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May the hard work, the foresight, the determination, the innovation, and the ingenuity of our pioneers continue serve as an inspiration to us in pursuing what we can of their work heritage.

We dedicate our work to their memory.

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What’s On Our Agenda . . .

The Newton County Historical Society meets every fourth Monday of each month, on the same day, the Family History Division meets at 1:00 at the Resource Center in Kentland and the Society general meetings are held in different locations in the County at 7:00 p.m. Local members are notified of the place and time each month. Don’t Forget - Memberships Make Great Gifts!!

New Resource Center Hours - all CST - Monday 11:00-3:00; Thursday, 1:00-5:00; Friday 11:00-3:00.

We’d Like Your Input!! We are looking for suggestions for stories, articles and pictures for our next edition of The Newcomer. We know that there are many stories of our past ancestors and their way of life that are just waiting to be told! This newsletter is designed to do just that!! If you would like to write an article, submit a photo, contact the editor or a member of our society.

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By Beth Bassett

The soft sand of the ceiling was prevented from falling in by means of split splints, which were spread on the ceiling and driven into the soft sand walls. The protruding ends were covered with small sticks or poles, shaped smooth on the upper side, to serve as a table, shelf and general “catch all.”

The greatest portion of this island consisted of sand dunes, which were continuously changing form by the action of the wind rolling wave after wave over the fine dry sand. Since the prevailing wind comes from the north-west, the western slope of these dunes was gradual, while the southeastern extremity was steep, almost perpendicular, the sand blowing over the crest line and falling down the abrupt slope forward.

One of the reasons why the beaver was trapped to extinction in the Beaver Lake Country was the demand for hats made of Beaver skins. The Beaver Lake country was the demand for hats made of Beaver skins.

Uncle Dave’s Cajun Meatloaf . . . . Lots of pepper that can be adjusted to suit your heat tolerance level.

SEASONING MIX

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MEAT MIX

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Combine the seasoning mix ingredients in a small bowl and set aside.

Melt the butter in a 1 quart saucepan over medium heat. Add the onions, celery, bell peppers, green onions, garlic, Tabasco, salt and pepper and stir occasionally. Continue cooking for about 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and allow mixture to cool to room temperature.

Place the ground beef and bacon in an ungreased 13 by 9 baking pan. Add the eggs, the cooked vegetable mixture (removing the bay leaves) and the bread crumbs. Mix by hand until thoroughly combined. In the center of the pan, shape the mixture into a loaf that is about 1 1/2 inches high, 6 inches wide and 12 inches long. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 25 minutes, then raise heat to 400 degrees and continue cooking until done, about 35 minutes longer. Serve immediately.
**Uncle Dave’s Apple Cake**

A rich and moist dessert that will make you famous in your circle of friends. Yield: 10 servings

- 3 c Flour, unbleached
- 1 ts Cinnamon
- 2 c Sugar
- 3 ea Eggs, beaten
- 1 ts Soda
- 2 c Sugar
- 3 ea Eggs, beaten
- 1/2 c Confectioners’ sugar as icing
- 4 c Apples, chopped small
- 1 c Nuts, chopped pecan or walnut
- 1/2 c Salad oil, (canola)
- 1 Med Cabbage -- sliced or wedge
- 1 t SALT

Mix dry ingredients- then mix in eggs and oil. Adjust moisture by adding water to make a spoonable batter (depends on juice in apples). Bake in ungreased tube pan or sheet cake pan. Bake 350 degrees for 1 - 1 1/4 hours. Cool then sprinkle with confectioners’ sugar as icing, allowing it to seep down into the cake. Let rest for 1 hour. Makes a meal.

**Uncle Dave’s Cabbage and Beet Soup**

A hearty and easy soup that balances the sweetness of the vegetables with a bit of lemon. Makes a meal.

- 1 Med Cabbage -- sliced or wedge
- 3 Garlic -- cloves minced
- 1 Qt Beets -- shredded
- 3 Carrots
- 1 Large Onion
- 2 Celery -- stalks cut in 3rds
- 1 Med Cabbage -- sliced or wedge
- 1 Qt Tomatoes
- 2 Tbs Lemon Juice
- 3 lb Bone – Boiling Beef/Marrow bones
- 2 Celery -- stalks cut in 3rds
- 1 Large Onion

Get your veggies ready. Slice beets and carrots, others go in whole. When stock boils, skim off top. Put in beets, carrots, garlic, and other veggies. Turn heat down to a simmer and keep lid on askew. After about an hour, put in meat and stir it back into the soup before serving.

