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# From Our Readers

I can identify another person in the April mystery photo, old Advance school, 1904. The girl in the third row, standing seventh from the left is Ruby Whitsett.

E. Jenkins,  
Muncie, Indiana

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I want to thank Boone and Ethel Haff-

ner Hume for the article, "Memories of School Days at Mudlick," published in the July, 1979 issue. In the picture were Eulalia R. Hancock Schmidt (d. 12/26/81) and Tina Gladys Hancock Brock. I mailed a copy of the magazine to Tina who now lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She was so glad to get it

and surprised to learn a Boone Magazine existed. She sends best wishes to all New Brunswick relatives and friends and remembers all in the picture. She mentioned Ethel, Opal and Claude Haffner and their grandfather Haffner and the well laden tables of food at Uncle Cicero's when the thrashers came.

Thank you Boone,  
Sincerely,  
Mrs. Harold E. Carel  
Indianapolis, Indiana

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Mr. and Mrs. Francis Heaton (Rovene Rogers of Mechanicsburg, IN) who live near Warren, Indiana, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 28th at the United Methodist Church at Warren from 2 until 5 o'clock. Family and friends are invited, but please omit gifts.

Mrs. Harry Harding Carmin who lived all of her earlier years in Boone County, passed away October 13th, 1982 at the Wabash, Indiana Nursing Home. Her funeral was Saturday, October 16th at North Manchester where the family still owns the Harding Furniture Store. Mary Kathryn Warner and Byron "Buss" Harding, her children, both live in North Manchester. Her daughter, Mildred Bliss is deceased. Harry Harding passed away

over forty years ago. He formerly taught school at Mechanicsburg and for years his classes held reunions there with Katy and Harry present. My sister, Agnes Rogers Cory was among those enjoying that reunion. George Davis of Thorn-town is another one, along with Edna and Lorine McCance, and Helen Ferguson also was in the group, as I recall.

Yours,  
Rovene Rogers Heaton,  
Warren, Indiana

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I had to do some thinking this month to decide what kind of a Tale that I would write. But, looking at the calendar and remembering the times we had on the holidays with the good food, I decided to put it down on paper.

Fay and I are still in good health and are waiting the holidays to go visit the family up north. Thanksgiving is always a time of joy around our home because that is the day we were blessed with the adoption of our daughter, although her birthday is in February. She has two now, as we celebrate Thanksgiving as one birthday, also.

Hoping this letter finds all of my reader friends and you at the magazine preparing for

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# Genealogical Heritage



*Climbing  
Your Family  
Tree Can Be  
Fun*

William Lutz married Margaret Smith 1858. Census 1860 Center Township shows William J. Lutz 25 Margaret 21 Isabella 1 1/2. Never able to find this couple anywhere afterwards. Does anyone know? Also, would like to know Margaret's parents.

Nicholas N. Davis, born Kentucky 1802, married Dorcus Veirs (Viers), Lewis County, Kentucky, 1824; lived Perry Township from about 1845 until death, 1885. Does anyone know about this family? Will gladly exchange Davis and Veirs (Viers) research.

*Lyndon C. Davis  
3641 Pershing  
San Bernardino, California 92405*

Readers, especially those who grew up in Depression time, might be interested in the following book.

The Great American Depression Book of Fun. Text by John O'Dell, art by Richard Loehle. 1981. 199 pages. Harper & Row, Publishers, New York, \$9.95.

The book is well illustrated with instructions on making various play items from materials found around the home or farm. Chapters are entitled: *Rubber Guns and Cowboys, Downhill Fun,*

*Whistles and Other Entertainment, Villains and Heroes, Rainy Days, Windmills and Kites, Skill, Tops and Other Spinning Toys, Animals and Dolls.*

I found it a delightful book to read and reminisce.

Sincerely,  
John M. Kingsolver  
Silver Spring, Maryland

Does anyone have any genealogical information on Margaret Ann Bowman Hancock Joseph? She married Taylor Hancock on 5/21/1870 in Boone County. They had four children named: Mary Alice Hancock (married Henry Haffner); William Henry Hancock (married Kate Coshow); Cicero Hancock (married Emma May Belcher); Luella Hancock (married George Dale). All were born in Boone County near Poplar Grove, I think. After the death of Taylor Hancock, she married a Mr. Joseph and I think all three are buried at Poplar Grove Cemetery.

I am the great-granddaughter of Taylor and Margaret Ann Hancock (nee Mary Geneva Higgins).

