

FHD UPDATES



The Family History Division of the Newton County Historical Society held their monthly meeting at the new Resource Center in Kentland. Pictured, left to right, Bethel Kendall, Jeanette Hall, Director Jim Robbins, Harold LaCosse, County Historian Donna LaCosse and FHD Treasurer, Janet Miller. Not pictured, Beth Bassett (photographer).

The group is still working on the County postcard project, and discussion of the second reprinting by the society of "Ralph, the Story of Bogus Island" is on the table as well. Members are invited to join in on their fun and projects!

The Newcomer

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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 2:00 at the Resource Center at 224 N. Third Street 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!!

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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The Amish Settlements of Newton County

by Damon Howell

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While browsing through a bookstore, I came across a book entitled The Amish in America: Settlements That Failed, 1840-1960, by David Luthy, published by Pathway Publishers, Aylmer, Ontario - LaGrange, IN, 1985. Knowing that there were Amish that lived in Newton County at one time and also knowing that there was an Amish Cemetery in Newton County and even visiting it once, I picked up the book and began to browse through it. To my surprise, there was a section devoted to the failed Amish Settlement of Newton and Jasper Counties, Indiana. As I began to read, I realized that here was some valuable information about the Amish that once lived in Newton County.

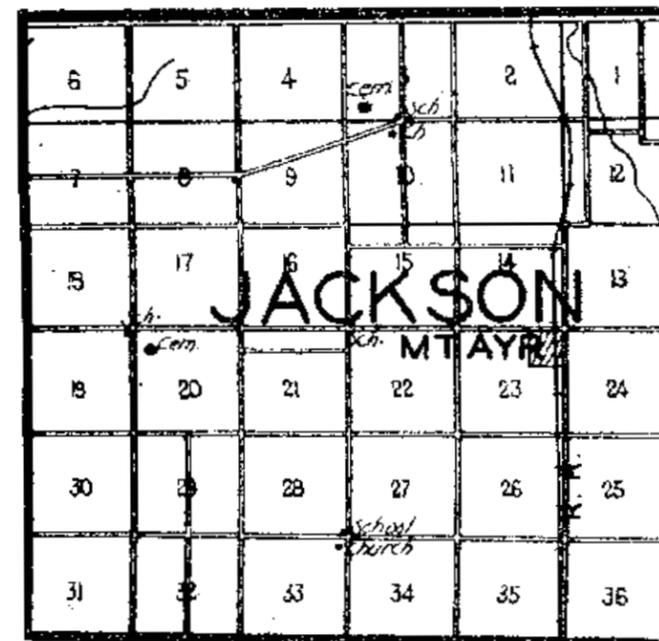
In the book, the author discusses 100 Amish Settlements in America that failed. Included in his book is the Amish Settlement of Newton and Jasper Counties, Indiana. He mentions that the Amish settled near Mt. Ayr in Newton County in the 1870's. He also lists the names of some of the earliest settlers to that area and where they resided before moving to Newton and Jasper Counties. He gives the names of the Amish ministers who served in the Newton-Jasper settlement, including their birth date, ordination date, who he was married to, and where each minister located after leaving Newton and Jasper Counties.

He states that the Amish lived in the Newton-Jasper settlement for nearly eighty years, from 1873 until February of 1955 when the last Amish family moved to Ohio. At its peak existence, nearly one hundred Amish families lived at this settlement at one time. At the end of the article he gives a thorough, if not a complete listing of the family names that lived in this settlement.

In 1997, David Luthy wrote a follow-up booklet entitled Why Some Amish Communities Fail: Extinct Settlements, 1961 - 1999, published by Pathway Publishers, Aylmer, Ontario, LaGrange, IN., 1997. In it he states that a single factor or a combination of factors can cause a particular Amish settlement to fail. He cites nine factors: 1) Poor Land and Weather Conditions; 2) Schooling Confrontation; 3) Changing Church Affiliation; 4) Unrealistic Location; 5) Government Requirements; 6) Church Problems; 7) Temporary Residency; 8) Not Enough Families; and 9) No Ministry.

According to the author, the Amish Settlement of Newton and Jasper Counties failed because of a combination of basically two factors: weather conditions and changing church affiliation. He states that in the early 1890's, very dry weather and very wet weather resulted in such poor crop production that the Amish began to look elsewhere to live. He also states that the Amish Settlement lost several of its people to another local church congregation. Over the next several years then, the Amish Settlement of Newton and Jasper Counties would shrink in number and eventually disappear by February of 1955.

Follows is the article about the failed Amish Community of Newton and Jasper Counties by David Luthy. It fills in a lot of unanswered questions about the Amish in Newton County. Also included are excerpts from past issues of a newspaper called "The Sugar Creek Budget" that are relevant to Newton County. Many of the entries to the newspaper from Mt. Ayr talk about the weather, the crops, who came to visit, who went to visit and who is returning from a visit. In addition, they also provide valuable insights



Early Newton County Census records indicate that the Mt. Ayr Amish Settlers occupied land in several sections of Jackson Township, primarily north and west of Mt. Ayr, including Sections 27 and 34 in Colfax Township. The Amish Cemetery is located in Section 20.

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into the Mt. Ayr Amish Settlement such as businesses, buildings and activities. It is interesting to note that by 1900, entries came from Brook, Goodland and Morocco, in addition to Mt. Ayr, indicating that the Amish had branched out from their initial settlement around Mt. Ayr.

The Amish can trace their beginnings to the Protestant Reformation in Europe in the 16th century. Challenges to reform the church of Rome were led by Martin Luther. Another reformer, Ulrich Zwingli, also offered new ideas. In 1525, a third group of reformers not only had new ideas that challenged the church of Rome but also the reforms of Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli. Because of this, this third group was persecuted for their ideas. To escape persecution, they fled to Switzerland and southern Germany. This third group became known as the Swiss Brethren/Mennonites. In 1683, disagreements over beliefs within this group led to a division. Jacob Amman was one who broke from this group to begin a new group. These followers of Jacob Amman were called Amish. By the 18th century, many of Amman's followers or Amish, had emigrated to the United States. They first settled in eastern Pennsylvania in response to William Penn's invitation to his Pennsylvania Colony which provided religious freedom to all. From there, they spread across North America, primarily settling in the Midwest. Today, the largest Amish settlement in North America is in Holmes County, Ohio, followed by Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and the Elkhart-LaGrange counties in Indiana.

The Amish value the traditions of their ancestors in manner of worship, dress, farming and lifestyles. They believe that as God's people, they should disassociate themselves from worldly ways. For these reasons, the Amish teach separation from the world and simplicity in their lifestyle. Because of this resistance to modernization, Amish men wear beards and wide-brimmed hats and women wear plain dresses and bonnets. They refrain from the use of electricity in their homes and travel in horse-drawn buggies. They farm their fields with horses and their education is limited to eighth grade. They worship in homes like their ancestors did and not in churches. Although they can speak English, they also speak Pennsylvania Dutch (German), which contributes to their distinctive lifestyle. Though these are general characteristics of the Amish, these characteristics can vary slightly from one Amish community to another.

Amish Settlements of Newton and Jasper Counties, 1873-1955

Reprinted from the book

Amish Settlements that Failed By David Luthy

Among the earliest residents of Newton County were Jacob A. Kauffman (1837-1916), Benjamin D. Miller (1819-1905), Eli J. Stutzman (1847-1928), Abraham A. Troyer (1846-1906), and Nathan Chupp who was born in 1825 and is said to have moved to Newton County in 1873. These settlers had all been born in Holmes County, Ohio, but at least some of them had resided in other Indiana settlements before moving to Newton County.

About 1876, Bishop David H. Hochstetler (1818-1885) migrated to the new settlement from his former home near Bremen in Marshall County. This large Hochstetler family played an important role in the settlement's early history. In later years the Anderson family was an important one. There was a direct connection between the two families, for the first Amish "Anderson" was married to Bishop Hochstetler's daughter Lovina. Her husband John Anderson,

The Sugar Creek Budget.

1890

THE WEEKLY BUDGET.

1891

The Sugar Creek Budget.

1905

The Sugarcreek Budget.

1906

The Weekly Budget.

1917

THE BUDGET

1955

THE BUDGET

2006

The Ever-Changing Masthead of The Budget

Read excerpts from The Budget in Pages of The Past on page. About the Amish Newsletter, The Sugar Creek Budget

In his article, David Luthy mentions a newsletter called *The Sugarcreek Budget*. This was a weekly newspaper that was published in Sugarcreek, Ohio and contained brief reports from Amish communities throughout North America. Correspondents from various Amish settlements kept track of local newsworthy events such as births, deaths; marriages, weather, crops etc., and sent the information to the editors in Ohio. They in turn would edit and print the material into a newsletter that was mailed to the subscribers in the various Amish communities.

The Sugarcreek Budget was founded in 1890 in Sugarcreek, Ohio as a bi-weekly local paper to serve the Sugarcreek community. By 1891 it became a weekly newsletter. It thus became a means in which the Amish stayed in touch with other friends and relatives in other Amish communities. The newsletter was about four to six pages in length. About two to three pages were devoted to news from the various Amish communities. Another two to three pages were devoted to general news items, poems, and stories. Advertisements for clothing items, household goods, health remedies, farming supplies, etc. were sprinkled throughout the newsletter. Subscription to *The Budget* was fifty cents per year. *The Budget* is still printed today and contains over 40 pages. *Submitted by Damon Howell.*

whose name at birth in 1852 had been "Augustus Walbus," was originally from Denmark. He had left his native land at age twenty-one to escape military service. When he arrived in America, he went to Chicago where he obtained a job working for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. He adopted the "Anderson" name from his foreman. Apparently he thought "John Anderson" sounded less foreign than "Augustus Walbus."

The B. & O. Railroad was constructing a track in Indiana which ran through the Amish settlement at Bremen-Nappanee. While working on that stretch of tracks, John Anderson had boarded at the home of Bishop Hochstetler and fell in love with Lovina. When the Hochstetlers moved to Newton County, John followed them there, joined the Amish Church, and married Lovina on

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People, Places & Things JaLeen Bultman-Deardurff.

I became acquainted with JaLeen when she and I worked together at the *Morocco Courier*, which I believe would have been about the mid 80's. At that time, she was living in Morocco with her husband, Doug, son of Tom and Almedia Deardurff; she spoke often about publishing the stories that were running through her mind. After she left the *Courier*, we lost touch. However, late in the winter, I received a letter from her explaining that she had submitted a manuscript to Publish America, which they had accepted for publication. She wanted me to know that I was included on a mailing list that she submitted to them for use upon completion of the book, giving me the opportunity to purchase a copy.



A few weeks later the letter came, and I purchased a copy for myself, as well as for the Resource Center in Kentland. Since she is a former Newton County resident, and a member of a long-time Newton County family, it was appropriate that we have a copy on our local writer's shelf.

The story centers around Jennifer Andros, a gifted 19th century violin teacher with a passion for music. She is about to inherit the responsibility of Andros Conservatory for Gifted Children. She's also in love with Adam Creager, but she has a terrible secret known only to Jake, an ex-slave who would give his life to protect her. *The Music Teacher* is a tale of love, intrigue, mystery, and unconditional friendship.

JaLeen met her husband, Doug, of 30 years in Morocco, IN where they lived until moving to Rensselaer in 1993. They have two children, Heather and Jeff, and one grandson, Jakob, all of whom live in Northern Indiana. JaLeen grew up in Watseka, Illinois, but annual visits to her great-grandparents' farm in Coesse enabled her to establish roots near Columbia City that would inspire the setting and characters (the Creager Family) in her novel *The Music Teacher*. Of course this is not the first time JaLeen has been published. Her work *Gremlin: Dog First Class* was published in the recent *Chicken Soup* book, *Chicken Soup for the Dog Lover's Soul*.

The book is available online, www.publishamerica.com; bn.com and amazon.com. You may also contact her via e-mail at jaleend@yahoo.com. We look forward to the sequel, which she tells

me is "in the works." *Submitted by Beth Bassett.*

NCHS UPDATES

The Society has been moving right along, with monthly meetings being held throughout the county on various topics, including the history of the Rotary Club of Kentland, presented by Ron Humphrey; Jim Robbins gave a presentation on Guns and Weapons of the early days; and most recently a show and tell session was held with members bringing their artifacts and memorabilia for discussion.

The move is in progress to our new Resource Center located in the old Grab It Here building at the corner of US 24 and Fourth Streets in Kentland. Members are packing up the old place and moving our "treasures" to the new location. An complete inventory will begin as soon as all items are relocated. We had the help of local scouts from Troop 149 of Brook and their leaders one Saturday afternoon with the moving of our bound newspapers. These individuals were Cliff, Sandy and Neil Riley, Stephen Blaney, and Chas, Vicki and Jason Triplett. They worked very hard on a very hot day, and their help is greatly appreciated. At our new location, we will have much easier access to these many volumes which hold valuable local history.

The fourth grade class from Roselawn Elementary toured Kentland and the new Resource Center. There wasn't much inventory at the new location, but Jim Robbins and the public relations committee did an excellent job showing a few artifacts and sharing our history with the youth.

