

# Echo II of Rarden History



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## DEDICATION — THANKS — MEMORIAL

**DEDICATED:** to my husband, Jim and our daughters, Linda and Vicki.

**A SPECIAL DEDICATION:** to my three grandchildren, Gabrielle Dawn Cook, Summer Christine and Matthew Tanner Nichols . . . who love to go



*Gabrielle Dawn Cook*



*Summer Christine*



*Matthew Tanner Nichols*

on adventures with mamaw because there is no place mamaw won't venture to go. I am recording you in history and as you grow in mind and body, you will understand the importance of this.

**A SPECIAL THANKS:** to Lowell Weaver who helped to make this a more interesting book.

**THANKS A MILLION:** to Don and Carol Newman (busy beavers) from Cincinnati for inspiring me to continue in my author capacity. In their spare time they did a complete Newman and Jay Bird Cemetery inscription, dug up old tombstones and markers, poured cement for new insets, cleaned and repaired many stones . . . all of this because Don is a great great grandson of early settler Thomas Newman and has many other ancestors from this area. Two such dedicated people you won't find in many a moon. They return at every opportune time and indulge themselves in more work and all for free.

**MEMORIAL:** In loving memory of my very special mother who did for others and never expected anything in return. Also in memory of all my loved ones and friends that have passed into eternity.





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## INTRODUCTION

After publication in 1980 of my first book, "*Echo of Rarden History*" more dreams and fantasies have materialized. Being a dreamer most of my life, I discovered I must attempt to make my dreams a reality. Just dreaming doesn't cost anything; but doesn't get us very far in life either. Brings to mind the phrase, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

Readers of my introduction in "*Echo I*" can easily recognize my great belief in Fate. I believe that we are only capable of imagining what fate has in store for us, either in the near or distant future. A good example of this is the inventive genius and foresight of Leonardo da Vinci, a 15th Century artist-scientist. Most of his concepts became a reality beginning in the 19th Century and many are still emerging.

I will forever treasure the many complimentary letters and wonderful comments in regard to my book. The greatest ego booster . . . was the praise of teen-age boys and girls.

As a result of this venture, I will be able to leave a great legacy to my children and grandchildren. These are things in life that money can never buy!

To quote excerpts from the first two paragraphs of the Epilogue in "*Echo I*" — "As I bring this book to a close, time and events will continue making history. Maybe there can be a sequel written in my lifetime. If it's the Lord's will and fate allows, I hope to write the continuation of this history!"

As one would expect, with the lapse of time, more information and interesting items have become available. Therefore, I felt compelled to write the sequel and share all . . . with interested readers.

The success and pride of achievement far outweighs — sadness and disappointment.

### **Onset of much excitement and pride:**

On March 22, 1980, Matthew Nichols was born — weighing in at 9 lbs. 10 ozs. Our third grandchild and first grandson.

On the evening of October 30, 1980, the United Parcel Service delivered the first copy of my first published book, "*Echo of Rarden History*."

The afternoon of December 11, 1980, I received the entire shipment of books from Vantage Press via Putnam Transfer Co., Xenia, Ohio — delivered at the Karel of Cumberland loading dock.

Early in January of 1981, Ms. Rosemary Crabtree, corresponding secretary of the Scioto County Chapter of Ohio Genealogy Society met with me in the hospital room at Southern Hills where my mother was a patient. We lunched together and she purchased my book. Ms. Crabtree started the ball rolling . . . by having Caryn Shoemaker, president of the society do a book review which appeared along with my photo in the January 14, 1981 edition of the "*Scioto Voice*."

On February 11, 1981, a book review by Roger O'Bryant of Rarden township appeared in the "*Peebles Messenger*" and the "*Waverly Watchman*."

On February 24, 1981, Shirley McCoy of the "*Daily Times*" wrote an article and took a photo for that paper.

## **SADNESS AND DISAPPOINTMENT:**

My eldest brother Eugene Enz, Sr. died in December of 1977, not knowing that his favorite sister would one day publish a book and journey to our father's homeland.

In August of 1980, my niece Ramona Jean (Enz) Mason (brother Eugene's eldest) died at the early age of 42. She knew of the publication; but did not live to read of her aunts accomplishment.

On September 18, 1980, my mother Lena Enz, who resided in a trailer on our lot, fell and broke her hip (the day after her 90th birthday). After a successful hip surgery she resided with us. When I showed her the first copy of my newly published book, she looked at the book with no sign of recognition. Her mind just couldn't conceive what I had done. She passed away in January of 1981.

Who is to question that maybe these beloved spirits are urging me on and saying, "Go forward — we know what you have done and we are proud!"

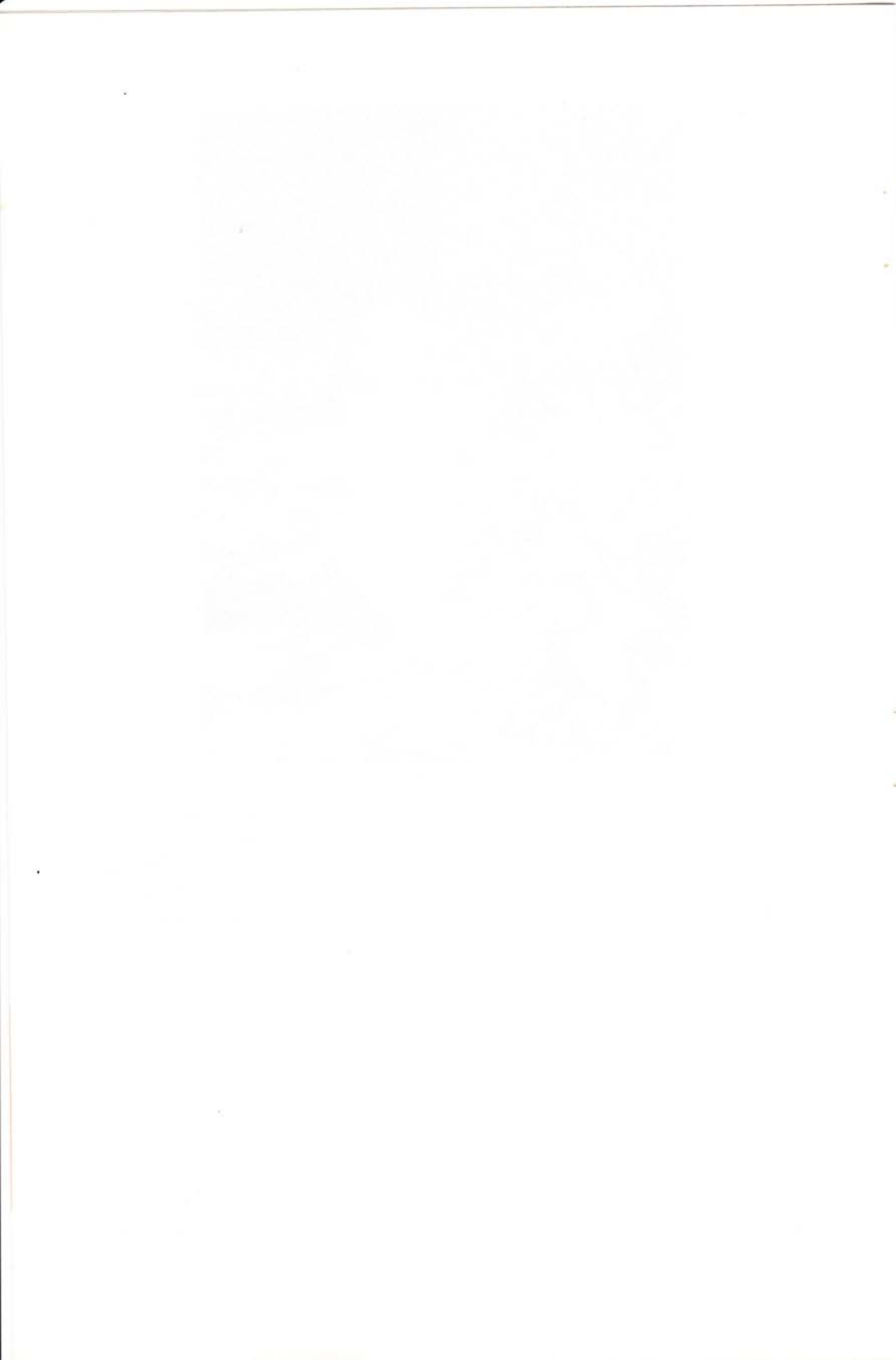


*Helen "Tobacco Queen" of 1930*

My mother's favorite photo of her daughter taken in a field in front of our home at Mt. Joy. She named me the "tobacco queen" of 1930.

I was soon to become a professional tobacco worm picker-offer. Brother Ed paid me a penny a worm. I kept an accurate count by putting the worms into jars and recounting before they were mashed between two rocks. Ed would laugh and say, "Sis is either very honest or else very dumb!" I guess it was a little of both.

Thanks for all those pennies, brother!





## Chapter 1

### LUCKY ENCOUNTER

Where were you during the first Echo, Mr. Rardin?

On March 18, 1982, a man came to my back door and introduced himself as Robert W. Rardin of Bolingbrook, Illinois. He was a Central Regional Operations Manager of TRW and was in the area checking on the Rardin family tree. He already had a wealth of information which had been compiled in 1981. After he purchased my book he graciously presented me with a copy of his 151 page book on the Rardin and Woodruff families.

The major portions of this collection was compiled by Audrey Lee Woodruff in the 1960's. The greatest source of data was collected by Dr. Joseph Spangler Rardin from 1880-1930. He interviewed many of the older members of the family during the later 1800's to gather and preserve many family traditions.

During my research I noticed various spellings of the name, such as: Rariden, Rardon, Rarden, Rardin, Reyrdin, Rairdin, O'Reerdan, and many others. This is very common with family names and you pick up on the most frequently used. The Rardin Motto was "Pro Deo Et Patrio," meaning "For God and the Father Land."

Robert Rardin is a descendent of Dennis Rardin (1725-1789). Two brothers, John and Dennis Rardin came to America in the middle of the 18th Century and settled in Western Pennsylvania. They were of Scotch-Irish ancestry, coming from Kerry County, Ireland, and of Protestant faith. John had married twice (wife's name unknown) first in Ireland where his two older sons, Thomas and John, Jr. were born; and second in Pennsylvania where William, Moses, Timothy, Jacob and Nellie Stephens were born. John died in 1796.

Thomas (Rarden's namesake) married Ellender (Eleanor)? in Pennsylvania. There is a tradition among his descendents-that his wife was held captive among the Indians for many years, and that Thomas rescued her and that they later married.

Thomas came into possession of some valuable tracts of land in Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties by trading with the Indians and buying tomahawk claims. The last record of him in Pennsylvania is deeding land on Racoon Creek, northwest of Pittsburgh some forty miles in now Beaver County, to one Thomas Eaton in which his wife Ellender joins him, dated 5 May 1796. He then joined the onward march of emigration into the great Northwest Territory which had been opened to settlement by an Act of Congress in 1787.

On May 22, 1798 he filed claim to four hundred acres of land in the western part of Scioto Co., Ohio on the Northwest Fork of Scioto Brush Creek, under Military Land Warrant No. 1095 which was assigned to him

by John Hull, a sergeant in the Revolutionary War. Survey No. 2804 was issued to him for the same by President Jefferson in 1801. This land lies around Young Station between Rarden and Otway. Nine children were named in Thomas Rarden's will. There were two additional children Henry & Rebecca, minors who later lived with some of their married sisters and brothers. Thomas Rarden died in March of 1818 and his wife Ellender in 1819.

*See "Echo 1" for last will and testament of Thomas Rarden, also sale of estate.*

On December 20, 1819, admr. papers were issued for Ellender Rarden, deceased, widow of Thomas Rarden, to Joseph Bailey.

## Chaper 2

### VILLAGE HISTORY SINCE MARCH OF 1979

This chapter is a continuation of the Rarden Village happenings from where "Echo 1" left off.

Village officials at this time were Forest Thompson, mayor; Helen Christian, clerk; Gilbert Fouch, treasurer; Bertha Foster, Loretta Fouch, James Christian, Gene Alexander, Paul Hoffer, and Ronnie Syrone, councilmen.

On April 22, 1979, the Ladies Auxiliary served the firemen dinner after their return from burning a house on Dunlap, as a part of their fireman's course.

In May of 1979, Ted and Lynn Purtee began the operation of a pool hall at their place of business — Purtee's Market adjoining the Post Office. Store being leased from Gene Alexander.

On May 22, 1979, the council accepted a bid for a new 1980 Chevrolet Chassis fire truck from Glockner Chevrolet of Portsmouth, Ohio — at the cost of \$72,179.

In May of this year Mr. & Mrs. Randy Groves purchased lot No. 41 on Back Street from Willis Ralston.

In June of 1979, Joe Adkins was accepted as village marshal under the CETA program. Adkins resigned on September 26, 1979.

On July 3, 1979, the Village Council passed resolution #24-for participation in the formation of a joint ambulance district which is to be made up of one representative of each of six townships and two villages. Councilman Ronnie Syrone was appointed as the Rarden village representative on the joint ambulance board of trustees.

In October of 1979, Mrs. Hazel Gardner, (widow of Doc), a former Mayor, sold lot 45 to Dwain and Betty Cooper.

Jim Christian and Robert Groves repaired the ceiling in the council room on November 8, 1979, as their good deed for the month.

On December 18, 1979, the Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Christmas dinner and passing party at the Holiday Inn — Portsmouth, Ohio. Officers were elected for 1980: Vickie South, president; Opal Kirker, vice president; Pat Hoople, secretary; Mary Fields, asst. secretary; Catherine Adams, treasurer; Bertha Foster, asst. treasurer; and Shirley Syrone, reporter.

#### AREA NEWS REPORT:

On December 19, 1979, A Plant employees at the Piketon plant returned to work after the longest strike in its 27 year history (on strike since May of this year).

On December 23, 1979, the Ladies Auxiliary prepared village treats to be

given to the children of the village and township, by Santa on the 24th. This tradition was coordinated many years ago by the late Vesta Gardner until her death in 1978. James Christian has continued this practice.

The officers of the village in 1980 were James Christian, mayor; Helen Christian, clerk; Gilbert Fouch, treasurer; Bertha Foster, Loretta Fouch, Ronnie Syrone, Paul Hoffer, Robert Groves and Anna Jean Gardner, council. (Anna Gardner to fill unexpired term of James Christian).

On January 10, 1980, Ronnie Syrone, Vickie South, and Roger McAllister went after a Chevrolet Chassis. Carl South hauled the tank and other things to be installed later. On January 20, 1980, men put the tank on the fire truck with two high lifts from Karel Co. factory.

On January 30, 1980, Artie and Gladys McAllister sold their store and house on lot 24 to James and Betty Ross and Delbert and Barbara Ross



*D. A. Gardner Store - Main Street Early 1900's  
(Gardner & daughter Freda).*



*Brick store built in middle 1920's*

of Hoffer Hill. The McAllister's moved to Mt. Hope in Brush Creek township.

On March 7, 1980, James and Helen Christian purchased lots 94 and 95 on Motes Street from David Rivers of Route 1, Otway, Ohio.

On March 21, 1980, the volunteer firemen had a dinner for the ladies auxiliary, firemen and their families. Jim Christian and Robert Gardner grilled the steaks.

During this year of 1980, Donald Hussey sold his house on High Street to Don and Dixie Kirker. Later Kirker's sold to Norma and Stanley Cherryholmes of Springfield, Ohio.

All cable T.V. prospects brought before council this year, failed.

On April 2, 1980, a contract was signed with the township and the Scioto County Ambulance District, reading, as such:

"Village and district emergency ambulance service to be provided to village by the district — for amount provided by 1 mill levy."

## AREA NEWS REPORT

On April 9, 1980, a tornado touched down in Lombardsville (Arion area of Union Township).

In April and May of 1980, the communications room behind the village council room was completed. A rear door entering into the firehouse from the council room was removed and changed to enter to the left upon entering council chambers.

In May of 1980, the village clerk and treasurer's books were picked up by the regional examiner, Glenn Blevins and taken to New Boston for examination. This was the first time the books were not examined at the village council hall.

In 1980, lot 50 was sold to Tunney and Jane McAllister by Della Riley and lot 54 sold to George and Shirley Syrone by Mrs. James (Meg) Smith.

In July and August of 1980, Ross Brothers installed four sections of sidewalk in the village.

On July 5, 1980, Jim Christian, Gene McAllister, Paul Koch, Carl South and Ronnie Syrone went to Dayton to check on a 1973 Chevrolet Ambulance, owned by Donald Evans of that city. At a special council meeting held on July 6, council agreed to purchase the ambulance for \$5,500.

Mr. Evans delivered the ambulance on July 9 and also sold the cot in the ambulance to the village for \$40.

## AREA NEWS REPORT

July of 1980 proved to be a month to remember! There were many storms throughout the area during this month. On July 12th, there was much storm damage from Otway to Portsmouth which resulted in a five to six day power outage. Rarden had very little storm damage and also escaped a prolonged power outage.

On July 21, there was a draft sign up at the local Post Office and the temperature was 100 degrees.

On July 27 with an 85 degree temperature, an earthquake was felt throughout the area at 2:52 P.M. Reports stated the tremor was felt over 14 states and southern Canada and measured 5.8 on the Richter scale. (end of news report).

On July 30, 1980, Jim Christian, Gurnie Taylor, Ray Vires, Dennis Conley and Mike Euton spread asphalt in various spots on village streets.

On September 2, 1980, a contract was signed with the Scioto Co. Sheriff John Knauff to hire a deputy on a monthly basis (eight hours on Friday and Saturday nights) at \$5.00 per hour.

Deputies employed throughout this period were: Steve Brewer, Bill Lett, Doug Buckle, Douglas Conley and Rick Nolder.

In August of 1980, John Pick and Larry Eldridge of Minford began installing communication equipment at the firehouse. In October of this year they installed equipment in the village ambulance.

On August 3, 1980, heavy rains once again caused problems on the west end of the village. The waters got very close to the first floor of homes in that section.

## A LITTLE SCANDAL

On August 29, 1980, Jim Christian and Thelma South traveled by pick-up to Welch, West Virginia to Jim's brother, Jack and picked up some ambulance supplies Jack had collected to donate to squad 2.

On September 28, 1980, Rarden had the second parade in the village history to celebrate the fire departments 20th year of operation. The first parade was held on May 2, 1976.

The parade route began at the Karel Co. factory and ended in front of the firehouse, where the ceremonies took place. A convertible with co-queens inside was driven by Delbert Copas. Sharing honors as queen for the day were Alice Cox of Hackworth Hill and Banna Kates of the village. Both ladies were ninety-years of age. Amanda Fitzpatrick, a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Fitzpatrick was crowned Miss Spark and Patricia Sheets, a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Sheets, was crowned Miss Flame.

The ladies auxiliary float won first place and water battle winners were Gene McAllister and George Syrone.

Headboards given away by Karel of Cumberland were won by Pat Groves, Debbie McAllister, Ruth Druhot, Bill Shope, Pat Literal, Missy Hoople, Bob Copas, Evelyn Nixon, Randy Groves, and Olive Murphy. Okie Gilley won a full size bed and Pat Hoople a canopy bed.

Hams were given away by the ladies auxiliary and Bob Copas won a ham twice in separate drawings.

Firemen honored for 20 years of service and given plaques were Carl South, George Syrone, James Christian, Donald Kirker, Ronald Moore and Dwain Cooper.

Refreshments were served by members of the ladies auxiliary.

On October 7, 1980, the village terminated a contract with the Scioto Co. Ambulance Service, effective December 31, 1980. A copy of Resolution #27, to that effect was mailed to Harold Vulgamore at the County Court House — Portsmouth, Ohio.

Beginning in 1981, Rarden village will operate their own ambulance service with a recently purchased ambulance-under Squad 4.

In October of 1980, some of the firemen built cabinets for storage at the firehouse.

On October 29, 1980, Jim Christian, George Syrone and Robert Gardner attended an ambulance meeting at Rush Township — Station #2.