Spring has come! And with it, we have had many visitors to the Resource Center. A group of Girl Scouts were there in hopes of earning a merit badge, an Extension Homemakers Club held their meeting there and last week three classes of 4th graders from South Newton Elementary School toured the building and watched a power point presentation of Beaver Lake with narration by Beth Bassett. We welcome all groups, so if you or your organization would like to visit us, please let us know.

Our February monthly meeting began with dinner at Monical’s - our group was small, so we visited, discussed where everyone had attended school and had dessert. Never fear, the “fun and games” that the program committee had planned for us will be used at a later date.

The Government Center in Morocco was the site of our March meeting. We were happy to have as our guest speaker, Bob Dewing of Kentland, who presented us with a program on “Newton County Implement Dealers.” This program was well received by the group with lots of questions and response by those present. At this time, Bob has collected information about 44 county dealerships. If anyone has other information he would welcome hearing from you. We thank Bob for this interesting and informative presentation.

The Family History Division is busy working with all Newton County 4th-grade students for our annual “Coloring Book Contest.” The students throughout the county are given one of our historical coloring books to use in their local history studies and then asked to color one of the pictures for the contest. Awards are given to all school winners at the end-of-school award day at their respective schools. The pictures are then displayed at the society’s fair booth at the Newton County Fair. This is a great project for both students and the society. Encouraging youth to enjoy Newton County history is an important part of the society’s goals.

The NCHS historical sign/marker committee met recently to discuss their plans for placing markers throughout the county. When the project is complete, they plan to develop a map and brochure that may be used for a historical drive through Newton County.

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Visiting the Beaver Lake Country is a level tract of muck land, three or four rods from the shore when six Indians dashed out of the woods, yelling and gesticulating furiously. He cast one glance to the northwest of the island. He had pushed the canoe with a pole and put on a new coat of emerald when spring put in an Indian canoe with a pole and making way for the island. He grew patches of May apple, Seneca Snake Root...and many other wild plants and flowers.

To a casual observer nothing would be noticed as grasses, bull rushes usually indicate soft, spongy ground; but he may have sheered to the northeast, as the objective landing of the horseman.

Yes, bull rushes usually indicate soft, spongy ground, but he may have sheered to the left and passed through the flags and calamus... continued within the pages of Mr. Alter’s book.

Chapter VI: The Black Marsh

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The Black Marsh Flora

Cattails, sets, grasses, and bulrushes are ranked among the most common plants of marshy, mineral-rich wetlands.

Cattails. Roots of the young plants (less than 18” tall), can be used cooked or raw by themselves or with vegetables. The cooked green flower spikes taste like corn on the cob.

Seneca Snake Root

Wild Onions

Spikenard

Wild Souraparilla

May Apple

WILLOW SLOUGH FISH & WILDLIFE AREA

1. Pogue Marsh
2. 3. Carol’s Point
3. 4. Mallard Hole
5. Deer Island
6. 7. Kankakee River
8. 9. Long Island
10. 11. Bay
12. 13. Goose Point
14. 15. Wildcat Island
16. 17. Deep Hole
18. 19. Spikenard
20. 21. 22. Bixby Woods
23. 24. Cypress Island
25. Deep Woods

The opportunity to take a walk through the woods and look for some of the trees and plants mentioned in other articles in this edition is right in our own backyard! Stop by the Resource Center at Kentland and pick up a Newton County map, then find your way to Willow Slough, The Nature Conservancy’s trails through the heart of the old Beaver Lake Country; follow a path through Conrad Station; visit the Holley Savannah located next to Northstar Cemetery in Jackson Township... Don’t forget your camera!!
Kentland

Explanatory. Some time since we de-
cided to plant corn, and the farmers in this county. Before making final arrange-
ments we engaged the services of Mr. John Ade, at their pleasant home.

Reception. One of the most pleas-

able and accommodating or clever men

in connection with his habits of industry and

sixty-two bushels of ear corn to town and

undertakes, so last Monday just to show the

Uncle Ad. Williams don't permit any

and cake 10 cents extra. Music and a good

of the most and the least will each be awarded

Tuesday. The couple weighing

300 pounds each will receive 50 cents extra.

A weight social will be held at the res-
cidence of Mr. John Ade, this evening.

Kentland excels in many of the admirable traits

that become a good business place and
delightful home.
A weight social will be held at the res-
idence of Judge Peter H. Ward on Thursday
evening, May 12th. The couple weighs 300
pounds, and the most and the least will each be awarded
prizes. 15 cent supper at 5. Sweets and cake
and 10 cents extra. Music and a good
time all evening. All are invited.