The scholarship committee, consisting of Barbara Gerbracht, Kay Babcock, Ron Humphrey, Janet Burton and Mike Haste have presented the McCray scholarships to two county seniors this spring. The scholarship is awarded to a senior graduate who has submitted an essay to the Newton County Historical Society regarding local history. This year, the North Newton winner was Kevin Wiseman, who wrote about the 1956 Morocco High School Basketball Sectional winners; the South Newton winner was Andrew Wayne Thomas, who wrote about his father, Steve Thomas and the Steve Thomas Field located at the corner of Ade and Lincoln Streets in Kentland. The scholarship is funded through interest earned from the monies collected from the sale of the McCray home and contents. Memorials and contributions are accepted for this fund. For more information, please contact Barbara Gerbracht.

Answers To Do You Know?

*By Janet Miller
Questions on page 3*

1. The three "towns" that were located in Iroquois Township were Brook, Foresman, and Julian. The two "towns" that were located in Washington Township were Ade and Beaver City.
2. According to Brook historian, Aaron Lyons, the origin of the name of the town of Brook came from two dirty little creeks, namely Odle Creek and Carpenter Creek. Today Odle Creek is known as Darroch Ditch and Carpenter Creek is known as Hunter Ditch.
3. The two Civil War memorials found in Brook are: the Civil War Monument located in McKinley Park, dedicated on September 15, 1909 and the bronze memorial tablet located in the Brook-Iroquois Public Library, dedicated on October 12, 1915.
4. The mausoleum at Riverside Cemetery is called Brook Abbey and was constructed in 1912.
5. The eight one-room schools that were located in Iroquois Township were: Julian, Salem, Hickory Branch, Duffy College, Griggs, Iroquois, Schuette and Foresman Schools.

People, Places & Things Kent Station, 1868.

Kent Station, 1868

A Reprint of *Kent Station 1868, Book Title*

H. C. Chandler & Co.'s Business Directory For Indiana.

The capitol of Newton County, on the Columbus, Chicago & Indiana Central Railroad, fifty-six miles from Logansport and four from the Illinois state line. It is surrounded by a rich and well cultivated country. Large quantities of grain and stock are shipped from this place annually. It was laid out as a town in 1860 and now numbers about 600 inhabitants. It has three churches, two hotels, good graded schools, &c. It also has two weekly newspapers, which receive a liberal support, and are adding much toward building up the place, both morally and intellectually.

Attorneys

Herkvey, O. P. – See Card
Rose, Wm. C. – See Card
Spotswood, J. B.
Wallace, James – See Card

Billiard Saloon

Nichols, P. and J.

Blacksmiths

Kite, M.
Learning, C.
Parker, Peter

Boots and Shoes

Hubertz, John
Rettinger, C.

Carpenters and Builders

Hawkins, B.
Prue, Charles
Sager, David
Van Dyke, John

Claim Agent

Wallace, James - See card

Drugs and Medicines

Phelps and Lewis
Smith and Waeben - See card

Dry Goods

Ross and Perry

General Stores

Arnout and Brothers
Cones, C. B.
Kent, A. J.

Root, Sylvester

Groceries and Provisions

Allan, D. H.
Cunningham & Brothers
Friday, G. W.

Hixson, J. A.

Williams and Park

Harness and Saddles

Vanatta, J. R.

Hotel

Jones and Brothers, props.

Land Agency

Wallace, James - See card

Machinist

Presher, J

Newspapers

Newton County Gazette, J B

Conner, editor and prop.

Newton Democrat, J B

Spotswood, editor - See card

Physicians

Beckner, J. F.

Hatch, J. A.

Postmaster

Peacock, John

Railroad Agent

Lucius, Radcliff

Restaurant

Nichols, P. & J. props.

Sewing Machines

Weed Sewing Machine Co,

A. J. Kent, agt.

Tinsmith

Smith, D. W.

Wagonmakers

Kite, M.

Learning, C.

Parker, Peter

Note: See Card refers to another mention in the book, possibly a paid advertisement.

The Spittler House <from page 17>

Upon his discharge he returned to the farm. He married Mary Roberts in Veedersburg June 22, 1952, and they lived on the family farm in Washington Township until they moved to 320 E. Holley Drive in Kentland March 1991. A celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary was held at the Covenant Federated Church in Kentland June 2002.

Ruby Whaley's great-grandfather, Thomas Buswell, married Rebecca Spitler who was a sister to Zechariah Spitler, one of the earliest settlers in Newton County. William and Phyllis Weston lived in the house from 1972 to 1982. Maynard and Ruby Whaley owned the "Spittler House". Maynard and his family lived there for eight years. The youngest son, Duane and family lived there for several years. Daughter, Dolores Walkup and family lived there for a year and the older son, Lawrence and family lived there in 1985. Ruby Whaley died in 1994 and in September Arthur Clark bought the home.

It is interesting to note that Maynard Whaley's grandfather, John Fredrick Whaley, and his brother James L. Whaley were both Union veterans in the Civil War, while Ruby Denney Whaley's grandfather, George Daniel Buswell, was a 2nd Lieutenant who fought with General Jackson and her great-grandfather, Thomas Buswell, was a Lt. Colonel in the Confederate Army. The first person to be buried in Buswell Cemetery was Thomas Buswell in 1884. George Buswell died in 1888. John Whaley died in 1896 and James Whaley died in 1904. All are buried in Buswell Cemetery. Two other Confederate veterans buried there are Wesley Buswell and Peter Miller. Two other Union veterans are Aaron Kenoyer and Henry McFarland. Tradition tells us that this is the only cemetery in the United States that has the same number of graves of Civil War soldiers for each the North and the South. ■

NEW INFORMATION NOW ON OUR WEB SITE!! Additional Cemeteries that were walked in 1997 are now on-line. Bookmark our site, more additions coming soon!

Historically Yours

By *Newton County Historian*
Donna LaCosse

The Mount Ayr Alumni Association has just held their annual meeting and for once the gym at the Morocco Elementary School was cool and made for a comfortable evening. There were 158 for dinner and others came after the meal just to visit and listen to the music.

Roy Geesa, who graduated in 1966, brought his *Cool City Swing Band* from Indianapolis to entertain us with music for both listening and dancing enjoyment. He, and his wife, joined other members of the 1966 class in celebration of their 40th graduation anniversary.

Next year the Alumni Association will be 50 years old!! That is history in the making!! Our first meeting was in 1957 and there were almost 300 people in attendance. I had gotten the association started by spending two years, with the help of the principal Harold C. Hougland, finding addresses of the graduating members and writing them letters to see if they were interested in having an alumni association. Then I went out on a limb, set a date for the first meeting, found someone who would cater the affair and hired a band. All went well and has been going great-guns all these years.

On May 10, our grandson, Daniel LaCosse, graduated from Purdue University, That was exciting and sad at the same time. He left on Sunday before Memorial Day for Mississippi to spend forty days training to meet the enemy and then he will be going to Iraq for at least a year. I would rather he stay on this side of the pond, but Uncle Sam has other plans for him. All our prayers will have to be with these young men until this stupid war is over and they are home again.

We also became great-grandparents on May 23. Our granddaughter, Natasha and Robert Smith presented us with Isaiah Lee who has the thickest head of black hair I have ever seen!! This is our second great-grandson; our first, Clay will be three in September, so Christmas should be a really fun time around our tree this year.

I had the good fortune of being given "stored" materials from the Colfax Ladies Aid this past spring and I have had such fun!! I found in one of the secretary books that I had become a member of that organization the summer of 1947. I had forgotten ever belonging to that club but now I remember that I joined so I could drive my mother to the monthly meetings! She did not drive and I

was waiting for my beautician license from the State of Indiana so I could get my shop opened, so was really at loose ends at that time. I did enjoy the different people who were members, many who have since passed on to the great Ladies Aid in heaven, however a few of us remain here with no Colfax Ladies Aid existing.

In February 1948, I invited the members to come to our wedding on March 12 and a year later in June, they held a baby shower for me so "poor little Roger" would have something to wear!! I can hardly wait to finish reading the rest of the minutes. Who knows what else I will find out about my activities during those early years?

The summer activities of grandchildren visiting and reunions to attend are still ahead for me to think about, plan for and engage in, so it is another busy time for me, and I am sure, for all of you. Enjoy the summer months – it won't be long until the snowballs will be falling and the Christmas decorations I have not found time to put a way, will already be out and the decorating will take less time.

The Brook, Iroquois and Washington Township Sesquicentennial Collection, 1856-2006, is out and is a great history for future relatives and residents to enjoy. The people who worked on that book can pat themselves on the back for a job well done! I only wish the Mount Ayr, Jackson Township and Colfax Township book was near completion and I am still hoping people will want to share their family histories. Perhaps it will all take shape before long and become a reality.

Until next time, keep on making history and sharing it with those of us who will listen. What seems to be just a part of your everyday life needs to be shared because it will be interesting reading for lots of people someday!

Publications for Sale

Hiestand's Archaeological Report on Newton County, 1951 \$5.30
Beaver Lake, Land of Enchantment, \$10.60/\$21.20
Ralph, The Story of Bogus Island, \$5.30
The Morocco Sesquicentennial Collection, 2002, \$63.60
The Newton County Historical Coloring Book, \$5.30
Past Issues of The Newcomer, Yearly Collections \$10.60
Price includes tax, but not shipping and handling.

Do You Know Your County Of Newton? By Janet Miller

Answers on Page 19

The questions for this column are taken from the recently published book, Brook, Indiana, Washington and Iroquois Townships, A Sesquicentennial Collection 1856-2006.

1. Can you name the three "towns" that were located in Iroquois Township? Can you name the two "towns" that were located in Washington Township?
2. Do you know the origin of the name of the town of Brook?
3. Newton County has three memorials dedicated to the memory of Civil War veterans. Two of these memorials are located in Brook. Can you name them and where they are located?
4. The Riverside Cemetery east of Brook has a mausoleum. Do you know the name of the mausoleum and the year it was constructed?
5. In the early days of our county, one-room schools were the place of learning. Can you name eight one-room schools that were located in Iroquois Township?

W.W.W.

Who-What-Where . . .

some inquiries to the Society from our web site - www.rootsweb.com/~innewton

Scott Harmon, P. O. Box 216, Goodland IN 47948 is seeking information regarding his great-grandfather, Albert **Ropp** and Eva (Drake, aka Seltz) **Yont**, married Sept. 10, 1897. He is also looking for family information regarding Eva's mother, Elizabeth **French**, living in Morocco. He thinks that Elizabeth's father was Henry French, and mother Julia Ann **Winter**.

Emma Whitnah, 42490 Old Foothill Rd., Richland, OR 97870 <schwanke@pinetel.com>, is working on ten surnames. **Armstrong, Bell, Belliville, Britton, Evans, Fred, Halstead, Foster, Perry, Plummer**. Her great-grandmother was Katie Bell who married Francis Marion Britton. Her parents were George W. and Annie (Plummer) Bell. She plans a visit to Newton County, soon, and has used our web site to locate family names in our cemeteries.

November 2, 1880. It is interesting to note that he had married the daughter of the settlement's first bishop, and with time his son, Albert Anderson, would serve as its last bishop.

Fifteen Ministers

Bishop David H. Hochstetler and his married sons and grandsons, who lived near Mt. Ayr, must have resided quite close to one another, for when Eli Hochstetler built a house north of town on his father's farm in 1892, the community's letter in *The Sugar Creek Budget* stated: "They will soon connect their town with Mt. Ayr."

That same year saw the formation by the Hochstetlers of a foundry and machine shop, known as "Dutch Foundry." It was reported in *The Sugar Creek Budget* that D. Hochstetler was president, A. Hochstetler, vice-president, and E. Hochstetler, treasurer. Four weeks later it was reported that "The Dutch Foundry is nearing completion and will soon be ready for action. *Now bringet ire oda ota un grickt se gaffickt,*" ("Now bring your old stoves and get them patched.")

The "D. Hochstetler" would have been Bishop Hochstetler's son, David Junior, for Senior had died on December 30, 1885. Replacing him as bishop was his son, Valentine D. Hochstetler. Altogether fifteen Amishmen are known to have served in the ministry in Newton and Jasper Counties. Following are their names and some facts about each:

- 1. David H. Hochstetler:** was born Aug. 9, 1818 and married Susanna Yoder about 1840. His ordination dates are not known, but his name appears among the ministers and bishops who attended the nationwide "Diener-Versammlung" in 1862, 1864, and 1865 with his address then at Bremen, Ind. He died at Mt. Ayr on Dec. 30, 1885.
- 2. Abraham A. Troyer:** was born June 5, 1846 and married Sarah Eash about 1869. Was ordained a minister in 1879 in Newton County. Moved to LaGrange Co., Ind. in 1884 where he was ordained a bishop the following year.
- 3. Valentine D. Hochstetler** (son of No.1): was born Nov. 22, 1848 and married Mattie Hattery. His ordination dates are not known, but he must have been a bishop by 1890, for records show him commonly uniting couples in marriage in Newton County in the 1890's. Moved to White Cloud, Michigan in 1899.
- 4. Simon D. Hochstetler** (son of No.1): was born March 10, 1845 and married Catherine J. Miller on Jan. 25, 1866. His ordination date as a deacon is not known, but he was first listed in that capacity

in the 1909 Mennonite Yearbook. By 1911 he moved to Howard County, Ind.

