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What’s On Our Agenda . . .

In Pursuit of the Colony of Tripoli
By Beth Bassett

In the August, 1994 edition of The Newcomer, there is an article submitted by John Yost entitled “New Town In Newton.” Yostie had discovered this article in the Newton County Enterprise, dated August 2, 1912. It goes as follows:

“Tripoli to be colonized by Italians and Greeks, being platted on Joe Ogden Ranch, northwest of Morocco.”

“A new town named Tripoli and to be colonized by Italians and Greeks, has been laid out some three miles north of Morocco according to newspaper reports. In section 10, 11, and 12 in Beaver Township 1400 acres of land of the Joe Ogden ranch are being platted into ten acre tracts except the town site, located on a high piece of ground, and which is cut into half-acre lots. The Pillarella Italian Colonization Co., of Chicago has charge of the new enterprise. There are four families there viz, those of N. Boozenburg, J. Faraco, S. Narks, and V. Pillarella.

“The whole tract will be plowed up this fall and made ready for the gardening to be done next year, when it is expected that 50 to 100 families will be located there. Cottages will be erected either on the ten acre tracts or on the town lots to house these people. This may be only a beginning of what will be done with much of north Newton County in the near future. It is ideal land for gardening and these people are the most expert gardeners in the world.”

To a researcher, the information held within this bit of an article should, after a bit more research, unravel the tale of the town of Tripoli. For example, the date of publication may be only a beginning of what will be done with much of north Newton County in the near future. It is ideal land for gardening and these people are the most expert gardeners in the world.”

Unfortunately, looking through the pages of that publication, or any other information regarding the colony in that publication. However, we do have microfilm of the Morocco Courier from 1912-1918.

This original plat of the colony of Tripoli was published in the 1916 Atlas of Newton County.

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(by the way was very distracting to me, as those papers held a great deal of history of the area, much of it having been re-pub-
lished in the 1980-90’s era of the Morocco Courier, and I was confident that it would reveal more information, due to the fact that the Courier carried more information regading that area than the Enterprise.

I did find references to activities of the colony and its impact on the Morocco community, but not enough to really “fluff” out the information regarding the residents. Heading into the vault in the basement of the courthouse, the Auditor’s office gave me a quick lesson in tracing land owner-
ship in the actual location of Tripoli and the

“question, whether the colony known as Tripoli near Morocco is a benefit or a detriment to the town and community, has often been dismissed on the streets and in the homes. The argu-
ments simmer down to the European people as those who do not al-
ways respect life, honor law or who give moral tone to a community. The problem now is for these people of Tripoli to prove that they are wholly worthy of the highest esteem, that they are not fighters or drunk-
ards, that they are honest in all things. Up to the present time we have heard no com-
plaint against them with a possible exci-
tation that there are such exceptions among
all nationalities.

“A mechanical in our town who has done much work for these people stated that they were always honest with him and paid promptly.

“We have heard no complaints of rude or ill-mannered actions by these people on

Now on to the census records, which are taken every ten years. And, therein lies the problem. The closest year, 1910 did not reveal any of the names, neither did 1920 census. This was very frustrating to
me, leading me to believe that the colony after so many are here and much money has been expended, hence it would seem reasonable to build or move a school house there for their benefit. It cannot be done this year, the children of course will be transported to a nearby school.”

In that same edition, the colony had a guest of prominent literary attainment, S. Bloomgarden of New York who had writ-
en numerous poems and newspaper sto-
ries and some books both in Hebrew and
English. Many local citizens were listed as attending the lecture. A note below it men-
tioned first was the “sure cure” for

“shakes”, “fever and ague”, “milk sickness” and “rattle-
snake bite”, the then prevail-
ing diseases of the country.

5. Kent Station was the name of Kentland when Dr. Hatch came to town. Goodland was formerly Trevil and Reming-
ton was Carpenter’s Creek.

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Newton County On State Christmas Tree

At Washington Street Entrance of the Indiana State Mu-

A d o r n e d with lights and orna-
tments. Further, there is an ornament from each of the 92 Indiana Counties. David Herriot of Kentland submit-
ted the Newton County entry, pictured here of George Ade. Thanks to Bruce Herriman for send-
ing this along to his cousin Janet Miller in time for publication!