On November 4, 1980, Tom and Shirley Wilkinson purchased a mobile home from Ronnie Moore and moved it to the front west corner of the lot where the Old Taylor home is located. Mr. Carl Blackburn (father of Shirley) moved into the trailer.

On November 5, 1980, a package deal was accepted by the village council

with the Berndt Insurance Agency of Portsmouth, Ohio — for insurance coverage on fire trucks, ambulance and firehouse.



*Fire Department Front*



*Inside — back view toward kitchen.*



*Ambulance and West Wall*

On December 5, 1980, there was an EMT organizational meeting at Scioto County Joint Vocational School. Some members of the fire dept. began taking EMT training at Scioto County Joint Vocational School this same month.

First squad leader was George Syrone and later Robert Gardner.

On December 10, 1980, the ladies auxiliary held their annual Christmas dinner and passing party at the "Bonanza" restaurant on Scioto Trail.

The annual village treat was prepared on December 23rd by the auxiliary and Santa distributed them on the 24th.

In January 1981, the state sales tax was increased from 4¢ to 5¢ in Ohio and 4½¢ to 5½¢ in Scioto County.

## NATIONAL NEWS BULLETIN

January 20, 1981: Inauguration of the 40th president of the United States, Ronald Reagan. Also the release of 52 hostages from Tehran, Iran (a 444 day crisis).

On March 3, 1981, the contract between the village and Robert Kupchick of Chicago, Ill., for the lease of a village building for factory use . . . became void. A new 20 year lease was drawn up beginning January 1, 1981 through December 31, 2000. The first 5 years, \$1,000; second 5 years \$1,200; third 5 years \$1,300 and fourth 5 years, \$1,400.

On March 3, 1981, Gene and Dolores Alexander sold the lot on the corner of Bleekman and High Streets to Paul and Sis Koch. This was the former Shorty Bleekman property. On June 13, Koch's sold this lot to James and Helen Christian.

On March 7th some of EMT class members went to Scioto County Joint Vocational School to take their State Board test.

On March 12, 1981, the village sold the 1953 fire truck to the Hamilton Township Fire Department for \$950.

On March 22, postage rates increased from 15¢ to 18¢.

In April of 1981, John and Pauline Newman sold lot 67 on Main Street to James and Pearl Marr.

On May 6, C. Warren (Tiny) Wagner of Tawas City, Michigan began leasing oil in the area for the Anschultz Corp., a Kansas Corp. of Denver Colorado. Denver Smith accompanied him to various places and Mayor Christian notarized many leases for Mr. Wagner. Oil leasing for this company ended in early 1982.

On May 17, Clerk Helen Christian attended a CAO meeting at the Portsmouth High School pertaining to the Summer Youth Program. Mayor Christian was to supervise the program in the village.

On May 29, 1981, Mayor Christian was interviewed at the Brush Creek Ranger Station on behalf of the Rarden Volunteer Fire Department. Becky Brown did an article and photo for the *Daily Times*. Cost share grant of \$1,500 was awarded — Federal portion from Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

On August 4, 1981, the village purchased a Chevrolet Van from Ronnie Swann of Oak Hill for fire department use at the cost of \$175.

On August 24, 1981, Jim Christian, Mike Euton, Gurnie Taylor, Ballard Vires and Emanuel Allen patched village streets.

On July 13, 1981, a tornado touched down at Mt. Joy.

On August 8, 1981, an auction was held to sell Pearl Carter's property and contents (lot 2) on Main Street. The property was purchased by Tom and Shirley Wilkinson.

In August of 1981, James and Helen Christian purchased property on Motes Street (lots 92 & 93) at a sheriff's sale. In September, they sold to Lowell & Myrtle Cockrell of Peebles, parents of Mrs. Delbert Copas and Mrs. Sharon Newman.

In September of 1981, Artie McAllister sold lot 43 on Back Street to Billy and Melody Penn.

TIME DULLS YESTERYEAR'S LUSTER — headline of an article and photo appearing in the May 20, 1981 edition of the *Daily Times* by Jean Mickle — Times Regional Reporter. Under photo: A remnant of a bygone era, this victorian mansion in Rarden is slowly crumbling to dust. It is a



landmark, one many people in the area are familiar with. The once magnificent edifice recalls a more tranquil period when a wealthy businessman, Lafe Taylor, lived here and was the community's leading citizen. The structure contains 22 rooms. Its appearance today would make it an excellent candidate to become a movie set of a horror film. LO AND BEHOLD! By the fall of this same year, Ms. Mickle's quote became a reality. Tom and Shirley Wilkinson graciously loaned the department the mansion as a perfect place for a money making project.

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*Sketch by Gene McAllister*

Helen Christian, village clerk applied for insurance on this house for five week-ends with the Specialty Underwriters Agency, Inc. for \$300,000.

This first time venture proved to be a great success. . .with over 3,000 visitors. To further the profits of the department, tee shirts were sold with slogans reading: "I Survived The Rarden Haunted House," and "Rarden Has The Best Little Horror House In Ohio."

On October 30, 1981, a Halloween carnival was held at the firehouse and refreshments were served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

On November 16, 1981, a meeting was held at the Otway Fire Station in regard to truck traffic — fast speed on route 73 through the villages of Ot-

way and Rarden. Interested citizens attended along with Rarden Mayor Christian, Otway Mayor Miller, members of ODOT, PUCO, State Senator Cooper Snyder, Father John Stattmiller of Otway Catholic Church and Christian Union pastor, Rhoades.

In November of this year, postage rates increased from 18¢ to 20¢.

On November 19, 1981, 30 firefighters responded to a fire that destroyed the more than 70-year-old structure, belonging to Audrey (Taylor) Newman on Main Street (lot 69). The fire siren sounded at 5:58 p.m. and the Rarden firemen were assisted by the Union, Otway and Peebles fire departments. Volunteer fireman Delbert Copas sustained burns to both arms.

On December 1, 1981, Rarden village council commended treasurer Gilbert E. Fouch for 24 years of consecutive service; Bertha Foster for 12 years and Loretta Fouch for 6½ years as council members.

On December 4, 1981, the ladies auxiliary members had Christmas dinner and a passing party at "Ma Perry's Bounty Table," in Wheelersburg.

On December 7, 1981, Rarden firemen responded to a fire in the home of Nancy and Danny Shoemaker on High Street (lot 76). The former Stella Southworth residence and previously owned by Fred and Delpha Monrad. There was moderate damage to the structure.

On December 9, 1981, the auxiliary elected Opal Kirker, president; Bernice Penn, vice president; Helen Christian, secretary; Shirley Syrone, asst. secretary and Vickie South, treasurer for 1982.

On December 18, 1981, a fireman's supper was held at the fire house for members of the auxiliary and fire department and their families.

On December 23, 1981, auxiliary members bagged Christmas treats to be given by Santa the next day.

The officers of the village in 1982 were James Christian, mayor; Helen Christian, clerk; Jeanie Syrone, treasurer; Ann Gardner, Paul Hoffer, Robert Groves, Ronnie Syrone and Roger McAllister, council members.

Beginning in 1982, all clerk's forms and bookkeeping system changed, as requested by State.

At the January 5, 1982 council meeting, an ordinance was passed permitting the State to repair Route #73 (along with catch basins) throughout the village. A total of \$385.78 in State Highway Fund was given for this job.

On January 9, 1982, the fire alarm sounded at 10:20 p.m., signaling a fire at Willie Groves' on Route 772, with minimum damage. The next day on January 10, a fire completely destroyed the new home of Norman and Rosemary Cox on Hackworth Hill.

At the February 2nd council meeting, Bertha Foster was appointed to fill a vacant council seat. Ordinance 37-1982 was passed at this meeting — to raise the clerk's salary from \$75 every 3 months to \$125 each quarter. This goes into effect on January 1, 1984; but immediately if for a new appointee.

A special council meeting was held on February 9 in order to okay the

purchase of a 1973 Ford/2-ton truck from Richard Fishe of Waverly, Ohio.

On February 10, 1982, a valentine dance was held at the fire house by the volunteer firemen and ladies auxiliary.

On April Fool's Day 1982, Marlana (Miller) Osburn became village clerk, after the resignation of Helen Christian who had served in this capacity since 1960.

On April 23, 1982, a fire destroyed a house owned by Wharf on Main Street (lot 68). Mose Taylor and family had moved from this house to the former Clark house, two weeks prior to the fire.

This property was sold to Don and Irma Mains in November of 1982.

On June 1, 1982, Mayor Christian resigned his office and Paul Hoffer, president of council became Mayor. Ann Gardner was appointed president of council and Bernice (Newman) Penn council member to fill Hoffer's unexpired term.

## REGIONAL NEWS

On June 26, 1982, a recognition day was held in honor of Roy Rogers. Newly installed road signs in Rush township were: Roy Rogers Road — replacing Inskeep Road and Sly Road — replacing Allen Road. Roger's started in the movies in the early 1930's. A few residents of this area had attended school with Roy at McDermott. My brother Edward Enz, late brother Eugene Enz and Rarden township trustee, Paul D. Koch were former schoolmates of Rogers and also fellow members of the high school band.

On June 8, 1982, a primary election was held. The 1 mill fire levy passed with 31 for and 3 against. The 2 mill current expense was 29 for and 4 against.

In July of 1982, all of the 14 children of Isham and May O'Bryant held a reunion at the home of their mother, May on Back Street. This was the first time in 33 years, all were together. There were 14 children, 17 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, numerous cousins, neighbors, friends, and former schoolmates present at the special reunion.

The late Isham O'Bryant taught school in Pike and Scioto counties for 47 years. Deceased on December 22, 1949 at the age of 67½ years.

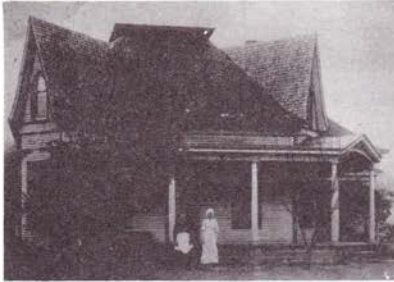
On August 20, 1982, a benefit dinner and gospel songfest was held at the firehouse — with dinner at 6 p.m. — followed by singing of the Queen Family and the Gospel Sounds of Faith.

On Sunday, August 22, an afternoon open house from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. allowed Rarden residents to examine the ambulance, register for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes and watch a demonstration of the heart monitor.

The perfect haunted house in 1981, the "Old Taylor Mansion" was gradually being restored by the owners, Tom and Shirley Wilkinson. This

meant finding a new location for the second year of the money making project.

A vacant house on Back Street belonging to Mrs. Mae O'Bryant was to gain this distinction. This was the former home of Dave Gardner who built the house in the late 1800's.



*Dave Gardner House*



*Haunted house 2 years (O'Bryant). Before and after.*

The haunted house was open to the public on week-ends beginning October 1 through October 31, 1982. Closed on Friday night, October 29th because of a halloween carnival held at the firehouse from 7 to 11 p.m.

On October 25, 1982, Jim Christian and crew — Mike Euton, Ballard Vires, Jeff Groves and Gurnie Taylor installed a new bridge floor and runners over Edwards Run on Bleekman Street. In the evening, the same crew patched holes in streets throughout the village.

In the October 28, 1982 edition of *The Daily Times* excerpts of my first write-up as Rarden correspondent, appeared as follows: "The Rarden Volunteer Firemen and Ladies Auxiliary have gone over the halfway mark toward their \$7,000 goal to buy a heart monitor and defibrillator."

The department was recently awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Scioto County Area Foundation which helped to top the \$5,000 figure, along with many other activities held by the department to attain this goal.

Rarden ambulance service is operated under Squad 4 with Robert Gardner as squad leader.

In December of 1982, Skid Montgomery of Pike County sold lots 60 and 61 on Main Street to Lloyd and Alice Newman.

On December 15, 1982, the auxiliary held their annual Christmas dinner and passing party at "Western Sizzlin" steak house on the New Boston Mall. On December 23, auxiliary members sacked treats for Santa to distribute to children the next day. The surplus was taken to area nursing homes.

On the evening on December 24, the volunteer fire dept. held its annual family Christmas dinner at the fire station.

## NATIONAL NEWS BULLETIN

On January 10, 1983, Richard Celeste took office as Governor of the State of Ohio. Governor James Rhodes had held that office for 16 years.

On February 1, 1983, Del Ramey-business agent for Local 18 of the International Union of Operating Engineers was present at the firehouse to present the department with \$3,500. The donation was received through the efforts of William Christian, Local 18, president, Dwain Cooper member of local 18 and James Christian, brother of Wm. Christian.

Bill suffered a stroke at his home in Cleveland on New Year's Day 1983 and never regained consciousness, dying on July 19th of this year.

Various activities had been held since the drive kick-off in June of 1982. This donation put the drive over the top for the Cardiac Monitor and defibrillator of the unit. Helen Christian was present to do the write up for the *Community Common*, *Scioto Voice* and *Peebles Messenger*. Gene McAllister took photos. Later Becky Brown of the *Daily Times*, did the photo and up-date for that paper.

On March 21, 1983, firemen and auxiliary members held an association dinner for members of the fire departments throughout the area.

On June 4, 1983, Lloyd Newman purchased the Gurnie and Mildred Ward property on Back Street from Mrs. Bob Morgensen.

On June 18, 1983, an antique auction was held at Bob and Carla Ervin's on Mercer-Cox Road, Mt. Joy. The ladies auxiliary operated a pepsi booth for the days event.

On July 8, 1983, Grace Jacobs, 95, of Sardinia died. Grace had been a long time resident of Rarden and for a number of years she ran a boarding house at her home on Main Street. A daughter, Mrs. Carl (Ruth) Miller resides at Sardinia.

On September 18, 1983, the Rarden United Methodist Church held their annual Church-School Homecoming. Leo Blackburn was chairman;



*Rarden United Methodist Church*



*Church Homecoming 1983. L. - R.: Frank Clark, Lafe Taylor, Jr. and Ogra Creech*

Anna Jean Gardner, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Irene Syrone, Ms. Gladys Wikoff, Mrs. Helen Christian and Mrs. Maxie Price, committee members. The theme of the day was "Down Memory Lane."

On September 18th, the Rarden Ladies Auxiliary won first place (\$50) for their float entered in the "Old Timers Day" parade at Peebles, Ohio.

During the month of October, the third annual haunted house was held for the second year at the O'Bryant house on Back Street. The Halloween carnival was held on October 28, 1983.

On October 23 and 24, the auxiliary sponsored a Cut-a-Thon at the firehouse. Ms. Doris Wilson and Mrs. David McAllister volunteered their

services for the hair cutting. Later the auxiliary presented each lady a plaque-for above and beyond the call of duty.

In November of 1983, Randy and Bobbie Newman purchased the Danny and Nancy Shoemaker property (lot 76) on High Street.

On December 5, 1983, the auxiliary held their annual Christmas dinner and passing party at "The Stone Pipe Inn" on Scioto Trail.

On December 11, 1983, a benefit songfest was held at the firehouse for the George Syrone family. George was afflicted with throat cancer and had two surgeries performed at the Veterans Hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

The day was a great success with generous donations and with the singing of many gospel groups.

On December 23, the auxiliary bagged village treats for Santa to distribute the following day. Jim Christian took the surplus to residents of the "Riverview Manor Nursing Home."

The officers of the village in 1984 were James Christian, mayor; Marlena Osburn, clerk; Jeanie Syrone, treasurer; Bertha Foster, Ann Gardner, Bernice Penn, Delbert Copas, Ronnie Syrone and Roger McAllister, council members.

Ladies auxiliary officers for 1984 were Helen Adams, president; Helen Christian, vice president; Karen Rivers, secretary; Bernice Penn, asst. secretary and Vickie South, treasurer.

## AREA NEWS REPORT

Harold Hanes of South Webster, Ohio retired as Scioto County Recorder on January 31, 1984, after 45 years of consecutive service (oldest recorder in Ohio). He died on leap year, February 29, nearly a month after his retirement.

On January 26, 1984, Mayor Christian, members of council, trustees and other interested parties held a meeting in regard to purchasing about 5 acres of ground for a village park. Application for available government funds to be made in June.

On March 9, 1984, the home of Jessie Spires on Hoffer Hill was destroyed by fire. On the same day, the home of Buck Bailey (old Ed Thompson place) west of Rarden, also burned.

In March of 1984, Lloyd and Alice Newman purchased approximately 1 acre on Back Street (Mae O'Bryant property) from George O'Bryant and Millie (O'Bryant) Thompson. Mrs. O'Bryant is now residing at Cincinnati with a daughter and son-in-law, David and Maxine Woodward.

During the month of April, two special council meetings were held concerning the village park. A surveyor, Loren Purdom of Wheelersburg, met with the council and explained the lay-out of acreage that Fillard Tolle of Brush Creek Township offered to sell for this park area. After some conflict of interest — plans were canceled.

A special thanks should be issued to Mr. Tolle for his unselfish and civic minded offer.

On May 4, 1984, a country music show was sponsored by the ladies auxiliary at the fire station. Musicians and singers donating their time and talents for the evenings performance were Jim Ross, Glenn Hall, David Rivers, Jeff Mason, Paul Copas and Kenny Cooper of the "White Lightning Express". . .and members of the audience — Robert Literal, Gene Carroll, Art Setty and Don Sillicot.

During May and June of this year work was done on Depot Street over to Jesse's Run in order to correct a drainage problem. Clayton Miller, Ralph Brown and county engineer employees assisted on this project.

On May 9 and 10th, Clayton Miller did some work on Motes Street drain at \$15.00 per hour.

In June, Jim and Helen Christian sold their property on Motes Streets (lots 94 & 95) to Gurnie and Linda Taylor.

On June 18, 1984, Banna (Carter) Kates died at the age of 93. Mrs. Kates was a native of the Mt. Joy community and a long time resident of Rarden village. Her late husband, James Kates had been a barber in the village for 47 years.

On August 19, a suprise 50th anniversary celebration honoring Dale and Gladys Riley of Otway, Ohio was held in their yard and the adjoining yard of S. D. and Mildred Baldwin. Their son Kenton had arranged for the special day. Ken has been Loretta Lynn's road manager for the past 15 years and played the drums in her band for seven years previous.

Dale is a native of Rarden, the son of Thomas Sherman and Siddle (Newman) Riley. Mr. Riley's two sisters attended the celebration — Mrs. Mildred Windle of Rarden and Mrs. Edith Roney of Biggs House, Portsmouth, Ohio. Also many friends, neighbors and other relatives.

(More on this event will be in the Otway History).

On August 21, the house trailer of Mike and Pat Copas burned at Dry Fork in Rarden township.

On September 16, ladies auxiliary won 2nd place (\$25) for their float entered in the "Old Timers Day" parade at the annual Peebles, Ohio celebration. First place honor went to "Young Farm Wives" of the Peebles Chapter.

On Sunday, October 7, 1984, the annual Church-School Homecoming was held at the United Methodist Church.

A covered dish luncheon at 12:30 p.m. preceded the afternoon festivities. The program began promptly at 2:00 with Leo Blackburn, homecoming chairman presiding. There was a record breaking attendance of 117. Music was furnished by Bill Odle's Old Timers' Band, featuring Mt. Joy native, Frank Cooper.

Doctor Gordon Fairle Moore of Alton, Illinois. . .a Rarden native and graduate of Rarden High School gave a talk on his early days at Rarden.



*Dr. Gordon Moore*

Dr. Moore went to Alton in 1946 to practice surgery and he is now a prominent surgeon and civic leader in that community.

Alton is an old Mississippi River City, incorporated in 1837. Dr. Moore helped to organize PRIDE, INC. and has been president of the Alton Park and Recreation Commissions for 22 years.

Mayor Paul Lenz of that city, remarks. . .Since 1976, Dr. Moore has given his life to building the park, and "Because of Dr. Moore's bulldog tenacity, his unwillingness to take 'no' for an answer, and his uncanny ability to overcome obstacles and inspire others, a Total Family Recreational Facility is fast becoming a reality."