Uncle Ad. Williams don't permit any
of the "kids" to outdo him in anything he
undertakes, so last Monday just to show the
boys how it is done, he hauled at one load
sixty-two bushels of ear corn to town and
up into McCoy & Raiser's elevator with
the least of trouble. That's the kind of
grain, taken in connection with his habits of industry
and economy, that has placed him in the com-
fortable circumstances that he is. There are
few more accommodating or clever men
than he is.

Ration. One of the most pleas-
ant social events that has ever occurred
in Kentland was the reception given by Mr.
and Mrs. John Ade, at their pleasant home
on Carrol street last evening. It was the
celebration of the 40th anniversary of their
marriage and the Elitie of the city was pres-
ents. The house was brilliantly illuminated
with gas, and the floral decoration, while
not so much, were elegant. Covers
were laid for near an hundred and the deli-
cacies of the season served.

Lake Village

Mrs. Jennie M. Conrad (Daughter of Lemuel Milk) has on her farm in Lake
Township this county, about 400 acres of Rye, that surpasses in growth and general
favorable appearance, anything we ever
saw of the kind at this season of the year.

Mrs. C. knows just how to successfully su-
perintend a large farm.

Grandpa Floerl intends to have water-
melons and has planted about two acres.

Routelawn

Samuel McCorkle, one of the promi-
nent citizens of Lincoln Township, this
county, has recently returned from an ex-
tended visit to California where he went on a prospecting tour. Sam, with an eye to
business, says that Newton county is good
eough for anybody except angels, and a
scattering few of them might thrive in the
vicinity of his 1200-acre farm near Rose
Lawn. He has a fine farm, well improved, and appreciates it more after his trip through

Our large pastures are well filled with
cattle this year. F. R. Otis has about a 1,000,
Dick Hudson 800, Geo. Watts 1,100, Mr.
W. Gould 400, and a number of others range-
ing from three to down one hundred head,
this farm is excellent and cattle are fattening very
fast.

Mt. Ayr

Mr. Ben B. Miller of Jackson Tp.
Passed through Kentland this morning with
two very fine Norman Stallions, entoue to
Mr. Ayt.

Our boys have advanced so far in
shooting the marble, that they have con-
cluded to use croquet balls in their place.
The new church was dedicated last
Sunday, and $300 paid to raise the debt
off the church. Rev. Wm. Marsh, of Lo-
gansport, preached the dedication sermon.
This leaves the Mt. Ayr church free of debt.

Our business men got a "spell on
them," they tore all the side walks up, over-
hauled them and made quite a good many
new ones. We can walk now without being afraid of breaking our neck.

Moorake

Those who have visited Moorake for several years, would scarcely know the place at present. From the little village of a
few years ago, containing a few residences, John Ade's blacksmith shop and "Red Dog Bank", it has grown to be an incorporated
town of several hundred inhabitants, with some of the finest store buildings in the county, and the substantial bank of Ken-
nedly & Murphy with its fire proof vault, bargain proof safe and time clock takes the
place of Mr. ADe's Potato barrel.

The question of incorporation is agi-
tiating the citizens of our neighboring town
Brook and the merits and demerits of the
proposition are being discussed with a vigor
that portends a thorough knowledge of the sub-
ject in hand by every one interest, prior
to the time when they will be called upon
to cast their suffrages either for or against
the measure. A petition will probably be
filed with the Board of Commissioners at
their June session and a vote ordered soon
thereafter. There are many advantages in
being incorporated, and it is highly prob-
able that the citizens with their usual en-
terprise will sustain the petition at the polls
and Brook take front rank with other towns
of the county.

Mr. Haynes of the overseer of the new
tile works, is now a resident of our village.
The trustees of M. E. Church and B. F. Watts,
putting down a partnership well on
the line between the new parsonage and
the Cunningham residence.