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The Moment Trestle - Roselawn

The iron horse. This picture is part of the collection of photographs included on the CD that Sig Boeckman shared with us recently. For more photos and stories, see page 20-21.

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NOW YOU KNOW YOUR COUNTY OF NEWTON!
By Sue Miller

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1. Lake Township is the only township that has retained its original size since the county was organized in 1860.

2. The five clay industries listed in the Indiana State Geologists’ report were: Darroch Brothers, Morocco; M. E. Hankey, Beaver City; Stucker and Coovert, Mt. Ayr; J. H. Haynes Company, Brook; and Goodland Tile Company, Goodland.

3. Kentland’s first doctor was Jethro Ayers Hatch. He settled in Kentland in June 1860. He graduated from Rush Medical College in Chicago in February 1860. He is also well-
known as an author of one of our republications “Ralph, the Story of Bogus Island”.

4. When Dr. Hatch came to Kentland he told the locals that they had the “sure cure” for

“boss”. Extracted from the 1918 Morocco Courier.

The Monon Trestle - Roselawn

The iron horse. This picture is part of the collection of photographs included

in time for publication!

Many fond memories were brought back to Jean (Bridgeman) Leavitt when she be-
gan sorting through her many boxes of mementoes of her high school days. She has donated many items to the society, in-
cluding the above show program from the Moroko Theatre. These particular movies were first shown in 1954. At that time, Harold Hyl was the owner of the theatre. Thanks Jean for sharing your memories with us!
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Preserving History: The Legacy of Anna (Barker) Marlin by Connie Kingman

I don’t know how my mother, Anna (Barker) Marlin, came across the Canowa-
ega River tale, but I remember how excited she was as she shared it with me. Stories of Native Americans, Indiana history, early pioneers, brave women, and the Iro-
quois River always inspired her. This particular tale of Watcheeke includes most of
her favorite subjects. She was so fascinated by local history that whenever she came upon a new piece of historical in-
formation, it was hard for her to keep it to herself; she was driven to share it with any-
one who would listen, a drive that would lead her to writing prose, poetry, and more.

Although Anna had no familial ties to Newton Coun-
ty, she was fascinated when she learned that Newton and Jasper Counties were once one
county as our young state organized. And Anna Barker Marlin

Anna (Barker) Marlin

Many years ago—a few miles below
what is now Watseka, Illinois,
lived a small band
of the Illini Clan
that fought the Iroquois with head and hand.

A vestige of your heritage.

Of planted crop, at harvest,
Nature’s bounty sacrificed—
An account of riches plundered,
This dell, which holds a residue,
And balance cost with gain—
Surely not in this place,
Arched above.

In a summer wind,
Surviving in this protected meadow,
Long-established, deep-rooted,
Prairie plants of virgin state,
Know whence they came,
The black-eyed susan,
Before you turn the sod—
Stop and look
And unleash the plow—
Whither your path?
Like my mother, share what you
know and what you have done. Tell your story to a
younger family member. Pick up your pen,
tape recorder, camera, or sit at the comput-
er and write. Record what you observe in your
daily life. Record what you remem-
ber of “this past” for future generations.

Anna Barker Marlin

Faraco worked for these colonists to obtain
the greatest return in money for their labors
for the first defeat of Iroquois in Illinois.

Another notation under the above ar-
cles is the Tripoli acreage.

“Thousands of additional dollars are
stated that there had been a
rally of the Republicans. Enclosed especially for the benefit of Mr. Mutz, and any
one day, and have more information to
Perhaps someone will read this arti-
colony of Tripoli was forgotten.

Early Republican Auto Rally
Ann Meyers of Goodland sent these photos of an early Newton County Republican Rally. On the back of one it read “Taken last September at a Newton County Auto Rally of the Republicans. Big, but especially for the benefit of Mr. Matt; and any
other “dan my “eric” friends.”

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From Goodland, Indiana. He served from June 2, 1944 until May 8, 1945 in Italy, France and Germany.

Do any of you readers remember this young man? If so, will you share what information you have with me? Records are hard to keep up-to-date when I don’t know to whom I can go for the information I need, so any help will be very much appreciated. And, I am sure my buddies would be interested in knowing that his life was like after he left the service.