Under construction 1983-84: A dam, a 13 acre lake, swim beach, nature and picnic areas.

Without the generosity of some 2,700 volunteers this magnificent facility would not be possible. At the present, there is 703 acres of park.



Chairman Blackburn presented a Distinguished Rarden Rambler Award certificate to: Denver Newman, Cliff Murfin, Ogra Creech, Dr. Gordon F. Moore, James Christian, Dale Riley, Frank Cooper and Cloice Riley.

- Who has justly earned personal and public recognition in his chosen profession and life style, with great emphasis on services to others in civic and humanitarian causes, and
- Who has thus brought Honor and Respect to the Rarden Township communities, and
- Who has never forgotten where he came from, and
- Who has set a good example of citizenship for those yet to come.

Presented with grateful recognition and heartfelt appreciation in Rarden, Ohio this 7th day of October, 1984.

Signed by the six homecoming committee members:

Leo Blackburn  
Anna J. Gardner  
Maxie V. Price

Helen Christian  
Gladys Wikoff  
Irene Syrone

Three special 1933 and 1934 Sports awards were presented to Mayor Christian by Frank Clark and Waldo Gardner, for permanent display in



*L. - R.: Leo Blackburn, Mayor Christian, Waldo Gardner and Frank Clark*

Rarden Village Hall. These awards have been in the possession of Mr. Blackburn for the past 50 years and he wishes to present them to the village at this time.

...1933 Champions in Basketball, Rarden Racketeers, First Southern Ohio Gold Medal Tourney — Leo Blackburn, captain; T. Colvin, manager; Wayne Blackburn, Russell Christian, C. Euton, R. Peterson, Paul Koch and Wells Reinoehl, team members.

...Rarden Champs, Scioto County Champions of 1933 in Baseball: Leo

Blackburn, LF; Tom Blackburn, P; Wayne Blackburn 3B; E. Bleekman, 2B; Carl Clark, C; Frank Clark, CF; Dan Copas, 3B; Eugene Enz, SS; M. Gardner, 2B; Waldo Gardner 2B & P; Rex Kirker, RF; C. Lanthorn, C; Blanchard Scott, 1B; H. Thomas, OF and Arthur Weaver, P.

. . .Rarden 1934 Champ, National A YMCA, Rarden Racketeers of 1934 in Basketball: Loe Blackburn, captain; Oscar Gray, coach; Wayne Blackburn, Russell Christian, Paul Petry, Clifford Williams, Waldo Gardner, Wells Reinoehl, Fred Switalski, Harry Toomey and Robert Lawyer, team members.

Chairman Blackburn told of plans to attempt to have a wildlife refuge (animal haven) to locate in our area. Anyone familiar with this area can readily agree that we have the perfect setting with our hills, valleys and wooded areas for a project of this nature. Plus many acres of state land.

It takes time, dedication, and much work to achieve any worthwhile goal and this sounds like an excellent endeavor.

More and more I realize that we have been blessed in our community with **more than our share** of devoted, dedicated, persistent, eager willing and true grit natives. Even though some move on, the love of their "old home town" is deeply engraved in their mind and heart. With people like this "How can we lose for winning!"

After the program, pamphlets and free copies on the Gordon F. Moore Community Park in Alton were distributed and also free copies of Cliff Murfin's autobiography.

Mr. Murfin is another example of a home town boy making good. Cliff was born on March 3, 1898 in Rarden, the fourth child of Thomas Randolph and Lou Ella (Wikoff) Murfin. His father died 20 months after his birth. The family moved to Columbus in 1906; from Columbus to Winchester, Ohio in 1910; 1912 to Middletown and in 1914 to Portsmouth, Ohio.

The Murfin Co. was founded in 1938 at Portsmouth and moved to Columbus in 1946, where it is still located.

On October 26, 1984, the Rarden Vol. Fire Department held its fourth annual Halloween Carnival. This year's carnival was a great success — with over 75 donated door prizes and a studio couch sold by auction — donated by James Christian, manager of Karel of Cumberland. The "White Lightning Express" furnished the entertainment for the evening.

The funds derived from the carnival are to be used for the purchase of a new fire fighting pump.

On November 5, 1984, Marlana Osburn resigned as village clerk and Lelia Copas was appointed to fill her unexpired term.

Since the summer of 1984, there has been great progress on the renovation of "The Taylor Mansion." Extensive repair work, new roof and windows and a duplication of the original scalloped cornice by the expert craftsmanship of Neal Newman, a brother-in-law of Shirley. The finishing touch of yellow paint with white trim has the house looking more and more like the former show-place.



*Taylor House Restoration*

Owners Tom and Shirley Wilkinson plan to move into a portion of the house in early 1985.

On November 10, 1984, a public auction was held on the personal effects and household items of Elta Mustard on Market Street. Mrs. Mustard is confined to a nursing home in Adams County. Tom Wilkinson had purchased the house previous to the auction.

This house was originally built and resided in by Garnet and Vi Wilkinson after moving from Dayton to Rarden. Elta Mustard purchased the house from Wilkinson in 1962.

On December 10, 1984, the ladies auxiliary held their annual Christmas dinner and passing party at "William Henry's" — Waverly, Ohio.

On December 13, the General Telephone Co. completed a new system in this area.

On December 20, the auxiliary members bagged village treats and Santa distributed them on the 22nd. Delbert Copas helped Santa in his special way as he has done for the past five years. . .your guess! Surplus treats were taken to Edgewood Manor and Lakeview Nursing Home by Jim Christian and Harold Alexander.

On December 21, firemen had a dinner for members of the fire department, ladies auxiliary and families, at the firehouse.

On January 2, 1985, the auxiliary met and held an election for 1985. Helen Adams, president; Helen Christian, vice president; Wanda Fitzpatrick, secretary; Bernice Penn asst. secretary; Karen Rivers, treasurer; and Vickie South, asst. treasurer.

At the February 1985 meeting of the ladies auxiliary, a discussion was held on plans formulated by volunteer firemen — for a 25th Anniversary celebration of the volunteer fire department. This is to be a two day celebration held on June 29th and 30th.



*Started  
July 2, 1960*

*Fire House with new door — 1985*



*Looking south to Dunlap and Hoffer Hill former South Store and residence from rear.*



*Vacant/Blackburn Store*



*Route 772 looking south to Post Office and Route 73*

## Chapter 3

### PROGRESS REPORT OF INDUSTRY

#### KAREL OF CUMBERLAND

Manufacturer of beds, frames, upholstered headboards, bunkies, studio couches and mattresses.

Manufacture and distribution facilities coast to coast, with corporate office located in Northbrook, Illinois. Facilities are located at Upland, Calif. — Chicago Heights, Ill. — Aurora, Ind. — Charlotte, Hamlet, Asheboro, Hickory, and Troy, N.C. — Science Hill and Somerset, Ky. — and Rarden, Ohio.

Organized in 1966 under the law of the state of Illinois. Permanent showrooms are maintained in the principle markets, including the Furniture Market, High Point, N.C., the Dallas Furniture Center, Dallas, Texas and others. Karel has established itself as a leader in its field and her consumer brand identifies with its Karel of Cumberland wood products.



*Factory — Karel of Cumberland*

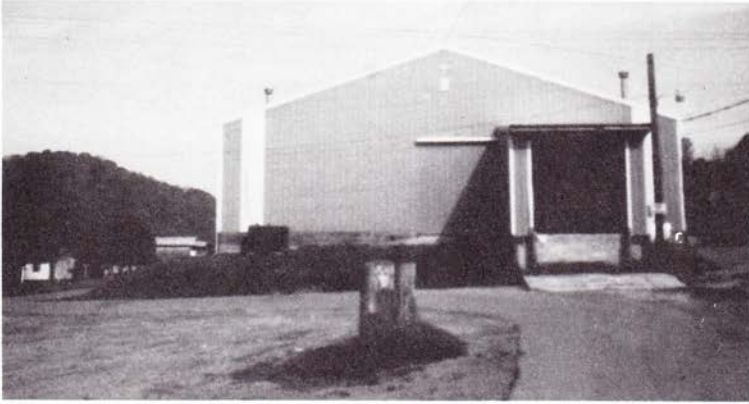
#### UPDATE

During the month of August 1979, Ray Johnson of Peebles, Ohio did electrical work at the factory.

On June 23, 1980, the Co. leased the South Store building on Main Street mainly for the manufacture of studio couches. By August of 1980, a water line, bathroom and septic tank was installed. On this same date, the Northwest Water Co. changed a portion of the water line at the factory.

On March 3, 1981, Christian phoned in the first computerized checks to the Northbrook office.

On June 24, 1981, Pat Brock, a contractor for Everlast Buildings of Hillsboro, Ohio began construction of a 7200 square-foot blue metal building on the west side of the factory land — running along Motes Street. McCarty engineering and surveyors.



This expansion to enable the plant to become a full-line mattress facility. The Scioto Economic Development Corporation arranged financing for the project through its revolving loan fund and with the Farmers Bank of Peebles, Ohio.

On July 24, 1981, foreman Mike Euton built cement forms at the factory and cement was poured during this week.

On August 18, 1981, Christian went to Columbus about state approval of wiring in the new building.

On August 13, 1981, manager Christian and Arnie Kapp, secretary-treasurer of Karel Co. at Chicago met at the SEDC office — Scioto County Court House with the president of SEDC, Robert J. Stapleton and others to receive a check for the project.



*Karel of Cumberland; Arnie - Jim - Stapleton*

*Arnie Kapp, Jim Christian, Robert Stapleton*

On September 15, 1981, Christian turned in 11 names to the Portsmouth office to see who was eligible for employment under the SEDC program.

On October 22, 1981, the first check was received for participation in this program.

On September 20, the Karel Co. entered a float in the "Old Timers Day" parade at Peebles. A set of bunk beds and headboards were auctioned off. Proceeds to go to the Peebles Lion Club.

On September 22, 1981, eight women began employment in the newly constructed mattress building.

On October 4, 1981, the company entered a float in the Otway "Fall Festival" and bunk beds and headboards were given away.

On October 15, 1981, Helen Christian-secretary represented the Karel Co. at an Industry Appreciation Day at the Elks Country Club, sponsored by the Women's Club. After a panel session, luncheon and awards ceremony, Helen was interviewed by Mary Ralstin of WPAY radio.

In July of 1982, a new union contract was signed with the "Teamsters Union Local 159."

In August of 1982, a contract was signed with Adams/Brown Counties under the Economic Opportunities, Inc. — a program similar to the SEDC program already in effect for Scioto County.

On December 18, 1982, a Christmas party and dinner was held in the new building and attended by 60 employees. Hams were given to each employee, a custom since the factory opened in 1968.

On May 19, 1983, Helen sent inventory of equipment, serial number, model and name to SEDC office.

On July 5, 1983, some of the employees began tearing down the building or shed next to the Smith property on the east side of factory.

On August 17, 1983, manager Christian attended a meeting about factory loan on a new steel building to be constructed where the shed was razed in July.

On October 10, 1983, employees of A&S Building Systems began construction of a bright orange and white steel building — 54' wide X 64' long X 12' (6400 Sq. Ft.).



On December 17, 1983, employees and family had Christmas dinner at the factory. Some gag gifts were given and entertainment was furnished by the "White Lightning Express." After the evening's festivities — hams were distributed to employees.

On January 14, 1984, Jim Christian, Mike Euton, Mike Mayes, Gurnie Taylor, Dave Rose and Mark Campbell went to the plant at Aurora, Indiana to get light fixtures and other material.

On January 21, Jim, Mike Euton and Carl Sheets went again to Indiana after more items.

On January 27, the factory was closed for inventory.

On April 28, 1984, Jim and six employees: Mike Euton, Mike Mayes, Carl Sheets, Gurnie Taylor, Eldon Hoffer and Jeff Groves went to Indiana to tear down a building and load on trailer.

On May 14, 1984, former night watchman, Denver Smith died of cancer at the age of 73.

On May 21, 1984, Walt Strickland was elected union steward to replace Ray Vires. Kathy Mayes remains the other steward.

In July of 1984, Tim Copas painted the factory trim.

On July 12, Jim Christian, Mike Mayes, Gurnie Taylor and Ballard Vires traveled by car to Sears Store #6105 warehouse in Atlanta, Ga. to work on some stock items and returned July 14th.

Factory employs 70 people when in top production.

1984 was a slow year and as of January 1985, the new steel building (east) is for storage only.

## HONDA SALES OF RARDEN

The business began operation in June of 1964. In the beginning the bikes were transported by truck from Norfolk, Va.; but for the past 11 years they have been picked up at Chicago, Ill.

The assembly and service department in the building that was constructed in 1973 is full to over-flowing with Honda's of every description. The head mechanic is George Syrone, assisted by Steve Ward.

A front display room and a computerized parts service are all a part of the huge operation, top sales have earned the owners, Tom and Shirley Wilkinson trips to Japan, Hong Kong, Greece, Hawaii and the Caribbean.



*Honda Shop & Honda Garage. Background Steve Ward and George Syrone.*



**GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**(Site V for jet propulsion motor testing).**

Land was purchased in January of 1955 on Dunlap, Jay Bird and Peach Mountain. GE in 1984 owns a total of 5,300 acres at this test site. The plant entrance, 2 miles on Jay Bird, off route 73 in Adams County. A guard is in Security Headquarters at gate.

Posted:	NO
WARNING:	1. Firearms & ammunition
X-Ray operating	2. Explosives or incendiary devices
when Beacon is on	3. Narcotics or alcoholic beverages
Obtain radiation	4. Recording device
badge from guard	5. Camera & film
before entering	6. Copying & reproductive devices
	7. Any article the possession of which is considered illegal or is a violation of Federal, State or local law.

On the left before entering the site, stands a large silver Turbo Fan Engine GE CF6-6 with a 40,000-pound-thrust. Powered by McDonnell Douglas DC-10 Series 10, Commercial Aircraft in 1971.

This engine along with TF39 with a 41,100-pound-thrust underwent tests in 1970 of over 200 hours each. The TF39 was the power plant for the world's largest and heaviest aircraft, the U.S. Air Force C-5.

Tom Rice is plant manager; Ray Hughes, test manager (19 years of service) and Harlan Smith, security and grounds manager (30 years of service).

On the evening of November 14, 1984, Ray Hughes, test manager gave me a special tour of the plant. A feeling of reverence came over me as I became aware of the beautiful immaculate kept grounds and the tranquil appearance that could only be marred by the rumble of a motor being tested. To make the picture even more complete, four deer stood peacefully near one of the test sites, as if sensing the safety of their surroundings. Mr. Hughes related that 25 to 30 head of deer roam the confines of the plant grounds.

The first building you come to after passing the office is the original barn when the plant began operation (remodeled) and used for maintenance work on the equipment. Building 2 is used for the assembling of motors to be transported to the test site.

There are seven test sites — 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 3D, 4D and site 5 (adaptable to any engine). Site 3C has a wind tunnel-13 fans 7 feet in diameter with a capacity of 52 mph.

Control rooms contain all the latest technology in computer systems. One room is for direct computerizing to the Evendale plant or for storing information for that plant. One site has an underground control room.

There is a mile long runway for aircraft commuting to and from the Evendale plant. Ponds dot the landscape, mainly for use in fire fighting.

Also located on the grounds is a 10 unit motel, a restaurant and dining hall.

More proof of what a small world this really is — toward the end of the very interesting tour, Mr. Hughes and I discovered that in the 1960's he and my brother Gene Enz had rode guard duty together. I had this eerie feeling that Gene had been with us all the way.

By January of 1985, two more test sites have been constructed.

## Chapter 4

### UPDATING RARDEN TOWNSHIP:

In 1980, Carolyn (Fitzpatrick) Conley abstracted all Rarden Township cemeteries and cemetery inscription books were prepared by Carolyn Shoemaker, CGRS of Minford, Ohio. The books (Vol. 8) were sold by the Scioto County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogy Society. Cemeteries listed are: Mt. Joy Christian, Mt. Joy United Presbyterian, Hackworth, Harr, Harmon, Hoffer, Hoffer Hill and Mustard.

An interesting item included in this book: One tombstone and three graves were discovered under the house of Chuck and Ruth Mecum when they were remodeling their home. Located approximately two miles north of Rarden on Route 772. The core of the house is a log cabin using wooden pegs instead of nails. The following inscriptions were copied June 1980 by Ms. Conley.

LEWIS: Wife of Allen d May 5, 1868 age 24y 9m 20d

Sarah C., dau of E&A d July 26, 1867, age 1y 9m 25d

William M., son of E&A d Aug. 14, 1867, age 5y 2m 2d

The death of two elderly residents of the township were John Thompson, 93, of Dunlap Road on July 3, 1981 and Tacy Agnes Foster Kirker, 94, on October 28, 1982.

A two vehicle crash in Adams County on August 10, 1982, resulted in the tragic death of Jesse Smith, 83, and his wife Rosella, 68, of Rarden Creek Road.

Township trustees in 1983 were Rex E. Kirker, Paul D. Koch, and Carl South.

Trustee Kirker died on May 6, 1984, after serving 43 consecutive years in the position. He began after the death of trustee Aaron Nelson Gill in 1940. His widow, Opal Kirker, was appointed to fill his unexpired term.

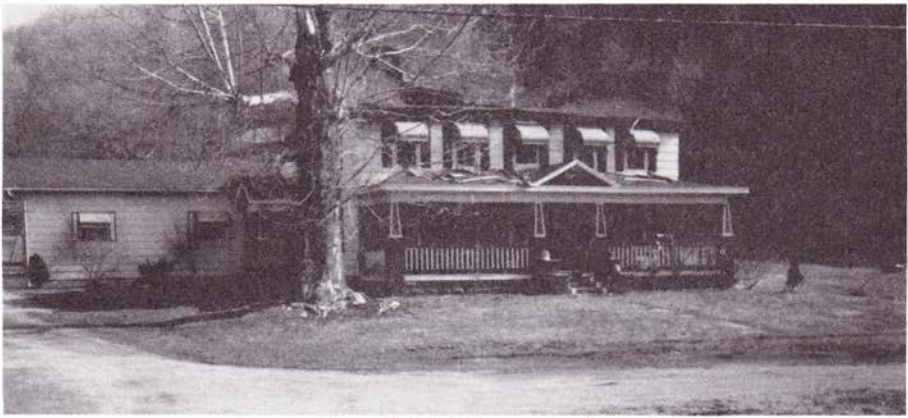
The only Merchants operating in the township in early 1985 are: Mabel Adkins-Mt. Joy Grocery and Harold Blankenship-Store at the fork of Route 772 and Big Bear Creek Road (recently operated by Ernie Enz).

The Rarden Hunters Association on Dunlap is still going strong since its formation on October 10, 1972.

The State Roadside Park, east of Rarden on route 73 was vacated in 1978, due to vandalism. This acreage reverted back to land owner-William Kleinke. The former Rosa Reinoehl property. Klinke sold to Kenneth & Judy Noel in August of 1984.

Beginning November 12 through November 17, 1984, a new bridge was constructed on Route 73 near the Pickard property — east of Rarden. The hillside by the bridge was leveled somewhat after timber was cut and removed by Brown.

In the early evening of January 19, 1985, a fire did extensive damage to the home of William and Betty Kleinke (former Reinoehl residence), east of



*Rarden Twp. Kleinke Home — Roof caved in.*

Rarden. The property was purchased by Kleinke in September of 1977.

In the past few years, many improvements were made on this residence. . by additions, remodeling and the exterior painted yellow, trimmed in dark brown.

#### **Excerpts from early history**

*The Portsmouth Blade* — September 26, 1899. Through the courtesy of Mt. Joy officials we are able to give the list of premiums taken at the fair. Our special thanks to M.L.E. Nourse for his clerical aid.