5. David B. Miller: was born Jan. 1, 1845 and married Susanna Yoder about 1868. Moved there from Nappanee, Ind. His ordination dates are uncertain but he is thought to have been ordained a bishop by 1901. Died at Mt. Ayr in 1912. The cemetery was on his farm and called "Miller Cemetery."

6. Isaac N. Chupp: was born Jan. 9, 1858 and married Magdalena Miller, widow of David Yoder, on Jan. 30, 1879. Was ordained a minister sometime before 1894. Moved to Gibson, Mississippi in Feb. 1896.

7. Eli L. Miller: was born Jan. 16, 1863 and married Mary J. Yoder on April 3, 1884. Ordained a minister in Newton County in November 1900. Died July 2, 1936 at Nappanee, Ind.

8. David D. Nissley: was born Oct. 6, 1860 and married Anna D. Miller on Oct. 28, 1883. She died in 1887 and he married Fanny Ann Keim on Feb. 16, 1890. Was ordained a minister in 1900 in Oklahoma. Lived in three Michigan settlements and Montana before settling in Newton County about 1922, where he died Sept. 22, 1935.

9. Emanuel E. Hershberger: was born Oct. 30, 1869 and married Cora Etta Chupp on Jan. 11, 1894. Ordained a minister in 1908 in Jasper County with the Parr address. Moved to Goshen, Ind. about 1922 where he died in 1941.

10. David D. Helmuth: was born Dec. 18, 1876 and married Fannie J. Kauffman on Jan. 19, 1902. Ordained a minister in Newton County in 1921. Moved to Kokomo, Ind. about 1933.

11. Albert J. Anderson (grandson of No.1): was born March 2, 1887 and married Susan Miller on Jan. 1, 1913. Ordained a minister in Jasper County in 1924 and a bishop in 1925. Moved to LaGrange Co., Ind. in the fall of 1950.

12. Rudy S. Hochstetler (son of No.4): was born March 10, 1885 in Newton Co. Married Elizabeth Thomas on Dec. 14, 1910. Moved to Exeland, Wisconsin in 1912 where he was ordained a minister on Sept. 23,

1913. Later moved back to Newton Co. from Hazelton, Iowa about 1937. Moved to Goshen, Indiana in 1949.

13. Daniel V. Yoder: was born Aug. 15, 1849 and married Fannie B. Miller on Jan. 6, 1872. Moved to Newton County sometime before 1875 where he was ordained a minister at an unknown date. After his wife died on Oct. 31, 1901, he married Mary Borkholder,

People, Places & Things

The Spittle Home and Ralph Collen

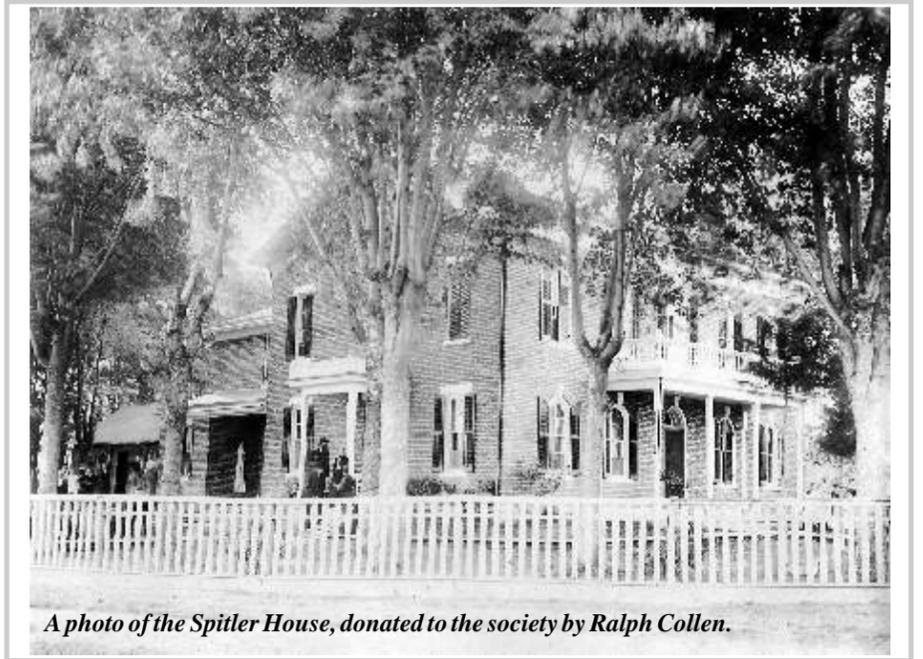
The Spittle House and Ralph Collen- by Nancy Jo Prue

The following transcript is from notes taken by Nancy Jo Prue, March 30, 2006, as told by Ralph Collen. Additional information is from the Newton County History Book, 1985. An 8 x 10 picture is now donated to the Newton County Historical Society of the "Spittle House" that Ralph has had in his home at 320 E. Holley Drive for many years. The triple story brick house, still stands just north of the Mt. Zion Church on the west side of County Road 500 West back up a long lane. It was modeled after the Spittle Plantation in Virginia called "White Hall" and built by Zechariah Spittle. The original deed from Arthur Clark states that it was ready to move in to in the spring of 1865.

Zechariah Spittle was born March 18, 1817 and came to Washington Township in 1838 from Virginia at the age of 21. For two years he was deputy sheriff of Newton, Jasper and Benton Counties. He was appointed a member of a committee of three in 1857 to lay out and establish the boundaries of the new Newton County. He was the first Circuit Court Clerk (a Democrat) of Newton County and began serving April 10, 1860-1864. He owned a lot of land when he died July 21, 1905 at the age of 88.

Zechariah married Sallie Rider, (born December 7, 1818) a native of Pennsylvania, on September 22, 1842. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary 1892. Sallie died November 28, 1908. They were the parents of eight sons: Daniel born July 2, 1843 and died July 22, 1884; Mann born September 6, 1845 and died August 12, 1911; William born March 22, 1848 and died February 2, 1892; Henry born August 5, 1850 and died August 10, 1923; John R. born December 14, 1852 and died October 4, 1864; Zechariah born March 24, 1855 and died July 24, 1921; George Marion born March 23, 1857 and died April 17, 1929; and Joseph Wesley (Wes) Spittle born September 8, 1859 and died May 18, 1946 at the age of 86. All are buried in Buswell Cemetery, Washington Township.

Joseph Wesley (Wes) Spittle, a carpenter, married Mary (Molly) DeArmond, who was born March 12, 1859 in Okeana Butler County, Ohio, the



A photo of the Spittle House, donated to the society by Ralph Collen.

daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Ann DeArmond. Samuel and Elizabeth had five other daughters: Isabell (Ib) born July 9, 1851 and died January 5, 1932; Henrietta (Reta) born April 8, 1854 and died March 12, 1930; Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie) born August 6, 1856 and died March 27, 1948; Margaret Hanna (Margie) born November 24, 1861 and died October 17, 1949; and Caroline (Carrie) born April 12, 1864 and died June 21, 1949. Mary died August 26, 1958 at the age of 99.

Joseph (Wes) Spittle was a carpenter who built the house that still is across from the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church at 11250 South 500 West. Charles and Betsy Collen bought the house in 1877. John Cain added the kitchen and Guy Smith added four more rooms on the east.

Charles Collen married Betsy Townell, both from England in the early 1870s in Will County, Illinois. They resided in Will County a short time then they moved to Newton County. They were the parents of three children, Minnie born in 1876, Albert born in 1878 and Thomas born in 1880. Charles Collen died in 1885. After the death of Charles the family moved back to Will County, staying there but a short time. They then moved back to Newton County to their original home that they bought in 1877. Betsy Collen lived there until her death in 1935.

Minnie Collen married Winton Jacobs. She died in 1930. Thomas Collen married Blanch Light. He died in 1952. On December 25, 1904, Albert Collen married Essie Spittle, oldest daughter of Joseph Wesley Spittle and Mary DeArmond. They had three children, Perry born November 29, 1908, Dorothea born October 27, 1910, and Ralph born March 18, 1917. Albert and Essie Collen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 25, 1954. Albert died in 1957 and Essie died in 1974.

Perry Collen married Imogene Gerrich in Morocco. They had two daughters, Phyllis born February 26, 1938 and Sharon born August 24, 1947. Phyllis married Richard Bonggen December 29, 1957. They were the parents of one daughter, Beth Ann, who was born August 13, 1964 and died August 21, 1968. Sharon married James Baer in September 1967. They have a son, Brian, born September 15, 1974 and a daughter, Jame born July 18, 1977. James Baer is now deceased and Sharon is married to Walt Wilson. Perry died March 1, 2002. Dorothea never married. She died in 1991. Ralph Collen served 46 months in the United States Air Force during World War II.

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Letter from Indiana
Mt. Ayr, Ind., July 11, '92.
Budget Budget:— A few more lines for your interesting paper. Weather warm and pleasant. Rain is over now. Ben Shrock of Elkhart county is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. D. L. Yoder.
D. Helmuth is erecting a new house this summer, the wall having been commenced lately. Dan is a-mong our best carpenters.
The milk separating and butter factory is not such a tremendous success as some predicted. Some have stopped selling their milk and concluded they can make more by making butter themselves.
Dan L. Yoder is unusually pleasant now because it's a business day by day.
Mose Chupp is so busy engaged all the time that he hasn't time to do anything.
Cats and bay crops are very promising.
Farmers have commenced putting up hay.
Corn prospects are not very good on account of too much rain.
T. Shrock is on the sick list.
Dan Stutman is engaged in hauling milk to this place. Dan would make a good Omaha driver yet.

Letter from Indiana
Mt. Ayr, Indiana,
October 10th, 1892.
A few lines for the Budget. Weather pleasant and somewhat cool.
Corn husking will soon begin. A cover frost last week finished the corn, although nearly all of it was out of danger.
Rev. M. Hershberger and wife, of LaGrange county, gave us a pleasant visit lately.
D. Helmuth's new house will soon be ready for plastering. Dan will have one of the finest residences in this vicinity.
Rev. V. Hochstetler and wife and N. Yoder went to Douglas county, Illinois on business.
We forgot to mention in our last letter that M. Chupp moved back to LaGrange county some time ago. He moves about every time the moon changes.
Rev. D. Hershberger, of Howard county, gave us a pleasant call.
Tobe Shrock is making arrangements to move back to LaGrange county again. This country does not suit everybody.
J. B. Miller, our genial Superintendent of Public Works, gave the German Reformed school home a complete over-hauling and will soon be ready for business. Joe, is the best officer we ever had; we will try and elect him Trustee this fall.
Will the Kansas correspondents please give market price of grain the next time they write? Such enormous crops don't pay if they get no price for it. S.E.

Excerpts from The Budget submitted by Damon Howell

Mt. Ayr, Indiana,
March 18th, 1892.
Daniel J. Stutzman and wife returned last Saturday from their two months' visit to friends in Ohio. Abraham Kaufman is at home from his visit to friends in Illinois. Mrs. Ell Huston, who had been on the sick list for some time, is again able to get around.
J. J. Miller, of LaGrange county, Indiana, is visiting friends in this community in just few weeks.
J. B. Miller and wife are spending several weeks among relatives in Davison county. They expect to return home next Tuesday.
Weather has been fair the past few weeks excepting that we had several snow storms.
Wheat looks well throughout this community.
Damon's Son.

Mt. Ayr, Ind.
Oct. 12, '91.
Ed Budget:— A few lines from this part of the Budget may be of some interest to a few.
The weather is pleasant and although very dry, other residents claim it is the driest time they ever saw. Wells are giving out that never did before.
A milk wagon might run about a month ago and it will probably encounter a coat amount of good soil, and it is hard telling what it will stop unless a heavy snow will take place.
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Yoder are visiting acquaintances in Elkhart county.
A religious list has been organized to erect a large dairy and cheese factory at Mt. Ayr, the separate one from fresh milk, and is now doing a large business.
Excursions to Morgan City, one dollar for round trip, two trains of ten coaches each, all loaded to its utmost capacity.
All the old readers should give and no hard robe left for the readers.
An annual account of wheat has been given here last fall.
Daniel Stutzman and David Troyer, from Elkhart county, Va, gave us a pleasant visit.
The late communication of Georgia county, it would miss good outline for a western farmer. If I only had a photo of it.
Damon's Son.

Pages of The Past

Excerpts from *The Sugar Creek Budget* give a closer look at life inside the Mt. Ayr Amish Settlement.

Weather. Last week it was colder than it had been for ten years; 20 degrees below zero on Friday morning. -Jan. 21, 1895.

We are having very nice winter weather with little snow but no sleighing. - Jan. 31, 1895.

We have had nice weather until the 10th when a snowstorm set in and continued several days. On the 12th there was about one foot of snow on the ground and in the morning the thermometer measured 4- below zero. - Jan 24, 1895.

Crops. Farmers have commenced cutting wheat and rye. Newton County is no wheat country, although wheat is excellent this year, what little there has been sown, and has done well the last few years. - July 9, 1891.

An unusual amount of buckwheat will be sowed this summer, as it got too late to plant corn after the rainy weather had ceased. - June 30, 1892.

Considerable corn to husk yet which was an unusual big crop this year. - June 2, 1896.