Therefore I am not functioning at all,
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A fantastic view of the drive past Foglio's Resort, Water Valley, on the Kankakee River
Goodland - A Review of Business Interests and People

Goodland began to show symptoms of a town in 1863, when the country was yet in a virgin state. Wm. Foster, David Creek, Blake Wilson and a few other old pioneers were then on the grounds. Some of them had purchased farms and still owed upon them a large part of the purchase price, instead of paying the interest and principal when due. The Pan Handle railroad was completed in 1860, and 1868, Julian Strawn, of LaSalle County, Illinois, came here, built an elevator and went to buying grain. It was readily supposed that Mr. Strawn was not at the time over-handled with business. However, he purchased a large tract of land here, recognizing the wealth of the soil, and persuaded a large number of LaSalle County farmers to settle upon the lands, selling it up long time and easy terms.

Following Mr. Strawn, came George Hardy, S. W. Dudgeon, and other active business and real estate men who, recognizing the great fertility of the soil and consequent possibilities of the future, proceeded to invest largely and work energetically for the settlement and development of the country. Large number of Illinois people were persuaded to buy and settle upon the lands, and the good results of a season that might have added greatly to the permanent enrichment of this community.

Big crop and big prices boomed land values, and induced more or less extravagance. Men who had purchased farms and still owed upon them a large part of the purchase price, instead of paying the interest and principal when due, had purchased farms and still owed upon them a large part of the purchase price, instead of paying the interest and principal when due. Early this fall, the third grade classes of Lake Village toured our building, interested in our collection of antique tractors and the society enjoyed Mr. Foster's enthusiasm as he told us of collecting his first tractor and then about the others in their collection. The membership first met at Monical's for a picnic, and later enjoyed the cookies and lemonade provided by Pat Frederickson. Mr. Foster provided anyone that was interested in a copy of the "Tractors" that he had copied. You may find a copy of this publication at the Research Center.

The pictures on the wall of "Earl's" in Brook were the topic of our program in September. After a tasty dinner everyone enjoyed the stories the pictures told of former times in Brook. Larry Lyons was moderator with help from Kyle Conrad and the group present. "Earl's" had formerly been the grocery store and with its brick walls has a historical feel of the past.

September 16 was a memorable day for our society. "Hoosier Hunting Grounds" or Beaver Lake Trail by Bill Hat, aka John Alter, was republished by the Family History Preservation. Several members of the Alter family joined us at the Research Center in Kentland to celebrate our republishing of their ancestor's 1904 book. With them they brought pictures of Mr. Alter and his family, his farm and mill. They added to the interest of the day. Thanks to all the members who made this Open House a success.

At this time, we have two railroads. Goodland is situated on the State Line division of the Pennsylvania and Brazil and Monomet Division of the C. & E. I. railroads. Thus, we have direct communication with the seacoast in the shipment of grain and can place the market on the Chicago market within eight hours after shipment. The C. & E. I. road goes into the coal fields of Southern Indiana, and thus furnishes a low rate on soft coal. Therefore, all the benefits and privileges of direct railroad facilities east, west, north and south are enjoyed by Goodland, and to this fact, and to the uniformly fair treatment of these railroads, Goodland owes much of its prosperity.

In 1874 was the ever-to-be-remembered "big crop." A large area had been planted to corn and many farms yielded 75 to 80 bushels per acre, some as high as 90, while few, if any, yielded less than 60 bushels. The entire marketed at from 55 to 65 cents per bushel, and some at 70 cents. Many farms were bought with the corn crop raised upon them that year, and had the farmers pursued a more temperate and economical policy, the succeeding three years of "hard times" would never have been experienced.

The character of the soil of Goodland is peculiarly fertile, and the rapid advance in the price of lands testifies to the fact that its merits have become known to the outside world. Farm lands are worth $60 to $90 per acre, and few farms in this immediate vicinity are upon the market at this time.
submitted by janet miller

Brook

Mr. Lewin of Brook was last week in farm work in the vicinity of the town. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ole, of Roselawn, who is touring Europe.

Charles Boyle and Mann Spitter of Roselawn were in Kentland Monday and there are thirty more applications in.

Will Clark was in Kewanna on business last week. He has since purchased the Brook Feed Mill.