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# Historical Record of Mount Tabor Church

Compiled by Mrs. Elma Smith January, 1960

*Submitted by Mrs. Ralph Kouns*

On the third Saturday in July, 1835, a church committee assembled with a number of friends of William and Matilda Turner for the purpose of constituting a Regular Baptist church in their community. The following churches, namely Mt. Gilead, Thorntown, Union, Big White Lick and Little White Lick, had each sent two representatives, and Eagle Creek church sent two representatives, along with their pastor, Eld. George Dodson. From the record of this meeting we read the following - "We, the committee, whereas our names are enrolled above, being sent from the different churches to which we belong, being convened at the house of William Turner for the purpose of aiding in constituting a Regular Baptist Church in Perry Township, Boone County, Indiana; and after examining their articles of faith, and further inquiring into their qualifications to keep house, we find them to be sound in faith, and nicely qualified to keep House. The names of persons in the constitution are as follows: Edward and Philidelphia Shirley, Benjamin and Susan Smith, Louis and Nancy Smith, Daniel and Elizabeth Shirley, James and Nancy Smith, William Smith, Francis Nash, William Edwards, E. P. Hardin, and William and Matilda Turner. We therefore, pronounce them a Regular Baptist Church, and give them the right hand of fellowship. Done by order of the Presbytery, the 3rd. Saturday in July, 1835."

The brethren then proceeded to business as a church. First, named themselves, Mt. Tabor. Second, Appointed a moderator and clerk. Third, Called a brother to the office of Deacon. Fourth, Opened door of church for membership, received two. Fifth, Agreed to join Danville Association, and appointed a committee of three as messengers to attend, and to write a letter, and have it read at next meeting, to present to the association. Sixth, Four brethren were appointed to form rules of decorum, to be ready to be read and inspected at the next meeting.

Eld. George Dodson accepted the call as pastor, and it was agreed that they meet in the homes and in the school house until a church building could be erected. The time for services to begin was set for 12 o'clock during the months from November to April, and 11 o'clock from May to October.

At the April meeting in 1836, four trustees were elected and authorized to procure a plot of ground on which to build a church. At the May meeting it was reported the place had been selected for the church building, which proved to be on the farm that had previously been entered from the government by William and Matilda Turner, and is now owned by a great-great-grandson, William Everett

of Advance. The chosen spot is a short distance south of Fayette far back from the highway to the east, and by close observation, some of the stones can be seen that mark the last resting places of some of Mt. Tabor's first members, some who proved to be sound in faith and nicely qualified to keep House.

During the summer of 1836, two subscription papers were carried in order to raise funds to aid in building, and the sum of \$49 was subscribed, and the work began. It was to be 24 feet long, and 20 feet wide, and made of logs, all hand hewn, and covered with hand made clapboards. It was ready for the October meeting in 1837. But winter weather caused them to close the door after two meetings had been held in the new church. It was not until two years passed before the building was ready for winter service.

The winter of 1839 found the two stick and clay mud chimneys ready, two doors and two windows with glass and outside shutters all completed. These chimneys were replaced with brick ones in the fall of 1845, and no changes made until 1848 when a ceiling made of boards was put in, a pulpit added, and more comfortable seats made. No more changes were made for a period of 9 years, when the members began to feel the need of being out nearer the highway, and the need of a larger and more modern church. The trustees were authorized in February, 1857, to buy a plot of ground to build a new frame church. The chosen spot is where the Primitive church now stands, near the cemetery, and many of the timbers in this building are from the hand hewn logs used in the construction of the new frame church which was ready for the January meeting in 1858. The new building was 45 feet long and 32 feet wide, with door and pulpit in the east end, and furnished with board seats. By January, 1858, all the charter members were gone except William and Matilda Turner. They must have been deeply grieved to see the old log church closed. At the last service in December, 1857, a few days meeting was held as a farewell service, and 26 additions were added to the church. These services closed on January 10, 1858, then on the third Saturday in February, 1858, another 10 day meeting was held in the new church, and 29 more were welcomed into the church.

It looked like everything was fine for Mt. Tabor church, but there was still a debt that wasn't canceled yet. The church had been built at an approximate cost of \$800, and it wasn't until the summer of 1865 that this debt was paid, and they could go along with some added improvements. At this time the Civil War was ended and the trustees were authorized to finish the building. Another door was made in the east end on the other side of the pulpit, and it pro-

bably was at this time the board seats were exchanged for short, low back benches. No other improvements were made until 1884, when a door was made in the west end, the pulpit moved to the west end, and some repairing was also done. These changes made the church just as it was at my first recollection, and no changes were made until after it was sold in March, 1898, and plans were made to build our present church building, which was ready for services in August of the same year.