Oats are headed out, which is a splendid crop, although some rust is found and some is going down on account of being too heavy. - July 2, 1896

Corn is about all husked, which was a big crop, and is selling at 15 cents-per bushel. - Dec. 17, 1896

Businesses. A company has been organized to erect a large dairy and cheese factory at Mt. Ayr, (to separate the cream from fresh milk) and is now doing a large-business. - Oct. 15, 1891.

The milk separating and butter factory is "not such a tremendous success as some predicted. Some have stopped selling their milk and concluded they can make more by making butter themselves." - July 21, 1892.

R.B. Miller has the slate business in his hands. Hope he will make a success of it. - July 2, 1896.

The Mt. Ayr Creamery is running in full blast. - May 7, 1896.

Humor. We have been told E. Stutzman bought another farm. He now has several hundred acres. Pretty good for an "Ohio Boy." - Mar. 17, 1892.

D. Hochstetler thinks of moving to

The Sugar Creek Budget - The Amish Newsletter, transcribed by Damon Howell

Mt. Ayr and be a city chap for a while. - Sep. 29, 1892.

We noticed some kind of a windmill at Rev. Valentine Hochstetler's. Felty is getting up in style. - Jan. 18, 1894.

We have been told that Ben J. Miller is now the owner of a bank. But on close investigation found that it's a sand bank. - Jan. 18, 1894.

Relocations. Tobe Schrock is making arrangements to move back to LaGrange County again. This country does not suit everybody. - Oct. 20, 1892.

M. Chupp moved back to LaGrange County some time ago. He moves about every time the moon changes. - Oct. 20, 1892.

J.A. Kaufman has moved back to this vicinity. - Dec. 22, 1892.

Jacob Schlabach of Holmes County, Ohio is here looking for a place to locate. - Jan. 31, 1895.

Buildings. Considerable building is to be done this summer and financial prospects are brightening everywhere. - Mar. 17, 1892.

D. Helmuth's new house will soon be ready for plastering. Dan will have one of the finest residences in this vicinity. - Oct. 20, 1892.

D.Y. Miller has now a hay and straw barrack of the latest style. - June 30, 1892.

As I have not seen any news from this place for quite awhile, I will write or the readers will think that this place is dead; but it is not. It is booming and the people are tearing down their old-houses, and replacing new ones as fast as they can get men to do the work. - March 9, 1893.

B.B. Miller's barn is about completed, which is the biggest barn in Jackson Township. - July 2, 1896.

The new elevator at this place is nearing completion. - July 30, 1896.

V.S. Hochstetler and M.D. Miller are busy sawing timber; they intend to put up a new house this month - Feb. 20, 1902.

Phineas D. Miller has just completed his new wagon shed. - September 27, 1902.

Colfax. J.T. Yoder has purchased another farm and now intends booming the "Colfax sand hills." - Jan. 14, 1892.

Dan Stutzman moved to Colfax to herd cattle. Dan thinks of being a cowboy for a while. - March 17, 1892.

A.B. Miller moved to Colfax to help

boom that country. - March 17, 1892.

Annianias Miller thinks Colfax will soon be settled up now since they have a little Colfaxer. - Sept, 29, 1892.

Annianias Miller has bought a farm of 120 acres in Colfax for \$1,500. - Dec. 22, 1892.

Rumors. Proposed happenings were reported in the newsletter.

There is some talk of a new railroad at this place; a line has been laid out, crossing the C. & E. I. coal road at this place. This road would be of great benefit to this country, should it be built. - March, 21, 1901.

A beet sugar factory is to be erected the coming summer at Shelby. Acreage will be planted through this section. They offer \$4.00 and upwards per ton. - March 21, 1901.

Cattle. Seven carloads of fat cattle were shipped from here on Tuesday. - Jan 24, 1895.

B.B. Miller shipped five head of fine Polled Angus cattle to Kansas City, to the great stock sale, which is to take place about March 20th. Theses were perhaps as fine cattle that were ever walked up the cattle shoots at this place, and will without doubt bring Mr. Miller a fair price. - Mar. 21, 1901.

Employment. John Miller is working on the Tollan Ranch. - April 30, 1903.

Activities. Ice cream festivals are becoming popular among the Dutch. - August 23, 1894.

Festus Chupp and his lady friend, Lizzie Lehman, attended the German Medicine Show in town last evening. - July 31, 1902.

An ice cream supper was given at the home of C. Schwartz yesterday evening. Thirty-two of the young folks were present and all report a good time. - September 18, 1902.

Reer Bodle and Simon Yoder went to the Kankakee River on a fishing expedition. - September 18, 1902.

There was a party at J. B. Stutzman's last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Fannie Gingerich. - December 11, 1902.

The Misses Mary Knepp, Amanda Miller, Frances Miller and Ike Stanley were on a fishing expedition to the Kankakee River today. - September 10, 1903.

widow of Moses B. Miller. Had public sale on Feb. 3, 1903 and moved to Nappanee, Indiana.

14. **Jonathan "Joni" B. Mullet:** was born Nov. 27, 1886 and married Millie Miller on Sept. 9, 1910. Ordained a minister in Newton County in 1916. After his wife died Feb. 14, 1920 he married Martha Byler, widow of Gideon Detweiler on Dec. 1, 1921 in Geauga Co., Ohio where he moved and was ordained a bishop in 1922.

15. **Daniel J. Stutzman:** was born Sept. 3, 1872 and married

The Move to North Dakota

A variety of acts featuring North Dakota, Max Bass and The Great Northern Railway appeared in *The Sugar Creek Budget* in the mid to late 1890s. All of the ads promoted the features and benefits of relocating to North Dakota. Many of the ads made reference to the Homestead Act.

This Act was a law passed by Congress in 1862. It provided settlers with 160 acres of free land in exchange for living on the land and improving the land within five years of the grant. The Homestead Act attracted thousands of settlers to the West. Several of the Amish of Newton County were part of these settlers who took advantage of the offer by relocating to North Dakota.

An advertisement that appeared in *The Sugar Creek Budget*, February, 1897 enticing Amish to relocate to North Dakota. Max Bass, the General Immigration Agent appeared at the bottom of the advertisement. He paid a visit to the Mt. Ayr School as mentioned in *The Sugar Creek Budget*, Feb. 21, 1895: "Max Bass, the North Dakota emigrant agent made a speech in the schoolhouse on the 14th, and told the people all the good things of the northwest." Several families from Mt. Ayr relocated to North Dakota.

The North Dakota Colony

Max Bass, the immigration agent, wrote articles that appeared in *The Sugar Creek Budget* touting the benefits and advantages of settling in North Dakota. Several Amish families from the Mt. Ayr area relocated to North Dakota. This article appeared on the front page of *The Sugar Creek Budget*, August 6, 1896.

"Through the efforts of the undersigned the first colony of Amish Brethren in that state, was located at Island Lake. The colony now consists of twenty

families and several single men. A church has been organized with two ministers. Most of the colonists settled on free government land and there is room for others. The members of the colony are anxious to have friends and Brethren of the east and south to join them and take advantage of the homestead law while there is a chance to do so.

These free lands produce as much or more than the high priced farms in the

SPECIAL NOTICES!! **FREE LAND** IN THE **TURTLE MOUNTAIN** **FOREST RESERVE** IN **North Dakota.**

This reservation consisting of several townships, is now open to settlement. Good timber, fine farming and grazing land, excellent hay meadows, beautiful lakes full of fish, game in abundance. A rare opportunity

A new bulletin containing letters from new settlers will be ready for FREE distribution in a few days. Send for copy, postpaid.

MAX BASS, General Immigration Agent,
Great Northern Ry.,
220 So. Clark St. (Chicago, Ill.)

East. No fertilizers are needed. Why tenant eastern land when a farm can be had in North Dakota by occupying and improving it?

The Great Northern Railway has no lands for sale in North Dakota. It invites home seekers to visit that state and pick out their own locations. A comparison of the soil, crops, etc., of the Turtle Mountain Country and Devil's Lake District with other parts of the state is asked. It is not going into a strange country, among

Elizabeth Chupp in Newton County on Jan. 28, 1894, where he was ordained a minister in 1912 and a bishop in 1919. The Mennonite Yearbook of 1922 listed him at Shipshewana, Ind. and the following year's edition listed him at Nappanee, Ind.

Miller Medicine Company

During 1893, some letters written in poetic form from the Amish settlement in Oregon appeared in *The Sugar Creek Budget*. <from page 5>

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strange people, without church privileges to locate at Island Lake. A cordial welcome will be extended to all newcomers. More people means better church and social facilities and benefits.

No one is asked to locate there before investigating the country. Its advantages are so many that all we ask is an investigation. Go there and talk to the farmers; examine the products, look over the livestock and poultry, and you will say the people already there, have cast their lines in pleasant places.

For further information address Max Bass, 220 So. Clark St., Chicago, IL."

Max Bass - Immigration Agent

Max Bass, the immigration agent for The Great Northern Railway, was influential in encouraging Amish from Mt. Ayr and other Amish settlements to relocate to North Dakota. He made an appearance at the Mt. Ayr School on February 14, 1895 as noted in *The Sugar Creek Budget*. In the book, *The Amish In America: Settlements That Failed*, p.321, David Luthy wrote the following about Max Bass.

"The person most responsible for attracting the Amish settlers to Rolette County was Max Bass who worked as an immigration agent for the Great Northern Railway and had an office at 200 South Clark Street in Chicago. From that location he visited Amish settlements where he vividly described the many opportunities in North Dakota. He placed advertisements regularly in *The Budget* between 1896-1899 and corresponded with many prospective settlers. People liked Max Bass. He was honest and helpful."

For Sale, Cheap! A first-class Blacksmith shop, in a prosperous little town; with or without tools and stock. For particulars call on or address, **MR. HOCHSTETLER,** Mt. Ayr, Ind.

Other writers decided to do the same-among them Joseph C. Miller of Newton County. He was twenty-one and not yet married. He wrote the following poem:

If they all write rhymes,
I will too, sometimes.
Now let me see,
What shall it be.

Oh, now I know,
If you will place it in a row;
And what I do write,
You may print nice and bright.

D.J. Stutzman, they say,
Put in ten rods of tile in one day.
He done the work with a spade,
And by the day he was paid.

For J. T. Yoder he done the work,
As neat as if done by an expert.
Now gentlemen, give him a call,
And he will work for you next fall.

Stutzman to comment in *The Sugarcreek Budget* that "Bissel ebbes nix is besser ve gor nix," ("A little bit of nothing is better than completely nothing.")

During 1893 oats did well, but wheat was almost a complete failure due to drouth. The farmers could not plow soon enough for winter wheat on account of dry weather. The wheat was late being sown and did not mature well. The corn crop that year was a half crop.

Besides being faced with poor crops in 1893, the farmers were confronted with severe financial problems. A depression, "The Panic of 1893," had struck America affecting farms as well as businesses. Prices dropped so low that farmers felt as if they were giving their livestock and produce away.

With such a gloomy financial scene at hand and also poor crops, many Newton County settlers began to think of moving elsewhere. In the October 25, 1894 issue of *The Sugarcreek Budget*, the Mt. Ayr correspondent wrote: "Several men from this place started for Texas on Tuesday to hunt a location to start an Amish settlement. They will stop in Oklahoma." No mention was made of who they were. But the Aylmyra, Arkansas correspondent revealed their names, saying: "Benjamin Miller and son Ananias, and Isaac Chupp of Newton County, Indiana made a flying trip through this country; they were bound for Oklahoma and Texas."

In another letter it was reported: "Ben Y. Miller sold his farm for \$55 an acre. Ben, as well as many others from this place, has a high fever for Oklahoma."

While some settlers were interested in Oklahoma, others were considering North Dakota. Max Bass, the North Dakota land agent, was in the community on February 14, 1895 and gave a talk in the schoolhouse.

B.B. Miller is building a barn,
And he thinks it will do no harm.
His son, Rudy, is doing the work;
As fine as if done by a town clerk.

320 acres Eli Yoder has bought;
And it was very cheap he thought -
About \$20 an acre he paid,
But it is a little wet, he's afraid.

It will soon be corn planting time,
So you may put this in rhyme.
Well my poor scribbling I must end,
Or to the wastebasket it will be sent.

Yours Truly, J. C. Miller
Looking For New Homes

The early 1890's were a period of unrest in the settlement. Crops did not do well, and prices were low. The fall of 1891 was very dry-so dry that the old timers claimed it was the driest they could remember. Wells were giving out which had never gone dry before. Six months later during the spring of 1892, the weather had reversed itself. It was so wet that oats had to be re-sown, and the corn was never planted, so buckwheat was sown. None of the crops did well that year, prompting Eli J.

A SURE AND GUARANTEED Cure For Hog Cholera.

The Ben. B. Miller Medicine Co (Amish), of Mt Ayr, Ind., make the only specific that will not only immunize your swine if fed as directed but will cure hog cholera without fail. This Remedy has been tested thoroughly from first symptoms to last stages of Cholera, with prompt cures every time. No hog raiser can afford to be without, and it is the owners fault if he loses his swine after reading this advertisement. Write the Company for particulars; they have hundreds of testimonials from breeders and farmers, which show it to be an absolute specific for Hog Cholera. Address, THE BEN. B. MILLER MEDICINE CO., Mt. Ayr, Indiana.