It is safe to let the weeds in the potato patch grow than to burn them off. Charlie Mathers attempted to burn some weeds off one day last week and for a while it looked as if the fire would take everything in its way. Twenty acres of corn burned and the fire spread rapidly until so close to Thom- as Lowe’s place as it was in danger, but the help of neighbors beating the fire and ploughing furrows finally conquered.

Mr. Ay

A stairway has been put up at the side of Ashby’s hardware store. The Pilot office will occupy the front room over the store.

Collas Township

A. W. Tolin was down from his home in Collas Township yesterday with two wagon loads of fine potatoes, and for which he found ready market.

Goodland each year produces destructive fires during the week. The fire at the store of T. E. Hartley lost him a large amount of goods in the building.

Washington Township

McFarland of Atlantic, Iowa, came last week to visit his brother, Hen- ry McFarland, of Washington township. McFarland then left to go on an extended trip through the south. They will visit Goldsboro, North Carolina, and as far south as Savan- nah, Georgia. Leaving there they will go through Florida and on west to Texas, and then return home near Morrison. The ball entered the thick part of the thigh, glancing downward, and has not located.

Dr. Triplett, Sr., returned to his home in Morocco Tuesday after a two months tour through Morocco Tuesday after a two months tour.

Mr. sheet are contained within the articles.Copies of the full article are available at the Resource Center. More updates also featured – these will be published in an up- coming Newcomer.

m, M. G. Traugh, Dentist

The subject of this sketch began the prac- tice of dentistry in Goodland and Rem- ington in 1868, and has been a resident of Goodland and Rem- ington ever since. He attended the United States Medical Schools in the early grades of crown and bridge work have se- cured him a class of patronage that comes from the name of Tivola. This was in 1868. He was engaged for years with his father, Blake Wilson in the stock business. He now lives in Benton County and raises 200-300 head of hogs every year and some cattle. But his chief business is the purchase and sale of horses and mules. He handles fine draft and gen- eral purpose horses, but his traffic in mules, three years ago he was present, is the heaviest of any buyer in the state. He bought and marketed over 200 head last year.

Hoffman and Hartley, Hardware Business Owners

Mr. Andrew Hoffman, hardware store owner of Goodland, was in 1885, and worked as a tinner for T. J. Hoffman & Sons. He bought and marketed over 200 head last year and some cattle. But his chief business is the purchase and sale of horses and mules. He handles fine draft and general purpose horses, but his traffic in mules, three years ago he was present, is the heaviest of any buyer in the state. He bought and marketed over 200 head last year.

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Coming Back to Hybarger Roots
In Newton County

We recently received an email requesting information about Amos Highbarger. An Amos Highbarger/Highbarger was living in Newton County. At this writing, I am researching his family genealogy, trying to fill in the blanks on his great-uncle. Here is his initial email:

“Beth, first, this is a really great site. Better than most I have visited. I have two relatives that lived for awhile in Jefferson, Newton Co. One was Elijah who moved there in about 1868 and was married to a Margaret (Malone) Highbarger. The spelling could be different as Hybarger, Highbarger. I detected Elei on the 1870 census and Amos as a boarder at that time. I know that Amos married to a Sarah Jane Corbin. I have her born in Pennsylvania in about 1846. I think she died in Newton County in Brook. Not sure if that is a town or a transcription mistake. Amos, on the other hand, disappeared and I do not see him in the 1900 censuses. Could he have died also in Newton County? That is what I am looking for. Any information on them other that the three census records that I have. Could you do a quick look up and see what you have, please?”

“What can I do for you if you want, is send you the war records and information that I have for Elijahs and Amos. They are two of six brothers. Five of which served in the Civil War with Pennsylvania Infantry Unis. The two brothers did not live in Indiana very long, but they both lived in Jefferson County and share the ancestor of the county.

“Any help will really help. By the way, I live up in Hobart and have hunted in my earlier days in and around Newton County. Thanks Beth! Act Neely’’

Because he mentioned in his email that Amos had served in the Civil War, and was seen on our web site in the census records in Washington Township, I found the email to Kyle Conrad and Janet Miller, knowing he has to access to Civil War Veterans information of our county. Janet at the time was having internet trouble, so was unable to contribute to the research.