### **WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT**

Minnie Tonneman, 1st on cotton socks and knit undershirt; Mrs. M.F. Rose, 1st on embroidered silk quilt, white embor. skirt and 2nd on stand scarf; Mrs. Z.E. Chabot, 1st on cross stitch rug, handsome worked quilt, sofa pillow, specimen of sewing and second on paper flowers; Mrs. S.W. Shroyer, 1st on china painting, water set and 2nd on pin cushion; Miss Louella Johnson, 1st on handsome worked quilt; Mrs. Bell Barrows, patch-work quilt; Sarah Russell, 1st on hand painted throw, hand painted centerpiece display of tapestry and painting; Mrs. Lou Peiper, 1st on stand scarf; Barbara Tumbleson, 1st on cotton lace handkerchief case and paper flowers; Ella Leedom, 1st on drawn work, centerpiece, single doley, painting, cup & saucer, single plate, and 2nd on battenburg work; Mrs. D.A. Smith, 1st on work basket, woolen lace, hand-made rug, slipper holder, wall pocket, glove case and 2nd on paper holder, woolen mittens, fancy knit mittens and woolen socks; Mrs. Martha Smith, 1st on paper holder and 2nd on wall pocket and slipper holder; Mrs. Etta Scott, 1st on floor matt, table cover, solid worked quilt, embroidered pillow sham and patch work quilt and 2nd on single doley; Mrs. M.B. Wharff, 1st on painting on fabric and 2nd on handsome worked quilt; Mrs. G.B. Cokely, 1st on Battenburg; Ladies Aid Society, 2nd handsome worked quilt; Mrs. Chas. Chandler, 1st on cotton comfort and 2nd on scrap work quilt; Florence Rose, headrest;

Ada Rose, 1st on pin cushion and 2nd on sofa pillow; Mrs Jacob Brown, 1st on woolen mittens, fancy knit mittens, woolen socks & woolen stockings; Mr. Robinson, handsome worked cotton quilt; Mrs. W.A. McGeorge, 1st on hair flowers, pulse warmers, fancy mittens, and crocheted shawl; Maud Moon, calico dress and chair cushion; Freda Moon, 2nd on sofa pillow; Anna G. Smith, 1st sofa pillow, pin cushion, lamp mat, crochet lace and sofa pillow; Florence McGeorge, 1st on pin cushions and 2nd on lamp mat; Shirley Dodds, 2nd on quilt block and pin cushion; Ethel Dodds, 1st on quilt block and 2nd on calico dress.

## CULINARY DEPT.

Lauretta McJunkin, 1st on grape, elderberry and apple jelly; Howell Reno, 1st on canned huckleberries and rhubarb; G. Koch, 1st on crabapple jelly and 2nd on plum jelly; Mrs. E. Adams, 2nd on apple jelly and canned plums; Mrs. W.F. Rose, 1st on display of cherries, melon preserves, canned grapes, blackberries, pickled onions, pickled tomatoes, catsup, grape, blackberry, raspberry, peach, gooseberry and rhubarb jellies; Mrs. Charles Chandler, 1st on bread and M. Tonneman, 2nd; G.W. Barnett, 1st on canned quinces and currants and 2nd on canned peas and gooseberries; Mrs. S. Brown, 2nd on pear jelly; Mrs. W.A. McGeorge, 2nd on canned rhubarb; Mrs. M.B. Wharf, 1st on canned apples and 2nd on display of apples; Mrs. L. Nourse, 1st on display of canned fruit, apples, jellies, pickled cucumbers, raspberries, pears, blackberry, pears and citron preserves and 2nd on crabapple jellies, canned blackberries, apples, cherries, quine and currants; Mrs. G.D. Cokely, 1st on crabapple jelly; Mrs. D.T. Blackburn, 2nd on raspberry cake and 1st on oramental cake.

## FARM PRODUCTS

C.W. Rose, 1st on white wheat and D.A. Gardner, 2nd; R Blackburn, 1st red wheat, 1st and 2nd in sheaf wheat; Mrs. W.A. McGeorge, clover; Mrs. S. Brown, 1st in oats and J. Eaton, 2nd; J. Eaton, 1st on white beans and Howell Reno, 2nd; W.J. Shannon, 1st yellow corn and J. Eaton, 2nd; O.P. Kennedy, 1st white corn and J. Eaton, 2nd; J.W. Warner, 1st for fullest corn and D.A. Gardner, 2nd; R. Blackburn, 1st in sheaf oats and Mrs. W.A. McGeorge, 2nd; S.A. Smith 1st for popcorn and C.W. Rose, 2nd; Mrs. S. Brown, 1st on display of 15 varieties of vegetables and J. Eaton 2nd; S.A. Smith, 1st on display of 3 varieties of sweet potatoes and J. Eaton, 2nd; S.M. McChesney, 1st in display of 3 varieties of tomatoes and Mrs. G.B. Cokely, 2nd; Mrs. M.B. Wharff, 1st on display of 3 varieties of cabbage and Cordelia Jones, 2nd; John Hilt, 1st on display of 3 varieties of onions; Mrs. M.B. Wharff, 1st on display of 3 varieties of beets, Cordelia Jones, 2nd; J. Eaton, 1st on display of 6 varieties of beans, Mrs. S. Brown, 2nd; H. Reno, display of peas; John Hilt, beauty of Hebron; L. Gerding, Early Maine;

G.W. Williams, Early Ohio; W.J. Shannon, Harvest Queen, Mrs. S. Brown, 1st red onion, Jane McMurray, 2nd; Mrs. D.T. Blackburn, 1st for white onion and E. Canter, 2nd; C.W. Rose, 1st for potato onions and J. Eaton, 2nd; Mrs. S. Brown, 1st parsnips and J. Eaton, 2nd; Mrs. S. Brown, 1st in sugar corn and J. Eaton, 2nd; Mrs. M.B. Wharff, watermelons; Minnie Tonneman, 1st in cooking pumpkins and Ed Gray, 2nd. S.A. Smith, largest pumpkin and display of garden seed; Wm. Anderson, five stalks of tobacco; J. Eaton, 1st for pole lima, Mrs. D.T. Blackburn, 2nd; J. Eaton, 1st for snap beans and Mrs. S. Brown, 2nd; Ruby H. Sikes, longest bean pod; Melvin Nourse, kaffin corn and cow peas; Randall Blackburn, maize; Miles Williams, millet; S. McChesney, 1st for cider vinegar and Mrs. S. Brown, 2nd; Charles E. Smith, 1st in farm display; Jane McMurray, rutabagas; Marion Sikes, 1st in peppers Mrs. S. Brown, 2nd; D.A. Gardner, 1st in tomatoes and Mrs. D.T. Blackburn, 2nd; Florence McGeorge, ornamental gourds; S.S. Wallace, freeman potatoes, J. Eaton, peanuts, brown corn, squaw corn, celery, kohlrabi and turnips; W.J. Shannon, white elephant; John Hilt, saccaline; Mrs. Wm. Bare, northern spy potatoes; D.A. Gardner, Irish cup potatoes, sweet potatoes and sewing machine; Tom Lock, 1st for clapboards and G.W. Shroyer, 2nd.

## APPLES

Summer apples-6 varieties-Louis E. Norse, 1st and Randall Blackburn, 2nd; 6 varieties-(large size and beauty to rule), Nourse; Winter apples/6 varieties, Norse 1st and Blackburn, 2nd; 6 varieties-(large size to rule). Norse; display of 15 varieties, John Hilt, 1st and Nourse, 2nd.

## PLATES OF FIVE APPLES

Baldwin-Nourse, 1st and J.M. Roney, 2nd; Fallwater-Nourse, 1st and Howell Reno, 2nd; Northern Spy-H. Reno, 1st and G.A. Smith, 2nd; Rome Beauty-Perry Bonner, 1st and G.A. Smith 2nd; Grimes Golden-Nourse, 1st and Isaac Voorheis, 2nd; Maiden Blush-Jane Bare, 1st and Gideon Koch, 2nd; Ben Davis-G.A. Smith; Putnam Russet-Norse; Golden Russet-Voorheis, 1st and Nourse 2nd; Romanite-R.I. Greeing and S.F. VanMeter, 1st and Cordelia Jones, 2nd; Tulpenhocking-H. Reno, 1st and G.A. Smith 2nd; Smith Cider-Nourse, 1st and Alice Smith, 2nd; King Tompkins Co.-Nourse; Fall Pippin-G.A. Smith, 1st and Nourse 2nd; Golden Pippin-Nourse, 1st and Cordelia Jones, 2nd; Gloria Mundi-Nourse, 1st & Mrs. W.A. McGeorge, 2nd; Cooper-D.A. Gardner; Pound Pippin-S.T. VanMeter, 1st and Nourse, 2nd; Roxbury Russett-Nourse; Canadian Red Streak-Nourse; Siberian Crab-John Hilt, 1st and S.M. McChesney, 2nd; Hyslop Crab-Nourse; Brilliant-Sam McChesney; Fall Russet-S. McChesney; Ladies Delight-Nourse; Winter Janett-C.M. Blackburn, 1st and S. McChesney, 2nd; Fallman Sweet-Nourse; Johnson-S. McChesney; July Sweet-Nourse;

Bellefleur-VanMeter; Oakes Pride-Nourse; Wagner-Sam McChesney; Summer Strawberry-J.M. Roney; Rambo-G.A. Smith, 1st and Gideon Koch, Pride-Nourse; Wagner-Sam McChesney; Summer Strawberry-J.M. Roney; Rambo-G.A. Smith, 1st and Gideon Koch, 2nd; Col. Heath-Nourse; N.Y. Greeing-Mrs. E.P. Bonner, 1st and G. Koch, 2nd; Russian Beauty-John Hilt, 1st and Nourse, 2nd; Newton Pippin-Mrs. W.A. McGeorge; Summer Sweet-Cordelia Jones; Golden Gate-Nourse, 1st and Mrs. McGeorge, 2nd.

## OTHER FRUIT

Duchess Pears-Minnie Tonneman; Bartlett Pears-H. Reno; P. Kiefer-Doc Voorheis; Quinces-Mrs. McGeorge, 1st and Nourse, 2nd; Plums-G. Koch, 1st and Nourse, 2nd; Concord-Nourse, 1st and R. Blackburn, 2nd; White Niagra-Minnie Tonneman.

## FARM LIVESTOCK

**(Herefords)**-O.J. Thurman, 1st on best bull, best cow, best heifer, best calf and on best heifer.

**(Short Horns)**-W.A. McGeorge, 1st on best bull, heifer calf and bull calf; Jacob Brown, 1st on heifer-one year old and under two; Charley Chandler, 1st on cow 3 years old or over; O. Thurman, 1st at sweepstakes on herd beef cattle.

**(Sheep)**-Jacob Brown, 1st on pen of 3 ewes downs and 1st on pen of 2 lambs.

**(Fine Wool)**-M.L. Bonner, 1st on pen of 3 ewes.

**(Swine)**-D.T. Blackburn, 1st on chester white boar; Samuel Wallace, 1st on Berkshire boar 1 year old and pig under 6 months; Henry Bonner, 1st on Yorkshire sow with pigs and M.L. Bonner, 2nd; J.C. McNelly, 1st on Berkshire boar 2 years old, pig under 6 months and sow with pigs; Will Mount, 1st on Poland China pig under 6 months; W.T. Shannon, 1st on boar one year old and 2nd on pig under 6 months.

**(Poultry)**-Erwin A. Tonneman, 1st on buff cochins and Charley McCann, 2nd; Perry Bonner, 1st on frizzles, rose comb leghorns & single comb leghorns; Elmer McJunkins, 1st on white leghorn and P. Bonner, 2nd; S.T. VanMeter, 1st on guineas and James McGeorge, 2nd; Naumen Jones, 1st on brown leghorn; Elmer McJunkin, 2nd on white leghorn; Perry Bonner, 1st in cock and 2nd on hen; J.M. Dodds, first cock and hen hamburgs; S.T. VanMeter, 1st in Muscovy ducks; S.T. VanMeter, 1st in light brahma and barred plymouth rocks; Mrs. Wm. Bare, 1st in incubator chicks and Mrs. Charles Rose, 2nd.

## HORSE & RACE DEPT.

Minnie Tonneman, saddle horse and double team; S.B. Mustard, 1st for farm team and John Hilt, 2nd; Perry Walls, matched team; C.M. Blackburn, 1st Mare and J.M. Roney, 2nd; Perry Walls, roadster; and John Hilt, draft.

**Three Minute Trot:** 1. McBoy-Wm. Volery  
2. Royal Garter-Capt. Shelton Time:  
3. Eddie B.-Ed Bender 2:58½-2:59¼-3:00

**Free For All Trot:** 1. Mackboy-Oscar Valery  
2. Prine D.-Ed Kelley  
3. Few Clothes-Scott Bragg

**Running Race:** 1. Victor-John McKinney  
2. Sir Franklin-R. Bowman  
3. David-O.E. Custer

**Pace:** 1. Prince D.-Ed Kelley  
2. Few Clothes-John Staten

**Horses:** Draft mare 3 years old — Perry Walls, 1st and John Hilt, 2nd; Mare one year old — Millo Robinson, 1st and H. Row, 2nd; Mare two years old — Wm. Sharp, 1st and Bert Bare, 2nd; Brood Mare — R.N. Trickler; Spring Foal — R. Trickler and Stallion 3 years old — G.W. Sailor.

**Roadsters:** Spring Foal — James Warren; Mare 3 years old — J.M. Roney; Gelding — C.M. Blackburn; Colt 1 year old — J. Smalley, 1st and W. J. Shannon, 2nd.

**Bicycle Races:** (2 miles) H. Moon, 1st; E.K. Hibbs, 2nd and F. Moon, 3rd. Time 5:46

**Five Mile Open:** M. Brown, 1st; S. McMillen, 2nd and H. Moon, 3rd. Time 14:50

**Slow Race** Elby Warnock, 1st; M. Brown, 2nd and F. Vangorder, 3rd.

**100 Yard Foot Race:** Oscar Dobbs, 1st and George Shuster, 2nd.

## MISC. INFORMATION ABOUT RARDEN TOWNSHIP

Listed in the Portsmouth City Directory — 1899:

Trustees of Rarden Township were George B. Coakley, clerk; James R. Davis, treasurer; William Burnett, T.F. Murfin and G.W. Hackworth, trustees; William T. Hackworth, postmaster of Mt. Joy; J.N. Kates and John McKinley (Duke), Justices of Peace.

Teachers: 1899 Albert Bonner, Maude Jones, Thomas Jones, Louise E. Nourse and Robert K. Day — Mt. Joy; Lee Reedy — McBrides; O.E. Davis — O'Bryant; Meek Penn — Hoffer Hill; Frank Wharf — Dry Fork; and W.A. Hazelbaker — Hackworth Hill.

Teachers at Rarden: Alfred Jones, principal from Dunbarton; Miss Della McClelland, intermediate from Lucasville; Miss Blanche Williams, primary from Scioto Furnace.



## NEWS ITEMS

December 20, 1899, Mrs. Mary J. McBride one of the oldest persons in the country died at Mt. Joy Wednesday afternoon. Deceased was 90 years old. Mother of A.B. McBride — well known postmaster of Rarden. She had been a resident at that locality almost half a century. Funeral services were held at Mt. Joy, with burial at Mt. Joy Christian Church Cemetery.

*The Portsmouth Blade*: April 18, 1901

All household effects lost — Lost \$2,500 with some insurance. W.A. McGeorge, President of the Board of County Commissioners met with a severe loss by fire. His fine two-story frame residence near Mt. Joy was burned to the ground, together with its contents. Only two feather beds being saved.

The fire occurred about noon while dinner was being prepared by Mrs. McGeorge, who was the only one about the place. Mr. McGeorge was away from the house and his sons were engaged in plowing in a distant part of the farm.

The fire supposedly originated in a defective flue.  
*Blade*, April 20, 1901

The excitement over the discovery at Rarden is increasing daily. The report from the assayer concerning the five hundred pounds of quartz that were recently sent to Philadelphia, shows that the ore is worth one hundred and ninety dollars per ton, according to reliable information received direct from Rarden.

The prospectors in sinking their shaft have reached a depth nearly eighty feet and the vein continues to grow richer as they go farther into the earth.  
Rarden Township, August 14, 1931

A petition signed by 123 men claiming to be citizens and taxpayers of the Rarden community was filed with the County Commissioners asking that Robert Creech, 70, be given the post of road foreman now held by Arthur Thompson. The petition was received and filed.

Creech was trustee from 1923 until his death at 76 in 1944.

A transcript of a letter written by my mother, Lena Enz to my Uncle George Tschus (her brother) at 457 Deshler Ave., Columbus, Ohio on September 28, 1923.



(At the time the letter was written, my father and mother operated the Mt. Joy Grocery for Mr. Stevens of the Windy Heights Farm).

QUOTE: Dear George: I have been looking for a letter from you. Well, George I thought I would let you know that Thursday night about 10 o'clock, Bud Daniels house burned to the ground and his wife and children

happened to be on a visit to Kentucky. Bud himself and brother went to Portsmouth and left one of his brothers at home to take care of the house while they were gone. The whole neighborhood was in bed sound asleep. Carl Juingling came and woke us, their house nearly burned, they had to throw buckets of water on the roof. None of the other out-buildings burned and our barn was safe because there wasn't much breeze going. It was a good thing it did go in the direction it did or there would not have been much left of Mt. Joy. Mr. Stevens came down with two men when it was about out. They all had been to bed and their cook saw it and woke them all up, thought it was the store. They said they left a lamp burning upstairs and thought gasoline was put in it instead of kerosene. They saved a wardrobe, 2 guns, some bed clothing and the victrola. I heard it was insured for twelve hundred.

Well this is Friday and Ernest's day in town. This makes 3 times this week so you see I have a job steady in the store tomorrow. They are going to start to put in my water system. I will be glad when these painters get done too. Business has been slow today. Well, goodbye. With Love, Lena (My Uncle George and Louis Tschus visited often at the farm. Uncle Louis, being a carpenter, did much of the remodeling of the house and building of out-buildings on the farm where I was born.

## Chapter 5

### NEWS ITEMS AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

*The Portsmouth Blade*, March 7, 1881—

(They Fit) Did These Two Warriors at Rarden?

Two well known people indulged in a free for all fight at Rarden Wednesday afternoon in which Judge R. W. McNeal of Cincinnati and G. M. Wikoff of Rarden, were the participants.

The fight took place in Justice Wikoff's office, after McNeal objected to Wikoff's going on an appeal bond.

The dispute became so warm that Wikoff grabbed a chair and hurled it at McNeal, who made a good duck and it missed the mark. McNeal picked up a small board and dealt Wikoff several hard blows across the forehead. At this junction Squire Kates, who happened to be in the office when the fight took place, interfered and succeeded in separating the belligerents. The referee decided the contest in McNeals favor.

*Blade* — September 27, 1898 — Guilford Marr.

It is said that he is short in his accounts to the Rarden Stone and Rarden Mfg. Co. A rumor was current upon the streets today that Guilford Marr, of Rarden was a defaulter and had fled the country.

It was stated that he left Rarden last Thursday and from such evidence as was attainable, his destination was thought to be Cuba.

The rumor placed his shortage to Lafayette Taylor at Rarden, \$1,800; to the Rarden Stone Co., a similar amount, and to the C.P. & Va. Railroad a considerable sum also. Residents of Rarden as they arrived on the noon train, were interviewed by *Blade* reporters. They verified the astounding facts in substance. The amounts due the various firms, are not known accurately; but it is known that they ran up in to the thousand of dollars. The news came like a thunder clap out of a clear sky, and will cause a sensation not only in Scioto County but all along the line of the C.P. & Va. where the big stone contracts of the Rarden Co. made him well known.

G. M. Marr was so well known in that locality that it seems hardly necessary to recapulate his history. Born in Canada, he came here some dozen years ago and embarked in stave and barrel and timber business here and at Rarden. His personal ventures were not successful and he finally withdrew from business in Portsmouth and devoted his time to the stave and barrel business in Rarden.

Of late years, with the formation of the Rarden Stone Co. he gave his time exculsively to its business, being a director in the company and its secretary. Selling its product and contracting was also largely in his line. Mr. Lafe Taylor is the pincipal owner in the big stone company and it will thus be seen that he sustains a double loss. Fortunately for Rarden and that

enterprising and successful businessman, he is able to sustain the financial loss, of being betrayed by one whom he so thoroughly trusted.