The "B.B. Miller" mentioned in the poem was Benjamin B. Miller (1847-1928) who was a son-in-law of Bishop David H. Hochstetler. Ben was the producer of a special medicine for hog cholera and frequently advertised it in *The Sugarcreek Budget*, above.

WHY NOT?

WHY NOT investigate the opportunities offered to Farmers and Stock Raisers in N-O-R-T-H D-A-K-O-T-A?

You are not going among strangers in a strange land by a trip to North Dakota. There are now sixteen settlements of Brethren along

The Great Northern Railway.

Left, Another ad that appeared in *The Sugar Creek Budget* urging the Amish to make the move to North Dakota.

In that same month, John T. Yoder decided to go to Hawthorn, Florida on account of his wife's poor health. Plans were to stay a month if the climate seemed to help her tuberculosis. Enos D. Yoder and Eli S. Beachy accompanied the Yoders on their trip. When Eli S. Beachy returned from Florida, he wrote a letter to *The Sugarcreek Budget*. It reveals the tensions that existed between the new settlements-each "blowing its horn" trying to attract settlers, and in the meantime offending residents of other settlements.

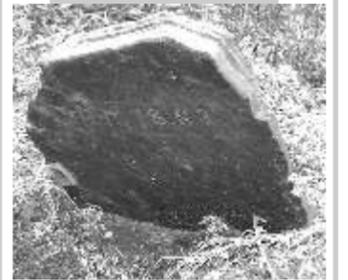
Beachy stated: We left Florida on the 19th of Feb. and arrived home on the 22nd. John Yoders are down there yet, and the last we heard from them, Mrs. Yoder was improving in health. Now concerning that country, I will not brag on it, neither will I condemn it. The cold weather done great damage there this winter, and taking everything in consideration, we decided not to go there, but we expect to see that lovely country of Oklahoma, where the people suffer so much (or as M.S. Miller says they do), before fall. If what Mr. Miller says about Oklahoma is true, it is all right; but if not, I can't see where that duty came in at for him to write what he did. We would like to know why he didn't write about them North Dakota par-

About The Cemetery Data

Historical Society members in 1997 finished their cemetery transcription project. Researchers today are grateful for the hard work and dedication these volunteers gave at that time. All other Newton County Cemeteries are also available on line at our web site.

Row	Plot-Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Inscription
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14	MILLER, Mary ?Frey MILLER, Jesse D. MILLER, Elizabeth Helmuth MILLER, David B. Illegible (Cement) R.D.M. S.D.M. D.D.M. D.M.	Oct 1895 28 May 1885 22 May 1897 { 1 Jan 1845 }	?28 Mar 1916 8 Apr 1951 10 Nov 1959 24 Mar 1916	Wife of John D. ae 71
15	? CHUPP, Illegible (Cement) Illegible (Cement) CHUPP, Nathan CHUPP, Lydia CHUPP, Fannie CHUPP, David YODER, Annie	12 May 1862	17 Dec 1902	Wife of N. * Age 79 Y. 5 M. 9 D.
16	YODER, Irene FREY, John S. MILLER, ? MILLER, ? WEYGARDT,	{ 13 Oct } 1917 17 Sep 1865 24 1808 3 Aug 1810 15 Mar 1851	{ 18 Oct } 1938 1 Jan 1934 1906 1905 1877	Age 88 Y. 7 Mo. 17 Days
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	Unmarked Graves (?no stone) BARKEY, Infant Son		22 Nov 1921 22 Nov 1921	Son John P/Martha Emma (Kirlinski) died Roselawn -bu Menonite Cem.
	(?no stone) ANDERSON, David S.	25 Dec 1914	25 Dec 1914	Son Simon J/Sarah (Mullet)
	(?no stone) ANDERSON, Infant Son	9 Jan 1915	9 Jan 1915	Son Albert J/Susie (Miller)
	(?no stone) CHUPP, Infant Dau.	Sep 1893	18 Oct 1893	
	(?no stone) CHUPP, Sylvia	23 Feb 1915	17 Mar 1918	Dau Ira/Katie (Youtsman)
	(?no stone) HELMUTH, Clarrie D.	10 May 1910	15 Jul 1910	Dau David/Fannie (Kaughman)
	(?no stone) HOCHSTETLER, Edna V.	3 Nov 1916	5 May 1917	Dau U.S./Fanny
	(?no stone) MILLER, Ada	28 Mar 1916	16 May 1916	Da

Most Unusual Stones

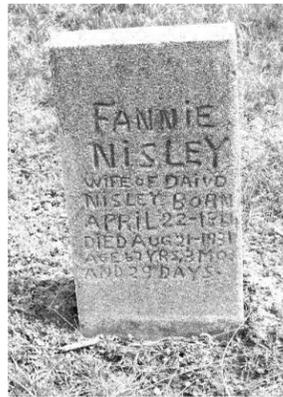


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**AMISH
CEMETERY DATA**

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Fannie Nisley
Hand Carved - (Row 2)
Wife of David Nisley
Born April 22, 1864
Died August 21, 1931
Aged 60 Yrs,
3 Mos. and 29 Days



**Amanda
Hochstetler Anderson**
Most Recent Stone (c1997)
Nov. 8, 1886
Apr. 21, 1971
Row 6



Oldest Stone
**Amanda
Catherine Hocstetler**
1825 - 1844
Wife of S. D.
Row 12

Row	Plot-Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Inscription
5	MILLER, Mary	1865	{12 Mar} 1920	Wife of Eli L.
	MULLET, Millie	30 Dec 1891	14 Feb 1920	Wife of Johni B.
	Illegible (Cement)			
	Illegible (Cement)			
6	ANDERSON, Amanda Hochstetler	8 Nov 1886	21 Apr 1971	
	ANDERSON, Minno	12 Feb 1892	7 Oct 1957	
	ANDERSON, Simon J.	2 Jan 1883	25 Jul 1957	
	ANDERSON, Sarah B. Mullet	17 Sep 1884	10 Aug 1949	Wife of Simon
	ANDERSON, Jonas S.	{3 Sep} 1922	{13 Sep} 1939	
	ANDERSON, Wm. S.	{21 Aug} 1910	{15 Jan} 1934	
	ANDERSON, Lovina H.	{20 Mar} 1861	{16 Jan} 1939	{M/N Hochstetler}
	ANDERSON, John	6 Dec 1852	20 Jan 1921	Age 69 Y. 1 M. 24 D.
	ANDERSON, Isaac S.W.			
	Illegible (Cement)			
7	HELMUTH, Daniel	1842	{28 Jan} 1921	
	?	1919	1920	
	HELMUTH, Jonas(?Carrie)	18 Jun 1904	18 Dec 1904	Age 6 Mo.
	Illegible (Cement)			
8	Illegible (Cement)			
	MILLER, Levi M	29 Jun 1839	25 Dec 1905	Age 66 Yr. 5 Mo. 4 Da.
	YODER, Catherine	8 Jan 1873	17 Aug 1896	
	YODER, Annie	2 Jul 1887	16 Apr 1888	
	Illegible (Cement)			
9	HARSHBERGER, Baby		17 Feb 1896	
	HARSHBERGER,	12 Mar 1905	20 Aug 1905	
	HARSHBERGER,	2 Aug 1908	13 1908	
	Illegible (Cement)			
	CHUPP, Simon	2 May 1853	12 May 1925	
	CHUPP, Mary Cline	18 May 1856	26 Jul 1925	Wife of Simon
	CHUPP, Salome Slabaugh	24 Feb 1858	2 Feb 1916	
	CHUPP, Simon		17 Jun 1909	Son of S. & S.
	CHUPP, Miles Oscar	Aug 1886	14 Jun 1888	Son of S. * Aged 1 Y. 10 M. 12 D.
	Illegible (Sandstone)			
	CHUPP, Forrest	Oct 1874	12 Dec 1876	Son of S. * Age 1 Y. 1 M. 11 D.
	THOYER, H. Roma		Sep 1882	Son of * Age 1 Y. 8 M. 22 D.
9	Illegible (Cement)			
	Illegible (Cement)			
10	LEICHTY, Vertie	8 Sep 1917	10 Nov 1917	Dau. of Sam & Clara
	MILLER, Joseph P.	13 Sep 1841	31 Jul 1917	Age 75 Y. 10 M. 17 D.
	MILLER, Harry	1891	1897	
	MILLER, Barbara	1848	1888	Mother
	MILLER, Amanda	1884	1887	
	MILLER, Katie	1881	1886	
11	Illegible (Cement)			
	ANDERSON, Ruby			
	MILLER, J.N.			
	ANDERSON, Son			Son of A.
	Illegible (Cement)			
	Illegible (Cement)			
	?		1886	
	?		10 1886	
12	HOCHSTETLER, Irvan	1927	1944	Son of Rudy & Lizzie
	Illegible (Cement)			
	HOCHSTETLER, Ezra	21 Jan 1884	1909	Age 30 Y. 10 M. 2 D.
	HOCHSTETLER, Catherine	1825	1844	Wife of S.D.
	Illegible (Cement)			
	Illegible (Cement)			

ties that went after wood and were snowed in that they could not get home for nearly a week, or is that another false report?

A certain man from Newton Co., Ind. was in North Dakota the time we were in Florida, and the day he got there he started to go 16 miles in the country, and after going 6 miles he went back to keep from freezing. He was asked what chance there was for a poor man there, to which he replied, "A poor man has a good chance to stay poor all his life time . . ."

Now Oklahoma has its faults, but it don't take as much bragging and exaggerating to get people there as North Dakota . . . let us not run down other countries to build up our own..."

"A Rolling Stone"

Five months after Eli S. Beachy's letter appeared, the Newton County correspondent announced in August, 1895: "Quite a number of farmers have sold their farms and intend to move to Mississippi." Sometime during the preceding months the land seekers' interest had switched from the West to the South.

Enos D. Yoder's decision to move to Mississippi is a good example of how difficult it was for the people to make up their minds where they wanted to relocate. After investigating Florida and many other states, he decided to remain in Newton County. The settlement's correspondent announced in *The Sugarcreek Budget*: "Enos D. Yoder has bought a farm consisting of 160 acres for \$6,000. He had sold his farm some time ago, and has been all over the western states hunting up a better location, but came to the conclusion that he would better stay in Newton County." But as it turned out, he was among the first to buy a farm in Mississippi. Just three months after it had been reported that Yoder was not leaving the community, the Mt. Ayr correspondent stated: "Our Southern home seekers returned from a flying trip to Mississippi. They seem to be well pleased with the country. Enos D. Yoder has bought a farm there of 107 acres."

Altogether there were eight farmers who had sold their properties and were moving to Gibson, Mississippi. Following are their names and the prices they received for their Indiana farms:

Family Head	Date Land Sold	Acres	Price
1. Eli S. Beachy	May, 1895	320	\$9,000
2. Ananias B. Miller	Nov., 1895	120	\$2,350
3. Noah B. Mullet	July, 1895	195.3	\$7,136
4. Enos D. Yoder	Feb., 1895	80	\$4,500
5. John T. Yoder	Nov., 1895	53	\$ 809
	Jan., 1899	?	\$8,600
6. Eli V. Yoder	Aug. Dec., 1895	?	\$13,240
7. Daniel J. Yoder	Dec., Dec. 1895	120	\$4,600
8. Emanuel N. Hochstetler	(No land records; perhaps had rented)		

The farmers received about \$50 an acre for their farms. Land in Mississippi was selling from \$10 to \$20 per acre and could be rented as cheaply as \$1 to \$3 an acre.

A special immigrant train was provided by the railroad for the Newton County families moving south. It consisted of an engine, one passenger car, nine freight cars, and a caboose. The train left Mt. Ayr on December 30, 1895 at 1:25 in the afternoon. All eight families were aboard plus three unmarried young men: Henry Eash, Joe C. Miller, and Joe N. Bontrager. The train crossed into neighboring Illinois, stopping at 3:25 AM to pick up three more passengers: Andy J. Mast, Noah J. Yoder, and Ben A. Miller, all unmarried.

At East St. Louis, Illinois the railroad agent switched passenger cars for a larger one, as the original car was too crowded.

At midnight on December 31st, the last day of the year, the train arrived at Cairo, Illinois. There the whole train was pulled onto a ferryboat and taken across the Ohio River. Five hours later it arrived at Gibson, Mississippi. It was New Year's Day, 1896.

When the settlers had left Indiana, there had been six inches of snow on the ground. In Mississippi they were greeted by children running barefooted and wearing straw hats. It was fortunate that the temperature was so warm, for the houses that awaited the settlers were not very good; in fact, Joe C. Miller and Henry Eash described them as "worse than Illinois hog stables."

During 1896, five more Newton County residents relocated in Mississippi: Pre. Isaac N. Chupp, Isaac E. Gingerich (single), Daniel Hostetler, Joseph J. Yoder, and Ben J. Miller.