That same day, Kyle replied to Mr. Neely with information about his ancestor, utilizing several web sites. Kyle compared dates provided by Mr. Neely to his resource, and concluded that the Amos Highbarger that is buried at Pleasant Grove Cemetery was his ancestor.

Mr. Neely replied: “Kyle, not to drag out this on, but I think the Hybarger that is buried there is not my relative. I just found out duplicates. In the 1860 census, I find an Amos Highbarger in Beaver, Clarion, PA. In the 1870 census, I find four other Amos Highbargers, Harbarger in the 1800 census.

“I know you firmly believe your Amos served in Co. A of the 103rd PA Infantry, and I agree with you. I believe he enlisted on Sept 7, 1861 at the age of 18 and was mustered out on Feb 24, 1862 due to disability. I also believe this to be true when August 28, 1862 he re-enlisted in Co. G. of the 155th PA where he served until May 31, 1865, being injured at Five Forks, VA on April 1, 1865. The change in the spelling of his name from Highbarger to Hybarger could have been the enlistment clerk’s error, or a way for Amos to hide the fact he had already been discharged due to disability.

“Following the war, Amos moved with his brother Elipha to Newton County where they appear in the 1870 census. Amos remained here after his brother moved further west. He appears in the 1880 census in Washington County. The spelling of his name that he was using, he applied for a pension in Indiana using his service in the 155th PA. A documented injury in battle would have been much easier to receive a pension for, and he served in that regiment for almost three years compared to five months in the 103rd.

“Amos died around the mid 1890’s and was buried at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Jefferson Township, Newton County, Indiana. His wife and other family members are also buried here, where there are also many members of the Corbin family buried. Pleasant Grove is a small, pioneer cemetery. The government provided him with a military marker using his service in the 155th PA.

J. S. Mugg, Farmer

Arriving in Goodland in 1897, he tills 160 acres within a quarter mile of the corporation of Goodland. He served as trustee for the Goodland Cemetery for 30 years.

E. A. Woodin,

Civil War Vet, Paper Hanger

Mr. Woodin was born in New York. He came to Goodland in 1868. He is a veteran of the Civil War, serving with Co. F, 76th NY and Co. C. 144th Ohio. He is a painter and paper hanger by trade and runs a newsstand in connection with his retail wallpaper business, carrying a large stock of magazines and novels. As an artist he at his trade. Mr. Woodin is never idle during the trade season. He is also a veteran of the Civil War. He was in the 155th PA. A veteran of the Civil War, and was wounded in the battle of Atlanta. He has a retired home on South Newton Street.

J. G. Kimman, M.D.

Dr. Kimman came to Goodland in 1898 and began the active practice of his profession. He devotes himself to the general practice of the profession. He found several other physicians located here. His offices are located in the Humston Building.

S. A. Young, Barber

Mr. Young came to Goodland when he was a lad and spent his boyhood days here. He learned the barber trade and moved to Idaho where he conducted business in the Palace Hotel until 1894 when he returned to Goodland. His shop is in the room adjoining the Bringham block. He has a nice home on South Newton Street.

Jay Johnson, Jeweler

Mr. Johnson learned the jeweler’s trade from Mr. Welch of Remington, and in 1897 opened a shop in the drug store of H. L. Humston. He has a complete outfit of fine tools pertaining to his trade, and an expert in repairing old watches and clocks, and the welding and braising of gold ornaments.

W. E. Mitten, Railway Agent

Mr. Mitten began the study of telegraphy in 1890 and worked for the C. & E. I. railway at various places until 1893, when he was made agent at this place. He is a comfortable home on Mills street.

Joseph Monty, Civil War Vet, Farmer

A veteran of the Civil War, and was wounded in the battle of Atlanta. He is a retired farmer of the area.

B. F. Butler, Railway Agent

Mr. Butler learned the telegraphy trade in 1877 and was in the Master Mechanics office of the Pan-Handle railway in Logansport for eleven years as operator and clerk, and one year in the superintendent office. He came to Goodland on Jan. 1, 1892, and has had charge of the Pan-Handle office here ever since. Mr. Butler has a comfortable home on south Newton Street.