We feel like Mt. Tabor church was established on a firm foundation, and our prayers are that our new addition dedicated to His honor, will be a blessing to all, and that Mt. Tabor church may always stand on the foundation on which it was established on that third Saturday in July, 1835, "Sound in faith, and may we always be 'nicely' qualified to keep house for the Lord."

The first pastor called at Mt. Tabor church, was called the day the church was organized, he was Eld. Geo. Dodson, who had come to Boone County from Virginia in 1826 and settled near the place where Eagle Creek church was organized in the year 1829. This was thought to have been the first church in Boone County, and it was organized mainly through the influence of Eld. Dodson, who was one of the first ministers here. He served at Mt. Tabor until 1842 and died in 1848 at the age of 72 years. Since the church was organized 15 ministers have been ordained, the first Eld. W. V. Hardin, in 1837, a short time before the first church was completed. The church record shows Eld. Hardin's name was still on our church roll at the time of his death, November 15, 1904. The first ordination in the log church was in 1856 when Eld. Peter Keeney and Eld. David Leap were ordained the same day. The record shows Eld. Peter Keeney was a member at the time of his death, December 6, 1893. Others ordained were Eld. Chancey Green in 1861, Eld. Allen McDaniel in 1879, Eld. Raleigh Smith in 1897, these last three in the frame church after it was built in 1858 out on the highway. The other ten were ordained in our present building since 1898. Eld. Preston Smith in 1898, Eld. Albert Abston in 1909, Eld. Clarence Hopkins in 1951. Elders Olin Smith, Gerald Smith, B. W. Ragan, Ray Ruetz and Lavern Wing were all ordained at the same time on August 14, 1955. The last one up to this time was Eld. E. T. Bray who was ordained December 6, 1959.

Other ordained ministers' names have been enrolled on Mt. Tabor church book, namely: Eld. John F. Agan, in 1893, Eld. R. A. Fuson in 1906 and Eld. Verlin Smith in 1953, but these were welcomed as ordained ministers.

Ministers from sister churches have served as pastors at Mt. Tabor, and just here I would like to dedicate a few lines to Eld. W. E. Essex, who has been our pastor for 31 consecutive years. He has proved to be a good feeder of the sheep, and has given so freely in a financial way and in manual labor in all our building projects. His work at Mt. Tabor will always be remembered, and the seed

sown will continue to bear fruit in future years. The little ones of our flock, whom we think of as our future church, will always remember the love and kindness he has shown them, and the present membership will remember his efforts to teach all to be Sound in faith, and good keepers of the House for the Lord. In the years he has labored with us, 208 members have been welcomed into the church, and of the 196 of our present enrollment, only 58 were members when he first began his work with us. The very old, or the very young, find a home at Mt. Tabor, all who believe in Christ, and are baptized by immersion in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, are welcomed as members. The oldest member on record was John Leap, a Revolutionary soldier, who came into the church and was baptized at the age of 106 years in the year 1841. The inscription on his monument in Mt. Tabor cemetery is marked, "Born in 1735, Died in 1845, age 110 years." The youngest, as far as I know, is Russell Wing, who also was the first one to be baptized in the new baptistry at the age of 5 years. May God's love be a protecting shield along life's pathway for "Rusty" as he is known to his little friends. The church, as it stands today, has been dedicated to the teaching of God's Word, and, as stated by Bro. Essex in dedication services on November 22, 1959, "In this building may saints be comforted, and sinners taught the way of Life eternal."

It may be a question to some as to why it is now Mt. Tabor Regular Baptist Association, when, and why the change. As was stated previously, it was agreed the day the church was organized to join the Danville Association and had continued with them until the year 1890. The minutes of the September meeting in 1890, state that "the association had accepted a party of excluded members as a church which was claimed to be contrary to the rules of the association, and inasmuch as the association, by ignoring their protest to same, had acted in disorder, and all brethren of sister churches of the Danville Association, that did not indorse such action, are invited to take action with us." A committee of 3 was then appointed to confer with the sister churches, which led to the organization of Mt. Tabor Regular Baptist Association. Records show that when the newly organized association met at Mts. Run Church in 1892, there were 16 churches represented. And now, down to this present date of 1960, we have remained the Mt. Tabor Regular Baptist Association.

In closing, this history has been compiled that many of our young members and also those of future years, may read and know more about the early church. As the writer of this church history, I would like to dedicate this to my great-great-grandparents, William and Matilda Turner, in whose home the Mt. Tabor Regular Baptist church was organized in the year of 1835. These dear ones seem so real to me, that I hardly realize I never knew them.