Mr. Marr's unaccountable action will bring deep sorrow upon his interesting and accomplished family, and they will have the sympathy of all. A later dispatch on Marr:

Guilford Marr left Friday and Lafe Taylor got a letter from Jim in Cincinnati. He is supposed to be in Cuba. He caught all the labor and various country merchants about.

The C.P. & Va. is said to be a loser to the amount of \$4,000; The Rarden Stone Co. \$600; and Lafe Taylor about \$2,000. He owes Italian labor at Newport and they are ready to riot.

(some rumors stated that he had gone to Alaska).

On June 17, 1907, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas H. Windle's daughter Stella, of Rarden, Ohio was married to C. Evan Thomas of Otway, Ohio. Present at the wedding: Mr. & Mrs. N.H. Windle, J.F. Kenuth, A.B. McBride, T.B. Marshall, F.M. Waller, T. Newman, G.H. Bratten. A.L. Reedy, J.E. Southworth, J.A. Oppy, Seth Smith, Grafton Windle, Mrs. Dora Freeman, Misses Clara Windle, Lillian Windle, Mary Thomas, Ocie Blackburn, Nita Blackburn, Mable Forsythe, Jessie Abbott, Elsie Wallace, Clara Doll, Mary Fisher, Alice Coyle, Lorena Burkett, Bertha Murfin, Ida Murfin, Stella Meyers, Cora Brown, Banna Carter, Minnie Wykoff, Messrs Lee Windle, Thomas Thomas, Esto Windle, Robert Ryan, Ernest McCoy, Jess Burkett, Kelley McCann, Carl Ballangee, Roly Ballangee, Walter Scott, T.W. Tompkins, Frank Boyd, Raymond Johnson, Walter Newman & Jess Thompson.

On December 22, 1955 Evan Thomas, 76, retired railroader, died from injuries suffered when he fell from the roof of his barn in Adams Co. — several weeks before. Services at Rarden M.E. Church with Rev. Edgar Gardner officiating and burial in Rushtown Cemetery.

Wedding ceremony on March 8, 1908 of Mr. James G. Unger and Miss Emma Scott of Rarden at the residence of Squire Hall. At the conclusion of the ceremony, they went to the home of the bride's brother, James G. Scott of east 12th St. where they ate dinner. They left on the 2:45 train for Rarden, their future home. Mrs. Unger wore a handsome gray traveling dress and a small gray traveling hat. The bride has been employed at Dr. Rufus B. Hall's hospital in Cincinnati for a number of years. She possess' in her own right a house and lot on Main Street in Rarden, which is now occupied by Mr. Wilson Thompson, and also has a neat little bank account which is not to be sneered at. Mr. Unger is one of the most prominent farmers in the community and owner of a large farm upon which he is just completing a fine eight room frame house where he will take his bride.

On June 12, 1908, Rosa Mullen, 22, and Phil S. Reinoehl, 42, married at the home of the bride at Rarden, Ohio. Rosa is a daughter of Alex Mullen, a prominent farmer of Rarden. Rosa, one of the county's efficient teachers, and for the past two years has taught the Long Run School. The couple were married by Rev. B.D. Morris of Scripto, a friend of the groom. The young couple began housekeeping at Harrisonville where the groom had a cottage handsomely furnished and ready to receive his charming bride and

Phil, the farmer, merchant, musician, promoter of picnics, boss of all country "hops"-became a married man.

On October 16, 1908, Charles C. Waller, 39, a prominent stone man of McDermott was quietly married in Chillicothe to Miss Fairy M. Harness, 33.

Concerning the Waller-Harness wedding, the Chillicothe News Advertiser says: "Charles C. Waller, of McDermott, Ohio and Miss Fairy Harness of Lucasville, came to Chillicothe in Mr. Waller's automobile on Wednesday and secured a license to wed. In order to comply with the law, the young lady gave her residence as Lucasville."

Miss Harness taught school at Rarden last year and her marriage to Mr. Waller terminated an interesting romance. The couple left for Lancaster after the wedding to spend a few days with the groom's relatives. At the conclusion of their brief bridal tour they will return to Rarden to occupy Mr. Waller's fine home. The latter is a widower and has two very bright children.

Ice Cream Supper — August 24, 1935.

Orva Thompson and A. McCann were host of a supper held at the Thompson brothers home near Rarden. Present: Mrs. Edwin Johnson & sons Harold & Roy; Mrs. Noline Alexander & sons Carey Lee, Jack & Gene; Richard & Ronald Rector of Portsmouth; Mrs. Rosa Reinoehl, Fairle Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Moore & daughters Vivian and Marilyn; Mr. & Mrs. Truman Newman and daughter Mabel; Mrs. S.J. Walls and daughter Caryl Ruth; Lola, Margaret & Bobbie Wallace; Mr. & Mrs. Vernon McBride and children Robert & Joyce Ann; Ray Thompson and sons Jack & Leo; Mrs. Eva Penn and children Hazel, Ruth, Kenneth, Homer, Wilma Jean & Carlos; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Snook and sons Clyde & Clarence; Robert McCann of Sardinia; Mrs. J.E. Southworth and son Edwin; Mr. & Mrs. Perry Scott and daughter Audrey & son George; Richard, Robert, Lenora and Mary McChesney; Perry Bonner, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Murfin and children Harold, Garnet, Anna Louise; Pauline & Robert Ott of Cinn.; Miss Thelma Breeding; Mr. & Mrs. William Carter and daughter Kathleen; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Sanderson; Mr. & Mrs. Walter Ralston and daughters Rosie & Millie; George Motes; Wilbur Robertson; Robert Shaw; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Johnson and daughters Frances & Alice; Mrs. Eliza Newman; Guy Meddock; Mrs. Ruth Penn, Ada & Barbara Rector; Bruce Penn; Mrs. J.A. Thompson; Mr. & Mrs. Ernest McChesney; Mrs. Ted Clark; Mr. & Mrs. R.D. Canary; Mrs. Alice Burkett; Alton Liston; Mrs. Sylvia Cottee and Conway Blackburn.

A surprise dinner in honor of the 53rd birthday of Artie Thompson was held August 25, 1935 at Washington C.H., Ohio. Relatives and friends present were: Mrs. R.K. Day & son John; Ray Thompson & sons Leo & Jack; Miss Thelma Breeding; Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gable & son Walter; Mrs. Roger Gable & son Eddie; Mrs. Vira Day; Mr. & Mrs. Van Fleet & daughter Barbara Ruth; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Thompson & Wilson Thompson of Xenia; Mr. & Mrs. A. Hummel & son Tom of Minford; Mr. & Mrs. E.E. Windle of Cove; Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Thompson of Robbins; Mr. & Mrs. Carl Clark &

children Joan, Betty, Carl & Clare; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Snyder & daughters Virginia & Nancy of Portsmouth; Mrs. Winifred Mercer & daughter Marjorie; Miss Flossie Jones & Miss Maude Jones of Mt. Joy; Mr. & Mrs. Thompson & son Donald Lee & daughter Martha Jane; Miss Lou Crow; Arch Thompson; Mr. & Mrs. Bert Scott & son Blanchard & nephew Bert; Mrs. Robert Greaves and W.O. Adams of Columbus, Ohio.

On December 17, 1936-Frank Downey, 78, living alone in his hut in an isolated spot, 3 miles west of Rarden in Adams Co., was found unconscious, his feet frozen and suffering from hunger and exposure about 3:00 p.m. He was taken to the home of a sister, Mrs. George Wiley of Peebles by Thomas & Trefz ambulance.

A neighbor Mr. James DeAtley rode a mule to his hut; but dogs wouldn't let him in. He then notified B.O. Foster of Rarden and he and Mr. Foster obtained the services of Sheriff George Baldrige & Deputy Grimes Morgan of Adams Co. Earl Moore accompanied the party to the Downey house and drove dogs from the house. Rescuers carried Downey on a stretcher a mile through a creek bed and thick woods to the ambulance. He regained consciousness after first aid and said he suffered a hip injury in a fall Sunday and drug himself to the bed.

Mr. Downey died December 19, 1936.

In July 12, 1944 edition of the *Portsmouth Times*:

Pfc. Raymond C. Meddock was spending a 23 day furlough with his parents at their home on Mt. Joy. In attendance at his farewell party were: Mr. & Mrs. William Conley and twin daughters, Sharon & Carolyn of Hillsboro; Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Calvert of West Union; Cpl. John Riley, James Snook of Rarden; Glen and Lloyd Boyd of Harmon; Paul Gregory and Emory Sheldon of Ladd; Edith Perry, Garnet and Alfred Clifford of Camp Creek; Laura Keaton of Lucasville; Mrs. Elza Fitzpatrick and children, Hazel, Ruth & Raymond; Dorothy and John Hoffer, Garnet and Lola Groomes, Mrs. Marjorie Culp and son Gene, Flossie and Winnie Jones, Mr & Mrs. Elmer Fitzpatrick & children, Roger & Garland, Miss Nora Hilt, Miss Julia Keaton, Denver Williams and Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Adkins & son, Joe, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Thompson and son Jack, all of Mt. Joy; Tommy McAllister of Harmon; Louise, Junior and Marie Conley of Hillsboro; parents of the honored guest Mr. & Mrs. Harley Meddock and children Artie, Glenn, Pauline, Virginia, and Dorothy.

**Notation:** June 21, 1950 — Probate Court assets of Taylor Milling Co., owned by V.S. Taylor and the late Lafe Taylor were appraised at \$60,261.

Sgt. Ira N. Taylor, 24, of Rarden was killed in action on February 14, 1951 at Wonju, Korea. Sgt. Taylor was born on September 2, 1927 at Peebles, a son of James and Eva Taylor, now of Rarden. He enlisted in the Army in July of 1948. Had completed a course of paratroopers and gliderman at Ft. Benning, Ga. Graduated from non-commissioned officer's training school in 1950.

Before entering the armed forces he was employed by the United Board & Carton Co. of Urbana, Ohio.

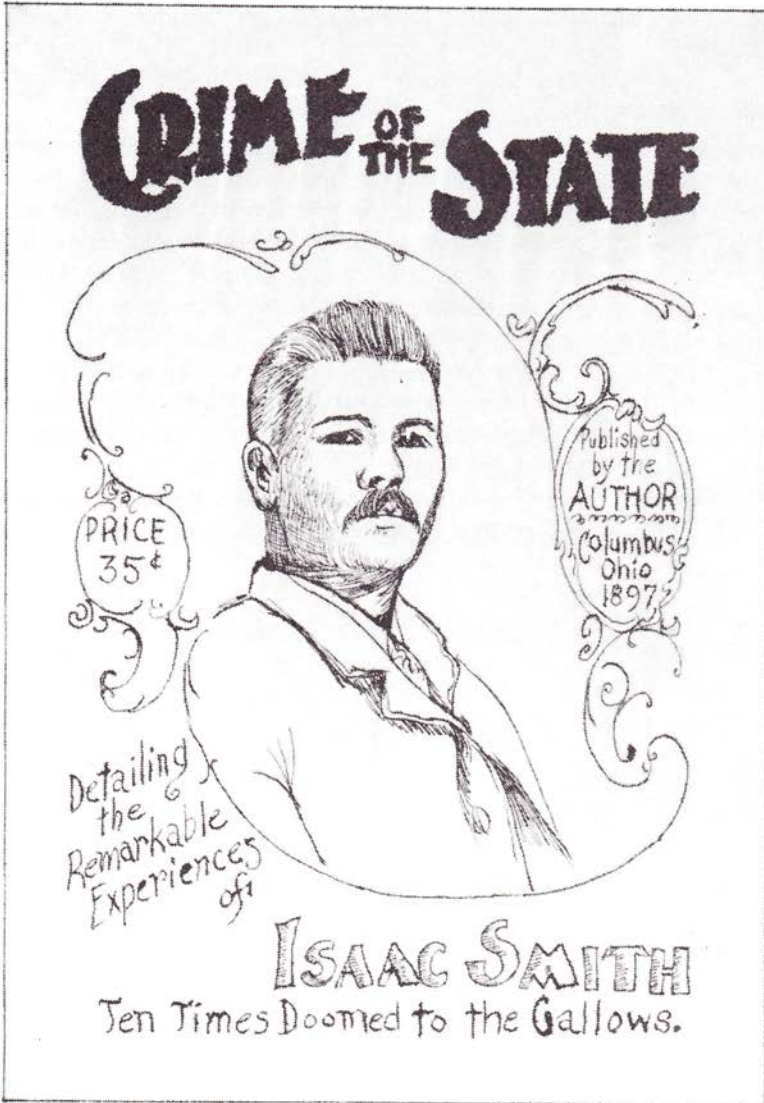
Survived by his mother and following brothers and sisters: Clestion John of Lima; Robert and Richard at home; Mrs. Mildred Hoffer of Lima; Mrs. Lucille Fist of Sardinia; Mrs. Essie Young of Urbana; Mrs. Audrey Newman of Rarden; Mrs. Pauline Howland (twin); and Mrs. Bertha Ward of London.

Funeral services were held October 7, 1951 at Mt. Joy Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Ora Hoffer.

On May 12, 1951, Pfc. Homer R. Penn fought with the tough 1st Marine Div. in the Inchon-Seoul area and was trapped with elements of the 7th infantry div. near Hwachon Reservior. Q. "We were surrounded on four sides," he related. "The Chinese who had captured a truck convoy hauling Christmas mail to the front, found out our names from the letters and kept yelling names of American soldiers, telling them to surrender. "After holding out for five days and nights, the trapped marines and soldiers were rescued by the 5th Marines, who were fighting their way southward." Pfc. Penn wounded in both arms from burp gun shells, was flown to a hospital in Japan. He was sent back into combat on February 4, 1952 and was wounded again on March 7th — near Wonju.

Pfc. Penn is home on convalescent leave and will be stationed at the naval ammunition depot at Crane, Ind. when he returns to duty.

Chapter 6



*Sketch by Carol Newman*

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Isaac Milton Smith was born March 4, 1865 in a log cabin overlooking Camp Creek in Scioto County, Ohio, near the Pike County line. He was the son of Sheldon and Martha (Brown) Smith. Isaac's father died when he was a small child, and his mother died when he was nine-years-old. Isaac made his home with relatives.



Brother and sisters of Isaac were Sam who married Mary Ellen Smith; Miriah — married Milton Mustard; Kate — married Edward Happeny and Sue — married John Skidmore.

Isaac did not attend more than two or three winter terms of school; but he could read and write.

On October 4, 1885 at the age of twenty, Smith married Minnie McKinley, a daughter of John and Melissa McKinley. The young bride died a little over a year after they settled down in cabin in the timber belt of Scioto Co., leaving a small baby girl, Essie Mae.

Two years after Minnie's death, Smith married Nellie Snively. Guyon Fowler, a bachelor railroader living at Rarden and Isaac's wife Nellie had been an item previous to their wedding and things didn't change. It was a brief, stormy marriage and they soon separated. Little Essie Mae went to live with her maternal grandparents and was raised to womanhood by them.

The turmoil of Smith's personal life, convinced him that he should leave the country. He began making plans to migrate to Arkansas, where he expected to find employment in a lumber camp.

Getting involved with the Vance brothers, "Yaller Dick" and "Black Dick" was to soon change the course of his life. The Vance's lived in a lumber camp about three miles from Rarden, known as the Indiana Saw Mill in the southern part of Pike Co. The two brothers were from Kentucky and West Virginia and were considered no better than desperadoes.

Smith planned on leaving for Arkansas on Sunday, November 11, 1888. He stayed the night before with his sister, who lived next door to their cousin Stephen Skidmore. After he ate his last meal with his sister, he intended to visit his sister-in-law, who lived several miles west of the Indian mill. His cousin Stephen Skidmore, expressed a wish to accompany him as far west as the mill. At and about the mill were several persons besides the Vances, among these was Nate Wallace.

A game of cards was proposed and Smith, Skidmore and the Vance's engaged in the game. The stakes were a ten-dollar violin and a ten-dollar bill. The latter belonged to Skidmore while the violin was the property of one of the Vance's.

The chain of events following this Sunday afternoon, led to Smith's arrest, trial, conviction and sentence to hang for the murder of his cousin Stephen Skidmore.

Isaac arrived at the state prison on a May afternoon in 1889.

Many people in Rarden were questioned in regard to the incident. Among them were Grafton Windell, Alexander Jenkins, John Q. Lawwill, Mrs. Cynthia Lawwill, Milton Mustard, Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Penn, and Abe For-sythe.

The village mayor's docket showed that Richard "Black Dick" Vance had been arrested ten times in 1889 and 1890 for drunkenness, assault, use of profane language and indecent exposure.

An interesting document that figures in his salvation was from the Mayor

of Rarden, James M. Wamsley and written to the Board of Pardons on March 22, 1890.

QUOTE: Inasmuch as Isaac Smith was convicted on circumstantial evidence detailed by such men as "Black Dick" Vance and Guy Fowler, I and the greater portion of the community have serious doubts of his guilt, and hope and trust that his sentence may be commuted. As far as known this appears to be the sentiment of the people here. "Black Dick" Vance a week ago made a confession of guilt while very drunk here. Mary McCloud, who worked for him, has told lately that after Smith and Skidmore started up to run the two Vances were right after him.

The community will be better satisfied with the commutation then with hanging. (End of Quote)

Governor James E. Campbell gave Smith several stays of execution and Governor Asa Bushnell, who succeeded Campbell in office, gave Smith a full, unconditional pardon on Christmas Day, 1896. Smith had been in prison for eight years and 22 days.

After his pardon, Isaac came back to the hills near Rarden and visited with his cousins Mary Ellen and Thomas Jefferson Smith.

Later the next year he visited Fayette Co., Ohio near Washington Court House where he stayed with his sister Kate Happeny and her husband Edward. Here again he settled to raise a family; but after only a few years he left his small daughter Iva Ann and her mother Mary Ann.

In 1906 he married a girl named Dora ? and they adopted an orphan boy (Amos). Dora died in 1954 in Texarkana, Texas.

Smith operated a grocery in Ruston, La. from 1913 to 1914. He was soon to return to his type of work, the lumber business. He terminated this in 1929, due to ill health. He went to Hot Springs, Arkansas for a few months and somewhat regained his health. He then went to Texarkana, Texas where he lived for the next 25 years.

Down through the years, his daughter Mrs. Edgar E. Myers tried to locate her father. Iva Ann finally succeeded in locating him in 1954 in Texarkana, Texas. He agreed to return home and live with the Myers, at the age of 89, on the condition that his identity remain anonymous because of his past prison confinement.

After daughter Iva's death in 1961, Isaac went to live with his grandson, Edson Edgar Myers and wife Eleanor who lived on the banks of Deer Creek near Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

Isaac Milton Smith died peacefully in his easy chair on April 21, 1962 at the age of 97. He had kept his 11th appointment with death. Isaac had lived longer than any member of the family which emigrated to America from the northern part of Ireland before the Revolutionary War.

His first born daughter, Essie Mae married Charles Ward and they had 10 children. Essie Mae and Charles both died in 1964. Children of Charles and Essie were Ellis who married Hallie Rose; Ernest — married Lola Rose; Anna — married Robert E. Gill; Marshall — married Dora Workman; Curtis — married Letha Copas; Charles Ward, Jr. — married Martha Lute; Isham — married Grace Drusell; Wilma — married Adam Boysel Sr.;

Manual — married Rosa Lee Young and Chester — married Laverne Taylor.

The murder of Stephen Skidmore has remained a mystery. It is one of the most famous cases in the history of Ohio.

## Chapter 7



*Red Man's Hall — left background (1940). City Hall — right background — L. - R.: Jim Kates, Kyle Cooper, Thomas Hoadley, Edgar Gardner. Back of Ladies across by Bellar car: Banna Kates, Cora (Walker) Gardner.*

### **Miscellaneous Information:**

Listed in the Portsmouth City Directory:

1886-1887 Rarden Spoke & Felloe Co. Office — Portsmouth  
Wagon Stock Co.