A.E. Dawson, Livery Stock

Before coming to Goodland, he was engaged for a short time in the grocery trade in the city of Kentland. In 1896 he came to Goodland and purchased the inventory of James Bingham in the livery block of McCurry and Bingham, later purchasing the stock of McCurry. He occupies the north side block.

James Carney, Civil War Vet, Retired

Mr. Carney was a member of the 138th Indiana Volunteers and the 11th U. S. Regulars, serving for two years and five months. In 1896, he built a fine brick house north and in 1898 the brick business-

C. D. Clymer, Insurance Agent

In 1880, he and his father came to Goodland and purchased the Bringham Drug store which he managed until Mar. 10, when the business was sold to Dr. M. L. Humston. Now an agent for the American Central Life Insurance Company.

John Carpenter, Hardware and Implements

Mr. Carpenter arrived in Goodland in 1872, and engaged in the hardware and implement business. He was elected Town Clerk in 1880 and has a line of tinware and notions in his business.

A.D. Babcock, Lawyer

Born in Jasper County in 1852, he taught school for ten years in Jasper and Newton Counties. He came to Goodland in 1879 and taught five consecutive years at School Corners. He was a close student, always carried a two year license and while pursuing his school work began the study looking up the law. He entered upon the active practice of his profession in 1883, and has a creditable standing at the bar. His belief in the future of the town has been shown by the purchase of real estate in every section of the town. He has a fine brick office on Newton Street in which he has a fire proof room. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney for the county in 1894.

Walter Meeker, Restaurant and Hotel Proprietor

Mr. Meeker was engaged in the farming and livestock trade, and in 1899, he purchased the restaurant business of Jos. Bon- ty. His restaurant stock and bakery are first class in every particular he caters to the best class of trade in the community.

L. L. Reed, Grocery and Implement

Mr. Reed, with his parents in 1878, located to Goodland and engaged in the grocery and implement business, and was the origi-

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Barney Clark, Real Estate

In 1891, Mr. Clark began selling real estate in the area. The average selling price per acre of land in 1900 is $65. He is known for selling over 1000 acres in one week in 1900.

Blake Wilson, Community Builder

Mr. Wilson first came to Newton County in 1857, and bought 120 acres of land one-half mile east of town. He was engaged in shipping of stock, later becoming a member of the S. C. Spoor Company. Mr. Wilson came to Goodland at a time when it required courage, energy and unyielding industry to keep with the tides, which is always fiercely against a man in a sparsely settled and undeveloped country.

W. G. Gilman, County and State Official

Coming to Goodland in 1868, he was in the early years a teacher during school winters. He served as trustee of Grant Township in 1868-1871; Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1872; Representative to the General Assembly for the district composed of Jasper and Newton Counties in 1880 and 1882; and, Joint State Senator for the District composed of Benton, Jasper and Newton in 1890.

Charles D. Wellington, Insurance Salesman

As evidence to his success, his business representing New York Life Insurance Co., increased from $186,000 to $945,000, in 1900. The agency occupies a handsome suite in the Jacobs building.

Rufus Jacobs, Dry Goods, Community Builder

Noted for his building which bears his name, it was said that no other town in the state where can be found a business house of this size more substantially built, better finished or more conveniently arranged than this building, and it is furnished with a complete hot water heating plant, electric lights and all other modern conveniences. He came to Goodland from Fowler in 1881 and purchased the Templeton and Wick- erman stock of dry goods and continued with the business, of which he has now re- tired.

W. H. Townsend, Fruit and Garden Businessman

Arriving in Goodland in 1872, was at one time a member of the town board. He cultivated 3.5 acres of fruit and vegetables, as well as pays considerable attention to cultivating flowers.

D. M. Mead, Farmer

Arriving in Newton County in 1862, he was known as a progressive farmer, and one of the many men whose energy and industry assisted in the rapid development of this country.

Otis Shepherd, Stock and Grain Raiser

Coming to Goodland in 1868, he lived on a farm four miles northwest of Goodland. He was elected township assessor, township councilman and was a member of the county council.

Samuel LeMaster, Progressive Farmer

Coming to Goodland in 1864, he was a pioneer of the community, and highly regarded by the area's citizens.