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# William Miller Story

*Reprinted from an article in the Indianapolis News dates January 3, 1930.  
Submitted by Evelyn Shanklin*

"Work hard, tend to your own business, be honest and let Providence take care of the rest!"

That is the recipe for a long life, advocated by William Miller of Whitestown, Boone county, who today observed his 100th birthday and who is a healthy, alert example of practicing what he preaches. Believe it or not, despite his age, he has a hankering to ride in an airplane.

The centenarian, keen-eyed and active, full of interest in everything going on around him, is amazing, for he splits wood for his little stove, carries it in, carries out the ashes, walks over to see his son, "a couple of city blocks" down the road, almost daily, reads incessantly when indoors, eats three square meals a day and sleeps soundly seven or eight hours each night.

Mr. Miller owns the 235-acre farm on which he lives near Whitestown. It includes the land on which he settled when he, his wife and children came to Indiana, with all the hardships of pioneer life facing them. The old log cabin that he built from trees he felled, still stands on the farm although it is not used and is somewhat dilapidated.

"We came from Green county, Tennessee, in a covered wagon, camping along the way at nights," said Mr. Miller, as he reminisced of days gone by. "And it took us eleven days. Sounds powerful slow to folks riding automobiles and airplanes today, but we thought we made pretty good time. We came up to Madison, taking the steamboat ferry from the Kentucky side and came to Indianapolis on the old Madison road. I remember well what a hunt I made in Indianapolis which was just a village itself then, for some bread for we had run out! And you wouldn't believe it, but I couldn't buy a bit of bread in town, but I got some corn meal, so we went on up north of town on the river, and camped for the night. I built a fire, my wife got out the frying pan and made some corn bread for supper. The next day we came on. I had just \$5 when we arrived.

"All these farms were woods, with here and there a low log cabin, and not many of them either. There were no roads and Lebanon was just a mudhole, although it had a post office and a kind of courthouse. That courthouse was a sight, just a pile of mouldy bricks about ready to fall down. It did fall down pretty soon and then they put up a right solid building, and later replaced that one with the fine building they've got now.



William Miller

"We rented a few acres north of here for a while, but I soon took over some ground, about forty acres, from a fellow who wanted to leave and I built my cabin in 1852. I did most of the work of clearing, cutting down trees and building the cabin myself, and I'll never forget how bad the mosquitoes were, we had to build smudges to keep from being eaten up while building the house. I've been on the land ever since, and this is the third house I've lived in, this one being built about thirty years ago. Right under the living room there's a big oak stump. I remember that fine tree that had to be cut down to put up the house. I didn't have much money in those old days, but I didn't have very big taxes either. In 1854 I paid \$2.50 and I pay about \$600 now."

Mr. Miller was born in Green county, Tennessee. He likes to recall his boyhood days and life in his old home:

"Why, when I was a boy at home," he said, "in the south, the darkies used to play their banjos and sing and there'd always be one little pickaninny to dance for us and we thought that was fine entertainment. I can just see my old home now of cold winter evenings. We used to have a big open fire, mother'd be standing by her big wheel spinning and sometimes she'd spin way into the night. It would be my job to take care of the fire and I'd throw on big pine knots that would flame up and smell so good.

"The older brother went to the Mexican war and I was just rarin' to go. I went down to enlist, but they wouldn't have me for I was just a boy then. I've lived through several wars, but haven't been in any of them, although my father was in the Indian wars. I

had my family when the Civil War came along. I was a Southerner, too. My father's house was burned down with all their possessions, even their clothes, during the Civil War and he came up to live with us until after the war was over."

Mr. Miller remembers clearly events of the years that have passed and also talks just as clearly about problems of today.

"I never miss reading the newspapers and the magazines; I listen to the radio, ride in the automobile, go to the movies once in a while, and I'll tell you, I'm just a hankering to take an airplane ride. That's the truth. If one would come around here, I'd hop right in and take a fly!"

"Wouldn't you be nervous?" asked a listener.

"Not much," chuckled Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller said that women today in regard to styles are just like they always were.

"Why I remember the hoop skirt. Mercy, but the men made fun of them, but the women kept getting them bigger and bigger, started with just stiffening and ended with steel barrel hoops! It was just a spurt though and first thing we knew they had turned to the bustle. That's the way with the short skirts, they kept getting them shorter until they just wore the style out and turned to something else.

"I expect the girls, or men either for that matter, wouldn't have so many clothes today if they had not

only to make them but spin the thread that went into the material, cut the flax and shear the sheep before that. Some way, you can't seem to picture a bobbed-hair woman today at a big spinning wheel. But I think the styles today are all right, a lot better than those bustles and hoops."