Goodland

The State Carnival will take place at
McCurry's Hall, Friday evening, May 15th.
This entertainment will be given by the la-
dies of Relief Corpse, and promises to be
one of the "hits" of the season. If you are
desirous of seeing nice dresses and know
where to obtain the same you ought to at-

About one thousand people as-
ssembled on the banks of the creek east of
Goodland, Sunday, to witness the rite
of baptism administered by Rev. Jenkins of
the M. E. Church. There were about 40 in
number who selected immersion as their
method of gathering. In the cold north
wind and drizzling rain they did not falter
but chug along, and fulfilled the de-

In 1962, our Newton County Registered Nurses toured Eli Lilly in Indianapolis, left to right are Mary Farrell, R.N., Goodland; Head Nurse at George Ade Hospital Helen Borman, R. N.; Director of Nurses, George Ade Memorial Hospital Milt Lois Anderson, R. N.; Evelyn Evers, R. N., Staff Nurse at George Ade; Edith Dexter, R. N., 11-7 Supervisor; George Ade; Carolyn Morgan, Staff Nurse; Shirley Morgan, Private Duty; Dorothy Rowley, R. N. Surgery
Superior; Dorothy White, R. N., Newton County Public Health Nurse. - Photo contributed.
Our volunteers are experiencing more traffic on their days at the center. Visitors from Newton County, as well as out of state, have stopped in to view our displays and research our family files. We received many compliments regarding our building and our displays. Thanks to the members of our society and community, we continue to receive memorabilia from Newton County. We have had Tiger Scouts, Kentland Girl Scouts, Lake Village Third Grade and South Newton Fourth Grades classes tour the center. We had a number of local schools regarding our displays and county history. “Are there any famous people from Newton County, where are the guns we saw in the coloring book; what is the history of the St. Joseph Church?” Just a few of the challenges we volunteers take on! I would like to welcome Judy Schul-ke, River of History, Isaacs; Washington Townships, 1856-2006; Kentland Residents by ad-dress, 1840-1960; The Morocco Sesquicentennial, by Ron Carl-son, 1960; The Morocco Sesquicentennial (Mt. Ayr Settlement); by Drury 1955 Aerial Photographs; The Old Gold and Black-ness of microfilming 1929-1965. As current microfilms of editions become available they will be added to this collection. The Goodland Herald on microfilm only 1904-1955, The Lake Village Villager on microfilm only 1965-1975; The Rensselaer Times on microfilm only 1866-1877; The Rensselaer Republican on microfilm only 1886-1892; The Old Gold and Black-Morocco High School newspaper on microfilm early 1942-1956 (issues vary) few loose issues. We discovered a few copies of the Kentland Blue and White, and The School Guide within some of these rolls; Newton County Farm News-Newsletter of the Newton County Farm Bureau, loose copies – 1955 to January 1965.

Local History

Books in Library

1883 History of Benton, Warren, Newton and Jasper Counties, Index. 1916 Jasper and Newton County History, also index. 1890-1911 Newton County by John Adie, Newton County, 1985, general county history by townships; 2006 – Rescued, Shelby and Thayer Resources; 1916 At-tax of Newton County, Indiana; And They Named Her John, Brook Connell, History of the Schools of Newton County; New-ton County, Indiana by Debye 1955 Aerial photos; The Amish in America, 1940-1960 (Mt. Ayr Settlement); Kentland Centenni-al, 1960; The Morocco Sesquicentennial, 2002; Brook, Iroquois and Washington Townships, 1856-2006; The First 100 Years of Newton County, history of Newton County; J. Fletcher: The Kanka-kee, River of History, Issacs; Newton County's WWII Scrapbook, Carlson, index available; Quasqui Collections, - An Anthology by John Yost (articles re: Newton County); A Second Helping – Quasqui Collection by John Yost (articles re: Newton County). Miscellaneous County articles (copies of newspaper articles); Kentland and Family Notes; Miscellaneous information; Early photos of Lake Village, Lawbaugh Family Collec-tion, The History of The Great March on the Kankakee River; Morocco Centen-nial, 1851-1951; 100 Years of Good Life in Goodland. Centennial edition - Submitted Family Histories

Bowman, Bridgenman-Robert, Dart, De-ween; Hiner; Hoffman; James; Kenoyer; Kessler, Kessler-Goddard; Kindig; Light; Lyons, McCormack; Montgomery-Lyons-McCabe; Pudgett, Rainford; Rob-bins, Ed, Smart, John, Spaulter, Spaulter, John, Stilwel; Thomas, Bulk, William, Wolfe, Gerrich. Census on Microfilm Variety of Ohio 1790-1880s; 1850 Jasper County Federal Census; 1860 Newton and Jasper County; 1870 Newton and Jasper County; 1880 Newton and Jasper County, 1900 Newton and Jasper County (also on CD); 1920 Newton County; 1930 Newton County.