J. T. Barnett, IRS Agent

Mr. Barnett served with the U. S. Revenue Department in Eastern Tennessee in 1872. Tohn has the scars of a dozen bullets wounds inflicted by the "moonshiners" of Tennessee and Kentucky. He went from there to Oregon where he engaged in the lumber business. In 1882 he came to Goodland and engaged in contracting and building. He is noted for the following buildings: Giggles and Weishaar block, Colborn Lum- ber Co., Patton's Poultry House, Buck's meat market, Stewart's and Dickenson's barns and Rider Bank building at Kentland. He built the stonework on the bridges along the Iroquois and had done all the townships building in his line for the past three years, besides laying over a mile and a half of sewer in Goodland. He employs 10 to 15 people. He has seen this named spelled Hieberger, Hibiger, Hysterager. In the obituary it was Hieberger, but on the census it was Hyberger.

After this email Mr. Neely replied:

Kyle, I have just read your last email about Amos Highbarger/Hyberger, and guess what, I think you are right. I have changed my thinking about Amos. The only stumbling block was the part about the 155th. I guess he could have reenlisted for the reasons you had in your mail. The 103rd PA was not a very good unit. Many were captured and sent to Andersonville prison. Reading the history of 103rd, many Generals complained that the unit was not very good in a fight. Amos got out before most of the men were captured and sent to pho- tographed. What changed my mind was he did not serve very long and still got a pension. I over looked this part. It does make sense now. I think all in all we agreed on everything except the 155th and the spelling. Also, I have thought of another name that last name matched with all kinds of spellings. The 155th was made of two companies of men from Clairton, PA. which is where the 103rd was made up from, and also the 63rd PA. Inf. In which some of his brothers were enlisted. So my thoughts on this are that you did some great job of research and reasoning. This all makes sense now and this is what I am going with in my records. Amos has 3 other brothers. I also have notes on death being 1894 is a good one and one that I will enter in my history as abt. 1894.

Thinking that I might help the efforts, I researched all of our local history books and found only a reference to Amos' mar- riage to "Jane" Corbin in the Brook-Iro- quois Washington Township Sesquicenten- nial Collection, 2006. I then searched the family files at the Resource Center, adding the next generation to Mr. Neely's family tree, that of Amos' son Willis and his wife Elizabeth. A good one for luck, for lack of a better word, argument sure proved to be beneficial to both of us. It has opened up a new search for more history to add to my family.

Beth, you guys are like bulldogs with the history of Newton County, but I hold on to the facts till they prove themselves out and at the same time take in all that is not and end up with the actual stor- ry. I will send you the information about the Hibbagers and also a picture of Andrew Hibbarger of the 100th PA. Inf. He was a blacksmith and I have a picture of him. Thanks again Art.

This is just one example of how our volunteers work together to help inquiries from the website as well as phone calls and letters.

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The Newcomer

Mr. Tice was taught the photography business under the tutelage of Charles Hugli Albert (b. 1883, d. 1958) and his artistic ability made him a success in his business. Many of the photos in this edition of the Newcomer are his work.

George B. Fox, Famer,
Thrasher and Road Builder
His family moved to Goodland in 1872. A progressive farmer, he took charge of his farm’s four miles south-east of Goodland. He and his neighbors own their own threshing and shoeing out-fits, and own and operate a private telegraph office. The value of his enterprises and ambitions stands the test of time. He is treasurer of the school board and one of the trusted and influential men of the town.

C. L. Constable,
Farmer, Township Trustee
Mr. Constable settled in Newton County in 1869. He owns a farm of 440 acres five miles southwest of Goodland. He was appointed to fill an unexpired term as township trustee, when the finances of the township were in very bad condition and the town was in default of the law and more. From this state of affairs he has in three years brought order out of chaos, and re-established the credit and affairs he has assumed. It has been a great achievement and a sentiment fostered that bids well for a future.

Mr. Constable has looked after the interests of the town. He is a good musician and has learned the trade of stone mason, came to Newton County, where he owns 670 acres of well improved land. He and his sons handled cattle and hundreds of hogs. He was elected County Commissioner in 1891, serving one term, being the only democrat elected at that time. He now lives in Goodland and represents the town as the town trustee, elected in 1899.