Mr. Miller also told of how he used to drive into Indianapolis with a team of oxen hitched to his wagon carrying corn to the mill to have it ground.

"It took me all day to drive there," he said. "I'd stay all night in town and take the whole next day to coming home. The grist mill was on the canal. I've seen Indianapolis grow up into a city during my life here. I'm glad I've lived during this last 100 years, for it seems like everything's been invented imaginable."

Charles Miller, a son, and his wife live with Mr. Miller. Near by lives another son, John Miller. A son, W. H. Miller, and two daughters, Mrs. John Bruce and Mrs. Eber Reser, live in Indianapolis. There are seven children dead. Twenty-two grandchildren are living and nine great-grandchildren. Mrs. Frank Walker, a granddaughter, and Jerome Hauser, a grandson, also live in Indianapolis.

Open house was kept at the home of Mr. Miller today and members of the family from far and near gathered to help him observe the anniversary. ☆



Charles, Elizabeth, Mahala, and William Miller

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## ROOMS

## BOONE COUNTY

# Republican Central Committee,

Lebanon, Indiana, October 27, 1896.

- JEFFERSON.**
- 1 Oscar Rogers, Hazelrigg.
  - 2 Chester Cory, Thornstown.
  - 3 J. C. Caldwell, Cas n.
- UNION.**
- 1 A. W. L. Newcomer, Big Springs.
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- EAGLE.**
- 1 J. N. Harmon, Zionville.
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  - 3 James M. Harmon, Royalton.
- PERRY.**
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  - 3 P. M. Lewis, Jamestown.
  - 4 D. C. Smith, "
- WORTH.**
- 1 H. N. Cragun, Whitestown.
  - 2 James H. Kelly, "

Above is pictured a letterhead of the Republican Central Committee dated October 27, 1896.

On the bottom it read:

*The election will occur one week from to-day. Only seven days remain in which to prepare for the final battle of the ballots. We would urge every Republican in Boone county to vote before 8 o'clock, and see that the polls at each voting place are opened at 6 o'clock a.m.*

Letterhead submitted by Mrs. Harold E. Carel



## 5th & 6th Grade Whitestown Grade School 1924-25

First row, left to right: Sybilla Atkins Ottinger, Esther Allen Smith, ?, Wendell Hull, ?, Adrian Cline, Dorothy Ottinger, Julia A. Neal.

Second row: Teacher, Irene Sanders; Ren Scott, Adelbert Neese, ?, Lois Vivian Nease Muellore, Preston Smith, Naomi Hine, Meldra Markland, Evelyn Miller Shanklin, Mary Shirley.

Third row: Edith Wilson Beck, Fred Cragun, Francis Moran, Martha Caldwell, ?, Louise Laughner Hancock, ?, Wilma Goodwin, Charles Hine, Virginia Hull.

4th row: ?, Kenneth West, Katie Dulin, Doris Clingler, ?, Fern Hine Bell, Hiram Cragun, Marshall Etter, Mary Catherine Fulwider Kouns, Doris Cleaver Hughbanks.

*Photo courtesy of Evelyn Shanklin*



1932-33

## Elizaville Grade School

First row (bottom) left to right: Alfred Cleaver, Ben Allen, Bill Newkirk, Robert Swope, Marvin Hinshaw, Marion Adams, Lloyd Newkirk, Floyd Newkirk, Raymond Roberts, Fred Tewell.

Second row: William Hinshaw, Jr. Cogswell, Bob Cogswell, Bill Coy, Noble Virtue, ? Adair, Oris Adams, ?, Blanchard Dale, Clifford Virtue, Leona Swinford, Mary Jane Swope.

Third row: Teacher - Dartha Long, Katie Hollingsworth, Betty Newkirk, Ruth Sipe, ? Adair,

Elmer Lewis Coy, Martha Belle Wakefield, ?, Jesse Fern Virtue, ?, Alice Tewell, Nora Mantooth, Martin Nolte - teacher.

Fourth row: ? Adair, Morris Wayne Adams, ?, ? Adair, ?, Joan Swope, ?, John T. Brown, ? Hollingsworth, Guerney Newman, Franklin Wakefield.

Fifth row: Sybil Roberts, Thelma Allen, ?, Marion Newkirk, Marion Swinford, ? Miller, ?, ?, ? Adair, Wanda Stephenson, and Alvin Allen.

*Photo courtesy of Alfred Cleaver*



## Elizaville Grade School 1933 - 34

First row (bottom) left to right: Bill Newkirk, Floyd Newkirk, Charles McClung, Clifford Virtue, Noble Virtue.