1887-1888 Galena precinct: Michael Freeman, mayor; Scott Foster, marshal; Joseph McClure, treasurer; D.A. Gardner, clerk; R.D. McClure, B.W. Moore, G.B. Coakley, Wm. Burnett, G.M. Wikoff and L.A. Scott, council; James N. Kates, justice of peace; and S.B. Violet, postmaster.

Lumber dealers — Henry Carter, G.M. Wikoff and A.J. Bleekman; shoemakers — A.B. Newman and Leopold Deavener; wagon maker — James Double; barber — C.C. Resler; millinery shop — Ella and Lillie Newland; attorney at law — Abe Forsythe; saloon — W.H. Brown; blacksmiths — William Newland and Douglas Stewart; butcher — John Brown; station agent of Ohio & Northwestern R.R. — E.G. Jefferys; hotel proprietor's — Michael Freeman (The Home House) and widow Lucretia Whittemore (Whittemore's Hotel); merchants — Charles Rice, T.A. Vaughters (Young), D.A. Gardner, McClure Brothers, L.A. Scott, Scott Foster and William Wright, Sr.

1887-1888

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James N. Kates  
Justice of Peace  
and Pension Agent  
Vouchers for Old  
Soldiers filled up  
for ten cents  
Office, Rarden, Ohio

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1894-1895 Clerk, Ed Newman; treasurer, J.R. Davis; justices of peace, J.N. Kates and A.B. McBride.

1894-1895 Postmaster — J.J. Forsythe; barrel factory — Guilford Marr; butcher — John Brown; blacksmiths — D.M. Steward and J.M. Day; barber — Sherman Clark; merchants — Hugh Adams (Mt. Joy), John Campbell (Duke), G.B. Coakley, J.R. Davis (Mt. Joy), E.D. Leedom (Young), J.A. Newman, S.E. Newman, N. Russell (Young), and Lafe Taylor; miller — S.H. Newman; and hotel — Michael Freeman.

1899 Rarden Village Officers: Mayor, J.N. Wamsley; clerk, Marshall Wikoff; treasurer, George Coakley and marshal, William Windle.

Barber — Henry Lambert; drayman — Wm. Windle; blacksmiths — Bert Scott and Perry Stephens; photographer — Wheeler Abbott; quarry mill and bridge stone — C.H. Glandorf/manager B.G. Waldapfel; Rarden Stone Co. and cooperage mfg. — Lafe Taylor; salesman — John H. Perry; traveling salesman — S.E. Newman; foreman and stone sawyer — Frank Ballangee; stone masons and cutters — Seth Smith, Richard Bastine and Nelson Odle; hotel proprietors — Benjamin Armstrong (Young) and Mrs. Sarah Abbott (Rarden House); lumber dealer — F.B. Wallace; Star Clothing Co. — P. Fisher, manager.



*Section Gang — N&W — Mid 1920's. L. - R.: Standing — Rudolph Syroney, Harvey Minnick. Middle: Seated — Leonard Goodwin, Am McCann (Foreman). Front: Orville Wallace and Everett Frost*

### **Meet Dan from Sedan!**

In “*Echo I*” I told of the origin of the name of **Sedan**, a small community east of Mt. Joy on Big Bear Creek Road.

In the middle 1800's, Dan L. Bondurant operated a grocery in that com-

munity and going to see Dan became a popular expression, so to those who never saw Dan, herrrr he is —



*Meet Dan from Sedan*

*Bondurant served in the Civil War in Co. B, 56th O.V.I.*

In later years James Mercer owned the property. On June 14, 1928, James Mercer died willing the property to his wife, Elmyria, 59, and son Frank Clyde Mercer, 41. Clyde and wife Ida (Harwood) Mercer operated the store until the early 1950's. The vacant store burned in the late 1950's. In May of 1974, an only child of the Mercer's — Janice L. Conn of Jeffersonville, Ohio inherited the property.

**Note:** I have fond memories of visiting the store with my parents when operated by Clyde and Ida. I recall that in the back storage room there was old stock of every description. If there was something you couldn't find in other stores, chances are you could find it at Mercer's.

## TRIBUTE

Samuel Edwin Windle, M.D., died on the first day of June, 1900, aged 32 years, 11 months & 22 days old. He was an exemplary member of the Christian Church at the town of his late residence, Lathan, Pike County, Ohio. He was also an honored member of both the fraternities, the K. of P. and I.O.O.F. Services were conducted at the residence of his father Dr. J.H. Windle of Rarden, by J.B. Carter of Portsmouth with reading of the scriptures and prayers, with music by the choir, and at 1:30 p.m. at the church

by Rev. Munyon of Otway, pastor of the church of the deceased, by a very appropriate sermon. The Knights of Pythias from two or three surrounding lodges were in attendance in uniform rank and cooperated in the obsequies.

Dr. Windle was a young man who promised much to the medical profession and also an honorable and highly respected citizen. He was buried at the Newman Cemetery. He leaves a wife, his father and mother and a large number of relatives, besides multitudes of friends to mourn his loss. For about a year Dr. Windle was a great sufferer. January, last at St. Anthony's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio — Dr. J.H. Baldwin of that city, operated on him removing a stone from his right kidney weighing 218 grains. Again in the middle of May last he operated upon him for appendicitis and also removed the remains of the right kidney entirely from his body. The immediate cause of his death was the infusion of the right lung.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Pike Co. Medical Society: Whereas, Our esteemed friend and fellow-practitioner, S.E. Windle, M.D. was taken from our midst by the silent hand of death, the profession, and especially the Pike County Medical Society, has lost one of its influential and honored members.

RESOLVED: That we express to the bereaved wife of the deceased our sincere and heartfelt sympathies in this, her hour of sorrow.

RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of the deceased, that a copy of the same be placed on the records of the society and a copy furnished the county paper for publication.

W.S. JONES, W.H. HOOPER, O.C. ANDRE/Committee

Samuel Edwin Windle was born on June 23, 1867 and died June 1, 1900. (His wife Effie was born on August 19, 1867 and died August 1, 1943).

A brief review of a book "*Hang Onto the Willows*" by Ernestine Gravley, which was loaned to me by Don and Carol Newman.

Oscar Clarence Newman and his twin Edgar were born on December 29, 1876 at Jay Bird, Ohio.

Dr. Oscar Newman was the 623rd descendant from the marriage of Christopher and Sarah (Ross) Newman. Christopher was born in Virginia in 1769, married Sarah and came to Ohio in 1799. They were the parents of 12 children.

John, the ninth of the twelve was born in 1814. He married at 24 to Anna Herdman, who was born in Germany in 1819 and came to Virginia at an early age. John and Anna had 10 children, the second of whom was Mesheck Herdman Newman, born on September 18, 1840.

In 1860, Mesheck married Sarah Johnson, born Christmas day, 1839. Mesheck and Sarah had 10 children (5 sons and 5 daughters). Oscar Clarence was the 9th child of this union.

When Oscar was growing up, his ideal was Dr. Berry, a country doctor, learned in legal matters, and many other phases of life. Oscar had the dream of becoming a doctor and grew to manhood. . . realizing that dream.

Oscar attended Fayette College in Fulton County, Ohio, College of Medicine of the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio and the University of the South — Sewanee, Tenn.

In the spring of 1899, an uncle, Dr. Alfred M. Newman (youngest brother of Oscar's father) a practicing physician in Canadian, Texas convinced Oscar that opportunities for a young doctor were endless in the wide spaces of the west.

Dr. Newman set up a practice in Grand, Oklahoma where he met and married Della Smith (Texas born) on September 18, 1902.

On their first wedding anniversary in 1903, Roy Ellsworth was born; Floyd Smith was born January 20, 1906 and died February of 1964; and Mesheck Haskell born September 20, 1907.

In October of 1907, Dr. Newman and family settled in (Day Co.) Shattuck, Oklahoma (population of 1,500). In 1909, they bought the location which was to be home for the doctor until his death on March 14, 1953.

The Northwest Sanitarium began about a year after Dr. Newman had established his medical practice at Shattuck. In 1927, increased patronage led to the construction of a thirty-nine room "fireproof hospital" and in 1928, twenty-six more rooms were added.

In 1935, Dr. Newman's three sons, Dr. Roy, Dr. Floyd, and Dr. Haskell joined their father's practice. After World War II, Dr. J.J. Smith, a nephew of Mrs. O.C. Newman also joined the Newman Clinic.

In 1949, the O.C. Newman Clinic was given as a gift to the city of Shattuck.

A fire in September of 1963, completely destroyed the clinic and the new north wing of the hospital. After rebuilding, the Newman Memorial Hospital is now a 114 bed licensed acute care facility.

The hospital in the little Oklahoma town is known nationally as the "Little Mayo of the West."



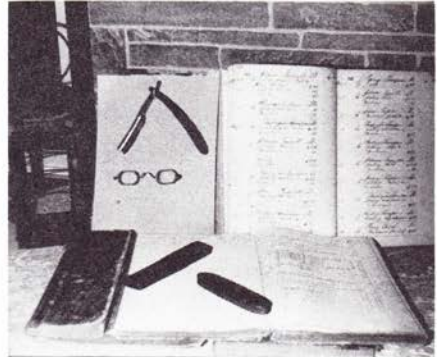
## Chapter 8



*Dr. Penn's Journal*

5/13/82

Lowell Weaver, a great grandson of Dr. Jerome Penn. The man that made this chapter possible.



Dr. Penn's lantern, razor, six journals, eye-glasses and case.

(Razor: Geol Wostenhoem & Sons Doubly Carbonized IXI Razor Registered 10th Sept. R. 1850)

In this chapter there are six journals dating from 1844-1880 and some excerpts found throughout the journals.

Patients accounts were paid by cash, services, farm products, misc. items, or a combination of more than one. When accounts were paid by cash only — you will usually see only patient's name. Note that in 1846 accounts show prescribed medicine.

The average cost of medicine was \$1 to \$1:50; visitation and medicine was \$2.50 to \$3.50 and parturition (baby delivery)-\$5.00.

Jerome Penn was born around Jay Bird in 1816 (near McCoy Lumber Co. on Route 73). He was the son of Shadrack and Jennie (Cross) Penn.

Dr. Penn began the practice of medicine in 1840 in the vicinity of his birth. Later he practiced at Young Station-then in Rarden near the former Vesta Gardner property on Back Street-then in Rarden Township, north of Rarden corporation limit (near the former iron mine).

Penn married Juessa Skidmore of Pike County. Juessa was born in 1826 and died in 1875 — Dr. Penn died in 1883.

A son Chambers J. Penn was in partnership with his father at Rarden from 1874-1877. Later he practiced at Piketon from 1916-1922. Dr. Chambers Penn died on November 21, 1933 at the age of 81.

A daughter of Jerome and Juessa, Zelona Jane married George Washington Weaver who was a blacksmith at Rarden. G.W. was born in November of 1847 and died in January of 1927.

## Accounts in Ledger: 1844 and 1845

John Andrews, Josephus Arnold, Jonathan Boyd, Benjamin Cline, John Cline, Joseph Copeland, James Cross, Peter Davis, Teter Davis, William Davis, Lewis Evans, Mary Ervin, Jefferson Fritts, William Graves, John Herdman-by cash and 300 staves at 62½¢ per 100, Solomon Herdman, Owen John by 1 bridle at \$1.75, Eliza Johnson, John Johnson. Nancy Johnson-by 2½ yds. of hanes at 2½¢ per in 1844 and 2½ yds. of linen at 20¢ per in 1845, William Johnson, Isaac Kees, Samuel Kees, Jacob Miller, William Mitchell, Jesse Murphy, John McClanahan, Herod Newland, Isaac Newland, Thomas Newman, Washington Randall, Abner Smalley, Drake Smalley, James Smalley, Elizabeth Thompson, James Thompson, Seth VanMetre, Elizabeth Walling, Gabriel Walling, Jacob Walling, Seth Walling and Edward White.

## Accounts in Ledger in 1846 and medicine prescribed:

Gabriel Beekman — V&M for self. 4 doses of twenty grains compound Symplocarpus Faetida at 50¢ and one quarter pound compound or six ounces Esclepias Tuberesic at \$1.25.

Josiah Beekman — V&M to John Jones and wife. 6 doses of Osier for Jones and 9 doses for wife at \$6.75.

Mary Case — V&M. Two visits at \$3.12½ (type not noted).

Thomas Colvine — V&M for son. 4 doses compound Podophyllum at 50¢, 21 doses of compound Osier at 50¢, 6 Purgative pills at 12½¢, and 2 bottles of tonic decoction at 50¢.

James Cross — V&M for wife. 1 batch of Byfalow Powders at 50¢, 1 batch of compound of Sarsaperilla at 50¢ and 1 batch of March Vilet at 50¢.

James Crothers — V&M for son. 8 doses of absorbent powders at 50¢, Forty grains of compound Esclepias Tuberesic at 31¼¢, 2 Scruple of compound Eschs Tuberesic at \$1.00, 8 doses of astringent powder at 50¢ and fifty grains Black Cohush at 40¢.

William Davis — V&M for wife. 16 doses of Symphlocarpus Faetida at 12¢ per, 1 dose of podophthum paltation and 1 bottle of syrup at 50¢. V&M for son. 1 dose of podophthum, 4 doses of compound of umbilb and 4 doses of Symphlocarpus.

(Paid for Horse traveling at 12½¢ per mile-total \$1.50).

Henry Herdman — V&M for daughter. 6 doses of symphpcarpus podophllium, 4 doses of tymplocurpus, 1 dose of podophyllum and 6 doses of compound Umbill. \$1.56½ of this bill was paid by 2½ yds. of Janes at 62½¢ per yd. on Dec. 10.

John Herdman — V&M for son. One dose of podpohyllum, 8 doses of compound of gillenia frifolliuta and sanquimaria, and 2 batches of compound of polygala.

**Accounts in Ledger in 1846 and medicinae prescribed:**

Solomon Herdman — V&M for wife. 1 dose of podahylluim and 10 doses of Osier compound. Six visitations.

Isaac Kees — V&M for son on March 8 and 9th (type not noted).

Jefferson Kees — V&M for self on December 25 and 29th.

John McClanahan — fifty grains of compound Pdophylluim given on September 28 and three visitations.

Jesse Murphy — V&M for son on July 12 (type not noted).

John Murphy — V&M. Four visitations.

Isaac Newland — V&M for daughter. Six visitations.

William Ramsey — V&M for son. Four visitations.

James Smalley — V&M for wife and daughter. Three visitations.

Isaac Smith — V&M for daughter on August 12.

Seth VanMetre — V&M for son on July 2.

Jacob Walling — V&M. Three visitations.

Seth Walling — V&M. Two visitations.

**Accounts in Ledger 1847**

Josiah Beekman, Mary Colvine-by cash and 1 pair of woolen socks at 37½¢, Thomas Colvine, John Copeland, Henry Herdman, Jr., John Herdman, Michael Herdman. Isaac Kees, Jefferson Kees, Samuel Hibbs, Eliza Jain Johnson, John Johnson, Jr., John McClanahan, James Miller, John Nevil, Herod Newland, Bazzeb Newman, George Purtee, William Ramsey, Iseral Rose, Joseph Skidmore, Abner Smalley, James Smalley, Daniel Summers, Elizabeth Thompson, Philip Trichler, Seth VanMeter, Delash Mutt Walling, Elizabeth Walling and Jacob Walling.

**1848**

William Cobler-by 13 vials-1 day plowing use of two horses 1 day, and 4 days work performed by son, Thomas Colvin-by ¾ of a days work planting corn and work performed by two sons, William Davis, Susan Downing, William Graves-by ½ bu. potatoes and 1 hog at \$1.37, Henry Herdman, Sr., John Herdman-by 1 gal of molasses at 32½¢-4 pair half soals at 18½¢-1 peck of seed corn and 2 bu. of seed corn, Seth Herdman, Isaac Kees, John Johnson, Jr., William Johnson, Willis Jones, Thomas Newman, Isaac Pendell, Joseph Skidmore, James Smalley-by cash and ¾ days work performed by son, Philip Trichler-by 2 qts. whiskey-12 lbs. of flour, 1 peck of meat-25 lbs. salt and 1 lb. coffee at 10¢, John Welch and John Wright.

**Accounts in Ledger: 1849**

Harvey Case, Doctor Clark-by 1 accordion at \$2.00-1½ pint alcohol at 16¾¢ and 1 oz. oil sassafrass at 10¢, Joseph Cline, William Cobler, James Cox-by cash-1 pair shoes \$1.50 and 102 lbs. pork at 2½¢, Susan Downing-for self got by Seth Herdman, William Graves-by 8½ lbs. bacon at 6¼¢ and by his receipt to Middletown docket \$1.00, Henry Herdman-by 1 pair half soals and 55 lbs. of flour, John Herdman-30 lbs. flour at 2½¢-23 lbs. of meat at 6½¢-4 lbs. of lard at 5¢-halling 1 load of corn at 50¢-work at chimney on March 17-50¢-use of wagon and 2 horses ½ day 37½¢ and 1 peck of onions at 12½¢, John Hoop, Elizabeth Kees-by 5 lbs. butter at 22¢ per-1 quart bottle 25¢-2 pecks onions 50¢-1 pint bottle 6¼¢-1 pint brandy 37½¢-2 gal. and a qt. of soap at 25¢ per 1 bushel of dried apples \$1.00 and 2 bottles at 18¾¢ per, Isaac Kees by-4 castor oil bottles 25¢, Jefferson Kees, Samuel Kees-by 12¼ lbs. of meat at 37½¢ per, Robert Linsey, James Miller, J.W. Newland, Hiram Pemberton-by corn (7 purgative pills got by daughter Ann) on October 21, Samuel Porter, James Purtee, James Smalley-by 1 pair half soals at 18¾¢, Joseph Skidmore, Elizabeth Thompson-by 108 lbs. of pork at 2½¢, Charles Trichler, Daniel Trichler-by his cost on Middleton docket 50¢, Philip Trichler-by 2 gallon of vinegar 50¢-1 pair shoes \$1.50-medicine 50¢-9½ lbs. salt at 14¢-1 pint of fish oil 18¾¢ 2 lbs. hogs lard at 2½¢-160 lbs. pork at 2½¢-37 lbs. flour at 2½¢ and 1 sheep \$1.25, Letty VanMetre-Medicine got by John Herdman and Elisha VanMetre, John Wright-by 1 syringe halling 1 load corn 50¢-65 lbs. of flour at 2½¢ per-work at chimney 50¢-plowing 1 day \$1.00-20½ lbs. bacon at 5¢ per 80½ lbs. salt at 31½¢ per and halling 2 loads of wood at 37½¢ per, and Robert Wright.