Mr. A. P. Hawn,
Telegraph Operator, Inventor
Mr. Hawn came to Goodland in 1895. He was a telegraph operator for a short time but for several years has been engaged in the binder business. His first work was with Deering Co., and later with the Milwaukee Co. He has invented a gasoline light machine of which a cut is shown here, of which the Underwriters

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Working To Preserve Morocco's Heritage

Submitted by Tim Storey

Tim Storey, of Renewed Heritage, dropped off a few brochures at the Resource Center in Kentland. This nonprofit organization’s goal is to provide youth and adults with rewarding experiences that will enhance Morocco’s appearance and local economy. Whether it is an orchard, garden, repair shop or old building, involving energetic youth with a few caring adults can provide great benefits for the community. Renewed Heritage, Inc. was formed to provide a way for current and former residents to pool their resources of time, creativity, talent, and money toward a common goal; restoring the assets of Morocco that make it a great place to live. Much of their current focus is on downtown buildings and homes, but a rich community life is more than that. The practicality and potential of locally grown foods, repair shops, and even small hospitality-related businesses is recognized by many, but help is needed to catalyze these “new ventures.”

Renewed Heritage seeks opportunities in a variety of areas in line with our goal of uncovering, utilizing, and preserving local assets. Our immediate, primary focus is on building and home restoration, using a mentor/youth approach. The work environments we create will be wholesome and education in terms of history and skill building.

A 501-c-3 nonprofit organization, they are looking for investors in preserving Morocco’s heritage. You may contact them at 219-285-6074 to learn more.

Proposed Renovations

Pictured is the old Morocco Landromat, now boarded up and crumbling. It does not have to stay this way. The historic storefront with stained glass windows still intact behind the wood paneling. The artist’s rendering at the right shows how the building could look, enhancing the appearance of the downtown area. It is hoped that when restored, this building could cater to local art, music and conversation. It could be reserved for a variety of meeting needs and private gatherings.

Renewed Heritage has secured the rights to this building, the former Seller’s Service Station located at the corner of State and Polk Streets in Morocco.

Through private donations and volunteer labor, they hope to recapitalize the charm of the building. This project is intended to demonstrate the potential of restoration in uncovering Morocco’s assets. Original materials will be refurbished and reused whenever possible.

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In the late 1860’s I think the records indicate they may have paid $10.00 an acre for some of their land southwest of Goodland. Land we still hold in the family.

By 1876 we had the Foster elevator and a general store owned by D.W. Church. In those early days of agriculture if the farming season had been good it wasn’t unusual to see 200-300 wagons lined up waiting to be unloaded at one of the different elevators. They serviced farmers from Newton, Benton and Jasper County. It may seem small by today’s standards but, at least one million bushels of grain were shipped over the rails in a year.

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After Daddy's death, we went on her own friends, as I did. Mother was the decision-maker. I cannot bring more of Catherine into the story. She made the decisions. I am sorry it was Daddy's car, he was car manifredd to get the car started. I went to school and was seated in my fourth grade room when there was a terrible commotion in the hall, someone had been hit by the morning train at the crossing near the school – it was Daddy's car, he was car-ried in the wreckage up to the corner of the school yard. I put my head down on my desk and cried quietly until someone comforted me and took me home. The rest of that day is a blur but not the days following. Daddy was in bed in the downs town bedroom, most of the time he was delirious. There were several nurses around the clock until they took Daddy to Chicago, to Lake Side Hos-pital on the south side where he died some weeks later. Mother stayed with a cousin who lived near the hospital and we children were taken care of by loving friends who showed us care and gifts.

When Daddy died we were at Aunt Alices, mother’s sister, who still lived in Sheldon having married George Hathaway, a banker. When Aunt Alice told us about Daddy’s death, she told us not to mention it to mother because it would make her feel bad. I was eighteen before I initiated a remark about him to Mother.

Mother was a very strong personal-ity and from that time on my story was her story. She made the decisions. I am sorry I cannot bring more of Catherine into the account – she was little sister, who had her own friends, as I did. Mother was the dominant figure and as we were growing up people called us the three Allen girls.

After Daddy’s death, we went on living in the same house and lifestyle. The house had four bedrooms upstairs and one down. Mother rented three bedrooms to school teachers from out of town, the coun-ty auditor, a widower and the cashier of a bank. She served dinner at noon to them as well as others because we lived across the street from the school. Various hired girls helped with the house-