Second row: Leona Swinford, Martha Veach, ?, Alice Tewell, Elizabeth Goodnight, ? Finch, Anna May Snow, Bonetha Sipe.

Third row: Marion Adams, Marion Wills, Bob Cogswell, Bob Swope, Oris Adams, Fred Tewell,

Lloyd Newkirk, Keith Carney, Alfred Cleaver, Kenneth Gibbs, Walter McMannis, teacher.

Fourth row: Virginia Bowman, Kathleen Carney, Nora Mantooth, Elmer Lewis Coy, Martha Snow, ?, Bob McQuern, Morris Finch, Carol Veach.

Fifth row: Irene Mace, Betty Newkirk, Mary Snow, Morris Wayne Adams, William Snow, Ruth Cochran, Martha Belle Wakefield, Jesse Fern Virtue.

*Photo courtesy of Alfred Cleaver*



This is the complete family with grandchildren and son and daughters-in-law.

Standing left to right: Harley Shirley, Jessie Shirley (front row sitting with baby on lap.)

Standing left to right: Margaret & Lawrence Nunnally, Minnie & Earl Dillon, Ettie & Carl Shirley; sitting with baby on lap, Opal & Ben Yost (standing behind her). Parents sitting in center: Arminta and Benjamin Shirley. Photo taken in 1918.

*Shirley  
Family  
Album*



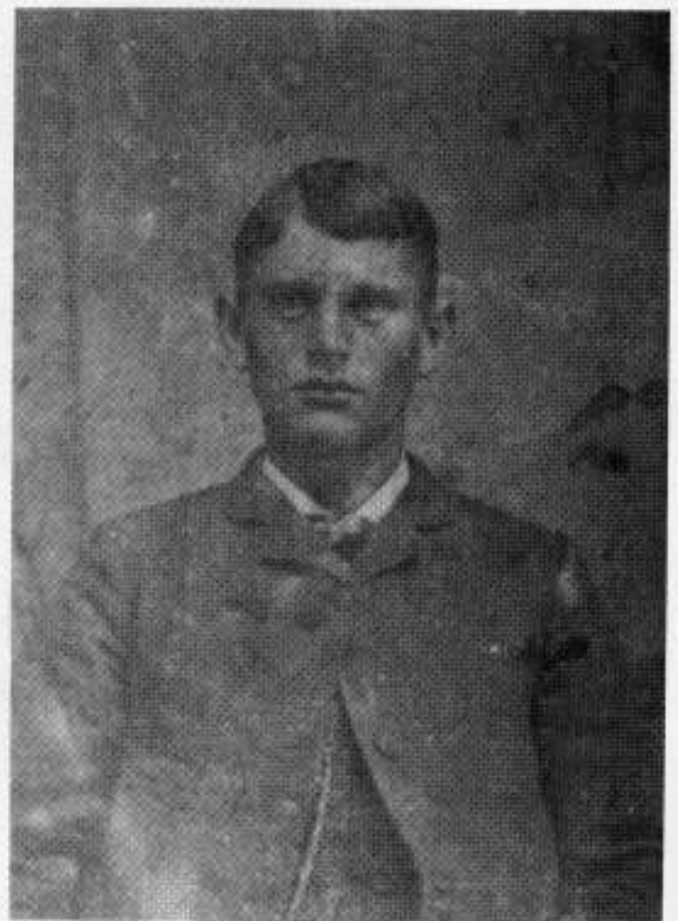
*Nancy Margaret Shirley and a cousin (name unknown). Photo taken about 1915.*

*Photos courtesy of Mrs. Ralph Kouns*



**Arminta Bell Smith**

Arminta Bell Smith was the daughter of Jacob T. and Margaret Ellen (Cooper) Smith and granddaughter of Reuben and Malinda (Turpin) Smith.



**Benjamin Thomas Shirley**

Taken about 1886 when they were married. Benjamin was the son of Levi and Nancy A. Shirley and grandson of Martin and Melinda Shirley of Fayette.



**Levi and Nancy Shirley**

Levi was the father of Benjamin Thomas Shirley; born 1844, died 1929. Levi's parents were Martin and Malinda Shirley, married August 31, 1842.

*Photos courtesy of Mrs. Ralph Kouns*



**Five Daughters of Jacob & Margaret Smith**  
 Upper left to right: Ella (Elvira) Abston, Arminta Belle Shirley.  
 Front row: Enna Salena Sallee, Carrah A. Cornett, and Florence Bodine.



**Five Daughters of Benjamin & Arminta Shirley**  
 Left to right: Ona (Shirley) Bradley, Minnie (Shirley) Dillon, Opal (Shirley) Yost, Beulah (Shirley) Baker, and (on her knees) Margaret (Shirley) Nunnally.