File Cabinet Materials

Contributed Newton County Family Histor-ies – vertical file; General Newton County History and Individual Township Informa-tion (clippings from newspapers, covering major topics) – vertical file; Lake Village School Records, 30s to 50s; Newton Coun-ty Service Discharge Records, Lake Vil-lage School Grade Cards, 1960s.

Other Materials

Index to Evansville Newspapers, 1860-1976, Clerk’s Office, The Newcomer, 1984-pres-ent. NCHS Newsletter; Newton County Cemetery listings, 1997 (also available online); Index Newton County Marriage Records, Brook/Erin/Erato/Mt. Mary, May 3, 1850-1980. June 13, 1971; WPA Birth and Death Re-cords; Family Group Sheets, Beardstown, family records; Newton County Plat Books, 1916; 80s; 1951; 1961; 1904 Newton County Map – depicts schoolhouse, cemeteries, land owners, Kentland Resistor (by ad-dress, 1890s); Nicknames of the 20th Ce-nury from the Morocco Area, by Ron Car-lson; 1820 Census of Indiana; 1910 Census; Census of Indiana Territory, 1837; 1898- 1940; Jasper County History; Mexico County (also available on line), Donna LaCrosse; 1900 Ohio Scrapbook, and Obit Scapbook and Index; History of Lake Village, March, 1949, Brook Reporter articles. Plus, much, much more!

– each trying to “hog” a share of the tasty milk. After the separating process, each time the machine had to be disassembled and washed, along with the milk pails. The chickens had to be fed and wa-tered and the eggs gathered. We always had a hen house full of layers, and our Mudder raised “fryers” and “broilers” in brooder houses. The chickens were purchased in earlier years, but earlier I remember a kerosene- heated chicken incubator which required turning the eggs daily. How many modern farm wives would tolerate a chick incu-bator in her dining room in cold weather as my Mudder did on one occasion? As a young boy gathering eggs, I remember the cantankerous “setting” hen who sat tight on her eggs and resisted your efforts to remove them. It’s no fun to be pecked by an angry old buddy full of maternal instinct! I believe we boys hated chickens even more than the milk cows.

A tool which was detested by farm boys even more than the pitchfork and scow shovel was the two-man crosscut saw. This saw was about five feet in length with an upright handle on each end. It had large teeth and, when sharp, would cut through a log rather efficiently if the operators on both ends were knowledgeable in the art of sawing heating wood with the crosscut saw. You were never supposed to push or “ride” the saw; the fellow on the other end pulled the saw this way and you pulled it back. I can still hear Dad say, “Don’t ride the saw, son, just pull it your way and I’ll pull it back.” It took a lot of wood to heat the small farmhouses of this peri- od, and the kitchen cooking ranges had a good adeptitude too. Most of the wood for the kitchen stoves required splitting as well. It was usually a boy’s job to carry in firewood and buckets of cobs for the stoves. Later, when times became better, we utilized coal for fuel, and this was a welcome relief from cutting and sawing wood.

Watch for more excerpts from Vic’s memories in upcoming editions of the Newcomer.
Looking back, I believe we three boys gave our sister Marge somewhat of a "hard time" in growing up. Since our younger sister, Marilou, was still quite young when we left home to serve in WW II, we were not in a position to subject her to the "cruel and unusual treatment" Marge may have suffered from three older brothers.

The great depression of the 1930's was in full bloom when we were in the lower grades of elementary school. Money was scarce. We had no electricity, no running water and no central heating on the farm in those days, but we did have loving and hard-working parents and lots of love from family togethered.

When I was in second grade of school, our parents purchased a farm consisting of 160 acres located on U.S. Highway 41 about two miles north of Morocco. We grew up to adulthood, and the stories which follow concern those years.

Farm Chores

Chores and More Chores

The term "family farm" was much easier to define in the early 1930's than it is today. Almost all labor on the average farm of this period was furnished by the farmer, his wife and their children. Farm chores were diversified in this period, and livestock of all kinds were raised. Draft horses (commonly called workhorses) were the source of much of the motive power for farming at this time, although farm tractors were becoming increasingly more dependable and efficient. Besides the horses, virtually every farm had milk cows, hogs and a flock of laying hens. Add a large farm garden, consider the fact that most homes were heated with wood and lit with kerosene lamps, and you can easily come to the conclusion there were many daily "chores" to be done - many by the children. My father said, "When it comes to chores, with one boy you get one boy's work, with two boys you get one-half boy’s work, and with three boys you get nil at all!"