When the thirteen families had migrated to Mississippi, five others headed west to the newly established settlement in North Dakota. In 1896, Joseph H. Yoder and Peter L. Weirich moved there, followed in the spring of 1897 by Noah D. Hochstetler and two of his married sons, Andrew and Eli. Letters from several of these former Indiana residents appeared in a promotional magazine published by the Great Northern Railroad which had brought the settlers to North Dakota. Following are a few selected portions of their letters in which they refer to their former Newton County homes:

A. N. Hochstetler: "As far as I have experienced, I would not go back to Mt. Ayr, Ind., my former home, for the same or twice the land I have here. It is healthy here. This is a good country for a poor man to make a start, if he keeps out of debt, and I can recommend my friends to come here."

P. L. Weirich: "First will let you know that my health has improved very much since I am here. We are well satisfied with the country and now have 160 acres of good land...When I arrived not quite a year ago, I had but one nickel left. I have quit working for the Eastern doctors."

Eli Hochstetler: "came to North Dakota from Mt. Ayr. Ind. in April, 1897, I am very well pleased with this country. I have not been sorry a moment since coming here. In my estimation the climate is very healthy. My wife says she is very well pleased by coming here. She says she is much healthier than she was in Indiana."

Noah D. Hochstetler: "I have never lived through a finer summer and believe this is the place for a poor man who is willing to work."

Not all the families thought of moving away. At least twenty families remained. Perhaps Rudolph B. Miller's comment in *The Sugarcreek Budget* at the time of the exodus summed up the feelings of those who chose to stay: "We hear some crying for Mississippi, others for Dakota, some for Oregon, and a faint grunt for Fayette County, Illinois. Just think of that old saying: a rolling stone gathers no moss."

Over One Hundred Families

From the beginning, the Amish had resided in both Newton and Jasper Counties. Gradually the settlement grew large enough so that by 1917 it was divided into two church districts-one in each county.

Just two years later a Mennonite congregation, "Burr Oak", was formed in Jasper County. The charter members were Adam Miller, Menno Chupp, Abner Miller, and Menno Miller. With time this congregation would receive quite a few more members from the Amish in both counties.

As the years passed, the settlement shrank in number, due to loss of members to the local Mennonite congregation and also

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because of people moving to other areas. The last Amish minister to leave the settlement was Bishop Albert J. Anderson. By 1949 his congregation was getting quite small, and he considered moving away. Bishop Noah M. Borntrager in LaGrange County had divided his congregation that year into two church districts. A bishop was needed for the "West Honeyville, South District," so Albert Anderson was contacted and invited to move there. He made the move in the fall of 1950.

When Bishop Anderson moved to LaGrange County, there were about ten families yet living in the settlement. In February 1955, William C. Yoder and his family moved to Holmesville, Ohio being the last Old Order Amish to leave. Three families yet remained, two of which purchased automobiles and moved elsewhere and the other purchased an automobile and stayed.

It is not known exactly how many families lived in the Newton-Jasper settlement during its more than eighty years of existence, nor which year was its peak in population. But well over one hundred families lived there at one time or another. Following are their names listed alphabetically. The numbers in parentheses indicate the settlers' parents.

1. Albert J. Anderson(3) w. Susan Miller(54)
2. Eli S. Anderson(6) w. Esther Yoder
3. John Anderson: wife Lovina Hochstetler(30)
4. Menno Anderson(3) w. Amanda Hochstetler
5. Noah Anderson(3) w. Amelia Yutzy
6. Simon J. Anderson(3) w. Sarah Mullet
7. Eli S. Beachy: wife Sarah D. Yoder
8. Jonas S. Beachy: w. Fannie Miller(53)
9. Joseph N. Bontrager: w. Savilla Yoder(103)
10. Daniel S. Chupp(16) w. Sarah Schwartz(79)
11. Ira J. Chupp: wife Katie Stutzman(81)
12. Isaac N. Chupp(15) w. Magdalena Miller Yoder
13. Jacob D. Chupp: wife Dena Miller(54)
14. John J. Chupp: wife Mattie Stutzman(84)
15. Nathan Chupp: wife Mattie Miller
16. Simon Chupp(15) w. Salome Slabaugh
17. John S. Frey: w. Fanny Schlabach and Fannie Stutzman Miller
18. Levi Frey(17) w. Elizabeth Miller(54)
19. Samuel Frey(17) w. Magdalena Anderson(3)
20. David Gingerich(21) w. Annie Miller(65)
21. Elias Gingerich: wife Fannie Hochstetler(30)
22. Daniel Helmuth: wife Sarah Hochstetler(30)
23. David Helmuth(22) w. Fannie Kauffman(43)
24. Emanuel Hershberger: w. Cora Chupp(16)
25. Harvey Hershberger(24) w. Lydia Hostetler
26. Andrew N. Hochstetler(36) w. Eliz. Lehman
27. Ben R. Hochstetler(37) w. Clara Anderson(4)
28. Daniel S. Hochstetler(38) w. Mary Miller(54)
29. David Hochstetler(30) w. Sarah Miller
30. David H. Hochstetler: wife Susanna Yoder
31. Eli D. Hochstetler(29) w. Barbara Chupp
32. Eli N. Hochstetler(36) w. Emma Lehman
33. Emanuel N. Hochstetler(36) w. Abbie Yoder(103)
34. Jess Hochstetler(40) w. Emma Anderson(4)
35. Jonas S. Hochstetler(38) w. Emma Miller(64)
36. Noah D. Hochstetler(30) w. Eliz. Miller
37. Rudy S. Hochstetler(38) w. Elizabeth Thomas
38. Simon D. Hochstetler(30) w. Catherine Miller
39. Valentine D. Hochstetler(30) w. Mattie Hattery
40. Valentine S. Hochstetler(38) w. Fannie Miller(54)

41. Absalom A. Kauffman: wife Fanny Miller
42. Gideon Kauffman: wife Anna Stoll
43. Jacob A. Kauffman: wives Barbara Troyer and Deeny D. Miller
44. John N. Kauffman: wife Eliz. H. Yoder
45. Will Kauffman: wife Edna Lehman
46. Daniel Leichty(47) w. Essie Miller(55)
47. Jacob Leichty: wife Katie Stoll
48. John Leichty(47) w. Saloma Chupp(16)
49. Ananias B. Miller(53) w. Lizzie Yoder(109)
50. Benjamin B. Miller(51) w. Susan Hochstetler(30)
51. Benjamin D. Miller: wife Fanny Mast
52. Benjamin J. Miller: wife Magdalena Yoder(109)
53. Ben Y. Miller: w. Catherine Hochstetler
54. David B. Miller(51) w. Susanna Yoder
55. David D. Miller(54) w. Magdalena Chupp(16)
56. David J. Miller(64) w. Nora Yoder(110)
57. Eli B. Miller(50) w. Katie Miller(58)
58. Eli L. Miller: wife Mary Yoder(109)
59. Ezra B. Miller(50) w. Goldia Miller
60. F.D. Miller
61. Gideon L. Miller(65) w. Eliz. Ann Stutzman(84)
62. Jesse Miller(54) w. Mary Frey & Eliz. Helmuth
63. John E. Miller(58) w. Ella May Yoder
64. Joseph B. Miller(51) wives Barbara Schmucker and Mattie Gingerich
65. Levi Miller: wife Fannie Chupp
66. Levi L. Miller(65) w. Mattie Miller(50)
67. Manasses D. Miller(54) wives Anna Troyer and Fanny Hochstetler
68. Martin B. Miller(50) w. Fannie D. Hochstetler
69. Menno Miller: wife Grace Handley
70. Moses Miller
71. Noah D. Miller(54) wife Sarah Frey(17)
72. Phineas Miller(54) wife Fannie Stutzman(85)
73. Roman E. Miller(58) w. Mattie Yoder(110)
74. Jonathan Mullet: w. Millie Miller(58)
75. Noah B. Mullet: wife Barbara Yoder
76. David D. Nissley: w. Anna Miller & Fanny Keirn
77. Simeon Overholt: wife Magdalena Stoll
78. Tobe Schrock
79. Christian Schwartz: wives Mary Schwartz and Barbara Schmucker
80. Henry J. Stoll: wife Goldie Miller(55)
81. Daniel Stutzman: wives Rebecca Miller, Mary Yoder, and Fannie Miller
82. Daniel J. Stutzman(85) wife Eliz. Chupp
83. David Stutzman
84. Eli J. Stutzman: wife Mary Troyer
85. Jacob B. Stutzman: w. Catherine Miller
86. Levi J. Stutzman: w. Susan Schlabach
87. Noah E. Stutzman(84) w. Magdalena Miller(53)
88. Peter Thomas: wife Katie Miller
89. Abraham A. Troyer: wife Sarah Eash
90. Peter L. Weirich: wives Sarah Gingerich(21) and Susie Mishler
91. Adam V. Yoder
92. Alvin J. Yoder: w. Lydia V. Hochstetler(40)
93. Ammon C. Yoder: wife Barbara Hochstetler
94. Amos Yoder
95. Attrennis H. Yoder(107) w. Mary Schwartz(79)
96. Benedict Yoder: wife Ida Miller(72)

the Mark Peterson farm along 1000S, in Sections 29 and 30, northeast of Mt. Zion United Brethren Church. By 1913 James and his daughters had moved to Morocco, living in Hope's Third Addition along Beaver Street and Walker Street. Seven years later *The Morocco Courier* reported that Tuesday, January 13, James Padgett's 61st birthday anniversary was a family surprise with an oyster supper by Misses Beulah Padgett and Yolande Templeton. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Padgett; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Padgett; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Martin; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Camblin; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sarver; Mrs. Mary Biesecker; and Mr. G. W. Long. Living in Franklin, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Best were absent. By the fall of 1920 James had moved to Kentland to live with his daughter Laura Markley. Most of this family are buried in Buswell Cemetery about a half mile north of the Mt. Zion Church. However, Flora Corbin and her family are buried in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia. Vivian Billings and her family are buried in Murphey Cemetery, Morocco, Indiana. Dorothy Peterson (Padgett) Rich and her husband Earl Dean (1900-1997) are buried in Prairie Vine Cemetery.

The last of John and Polly's children to leave their home, Clara Adaline Padgett wed, 2 January 1887, Louis Edward Camblin, 1861-1936, son of Aaron Sibbet, 1816-1903 and Margaret Jane (Henderson) Camblin, 1821-1905. The children of Clara and Ed were Ada Blondell (Camblin) Cross, 1889-1979; Lawson Lee Camblin, 1890-1975; and Mary Maydella (Camblin) Hauser, 1894-1992. For a time after their marriage Clara and Ed farmed 160 acres in Section 5, Iroquois Township, Brook, Indiana; but by 1893 they had moved to Morocco, building a new two-story home on Beaver Street east of old U. S. 41, in Carpenter's Addition, where they hosted the first Padgett Family Reunion in 1916. (See the family reunion pictures.) In November 1985 as she approached her 99th birthday in December, Bernice Vera (Padgett) Gridley wrote, "Aunt Clara had the first reunion at her home in Morocco. We ate in the basement on a very long table." Ed and Clara lived out their lives in Morocco. They also owned a Beaver Township farm in Sections 19 and 30."

Like the Martin family, the Camblins were practicing Methodists most recently from Tippecanoe County, Indiana. Because the two Martin brothers, W. D. and E. L. married Baptist daughters, the brothers

became Baptists. Most of this Camblin family are buried in Russell Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery north of 700S along the west side of 525W, Washington Township, Newton County, Indiana.

John and Mary Magdaline (Bower) Padgett died in their second home that had been built on the west side of 600W in Section 11 of their 160 acre farm. The heart and soul of the Bower-Padgett family, this pioneer couple rests in Prairie Vine Cemetery, the center of their children lined out around their monument.

Although much of the subsequent generations have moved away from Washington Township, some of the descendants of James Ambrose and Flora Jennie (Peterson) Padgett still own and farm the Peterson-Padgett land as well as that of enlarged holdings elsewhere in Washington Township. Descendants of this line of the Padgett family still worship in Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. Today's heirs of Louis Edward and Clara Adaline (Padgett) Camblin still hold their great-grandparents land in Section 5 of Iroquois Township and in Sections 19 and 30 of Beaver Township. And heirs of Frank Douglas and Rachel Cletine (Padgett) Best still own their great-grandparents land in Sections 4, 5, and 8 in Washington Township.

Since the arrival of Thomas (c1620 Yorkshire, England-1677 Calvert County, Maryland) Padgett, Sr. in 1654 in Calvert County, Maryland, his marriage to Elizabeth (c1625 England-1678 Maryland) in 1655 and their son William Padgett, c1656/57, the Padgett progeny has spread its limbs over these 352 years. One branch, John Padgett of the seventh generation planted itself in Washington Township, Newton County, Indiana, to flourish for 156 years since 1850. John Padgett of the seventh generation may well have been the namesake for his father Nathan Padgett's grandfather John Padgett, of the fourth generation, son of Benjamin Padgett of the third generation, whose grandfather was Thomas Padgett, Sr.

Submitted by Bernice Vera (Padgett) Gridley, and Bernard (Jack) Lewis Padgett, grandchildren of John and Mary Padgett. Donald Lee Camblin, Genevera Floradora (Padgett) Carlson, Harold Smith Martin and Robert Elmer Williamson, great-grandchildren of John and Mary Padgett.

Attention Mt. Ayr, Jackson and Colfax Township Residents

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Patience Is A Virtue - So I've Been Told!