**Nancy Margaret Shirley**  
 Pictured above is Mrs. Kouns' mother, Nancy Margaret Shirley and her dog, taken about 1915.  
*Photos courtesy of Mrs. Ralph Kouns*



# Tales from My Father's Store

by Bob Smith



November brings Thanksgiving and all of the wonderful food that goes with it. It seemed like Mother was in the kitchen for a week preparing for the feast.

First was the decision to have chicken or goose. This particular year we had goose. Down in the basement Father dressed the bird, saving the feathers for the feather bed or for some pillows. Then it was cooked and all of the fat was saved. Heaven forbid if you caught a cold, because here came the goose grease to be smeared on your chest. You would be so greasy that you could slip out of bed.

During the holidays Father had for sale in the store: fresh cranberries and bulk mincemeat that came in a wooden bucket and was sold by the pint or quart.

Mother would make a wonderful salad out of the cranberries. She would grind them along with some oranges. This salad was supposed to cut the grease from the other food.

Of course you had to have pumpkin pie made from scratch, cooking the raw pumpkin down to make it ready for the pies. Mincemeat was also on the agenda as a holiday dessert. But my favorite was suet pudding, which is more like a steamed fruit cake. Mother would make it earlier in the week and on Thanksgiving day she would wrap it in a cloth and put it in a colander on top of an iron kettle full of boiling water and let the steam filter through the pudding. While it was still warm you would cover it with a sweet sauce.

In due time the company would arrive and at high noon the table would start to fill with food fit for a king. There was mashed potatoes, candy yams, baked beans still in the pot, high top biscuits, cranberry salad, pickles and olives; and oh, yes, oyster dressing that was made from the oysters that came from the meat market. Then came the greasy goose, which I cared very little for. But the trimmings were out of this world. I know that when the blessing was said that Mother, under her breath, gave thanks that it only happened once a year.

Times have changed so much. Now you go to the store and pick up your turkey that is ready for the oven, even to the pop-up timer. Your pies are in the frozen food shelf. The potatoes are all ready mashed and only need milk. The cranberries are in a can and ready to eat. Oysters you eat the year round,

not just the months that have an "R." So today Thanksgiving meals are out of a sack and are prepared the same day. Ladies, please don't reprimand me, as I think the present day feast is as good or better than the ones that women had to work so hard to prepare.

The last thing about Thanksgiving was when we were in the first years of school and we spent most of the time decorating the room with turkeys, pumpkins and pilgrim fathers made out of paper and colored and cut out to hang in the windows and on top of the blackboard. Thanksgiving comes but once a year, but in my latter years I give thanks every day for another one that I can enjoy. ☆

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# Bits of Wit from Days of Yore

**The Lebanon Pioneer, Jan. 17, 1889** - In country correspondence from NEALIS: David McClaine, living near Hazel College school house, shot and killed a Paddy in his buggy shed not many nights since. The man hadn't time to throw up his hands and plead for life, when the bullet went whizzing through his raggy bosom. (Boone editor's note: The dictionary says that Paddy is a slang name for an Irishman and also a pet name for Patrick.)

**The Lebanon Pioneer, Jan. 17, 1889** - A Philadelphia woman was saved from falling through a coal hole by her bustle. Another opening for women was blocked by senseless fashion. - No Laplander has ever written a song, and no Finlander has ever written a book. No wonder they are a happy people. - A Cedar Rapids, Iowa, clergyman recently took this for his text: "Can a man with a family work for \$30 a month and be a Christian?"

**The Lebanon Patriot, Dec. 26, 1889** - An old maid in Connecticut adopted a boy and called him "Moses David Absalom Daniel Mark White." The other day when he became of age, he sued her for \$25,000 damages for hitching all those names in front of him, and it is hoped that the jury will give him every cent of it.

**The Lebanon Patriot, Dec. 26, 1889** - If you have failed to receive the usual number of Christmas presents, lay it to the weather. You know Santa Claus comes in a sleigh drawn by reindeers, and as the sled could not run in the mud, he could not get in.

**The Lebanon Pioneer, May 7, 1903** - "THE D--D THING FLICKERED OUT" - While looking over marriage record No. 4 in the clerk's office this morning, L. L. Masters, local abstractor, discovered the following return entry attached to the record of a marriage license issued to Hamilton King and Missouri Hayden on the 12th of January, 1863. "The above license was returned by said Hamilton King. He says: 'The d--d thing flickered out,' and takes out license to marry Martha Therman." The return entry and the new license are dated February 12, 1863, and it seems that Mr. King was successful this time, as John B. Logan, M. G., Presbyterian church N. School, certifies that he tied the nuptial knot.