**Accounts in Ledger: 1850**

Joshua Armstrong-by 2 bushel of wheat and halling wood and fodder, John Austin, David Boyd-by 1 chopping ax at \$1.25, Joseph Carol-by plowing 75¢-7 vials 25¢-1 dozen sheaf oats 25¢-1 vial vermifuge 25¢-2 bushel of corn \$1.00-2 bushel of wheat-10 lbs. salt and by halling wood ¾ of a cord 75¢, David Day-by son removing 1 pair horse shoes 20¢ and by shoeing horse 40¢, John Davidson, Susan Downing, John Edwards-by 32 lbs. salt at 62½¢ per bushel, Robert Foster, Purnell Freeman, Anderson Glaze, Abraham Hazelbaker, John Herdman, William Jerdon, William Juett, James Jones, Oliver Jones, Elizabeth Kees-by 3 lbs. butter at 30¢ and 3 pints onion sets 18¢, George Kendall-by 2 bushel of corn at 50¢ per, Thornton Kendall-by 9 lbs. pork 27¢ per-1 gallon alcohol 56¼¢-1½ lbs. rolls and harrowing ground 50¢, Johnson Lauell, Isaac Lockart, William Manley, Isaac Manley-by 8 vials, Andrew Markins, Cornelius Martenus-by 1 book \$1.30, Henry McCall-by 25 bushel of corn at 30¢ per, Arthur McCann-by son halling wood-2 bushel of corn and 17 half bushel of corn in the ear, Henry McCann, Isaac McCann, Gary Miller-medicine for self got by George O'Bryant, Jesse Murphy, John Neville, James Newman, George O'Bryant, Eli Payton-by

Rattle Snake Oil 85¢, Artemus Penn-by 1 pair shoes \$1.62-14½ yards of casinett \$1.12-9 yards of calico at 12½¢ per-1 spool thread 5¢-1 oz. indigo 10¢-1 pair shoes 75¢- 4 lbs. sugar at 6¼¢ per lb. tea 37½¢-1 pair of suspenders 50¢-1 saltsellar 12½¢ and 3 buttons at 5¢, David Pollock-by 1 bottle castor oil 15¢-2 oz. camphor 20¢-1 skeen of patten thread 15¢-1 candlestick 30¢-1 paty pan 10¢-1 coffeepot 15¢-9 yards calico \$2.70 and 1¾ yds. of lusture at 50¢ per, Samuel Porter-by plank 50¢, Melvin Pullman, John Purtee, James Ramsey, John Riley, James Scott-by 34½ lbs. of pork at 3½¢ per, John Shively, Nathan Shoop, James Smalley, Ralph Smalley, William Smalley, David Smittle, Elizabeth Thompson-by 1 sheep \$1.25, George Thompson, John Thompson-by 1 pair child shoes 62½¢ and 1 load of fodder \$1.40, W. Jerdon & J. Thompson-by leather \$2.43, Joseph Thompson, Washington Thompson-by horse shoeing 50¢, Philip Trichler-by 1 barrel of flour \$5.00, Letty VanMetre, Amos Wallas, Drucilla Walker- by 99 lbs. and 6 ozs. pork at 3¢ per and 1 lb. and 5 ozs. of green roots 20¢, Peter Walerk, Asa Williams-by 1 spool silk thread 5¢ and 2 lbs. cheese 20¢ and Robert Wright-by 1 note of hand \$2.88.

#### Accounts in Ledge: 1851

Hall Armstrong, Joshua Armstrong-by 6 bu. & 3 pecks of corn \$1.68¾¢-2½ bu. wheat at 60¢ per-by 5 half bu. corn in ear 40¢ and by halling load of corn 25¢, David Boyd, Basel Butler, William Burkett, Henry Caraway, George Cable, Joseph Carrol-by halling 3 loads of wood 25¢ per-halling 3 loads of corn at 50¢ per-halling 2 loads of hay \$1.00-2 bushel of corn in ear 50¢-60 lbs. salt at 1¢ per lb.-29 lbs. salt at 62½¢ per bushel-¼ gallon stone jar 50¢ and plowing ground 62¢, Gorge Dawson, William Derymple, Thomas Dodds, Hanah Duncan, Isaac Edwards-by cash and hay \$1.65, Isma Freeman, James Gifford, Abraham Hazelbaker, William Jerdon, James Jones-by 2 swine \$2.00 and delivery 50¢, Oliver Jones-by 1 bu. & ½ of dried peaches at \$1.00, William Juett, Thornton Kendall, W.F. Kirkpatric-by 1 rifle gun \$2.00, Johnson Lawwill-by 1½ gals. mollasses at 45¢ per and 7 lbs. of coffee at 16¢ per, William Liston, Isaac Manley, Andrew Markin-by making 1 pair shoes 75¢-1 pair shoes 60¢ and 130 sweet potato plants, Aurthor McCann-by halling 2 loads of wood at 25¢ per and 9 dozen oats at shelling \$1.50 per dozen-55 half bushels corn in the ear ? and 10 lbs. of pork at 4¢ per lb., Elizabeth McCann, Henry McCann-by 15 bu. corn at 25¢ per, Isaac McCann, Nelson Moore, John Neville, James Newman-by 235 lbs. pork at 4¢ per thru 25¢ on the hundred redacted out \$8.81½, Nathaniel Newman, Daniel Oakley, George O'Bryant, Artemus Penn-by ½ lire paper 10¢-1 paper pin 10¢-4 nutmegg at 2½¢-1 box shoe blacking 5¢-1 hair comb 15¢-1 pair side combs 15¢-½ pound ginger 10¢ and 2 gallon whiskey \$1.00, William Perdon, David Pollock-by 1 tin dipper 10¢ and ½ twist tobacco 10¢, Gabriel Pulliam, John Riely, William Riley, Iseral Rose, John Shivley, Nathan Shoop, Nathaniel Smalley, Andrew Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson-by 16 bushel of corn at 25¢ per and 16 bushel of corn

in the ear at 25¢ per, David Thompson, George Thompson-by making 1 fire shovel 75¢-making horse shoes 25¢ and 1 bridle bit 75¢, Isaac Thompson-by 48 lbs. beef at 3¢ per, John Thompson-by leather \$13.28, Washington Thompson-by driving 2 horse shoes 25¢, Drucilla Walker, Joseph Walker, Peter Walker-by 140 lbs. pork at 3½¢ through 25¢ on the hundred reduced out \$4.55, John M. Wright-by 30 lbs. flour ? and Hiram Young.

**Accounts in Ledger: 1852**

? Adams, John Austin, Joshua Armstrong-by 9 half bu. corn in ear 25¢-7½ bu. corn in ear-bushel of meal 30¢-11 lbs. tallow \$1.10 and 8 lbs. of mutton ?, William Baley, David Boyd-by 69 lbs. pork at 4¢ per, Aaron Brown, William Burkett-by 3 bu. oats at 16⅓ per, Basel Butler, George Cable, Henry Caraway-by 80 lbs. pork at 5¢ per, Joseph Carroll-by hauling 3 loads of wood at 25¢ per-3 bu. of oats at 3¢ per-13 lbs. washing soap ?-1 qt. & 1 pint onions at 10¢ per qt.-and on March 29-bleeding wife 25¢, Major Cays, Jacob Cox-by blads 35¢ and corn 65¢, Robert Crothers, Christopher Day, John Dodds, Thomas Dodds, Isaac Edwards, John Edwards, Andrew Fearl, David Freeman, Isma Freeman-by 15 lbs. of flour ? -100 lbs. flour at 2¢ per-46 lbs. of salt at 1¢ per-4 bu. oats at 20¢ per and turpentine 12¢, John Freeman, James Gifford, John Hazelbaker-by oats and 22 lbs. pork, Henry Hoalt, John Hoalt, Alexander Huntsman, William Jerden, Jr., Mrs. Jerdon. James Jones, John Juett, George Kendall, Thornton Kendall-by 2¼ lbs. Roolls at 37½¢ per and 2 blankets at \$6.00, Johnson Lawwill, Andrew Markin-by 1 lb. & ¼ drugs at 25¢ per, Isaac Manley, James Manley, Arthur McCann, David McCann, Isaac McCann, Andrew McGomery, Aaron Moore, Davis Moore, ? Morgan, John Nevill-by 6 bushel of corn and 6 bu. of turnips at 16⅔¢ per, James Newman, William Oakley, George O'Bryant-by 50 lbs. flour at 2¢ per, Auston Paiton, Eli Paiton, James Scott, James Smalley, Raphael Smalley-by 44½ lbs. pork, Alexander Smith, Harvey Snook-by 2 bushel oats 40¢/delivered by J. Carl, Andrew Thompson, David Thompson, George Thompson-by making and driving 2 pair of horse shoes \$1.00-driving 1 pair of horse shoes 20¢-103 lbs. of flour at 2¢ per-1 barrel flour \$4.25-son halling wood 37¢-mending bridle bitts 50¢-mending 1 pot ? and onions 15¢, Isaac Thompson-by hay \$1.18, John Thompson, Solomon Thompson, Washington Thompson-by shoeing mare \$1.00-180 lbs. flour at 2¢ per and driving 1 pair horse shoes 20¢, Larkin Thomas and William Wise.

**Accounts in Ledger: 1853 and 1854**

Joshua Armstrong-by 6 bushel of corn and 20 lbs. flour, Joseph Austin, Nelson Austin-by 8 vials 10¢, Abraham Beekman, Gabriel Beekman-by 3 bu. of corn in ear, David Boyd, Aaron Brown-by 80 lbs. of pork, Mrs. Brown, William Brown, Wheeler Burkitt-by 53 lbs. flour and ½ bu.

potatoes (March 24, 1854/to reducing a dislocated joint of the shoulder-\$1.50), William Burkitt, Henry Caraway, Elizah Calvert, Joseph Carroll, Robert Crothers, William Culter, William Davis, Christopher Day-by horse shoeing 4 times \$3.90, David Day, William Derymple-by 6 bushel of corn in ear (lancing wifes tumor February 4, 1853-\$1.25), Jesse Dodds, John Dodds, Thomas Dodds, William Dodds, George Dossin, William Downing, Manda Duncan, Allen Edwards, Isaac Edwards-by 20 lbs. flour, Jesse B. Edwards, John Edwards-by 11 lbs. flour at 2¢ per and 13¾ lbs. mutton at 3¢ per, William Edwards, Peter Foster, Robert Foster, David Freeman, Isma Freeman, William Freeman, Amos Frilen, Catharine Gifford, James Gifford-by 5 bushel of corn-3 bu. of oats 66¢-87 lbs. pork at 5¢ per-halling plank \$1.25-41 lbs. of flour and ½ bushel meal 25¢. John Hazelbaker, James Herdman, Samuel Hibbs-(lancing of wifes breast on November 10, 1854-60¢), Bird Jones 39 visitations, Philip Keestore, Thornton Kendall- by 1¾ lb. of butter at 12½¢ per-½ bushel of meal and 1 umbrella \$1.25 (some medicine got for self by son-in-law Snook), John Kinney, Samuel Kirk, Johnson Lawwill-by 89 lbs. pork at 5¢ per and 68 lbs. flour at 3¢ per, Thomas Lawwill, William Liston, John Lock, Isiah Long, Andrew Markin-by half soaling boots 25¢, James Manley, Arthur McCann, Henry McCann, Isaac McCann, Cornelius Miller, Gary Miller, Mitchel Miller, Andrew Montgomery-by 25 lbs. salt at 1¢ per, Morrison & McGomery, Aaron Moore-by 1 gal. molasses 40¢, Davis Moore, Nelson Moore, Milton Morrison-by 20 lbs. flour at 2½¢ per, Joseph V. Mustard, William Mustard, John Neville, Joseph Newland, James Newman, Nathaniel Newman, Solomon Newman-by 50 lbs. flour at 4¢ per, William Newman, George O'Bryant, John Plumer, Benjamin Randall-by flour \$1.50, John Randall, Peter Randall, John Riley, William Riley, James Scott, James Smalley, Raphael Smalley, Thomas Smalley, Widow Smalley-(medicine got by P. Riley Feb 10, 1853-\$1.35), Widow Smalley-by 31 lbs. flour, Harvey Snook-by ½ bushel of meal 18¾¢, George Spencer, Catharine Thompson, David Thompson-by halling wood 75¢ and 16 lbs. of flour, Andrew Williams, ? Williamson, Andrew Wright, Isaac Wright, Hiram Young-by 4 half bu. corn in the ear, and William Young.

#### Accounts in Ledger: 1855 and 1956:

Joshua Armstrong-by different articles \$20.28, Hiram Barney-by 3 wooden bowls \$2.25, Gabriel Beekman, Wheeler Burkitt-by 17 half bu. corn in ear at 40¢ per-bushel of meal 50¢-2 bu. corn at 30¢ and 30 lbs. flour at 3¢ per, William Burkitt-by 25 lbs. mutton-56 lbs. flour at 3¢ per-19 lbs. pork-14½ bu. of corn in the ear at 40¢-1 broom-1 ⅔ yds. of Janes and 14 lbs. 4 ozs. of bacon (total \$12.75), William Chance, John Cline, Robert Crothers, Josiah Dodds, Jesse B. Edwards-by 3 bu. of oats 90¢ and halling 1 load of wood 25¢, Isme Freeman, Samuel Hibbs, Robert Jones, James C. Jones, Thomas Jones-by 21 bu. corn at 40¢ per, Thornton Kendall-by 189 lbs. pork at 4¢ per and 25 lbs. beef at 4½¢ per, Jacob Miller, Milton Morrison-by 1 pair of

dog irons \$1.25 and sundrys 65¢, Thomas Murrain, George Mustard-by pork 66½ lbs. at 6¼¢ per and ½ bu. meal 25¢, Margaret Mustard-by 1.28 lbs. pork at 5¢ per-1 pair mens stockings and 1 meat barrel, William Neville-by drugs 75¢, James Newman-by 4½ bu. of oats and drugs \$1.37½, John Newman, Thomas Newman-by 76 lbs. beef at 5¢ per-26 lbs. of flour at 3¢ per and 1 bu. of corn meal 50¢, Westly Portee, William Riley, Widow Smiley-by flour \$1.05, Thomas Scott, Eve Thompson-by son Solomon halling wood 25¢, Isaac Thompson-by 104 lbs. flour at 3¾¢ per, George Thompson, John T. Thompson-by 2 bu. corn \$1.00-halling 2 loads of hay 75¢-23 lbs. flour at 3½¢ per and 1 wagon load of wood 37¢, Nancy Williams, William Wright-by 2 bu. corn and sundrys \$2.50, Andrew Williams, Drucilla Walker and Hiram Young.

**Accounts in Ledger: 1857 and 1858**

Hiram Barney-by flour \$4.00, Wheeler Burkitt-by halling 1 load of corn and halling 1 load slate 75¢, Thomas Beekman, Daniel Brown, Hugh Brown, John Brown, William Brown, Henry Caraway, Daniel Coffman, John Copas, William Cartright, Nelson Cross, J.B. Dodds, Thomas Dodds, Hannah Duncan, Allen Edwards-by 68 lbs. beef at 3¢ per, John Edwards-by 1 bu. & 3 peck of corn 70¢ and 5.52 ft. clabber board 3' long \$2.76, William Edwards-by corn, Samuel English, Alexander Frazier, Howard Havens, Marquis Hibbs, Samuel Hibbs, Andrew B. Jones-by 2 days work \$1.50, James C. Jones, Thomas Jones-by 2 bu. corn at 75¢ per 1 bu. corn at 40¢ per doz. oats in sheaf 25¢ and 2 pounds of rolls \$1.00, Robert Jones-by 2 bu. wheat at 90¢ per, Thornton Kendall, Johnson Lawwill, Robert McBride, Arthur McCann, Henry McCann, Isaac McCann-by 2 bushel of potatoes \$1.00, Jackson McCann-by 5 bu. wheat \$3.25, Jacob Miller, Davis P. Moore, L.N. Moore, Wilson Moore, Elizabeth Mustard, Enos Mustard, George Mustard, Joseph V. Mustard, Joseph Neville, James Newman-by 12½ bu. oats \$3.12½-2 bu. unground corn in the ear 50¢-2 bu. corn shelled \$1.00-½ bu. meal 25¢-1 bell coler 50¢-1 pair bridle rains-halling boards \$2.00-halling planks \$2.50 and 3 loads of lime \$1.00, (reducing fractured bone of the thigh for son August 14, 1857-\$3.00). John Newman, Nathaniel Newman-by halling grain to mill and back \$2.50-33 lbs. pork at \$10.00 and 1 haystack \$10.00, Thomas Newman, William Newman, Andrew Powel, Peter Riley, William Scott, Andrew Shannon, Thomas Smalley, William Smalley-by 5 lbs. bacon 50¢-4 bu. of corn at 33¢ per and 5 bu. wheat at 60¢ per, David Smith, John Smith, Robert Smith, Harvey Snook, William Starrett, John Teeters, David Thompson. Isaac Thompson-by 30 lbs. flour at 2½¢ per and 1 bu. of green apples 50¢, John Thompson-by 11 lbs. of mutton, Joseph Thompson, William Thompson, William Thuraman, Jacob Unger, James Welty-by beef and 69 lbs. of flour \$2.50.



Accounts in Ledger 1859:

George Brown, William Brown, Wheeler Burkitt-by 4 lbs. flour and hauling 3 loads of hay, Benjamin Chestnut-by 3¾ yds. jeans \$2.81 and 5½ yds. of flannel at 75¢ per, John Copas, Robert Crothers, David Day, Jr., William Delrymple-by 2 bu. potatoes \$1.00-1½ bu. of corn at 40¢ per-2 bu. corn at 60¢ per and hay and oats, John E. Dodds, Thomas Dodds-by halling, Robert Drake, John Edwards, Samuel Eldredge-by cash and planks \$5.40, James Frelen-by 2 days work \$1.50, John Herdman, Meshach Herdman, Joseph Hibbs-by halling \$1.50, James Gifford, Samuel Hibbs, James Howard, A.B. Jones-by 20 lbs. bacon at 10¢ per, Hiram Jones, Oliver Jones, Robert Jones, Peter Keester-by cash \$1.00 and halling plank 25¢, Thornton Kendall-by cash and 2 bu. potatoes, Johnson Lawwill, Robert McBride by 700 clabboards at 50¢ per hundred-vials 15¢ and rail timber \$2.50, Henry McCann-¾ to settling blacksmith bill 50¢ and settling \$1.00 with John Dodds, Arthur McCann, James Mead, Cornelius Miller, Jacob Miller, Aaron Moore-by 1 book 50¢-1 pan 55¢-1 bucket 50¢-1 strainer 20¢-1 pitcher 60¢-1 set of spoons 50¢-1 pitcher 40¢-1 pair suspenders 25¢-1 carpet sack \$1.15 and 1½ yds. of Irish linen 90¢, Davis P. Moore, L.N. Moore, Wilson Moore, Elizabeth Mustard, Enos Mustard, Joseph V. Mustard, Sarah Mustard, Harrod Newland-by work \$1.00, James Newman-by 1 haystack \$10.00 and 31 lbs. of meal at 35¢ per, Nathaniel Newman-by halling hay and \$2.50 by settlement (24 visits), Samuel Newman, Thomas Newman, William Newman, Andrew Powel-by 2 days work and cash, Peter Riley-by making of 529 rails at 60¢ per, Nathaniel Riley, Philip Riley, William Riley, Robert E. Roney, Andrew Shannon, Eliza Smiley, Isaac Smith, John Smith, Joseph Smith, Margaret Smith, Robert Smith-by 11 lbs. wool, Harvey Snook-by 1 gal whiskey 95¢, John Teeters, David Thompson, George Thompson, John Thompson-by 2 bu. of corn 80¢, Joseph Thompson, Isaac Thompson-by 1 bu. meal 50¢, William Thuraman, Jacob Unger, Jacob Walling, Nancy Williams and Mathew Williams-by onions 25¢-1 gal. onion sets 32¢-9 lbs. & 2 ozs. lard 91¢ and 1 qt. of honey 50¢.

(Written on back of ledger/May 11, 1859 — Property given in to the Assessor) = 1 horse \$75.00  
 4 cattle 37.00  
 \$112.00

Excerpt's from clipping found in Dr. Penn's 1860 Ledger:

BAKER & BROWN, Druggists, Topeka, Kansas — "We propose to sell all we can of your medicine, conscientiously believing **Mishler's Herb Bitters** to be a good thing.

LINNELL & McLONEY, Druggest, Cobden, Ill. — **Mishler's Herb Bitters** are a staple article with us. We could not do without them. They give better satisfaction than any other Bitters we have ever handled."

DR. H.H. MITCHELL, Elkton, Cecil Co., Md. — "I find your **Bitters** to hold their own better than any others."

R.H. WISHART, Druggist, Palmyra, Marion Co., Mo. — "I have been selling your **Herb Bitters** for several years, and the demand is steadily increasing. This week (being Fair week) I have thus far sold over four dozen."

SHERIFF of LANCASTER COUNTY — "I have used **Mishler's Herb Bitters** for Rheumatism, and am happy to state that I am now entirely cured. It is a most excellent preparation."

JACOB F. FREY  
Sheriff of Lancaster Co., Pa.