When I took over the responsibilities of managing the Indiana Gen Web Societies' site for Newton County Research, it involved keeping up with inquiries, and sending new information down to our webmaster.

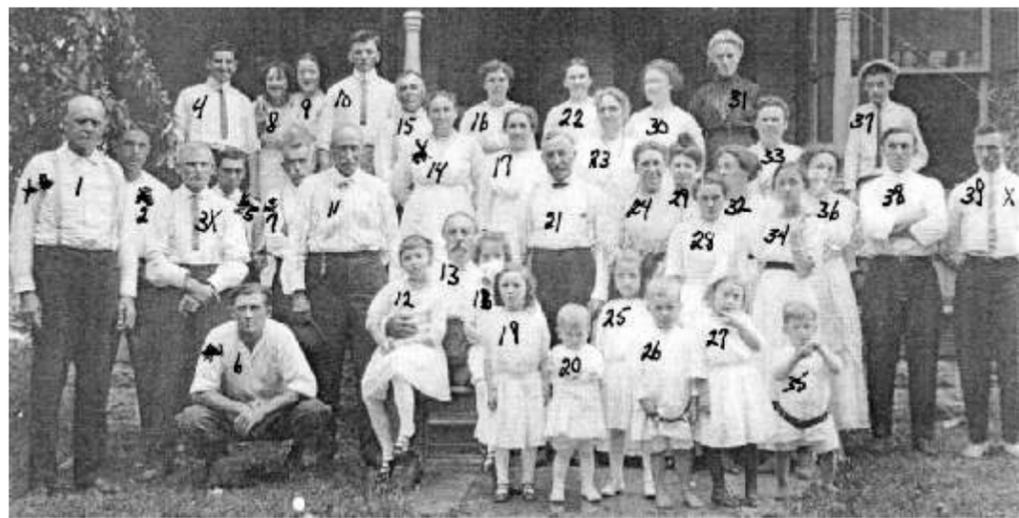
Over the past few months, I have been "schooling" myself on uploading and changing the site information myself. I am far from being called a webmaster, but with the help of Roberta Wunder, Marshall County Co-ordinator, I'm stumbling through the project!

Please be patient if you are an avid user of the site-I have found my walking around within the pages can stir up some problems with links, etc-but, I have been able to add new information. Stop by for a visit, the web location is printed here.

- Beth Bassett

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John Morris Biesecker, 1888-1938. The family lived in Morocco until they moved to Wolcott, White County, Indiana, where Joe died. In Morocco they had built and lived in the craftsman brick house on the SW corner of Lincoln and Wabash Streets, in Peck's Second Addition. However, Aunt Mary also died in Wolcott. Joe and Aunt Mary are buried in Prairie Vine Cemetery. Their son John Morris, his wife and their daughter are buried in Riverview Cemetery, Monticello, White County, Indiana. Joe and Mary's married daughter Elizabeth (Betty Biesecker) Long lived in Indianapolis in 1939, when her mother, the last of John and Mary Padgett's children, had died.



1916 Padgett Family Reunion. 1. Ed Camblin, 2. Dan Markley, 3. Ed Martin, 4. Ross Padgett, 5. Herschel Padgett, 6. Lawson Camblin, 7. Frank Best, 8. Opal Padgett, 9. Buelah Padgett, 10. Harley Padgett, 11. Jim Padgett, 12. Ruby Deardurff, 13. John Padgett, 14. Ida Martin, 15. John Deardurff, 16. Effie Deardurff, 17. Clara Camblin, 18. Dorothy Padgett, 19. Wanetta Deardurff, 20. Wencil Markley, 21. Mike Padgett, 22. Emma Deardurff, 23. Rachel Best, 24. Ida Padgett, 25. Bernadetta Markley, 26. John Gridley, 27. Lucille Padgett, 28. Bethel Deardurff, 29. Maude Padgett, 30. Bernice Gridley, 31. Mary Biesecker, 32. Laura Markley, 33. Minerva Padgett, 34. Vivian Padgett, 35. Howard Padgett, 36. Susie (Whiteman) Padgett, 37. Gilbert Best, 38. Roy Padgett, 39. Harold Martin.

A little more than two weeks later, 22 March 1882, in Prairie Vine Baptist Church, Washington Township, Newton County, Indiana, Joel Michael Padgett married Joseph and Catherine (Kessler) Law's daughter Ida Clara, Law, 1862-1930. Their four children were Bertha Blanche (Padgett) Williamson, 1883-1968; Elmer Law Padgett, 1889-1973; William Ross Padgett, 1895-1952; and Mildred Law (Padgett) (Dempsey) Miche. Mike and Ida farmed their 160 acres in Section 13 along 800S between 500W and 600W. In their later years they moved to Morocco, building a new house on the east side of Recher Park in the Fairgrounds Addition. Like the other Padgett descendants they too worshiped and worked in the Morocco Baptist Church on north Clay Street. All of this family are buried in Prairie Vine Cemetery except for Mildred Law (Padgett) (Dempsey) Miche, who is buried in Oak Grove Mausoleum, St. Louis, Missouri, with her second husband Edgar Louis, 1888-1972, Miche. Mildred's first husband William, 1886-1938, Dempsey is buried in Prairie Vine Cemetery in the Joel Michael Padgett family plot.

The next year within a week of each other in Prairie Vine Baptist Church two of John and Polly Padgett's daughters were married. On 14 March 1883 Ida Ellen Padgett wed Edgar Leonce Martin, 1862-1922, son of Joseph C. 1822-1903, and Charlotte McCain (Camblin) Martin, 1822-1913. Ida and Ed's sons were Charles Delmer Martin, 1884-1947; John Owen Martin, 1890-1952; and Harold Otterbein Martin, 1895-1975. Ed and Ida Martin in their later years retired to Morocco, where they engaged in business, enjoyed their brothers and sisters who had also moved in to Morocco from their Washington Township homes, and worshiped at the Morocco Baptist Church. On 21 March 1883 Rachel Clemetine Padgett wed Franklin Douglas Best, 1858-1944, son of John Berry, 1825-1895, and Mary Ann (Moffett) Best, 1836-1920, daughter of James Edward Moffett and Sarah Ann (Camblin)

(Moffett) Russell, 1807-1882. Frank and Rachel's children were Mary Estella (Best) Spaulding, 1886-1967; Margaret Elizabeth (Best) Smiley 1890-1943; and Gilbert Padgett Best, 1900-1981. The John Berry Bests and the Martins owned and farmed on the west side of Prairie Vine Cemetery and across the road from Prairie Vine on the north side of the cemetery. When Frank and Rachel started farming, they built their house on the "gravel pit" farm of 119 acres in Section 4. Then they moved to Morocco to build a two-story house on Lincoln Street, south of the high school in Peck's Addition. As time for their children's college education approached, the Best parents, their three children and their niece Dorothy Peterson Padgett moved to Franklin, Johnson County, Indiana, where the four children completed their education. There, Frank and Rachel built a ten-room, five-bedroom house. In 1984 their niece Dorothy Peterson (Padgett) Rich wrote about that house: "It was very open and could all be thrown open downstairs and was the scene of many parties and two weddings." When Rachel died in August 1930, by October Frank had returned to Morocco to the old Peck House on old U.S. 41. All of the Best family are buried in Prairie Vine Cemetery. The Ed Martin family is also buried there, except for Charles D. and Lou Amy (Purkey 1888-1978) Martin, who are buried in Oakland Cemetery, Morocco, Indiana.

On 20 February 1884 James Ambrose Padgett married Flora Jennie Peterson, 1866-1906, daughter of Mark 1834-1903, and Matilda (Sandell) Peterson, 1833-1912. The eight children of James and Flora were Laura Blanche (Padgett) Markley, 1886-1954; Herschel M. Padgett, 1887-1952; Ross Mark Padgett, 1891-1949; Harley Ambrose Padgett, 1893-1956; Denver Maxwell Padgett, 1896-1961; Flora Buelah (Padgett) Corbin, 1899-1982; Vivian Pauline (Padgett) Billings, 1902-1994; and Dorothy Peterson (Padgett) Rich, 1906-1988. James and Flora moved onto

- 97. Calvin C. Yoder: wife Fannie H. Mast
- 98. Daniel D. Yoder
- 99. Daniel J. Yoder(109) wives Lucy Lehman, Rebecca Schrock, Elizabeth Miller
- 100. Daniel V. Yoder: w. Fannie B. Miller(51)
- 101. David Yoder: wife Martha Miller
- 102. David S. Yoder(117) wife Lydia Chupp
- 103. Eli V. Yoder: wife Barbara Eash
- 104. Enos D. Yoder: wife Sarah Yoder(103)
- 105. Henry J. Yoder(110) w. Ruby Miller(58)
- 106. Henry P. Yoder: wife Cora Miller(72)
- 107. Henry S. Yoder: wife Sarah Miller(51)
- 108. Jacob Yoder: wife Elizabeth Yoder

- 109. John T. Yoder: wife Anna Bontrager
- 110. Joseph H. Yoder: w. Catherine Schlabach
- 111. Joseph J. Yoder(109) w. Catherine Miller(65)
- 112. Levi S. Yoder: w. Sarah Hochstetler
- 113. Noah Yoder: wife Alice Miller
- 114. Noah S. Yoder: wife Elizabeth Chupp
- 115. Shem D. Yoder: wife Anna Stutzman
- 116. Sil'Janus Yoder: wife Sylvia Miller(72)
- 117. Simon H. Yoder(107) w. Katie Nisley
- 118. Valentine "Wallie" Yoder(100) w. Sarah Troyer
- 119. William C. Yoder: wife Anna May Anderson(6)

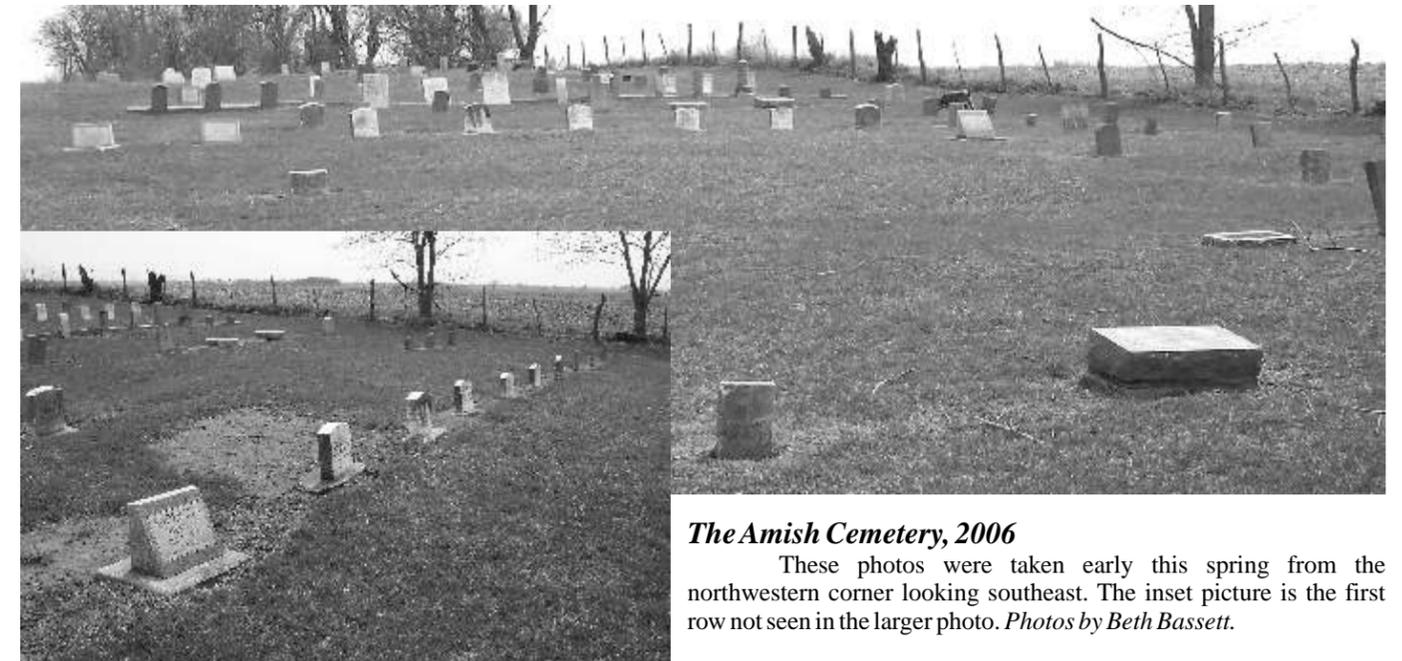
The Amish/Miller Cemetery

The Amish Cemetery is located in Section 21 of Jackson Township, about two miles west of Mt. Ayr on the south side of 325S. David Luthy mentions in his article that the cemetery was on the farm of David B. Miller and was called Miller Cemetery. An entry from Mt. Ayr on December 5, 1895 issue of *The Sugar Creek Budget* mentioned an "interment in the family cemetery of David Miller." Another entry from Mt. Ayr dated September 27, 1902, mentioned that there was a burial "on Monday in the Miller Cemetery." Submitted by Damon Howell.