**The Lebanon Patriot, Sept. 4, 1890** - SHARP POINTS: - Ladies' change - that found in the pockets of husbands at night. - A man never becomes so homely that he is not handsome to the woman he is good to. - No man is hero to the valet, but once in a while there is a man who is a gentleman to his wife. - Man is made in God's image, but the majority of men are more in love with the image than the original. - "Pretty near" doesn't count. The sunbeam that travels 95,000,000 miles may be stopped seven feet from earth by a cheap umbrella.

**The Lebanon Patriot, Sept. 4, 1890** - LOCAL NEWS: - **Reward** - Will pay funeral expenses for the man who stole 12 cigars from G. P. Koontz, tailor, east side square. - There is mourning at the Rose House hotel over the sudden and untimely taking of little Ben, who departed this life last Sunday evening. Little Ben, it is needless to say to those who live here, was a very smart trick dog. - The condition of the Rodefer cemetery is a disgrace. Many of the lots on which are fine monuments, have weeds four and five feet high, while the fence is rickety in many places so that stock can get through. This is a shame. (Boone editor's note: Rodefer is now Oak Hill Cemetery.)

**The Lebanon Patriot, Sept. 11, 1890** - LOCAL NEWS: - A well-known countess in England recently paid a board bill for herself and twenty-three cats, over forty goats, two dogs and a monkey. - A delinquent subscriber presented a Georgia editor with a beet weighing 20 pounds, and the editor publicly thanked the donor for "so characteristic a gift." - The New York law prohibiting boys under 16 years old, from smoking cigars went into effect last Sunday. The police of New York have a bigger contract on hand if they undertake to enforce this law than they have in keeping little boys from jumping on the cars.

**The Lebanon Patriot, Sept. 18, 1890** - ELIZAVILLE ITEMS: - Elizaville is now a voting place, and a good one, too, 5 Republicans to one Demmy. - The dance, Friday evening, was well attended, there being only a few drunks, and all-in-all it was an orderly crowd. - The inhabitants of our quiet little town were startled when Bill Moller rushed down the street about noon, singing: "Hush, be still as any mouse, there's a baby in our house, not a dolly, not a toy, but a bouncing baby boy." Bill still wears a 6 X 10 smile.

*\*Compiled by Ralph W. Stark\**



# Biography of a CIVIL WAR SOLDIER



(Editor's Note: This is the forty-third of a series of "Biographies of a Civil War Soldier," one of several accounts of the services of a number of Boone County men in the War Between the States, as given in the second book of a two-volume work published in 1899, by the H. H. Hardesty Company of New York, under the title of "Presidents, Soldiers and Statesmen." The biographies are being published in Boone Magazine as they appeared in the original work with the exception that sketches are broken into paragraphs.)

## WILLIAM F. HARRIS 72D IND. CO. D.

Was the son of Matthew and Martha Ferguson-Harris, he was born October, 1838, in Boone county, Ind. He was working on the farm when the great Rebellion began to assume its threatening proportions and he enlisted December, 1863, at Thorntown, Ind., as a private of Co. D. 72d I.V.I. Wilder's Brig. Dept. of the Cumberland. Among his many battles are: Atlanta campaign, Snake

Creek Gap, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mt., Peach Tree Creek, Siege of Atlanta, Love Joy Station, Nashville, following Hood to the Tennessee River, Wilson's raid through Ala., and Georgia early in 1865. He contracted chronic diarrhea, piles, rheumatism, kidney, and heart trouble, he was confined in the hospital at Nashville about two months with above diseases, at other times when sick he was cared for by the regiment. He was discharged August, 1865, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Feb. 27, 1868, in Boone county, Ind., he was married to Alice Potts, daughter of John and Catherine Kern-Potts, she was born in Boone county, in 1851, and departed this life December, 1887. They were the parents of three children, Eva, Fred, and May, deceased. Comrade Harris' great-grandfather, William Ferguson, served in the war of 1776. Grandfather, William Harris, was in the war of 1812-14. Mr. and Mrs. Harris were always honored members of the Christian church at Thorntown, up to the time of her death. He is ever active in all church work. He is engaged as a stockman at Thorntown, Ind.

## More Letters from Our Readers

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the holidays and another new year to conquer.

As ever,

Bob Smith,  
Whittier, California

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During recent weeks, we have also heard from the following:

**LEBANON:** Noble Rose, Roscoe Burgin, Ethel E. Hume, Sam E. Hays, Francis M. Carr,

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