Much of the time, the work horses were stabled in the barn and were turned to water and fed twice daily. Hay and straw were stored overhead in the haymow. After climbing the haymow ladder, loose hay and straw were stored overhead in the haymow. After feeding the milk cows and tidying up the stalls, it was time to milk.

When together, we often reminisced about the days of our youth and I suppose this may be yet another sign of becoming older.

Recently, I decided to attempt to narrate in writing some of the memories we have shared. I do not pretend to be a writer and my stories and experiences I relate are somewhat rambling in nature, and no doubt my writing style is lacking in expression. However, it is my hope that this narrative may be of interest to the casual reader - especially to those who grew up in the period in which we did.

We three brothers were born on a farm in Beaver Township, Newton County, to Robert and Dorothy (Kessler) Carlson. I was born in February, 1924, David the next year in 1925, and Ronald the following year in November, 1926. There is only a little over two years between us, and we were just one year apart in school. In 1929, a sister, Marjorie, appeared, and later, in 1940, when we brothers were in high school, our youngest sister, Marilou, was born.

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Visit to Turkey Foot Grove and Bull Foot Grove, Beaver Township

A photo submitted by Darlene Truby.

Submitted by Darlene Truby

On Wednesday afternoon, March 25th, Ron and Sue Humphrey and David and Darlene Truby drove to the former locations of two tribes of the Potawatomi Indians, specifically the tribes of Turkey Foot and Bull Foot.

We met Vic and Scott Carlson at the Protsman farm located on Road 600S in Beaver Township and walked back along the grove of trees known as Turkey Foot Grove. We told you that the ridge of high ground that goes through the grove of trees known as Turkey Foot Grove. Vic said that you used to camp in the woods near the ridge. Years later, Dr. Charles E. Terry Pass and his family live there. Turkey Foot gained some notoriety as a horse trail according to Elmore Vance, Benton County historian. (However, there are other versions of this legend.) According to John Ade, it seems Turkey Foot was visiting Bull Foot and the visit resulted in a quartet with Turkey Foot killing Bull Foot. Then, for revenge, Bull Foot’s son killed Turkey Foot. In keeping with the Potawatomi burial custom the two bodies were placed upright, back to back. and a pen build around them to keep away the wolves. Years later, Dr. Charles E. Terry Pass and his family live there. Turkey Foot gained some notoriety as a horse trail according to Elmore Vance, Benton County historian. (However, there are other versions of this legend.) According to John Ade, it seems Turkey Foot was visiting Bull Foot and the visit resulted in a quartet with Turkey Foot killing Bull Foot. Then, for revenge, Bull Foot’s son killed Turkey Foot. In keeping with the Potawatomi burial custom the two bodies were placed upright, back to back. and a pen build around them to keep away the wolves. Years later, Dr. Charles E. Terry Pass and his family live there. Turkey Foot gained some notoriety as a horse trail according to Elmore Vance, Benton County historian. (However, there are other versions of this legend.) According to John Ade, it seems Turkey Foot was visiting Bull Foot and the visit resulted in a quartet with Turkey Foot killing Bull Foot. Then, for revenge, Bull Foot’s son killed Turkey Foot. In keeping with the Potawatomi burial custom the two bodies were placed upright, back to back.

Editor's Note: This historic place is being considered by the Landmark Committee for sign recognition in 2010.

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Yesterday we were back to having winter!! It was the day Harold needed to see the Pacemaker professionals in Lafayette so that meant an early start toward the south. The rain on the windshield was mostly ice, the wind was very strong and cold, and we would have rather remained at home. He did get a good report – we know the “object placed in his chest” last December is certainly doing the job it is supposed to do. God is good!!

The display window at the Historical Society building has been done in a high school-alumni theme and that brings back fond memories of days gone by. I painted my first pair of senior cords in 1963 for my brother Larry, and then in 1966 for our oldest son Roger who was a senior at Morocco and I decided I could paint all that stuff the seniors wanted on their pants and skirts, so I gave it a try. Well, some of his football friends stopped in and saw what was happening, and I soon had a job, which increased after the football guys wore said cords to school! I can’t remember how many cords I painted – not only that year but for as long as North Newton allowed the wearing of cords, but it was fun and I am so glad I was able to do this for the young people in our area. At first, I was not going to charge a fee for painting but the parents would not stand for that and I think I painted each item for five dollars and the money I collected was spent on good china, a service for twelve with serving dishes and platter!! When I look at or use this china, I think of the tubes of paint I used and the hours I spent doing the job it is supposed to do. God is good!

