1928	6	Lake Village/Lincoln Twp.	Tillison, David, Whitcomb, Baker,
Whooping Cough	1928	3	Washington Twp.	Gentry Family
Scarlet Fever	1929	4	McClellan Twp	Neibert, Sellers, Criswell, Bingham
Small Pox	1929	3	Grant, Washington Twp.	Whaley, Cobleigh
Measles	1930	1	Washington Twp.	Gifford
Scarlatina	1930	1	Grant Twp.	Meyer
Scarlet Fever	1930	2	Grant/Jefferson Twp.	Kinney, Bryant
Small Pox	1930	2	Washington Twp.	Warrick, Buswell
Measles	1931	18	Jefferson, Washington, Grant Twp.	Corbin, DeLong, Hutchinson, Burman, Busick, Cobb, Molter, Gifford
Scarlet Fever	1931	6	Beaver, Jackson, Jefferson Twp.	Herath, Elijah, Reed



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