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ROW	PLOT-NAME	BIRTH DATE	DEATH DATE	INSCRIPTION
1	KAUFFMAN, Margaret	27 Apr 1901	9 Jun 1917	
	KAUFFMAN, Gideon	1860	1924	
	KAUFFMAN, Anna	1866	1932	
	SCHWARTZ, C.	1832	1906	
	Illegible (Cement)			
2	NISLEY, David D.	(6 Oct)1860	(22 Sep)1935	
	NISLEY, Fannie	22 Apr 1864	21 Aug 1931	Wife of David * Age 67 Yrs. 3 M 29 D
	NISLEY, Andrew	7 Sep 1900	31 Dec 1929	Son of David /Fannie Ae 29 Ys 3 Ms 23 Ds
	NISLEY, Lucy Cooper	14 Jul 1892	6 Jun 1929	Age 33 Yrs. 10 Mo. and 22 Das.
	Illegible (Cement)			
	Illegible (Cement)			
3	YODER, N.J	(6 Jan}1867	{18}Aug 1935	
	Illegible (Cement)			
4	MILLER, Salonie	(1 Jun 1912)	9 May 1917	Aged 4Y. 11 M. 8 D.
	Illegible (Cement)			
	GINGERICK, Fannie	5 Jan 1893		Aged 43Y. 11 M. 1 D.
	WRRICH, Sarah	1 Feb 1890		Aged 21Y. 4 M. 4 D.

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The Amish Cemetery, 2006

These photos were taken early this spring from the northwestern corner looking southeast. The inset picture is the first row not seen in the larger photo. Photos by Beth Bassett.

HOME *is where your story begins* Bower-Padgett Families

For those of you who purchased a copy of the Brook, Iroquois-Washington Township Sesquicentennial Collection, you will want to save this article with that book, (pgs. 687-689). Inadvertently, several generations of the Bower-Padgett family were not included in the submitted article by Harold Smith Martin. We are publishing it here, hoping that family researchers will have access to the history of the descendants of that family. The IWPC will also reproduce the entire article with photos in their next publishing endeavor.

John Padgett, 1825-1891, and Mary Magdaline Bower 1825-1910, were married 2 September 1847 in the West Union Baptist Church in Marion County, Indiana. Born in Botetourt County, named for its "beloved" governor, 1768-1770, Norborne Berteley, Lord de Botetourt, Virginia, Polly was the second child and second daughter of James Michael, 1796-1863, and Elisabeth (Hiner) Bower's, 1806-1874, 10 children. Born Vernon Township, Washington County, Indiana, John was the second son and the third child of Nathan, 1789-1851, and Sarah (Sally Vest), Padgett's 1794-1845, seven children.



John (1825-1891) and Mary, "Polly" (Bower) Padgett (1825-1910).

At 22 years of age John and Polly Padgett were farming 250 acres in Marion County, Indiana, where their first child, a daughter, Sarah Emeline Padgett, 1848-1848, was born and buried three months later in West Union Cemetery, Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana. "Adopted" son John Calvin Sarver 1843-1941, orphaned at three years of age, had joined the young Padgett family in Marion County, Indiana. Thirteen months after the death of their first child, John and Polly Padgett's first son John Lewis Padgett, 1849-1925, was born to establish this faithful Baptist family. After a second marriage in 1848, John's father Nathan died in 1850 and was buried "across the road from the Bethel Methodist Church on West Fifty-Second Street" in Bethel Cemetery, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, with his first wife Sally (Vest) Padgett.

By 1852 John and Polly, with baby Lew and "adopted" son Cal Sarver had moved into Washington Township, Newton County, Indiana. From the United States they had bought 160 acres in Sections 11 and 12, Township 28, Range 10, south of 700S and along both sides of 600W. Section 11 held the 120 acres of the farm while section 12 contained the 40 acres. Building their first home removed some distance back from the road in Section 12, they had their remaining children: two sons and five daughters: Elizabeth Jane (Padgett) Long, 1852-1916; Mary Angeline (Padgett) Biesecker, 1854-1939; Joel Michael 1856-1937, presumably named for his mother's brother Joel Bower, 1832-1903 and for her father James Michael Bower; James Ambrose Padgett, 1859-1922; Rachel Clemetine (Padgett) Best, 1861-1930; Ida Ellen (Padgett) Martin, 1862-1937; and Clara Adaline (Padgett) Camblin, 1866-1939.

In that early spring day of 1860 when John, 1828-1914, and Adaline W. (Bush) Ade, 1833-1907 with their three children and a nephew left Morocco westward along the Buncombe Road, one of the homes that they observed was that of Joseph Law, where John Padgett was helping to brand the young steers and where Joseph Martin and Andrew Doty were watching. Joe Law lived south of 700S along the east side of 525W, while John Padgett would have ridden east from his home alongside of 600W and Joe Martin would have ridden west from his home along the west side of 325W. Today the homes of the Laws, the Dotys (The Doty farm, Sections 4, 5, 8, and 9, was east of and adjacent to Joe Martin's farm on the north and south sides of 700S.), and the Martins have long been obliterated and returned to productive fields. By that 1860 spring wagon ride of the Ades, Prior Russell's second wife Sarah Ann (Camblin) (Moffett) of 18 years was the aunt of Joseph Martin's wife Charlotte McCain Camblin, whose father had been Sarah Ann (Camblin) (Moffett) Russell's brother David L. Camblin.

In 1862 from Newton County, Indiana, at 18 years of age John C. Sarver joined the 99th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteers, captained about a year by Moroccan Daniel Enoch Ash, 1820-1908, and served 1862-1865 in the Civil War, savoring the Grand Review in Washington, D. C. Returning home, Uncle Cal farmed in Washington and Beaver Townships, Newton County, Indiana. He married 15 June 1867 Cynthia (Cinthe) J. Williams, 1847-1922, daughter of George Glasford and Mary (Ash) Williams, 1816-1863. Cinthe's mother Mary (Ash) Williams was Daniel Enoch Ash's sister, two of the 11 children of their parents Jacob 1793-1879 and Magdalene Mary (Raber) Ash, 1801-1848. Cal and Cinthe's five children were George C. Sarver, 1868-?; Mary Anna Sarver, 1869-1899; John Ivan Sarver, 1870-1871; Cora Ellen Sarver, 1871-1890; and Charles Cleveland Sarver, 1883-1907. Uncle Cal, after the death of his wife, continued to live his long life at the far south end of Main Street, looking after his farming interests around Morocco until moving to Pensacola, Florida, for his very last years. Except for their son George C. Sarver, all of this family are buried in Prairie Vine Cemetery, Washington Township, Newton County, Indiana.

By 1868 John Padgett (Deacon of the church until his death), Leonard Cool, 1821-1873 Elder and early minister, serving several times for the church, Charles French (father of John Q. French, 1864-1873, buried on the south end of the E. L. Martin plot), bought land from David G. 1831-1906, and Mary Ann (Peak) Hanger, 1836-1878, for Prairie Vine Church and Cemetery in Section 8 along the south side of 700S about 2 1/2 miles east of John and Mary Padgett's farm. The church, off the NW corner of the John and Mary Padgett monument, sat on the rise in the land along the east side of the main driveway. In the summer when the ground is very dry, an outline, about 30' by 50' of the church foundation emerges. Bernice

Vera (Padgett) Gridley recalled that Samuel Sizelove, husband of Blanche (Law) Sizelove, 1878-1911, daughter of Joseph 1828-1900 and Catherine (Kessler) Law, 1837-1906, between 1901-1902, when Prairie Vine Baptist Church had closed its services, had "bought and moved the old church building to his place but it fell to pieces when they turned it into his barnyard gate." Today newer family monuments of Deardurff, Best, Padgett, Redden, Plummer, Hunter, Plunkett, and Williamson fill the space once occupied by the church, possibly designed like that of Antioch Christian Church on the south side of 600S between 500W and 525W in Section 6. (See History of Newton County, 1985, pgs. 274-279.)

Four years later, 3 November 1872, John and Polly's oldest living daughter, Elizabeth Jane Padgett married George Washington Long, 1849-1928, son of David C., 1819-1888 and Eliza Jane (Camblin) Long, 1825-1918, in Washington Township, Newton County, Indiana. (Eliza Jane Camblin was the daughter of David L., 1800-1844 and Elizabeth (McCain) Camblin, 1800-1856. Eliza Jane was the sister of Charlotte McCain (Camblin) Martin, the mother of Edgar Leonce Martin, who would marry Ida Ellen Padgett.) George W. and Elizabeth Jane (Padgett) Long had seven children: Eva Ellen (Long) Fred; Joseph Edgar Long; Emma D. (Long) Deardurff, 1873-1965; John David Long, 1875-1945; Gertrude Geneva "Girtie" Long, 1880-1881; Alva J. Long, 1885-1962. The parents, Alvie, Girtie, and John O., 1872-1947, and Emma D. (Long) Deardurff and two children are buried in Prairie Vine Cemetery while John D. and Zilla E. (Garrard) Long, 1878-1967 are buried in Oakland Cemetery, Morocco, Indiana. George and Elizabeth Long's seventh child Mollie Long died in

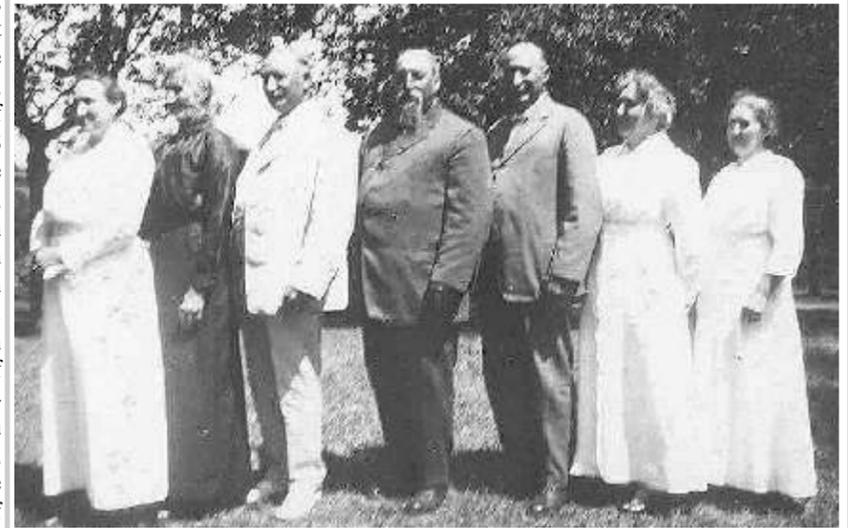
Washington, D. C., March 8, 1928.

After eight years, 13 October 1880, John Lewis Padgett, in Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana, married Minerva Ann Runkle 1859-1929, daughter of John C., 1827-1904 and Elizabeth (Russell) Runkle, 1831-1880. (The elder Runkles are buried in Pretty Prairie Methodist Cemetery, Tippecanoe Township/County, Indiana.

Elizabeth (Russell) Runkle was the daughter of Zadoc 1804-1876, and Margaret (Hays) Russell, 1810-1867. The elder Russells are buried in Porter Cemetery, Washington Township, Newton County, Indiana.) The eight children of Lewis and Minerva Ann (Runkle) Padgett were John Alva Padgett, 1881-1885; William Elbert Padgett, 1884-1885; Bernice Vera (Padgett) Gridley, 1886-1990; Harry Wilson Padgett, 1888-1975; Roy Orlando Padgett, 1891-1961; Bernard Lewis (Jack) Padgett, 1893-1983; James Tracy Padgett, 1895-1900; and Opal Esther (Padgett) Gerhard, 1897-1996. After farming in Washington Township in Sections 24, 12, and 30; living in Section 24 along 1000S and 600W; and working in Prairie Vine Church and Mt. Zion United Brethren, Uncle Lewis and Aunt Nerve retired to a home on N. Main Street above Beaver Street in Hope's Addition Morocco, where they lived out their lives. All of this family except Opal Gerhard are buried in Prairie Vine Cemetery. About Prairie Vine Church Bernice Vera (Padgett) Gridley wrote, "When my father was young (about 20) he helped my Grandfather Padgett and other men his age build the



Left to right, George W. Long, Mary Angeline (Padgett) Biesecker, Frank Douglas Best, Rachel Clementine (Padgett) Best, John Lewis Padgett, Minerva Ann (Runkle) Padgett, Joel Michael Padgett, Ida Clara (Law) Padgett, Louis Edward Camblin, Clara Adaline (Padgett) Camblin, James Ambrose Padgett, Ida Ellen (Padgett) Martin, and Edgar Leonce Martin.



Padgett siblings, l-r, Ida Ellen (Padgett) Martin, Mary Angeline (Padgett) Biesecker, Joel Michael Padgett, John Lewis Padgett, James Ambrose Padgett, Rachel Clementine (Padgett) Best, Clara Adaline (Padgett) Camblin.

Prairie Vine Church and the cemetery was east and south of the church, where we went later to every service which was held on alternating Sabbaths with the Beaver City church where I with three other girls and four boys was immersed in the baptistry one cold January before the new brick Baptist church was built (1900) in Morocco."

In Prairie Vine Baptist Church on 3 March 1882 Mary Angeline Padgett wed Joseph A. Biesecker, 1853-1913, son of Joseph and Genevieve (Myers) Biesecker. Joe and Mary's son was

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