The confusion is rooted in conflicting dates and information between census records and gravestone dates. Once my research about these two men and their lineage is more complete, I’ll post an update to this story.

Their sixth child was Mary Agnes (Maria), born in Wisconsin in 1857. She married Mr. J. B. Smith of Cooksville, IL. She died in 1937.

Their seventh child was Minnie (Anna Marie), born in WI in 1858. She married John Fisher in Newton County in 1879. (Uncertain as to year of death.)

As mentioned earlier, it is believed that as many as four children were stillborn to the family between 1858 and 1864. Their final child, Catharine, was born in WI in 1865. It is believed that her mother (Mary) either died giving birth to Catharine or very soon after. Catharine died in 1875, short of her eleventh birthday.

Other local Newton / Benton County Indiana families intertwined in the branches of the Steinbach Family tree include the Donohue, Fisher, Grogan, Horak, Kirsch, Martin, Prue, and Schoon families. David J. Steinbach@gmail.com.
The advertisement below came to my possession through e-bay a couple of years ago, through a search using George Ade. How unusual that two Newton County names would appear in the ad. However, after many hours of research, I have not linked A. Atwater Kent to our Newton County Kents.

The fact that George Ade endorsed his radio, makes me wonder if he had inquired with the manufacturer as to his "roots." Could be, who would know . . . You may say.

A bit of background reveals that in 1896, this Mr. Kent dropped out of Worcester Polytech Institute in Massachusetts to start his own business in his father's machine shop. They manufactured and sold electrical items. He later moved his business to Philadelphia, PA, where he manufactured electronic products including batteries and inter-communicating telephones. In 1906, Kent developed an ignition system for automobiles that integrated a series of weak sparks into a single hot spark. The Unisuperk soon became the industry standard. During World War I, this success awarded them a government contract to produce optical gun sights and fuse setters. In 1921, the company received a contract for 10,000 headsets, catapulting them into the ever-popular radio business. In 1922, he produced his first radio components, and in 1923, his first complete radio.

And, that is just the beginning of the history of Mr. A. Atwater Kent. Find out more on the web.

This ad hawks his radios that were the rage in the twenties. If anyone has a clue to this man's genealogy - we'd love to hear it!

Submitted by Beth Bassett

1. What was the Indian name of Newton County's Beaver Lake?
2. According to the Official Rural Farm Directory, Newton County, Indiana (1967 - 42 years ago) there were five elevators in the advertisements. Can you name them?
3. Can you name the school colors of the five previous Newton County High Schools, Brook, Goodland, Kentland, Morocco and Mt. Ayr? Can you name the school colors of the current North Newton High School and South Newton High School?
4. Can you name the mascots of the above seven schools?
5. Between 1870 and 1910, Kentland was – 42 years ago) there were five elevators in the advertisements. Can you name them?

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By Janet Miller, answers on page 19

A. Atwater Kent, Sr.
The History Of The Steinbach Family Taking Root in Kentland County, Indiana, 1868 - 1987

The history of the Steinbach family in Kentland, Indiana begins a little over 20 years before the family actually arrived in Newton County, with the immigration of Johann (1817-1894) and Maria (1816-1865) Steinbach from Prussia to the United States in 1846. They brought with them from Germany, two sons – Michael (1844-1900) and Matthias (1846-1911) – as well as Johann’s mother-in-law, Catharine Decker (1796-1875).

Quickly Americanized, the Steinbachs settled in Port Washington, Wisconsin, where “John” farmed and “Mary” kept house. Here were born six more children: Peter (1875-1879), Johnnie (1876-1879), Nicholas (1876-1879), and Catharine, it is believed that four other children were still-born.

Also in the early 1860s, Nicholas, who had come to live with their parents, where he purchased a farm 3.5 miles south-west of Kentland, IN (just outside of Raub, IN). Two sons were born; John (1863-1919) and Nicholas (1863-1919). In 1872, Michael married Barbara Kirsch (1854-1900) and their daughter Maria, other than she was born in Illinois and settled in Port Washington with their parents. Within a year of moving to Kentland, Michael Steinbach married his sweetheart Barbara Kirsch (March 19, 1869) in Newton County. For seven years, Michael farmed with his father in Raub, IN. Two children were born there to Michael and Barbara: Maria (1872-1895) and Edward (1873-1943). In 1875, Michael moved his family to Keen Lake, IL. There were three more sons born; Peter (1875-1879), Johnnie (1876-1879), and Nicholas (1876-1879). In 1879, Michael and Barbara moved to Chicago to live and work with Barbara’s father and mother who had moved to Chicago from Newton County for work opportunities. Tragedy struck the family in the form of a diphtheria epidemic which claimed Peter, Johnnie, and Nicholas with-in a matter of weeks of each other. The epidemic nearly took young Edward as well. However he found and drank an unknown potion to soothe his pain and survived.

In 1882, Michael had had enough of big city life and moved his family back to his father’s farm near Kentland. “Back Home Again in Indiana,” he worked as a carpenter and as a saloon-keeper with his father-in-law, Nicholas Kirsch who had also moved back to Indiana.

In 1900, Michael died, and was survived by his wife Barbara and two children – Edward and Amelia. Also in 1900, Barbara’s father and her Uncle Anthony, who had come to live with them there old age, also died. Both men are buried in St. Joseph’s Cemetery.

In 1907, Barbara moved with her daughter Amelia’s family (brief narrative to Iowa then Minnesota to help raise the children. Returning to Indiana in 1919, she continued to live with the family in Benton County until her death in 1925. She was buried along side of her husband Michael in St. Joseph’s Cemetery.

Concerning Michael and Barbara Steinbach’s Children

Edward was the eldest son of Michael and Barbara Steinbach, and had his daughter Margareta born in 1848 – 1870. He was married in 1872, moved with his family to Kanka kee IL and Chicago IL, before returning to Kentland where she lived until her death in 189 beburied. He was buried in St. Joseph’s Cemetery.

Their son, Edward, born in Kentland in 1873, also lived briefly in Kankakee and Chicago. Edward lived in Kentland from the family’s return in 1882 until his death in 1943. At the age of 12, he worked as a “printer’s devil” under Mr. John B. Spotswood, then editor of the Kentland Democrat newspaper. Mr. Spotswood was so impressed with his work, that he commented in the September 16, 1887 editi of the Kentland Democrat that.

“Edward Steinbach, one of the composers in this office, is attending school. He is a good and reliable boy, and he will find a place in The Democrat office waiting for him as soon as this term of his school work is over.

And indeed there was “a place” for young Edward. At the age of 18, he became the editor of the Kentland Democrat, and at the age of 29, he purchased the newspaper.

Edward viewed the newspaper as “the family printing business.” His mother Bar bara was his bookkeeper until 1907, and his sister Amelia worked along side of him, doing everything from typesetting to editing.

In 1906, Edward married Lillian M. Stewart (1877-1956) of Chicago, IL. They were the parents of four daughters: Caroline, Patricia, Barbara, and Sally. Carl and Cecelia lived in the family home at 4th Ave and Allen Street in Kentland, IN until their deaths in 1987. Both were buried in St. Joseph’s Cemetery.

Their third daughter, Anne Marg a ret (M) married Reuben H. (Pinkie) Carlson in Kentland, IN on November 25, 1937. The couple settled in Gibson City, IL where they raised three children: Carla, John Carlson, and Susan. Their youngest daughter, Maria Edward’s family helped out at the Democrat, the part Margaret played most touched the heart of the community. During World War Two, she edited a weekly column entitled “To You In Service,” one of the most fondly recalled columns by those who resided in the community and their loved ones serving in the Armed Forces.

Ward K. Bartlett wrote in “The Newcomer” that: “The Lens; As We See It.” The column was a highly valued touch of home for the G.I.’s from Kentland wherever they received it. This Kentland business men paid to have the paper sent to all of their sons and daughters from Kentland who were in the service. The column also featured many letters written to Mrs. Carl son by her son Edward. At the end of the war, the Democrat published profiles and photos of all of the servicemen and women who served from Kentland. These profiles were edited and designed to be collected into a permanent binder, and the end result is a remarkable compilation of one community’s involvement in that historic conflict.

That compilation is entitled “Keep Smiling,” written by Mrs. Margaret Carlson. Reuben Carlson died in 1985 and is buried in Gibson City, IL. Margaret travels between California and Illinois, according to the seasons. Edward and Lillian’s son, Edward (Jr.) followed as a newspaperman in his father’s footsteps. Between school and sports. He later placed in the daily op eration of the Kentland Democrat, running down stories, setting type, and getting the paper out to the community. Perhaps one of his favorite assignments came at the age of Edward Lillian Steinbach's Children

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Concerning Edward (Sr.) and Lillian Steinbach's Children

Their eldest daughter, Marie was employed with Northern Indiana Public Service Company for over 35 years. Marie lived in her home in 1964. She had not married. She was buried in St. Joseph’s Cemetery.

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