### Accounts in Ledger 1860 — 1870

Hugh Adams, Oliver Aiken, William Aiken, William Alexander-by 8½ lbs. mutton at 7¢ per-2 haystacks \$25.00-2 haystacks \$28.00-269 feet of weather boarding \$3.36-58 feet of inch plank-to visiting daughter in case of parturition and detainment of sixty hours \$7.00 on 10/16/1867 and (baby born 2/27/1870 to wife), Thomas Anderson, Benjamin Armstrong-(baby born 4/18/1866), Margaret Armstrong, Thomas Armstrong-by 1 violan \$2.50, Hiram Barney, Abraham Beekman, Gideon Beekman, Perry Beekman, John F. Best, Thomas Blackburn, Benton Bondurant, David Boyd-by 100 lbs. of pork \$4.00-corn \$11.00-visiting son & reducing dislocated joint on 5/24/1868 and 7/30/1868 \$5.00 each time and (baby born 7/18/1864), William Boyd, Henry Boles-by 112 lbs. pork at 7¢ per, Daniel Brown, George Brown, John N. Brown Jr.-by 20 lbs. flour at \$1.00 and 1 cooking stove \$18.25, Hugh Brown-by 6 bu of meal at 35¢ per-5 pecks of meal-3 bu. corn \$3.00-21¼ lbs. of pork at 4¢ per and 1 weeding hoe, Marion Brown, Riley Brown-(baby born 6/4/1867), Margaret Brown, Thomas Brown, Stephen Brown, William Brown, Thomas Burkitt-by 1 haystack-halling load of corn from D. Boyd's-2 shocks of corn fodder-(baby born 5/31/1868) and (baby born 2/2/1871), Wheeler Burkitt-by halling two loads of stove wood-halling 12 loads of corn and hay-3 days halling with team and labor-halling three loads of corn from H. Caraway in 1868-labor or conveying drugs \$1.00-2 days halling 3½ bu. of grain to mill and back-halling corn from W. McCoy in 1867-6 gal. and 3 pts. molasses \$3.18-beef at 3¢ per-halling fruit trees 75¢-halling manure-plowing and halling-milling 4 days-plowing 4 days-27 lbs. flour 67½¢-order for money paid to W.I. Hilt \$6.00-3/14/1864-(baby born 12/17/1865, 7/14/1868 and 10/8/1870). William Burkitt-by 12 lbs. flour at 2¼¢ per-2½ bu. turnips at 40¢ per and halling turnips, J. Burlin-(baby born 10/24/1860), Daniel Bundrige, William Burns, Basel Butler, Rachel Butler-by lancing tumor for son \$1.00, William Butler, George Cable, Robert Campbell, Thomas Campbell-reducing fractured bone for daughter \$3.00, Warren Canady, Amos Canter, Henry Caraway-by 15 bu. apples \$5.00 and cash paid by administrator \$18, Homer Caraway-by 1 rifle gun \$15.00-\$4.10 worth of corn and 30 lbs. mutton

\$2.40, John Caraway-by 197 lbs. pork \$8.05 and halling apples \$1.00, James Caraway, Mary Caraway-(baby born 2/10/1865), Thomas Caraway, David Carter-by chopping wood, Simeon Carter, Trinvilla Carter, John Case, Benjamin Chestnut-by halling 17½ lbs. mutton-150 lbs. of flour \$3.75 and 18¾ lbs. pickled pork \$1.50, Daniel Cline-(baby born 3/18/1867 and 10/28/1869) 1 bu. apples Oct. 28, 1869, William Cobler, Daniel Coffman, Jane Collins, Ann Combs, Peter Combs, Sarah Compton, Martin Conley, James Conley, John Copas, Thomas Copas, William Copeland, John Cox-by 32 lbs. flour-dressing and bandaging leg and (baby born 5/12/1869), David Crabtree, John Creech, Alphaus Cross-(baby born 10/5/1869), Thomas Cross, Austin Crow, Proverb Crusan-by flour-1 sheep skin and 4 bu. turnips \$1.00, John Current, Leander Davis, Christopher Day, Cornelius Day-medicine got by brother David Day, David Day, Jr.-by halling \$1.50-63 lbs. flour \$3.78-2 bu. wheat \$1.00 and (baby born 1/31/1861 and 11/10/1866), Albert Diers, William Dawson, James Dinsmore-by 16½ lbs. beef 81¼¢ and 1 pair stilyards \$1.50, John Dinsmore, John Dodds-by 121 lbs. pork \$3.63, Conden Dodds-(baby born 12/27/1868), Joseph E. Dodds-by 1 book \$6.00-dr. lancing tumor \$3.00 and cash paid by A. Frazier Executor \$41.75, Josiah Dodds-(baby born 10/25/1868), Susan Dodds, William Dodds, ? Donelson, James Downey-6 bu. corn at \$1.00 per and (baby born 5/29/1870), Martha Downing, Sarah Downey, Jacob Drake-by 92 lbs. flour at 3¼¢ per, John Drake, Robert Dunn-by (baby born 1/3/1867 and 3/20/1868), Allen Edwards-by halling hay \$2.00-plowing 50¢-corn \$3.00-116 lbs. beef \$3.36-labor on the road-1 bu. potatoes \$1.00-10 bu. of oats at 40¢ per-(baby born 9/19/1869), Henry Edwards, Catherine Edwards, Jesse Edwards, John Edwards-performing vensection 50¢ on 8/16/1866, Sarah Edwards, William Edwards-by 6 bu. corn at 45¢ per-15 lbs. salt 1¾¢ per-12¼ lbs. bacon \$1.12½-50 lbs. flour \$1.50 and 1 barrel of salt \$2.90, Samuel Edredge, Amazaiah English, ? Erton, William Euten, Andrew Fennell, James Fennell-by drugs-9 pints of spirits and 7 quarts of spirits, Phillip Ferguson-(baby born 7/2/1867) \$5.00 cash paid by G. Wikoff, William Foster-by halling 2 loads of corn-35 bu. of corn-plowing garden-68 lbs. pork \$5.53-2½ days work \$1.50 and (baby born 9/13/1867), Alexander Fraizer-by 96 lbs. beef \$2.00, David Freeman-by 10 lbs. of dried apples-43½ lbs. bacon \$5.43¾-161 lbs. pork \$14.49-15 lbs. mutton \$1.20-12½ bu. corn and 1 gal. molasses \$12.88-(baby born 10/2/1866, 9/20/1867 and 2/25/1869), James F. Freeman-by making and driving 4 horse shoes \$1.80 and (baby born 1/24/1865), John Freeman, Martha Freeman-by 1½ bu. dried apples \$1.50 and roals \$3.50, Michael Freeman-by mending boots \$1.25-justice fees 75¢ in 1866 and (baby born 2/8/1869), Purnell Freeman, Shannon Freeman, Taylor Freeman, William Freeman, James Gardner-by 217 lbs. flour at 3¼¢ per and 1 call for performing venesection \$1.00, ? Gavan, Albert Gill-by 1 spencer repeating rifle \$10.00-1 pair shoes \$2.50 and (baby born 6/2/1866), ? Glenn, Leonard Gillianwater-by 17½ bu. of corn at 50¢ per, John Gragg-by beef at 7¢ per, Elizabeth Graves, William Graves-by 3¾ yds. Janes at \$2.00 per-1 quart of spirits \$1.50 and 1 bu. peaches \$3.50, William Green, Elijah Grooms, Jesse Hart, George Hatch, John Hamilton, John

Hazelbaker-by 113 lbs. pork \$7.90, Reason Hazelbaker, William Hazelbaker, Martin Hecks-by drugs \$1.00 and cash, Henry Herdman-by 27 bu. of corn at 50¢ per-73 lbs. pork-15¾ lbs. mutton \$1.57½¢-1½ days work of plowing \$3.50 and (baby born 9/29/1866), James Herdman, John Herdman, Jr., John Herdman, Sr., Jane & Newton Herdman, William Herdman-by 1 haystack \$10.00 and (baby born 5/25/1867 and 7/8/1869-detainment of 36 hrs.), Joseph D. Hibbs-by 106 lbs. pork \$6.36, Marquis D. Hibbs-by 39 lbs. pickled pork \$3.25-2 bu. of wheat \$2.20-14 bu corn-1 coat \$5.00 and (baby born 2/19/1866, 6/19/1868 and 10/19/1870), Joseph Hilterbrand, Henry Hill, Samuel Hibbs-by 137½ lbs. of flour at 3¢ per-15¾ lbs. pickled pork \$1.25-25 lbs. of corn at 50¢ per-67 bu. of corn at 65¢ per-(baby born 9/14/1864, 3/11/1866 and 2/6/1869) and on 10/5/1868 reducing daughters dislocated joint \$5.00, James Howard, Henderson Hucks, ? Hunter, Jacob Johnson-baby born 8/9/1869 and 11/4/1870), Abel Jones. George Johnson, James Johnson, Samuel Johnson-(baby born 4/7/1869 and 3/6/1871), Thomas Johnson, John Johnston, Andrew B. Jones-by halling hay \$3.50, Andrew J. Jones-by 1 haystack \$13.00-store goods \$5.15-tea and spirits 75¢-sugar 50¢-Boots \$1.50 and by ½ on boots \$1.87½, Hiram Jones-by 42 bu. & 3 pecks of corn at 33¢ per-46½ lbs. beef \$3.72 and 40 heads of cabbage \$4.00, Dallas Jones, Deliah (Creech) Jones-by 10 bu. oats at 50¢ per and (baby born 7/28/1868), James Cain Jones-medicine got by brother Dallas, James Jones, Sr.-by 5 bu. wheat \$5.00-6½ bu. turnips \$2.60-½ bu. potatoes 85¢ and 3 ax handels at 20¢ per, Mahulda Jones, Oliver Jones-by 5 bu. & 1 peck of corn \$1.73-10 bu. wheat got by W. Burkitt-2 lbs. wool \$2.10-beef and by drugs, Robert Jones-(baby born 9/13/1869 and 7/29/1870), Samuel S. Jones, Thomas Jones Jr.-(baby born 1/5/64), Thomas Jones Sr.-by plowing \$1.50-22 bu. of corn at 50¢ per and (baby born 12/6/1864), Nathan Juett, Samuel Kees, Lavina Kendall, Thornton Kendall-by 36¼ lbs. beef \$1.81¼-bacon \$5.80-60 lbs. pork \$3.60-½ bu. dried fruit 50¢-wool or roals \$1.50 and 2 gal. mollasses and onions \$1.25, Shabae Kincaide, Easter King, Henry King, William King-by 200 lbs. of flour \$5.00, George Kirkman, Andrew Lancing-by 8 bu. of corn at 60¢ per and (baby born 1/1/1868), Henry Leafever, John Lawwill-by 1 bu. peaches \$2.00 and 5 lbs. tobacco \$1.00, Johnson Lawwill, Thomas Lawwill-by 3½ gal. mollasses at 50¢ per, Thomas Lee-by 1 log chain and cash \$12.25, Fenton Legg, Mary Ann Legg, Allen Lewis-by 35 lbs. beef \$2.80-13½ lbs. tallow \$1.62-47½ yds. muslin \$7.22-lancing tumor for wife 12/28/1866, George Lewis-(baby born 8/3/1865), Isaac Liston, Perry Liston-by repairing gun in 1865 \$1.50 and one in 1866 \$1.00, George Liston, Sarah A. Liston, John Lock-(baby born 5/1861), ? Loughridge, Widow Marcham, George Mangus-by payment in oats \$7.50 and (baby born 3/2/1869), James Manley, Isaac Manley, Andrew Markins, Moses Mathenia, Peter Mathis, William Mathias, Samuel Mathias, William Mattock, James Maxwell, Samuel Maxwell, Alexander McBride-by 4 sheep \$5.00 and (baby born 11/27/1866), Amelia McBride, Eliza McBride-by 15 fruit trees at 25¢ per-120 lbs. pork \$4.80, Robert McBride-by six bu. corn \$1.90 and 1 haystack \$10.00, John McCain, William McCall-by 6 and ⅔ bu. of corn \$1.66-cash and labor and ½ bu. dried

peaches, Jackson McCann-by 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  bu. oats 87¢-16 bu. corn \$8.00-and (baby born 2/28/1866, 1/26/1868 and 2/6/1870), Barbara McChesney, Robert McChesney, Catharine McClanahan, Charles McCormick-by 1 pair bridle leathers made up \$2.00, William Mercer, John Mercer, Westley McCoy-by 2 shoats weighing 67 lbs. \$5.36-30 bu. corn at 60¢ per and (baby born 4/16/1869 and 2/10/1870), ? McCaniel, Isiah McJunkin, John McMurry-by 1 hog weighing 114 lbs. at 5¢ \$5.70 and (baby born 8/11/1868), Samuel McMurray Sr., Samuel McMurray Jr.-(baby born 11/9/1868), Thomas McMurray-(baby born 3/7/1869), William McMurray-(baby born 7/26/1868 and 8/5/1870), Ezra Mead, Cornelius Miller-by 3 quarts of spirits, George Milliron, Margaret Milliron, Jacob Miller-(baby born 5/20/1867), James Miller Jr., Samuel Mitchell, Andrew Montgomery-by cash and 2 spelling books at 10¢ ea., ? Moomaw, Aaron Moore-by cash paid by David Collins, administrator \$4.00, B.W. Moore-by hauling oats and corn \$1.00-20 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. beef \$1.75 and (baby born 7/25/1866), Davis P. Moore-by hauling hay and wood \$2.00- $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of meal 25¢-48 $\frac{3}{4}$  bus. of corn at 50¢ per-2 bu. potatoes \$1.60 and (baby born 8/15/1868 and 2/8/1871)-venesection performed on 11/16/1864-\$1.25, Sarah Moore, L. Nelson Moore-by 2,934 lbs. hay at 45¢ per, William Milton Morrison, ? Morton-reduced fractured bone for self 9/8/1866 \$10.00, ? Murfin-by 10 bu. corn at 75¢ per-hauling hay 1 day \$3.00 and hauling 1 load of corn from Hibbes \$3.00, Thomas Murfin-by two haystacks-1 cow \$8.40-corn and milling \$5.80 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. meal, Fernando Mustard-by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of corn \$6.25, George Mustard, Jr. (baby born 7/23/1868 and 2/11/1870), George Mustard-by plowing \$1.50-33 $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of corn at 50¢ per-1 bu. potatoes \$1.00-28 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. pork at 10¢ per- $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of large onions 50¢-2 gal of onion sets \$1.00 and 1 waggon \$35.00, James Mustard-by 4 bu. of oats 90¢-(baby born 1/3/1865 and 10/30/1869), Margaret Mustard, Reason Mustard, Thomas Mustard-by 12 bu. oats at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ ¢ per, William Mustard, Martin Myers, William Neville, John Neville Jr.-by 11 bu. of corn, Abbot Newland-(baby born 8/4/1866 and 1/10/1869), Harrod Newland-by horse shoeing 3 times-making and riveting shoe 35¢-driving 4 old shoes \$1.00-doctor reducing wife's dislocated joint on 3/13/68 \$5.00, Joseph Newland-bandging son's arm 5/15/1868 \$1.00, Josiah Newland-by plowing-1 chopping axe \$3.50-25 shocks fodder at 10¢ per and dr. reducing fracture for son 6/17/70..\$5.00, Sarah Jane Newland (widow)-settlement paid by M. Freeman \$3.00, Westly Newland, Amaziah Newman, Garret Newman-(baby born 9/16/1869), Isaac Newman, James Newman-by 6 bu. wheat \$6.60-1 calf \$10.00-Drugs \$4.80-20 $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. of oats at 50¢ per-20 lbs. nails \$1.40-(baby born 3/10/1868), Jarret Newman Jr., Jeramiah Newman (baby born 5/11/1869 and 12/23/1870), John Newman, Jr., John Newman, Sr., John R. Newman, Martin Newman, Mashech Newman-by drugs-16 $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. corn \$16.50-(baby born 1/3/1866 and 9/29/1869), Nathaniel Newman-by 79 lbs. beef at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per-93 lbs. of flour at 3¢ per-1 bu. meal 40¢-plowing \$2.50-39 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. bacon \$3.16-2 $\frac{1}{2}$  gal. spirits-2 bu. corn \$1.50-hauling 1 haystack \$3.00-3 haystacks at \$16 ea.-doctor reducing daughters fractured bone on 11/4/1866..\$5.00 and (baby born 12/4/1867 and 6/10/1869), Randolph Newman-by 2 bu. corn \$1.00, Robert Newman-by store goods (3)

times \$4.54-tea and spirits 75¢-6 lbs. drugs \$1.50-sugar 50¢-½ on boots \$1.50 and ½ on boots \$1.87½, Samuel Newman-by laying floor \$5.00-1 basket 30¢-repairing table \$2.50-31½ bu. corn \$15.70-1 churndash 50¢-(baby born 7/14/1866 and 3/4/1871), Thomas Newman, Aron Nichols, Daniels Nichols, James Niscon Sr., Alexander O'Bryant, George O'Bryant-by 2 gal. & 2½ qts. spirits \$11.31¼, Isham O'Bryant-by 20 bu. corn \$10.00, Elizabeth Opy, Levi Opy, Washington Owen-(baby born 10/6/1867), Eli Payton, Isaac Pendall, Margaret Pendall, Mary Pendall-payment made by David Boyd, William Penn, Elizabeth Pennisten-cash paid by Joseph Smith Sr., Mason Perdoo, Sampson Porter-by 516 lbs. flour at 5¢ per-214 lbs. cornmeal and 6 bu. corn meal at \$1.00 per, Andrew J. Powell, Harrison Powell, Mary Powell-by 10 bu. corn \$5.00 and 1 barrel \$1.25, Serena Powell-by payment of Paul White \$7.00, James Price Jr.-(baby born 8/29/1866 and 10/27/1867)-19 lbs. pork and doctor reducing fractured bone for son \$3.00, James Price Sr.-by 1 pair boys boots \$1.50 and by half soaling boots 75¢, Alexander Ralstin, Jacob Ralstin, Barton Ramsey, Robert Ramsey, ? Reid, Mary Reiley, Eli Rigdon, John Riley Jr.-by beef & tallow \$2.20, John Riley Sr.-doctor lancing tumor on 10/28/1866..\$2.50, Joseph Riley, Nathaniel Riley-by 110 lbs. wheat and 12 bu., Peter Riley-(baby born 3/30/1866), Susan Riley, William Riley Jr.-by 40½ lbs. of beef, William Riley Sr.-by 37 posts at 10¢ ea. and 24 rafters \$3.00, Martin Roney-(baby born 12/1/1870), Robert Roney, David Rose, Simon P. Rothwell, Thomas Russell, Miles Sammon-doctor lancing son's tumor on 9/25/1871..\$2.00, Isaiah Scott-(baby born 3/25/1867), James Scott-by 138 lbs. pork \$13.80 and apples \$2.00, John Scott-(baby born 4/15/1864 and 12/25/1867)-by hauling pailing \$2.25-16 gal. molasses at 50¢ per-9 bu. & 3 gallon corn at 50¢ per-14 gal. sorgum mollasses-1 bu. peaches \$3.50-100 lbs. of flour \$4.00 and 2½ lbs. wool \$1.25, Lewis Scott, Madison Scott, Samuel Scott-by ½ bu. dried peaches \$1.00, Thomas Scott Sr.-by 4 bu corn at 30¢ per, William Scott, Hamilton Shannon-(baby born 7/25/69), Westley Shoaps, James Simmons, Eldon Singer-by 1 barrel \$1.50, George W. Slack-by 1 gal. molasses and cash paid by administrator Eli Rigdon \$15.00, Harrison Slack, John Slack-(baby born 7/25/69), Joseph Slack-(baby born 6/25/1866)-and 10¼ lbs. venison at 12½¢ per, Nancy Slack, Milton Sloan-(baby born 3/9/1868), Andrew Smalley, Abner Smalley-by 52 lbs. beef at 3¢ per, Isaac Smalley Jr., Isaac Smalley Sr.-by milling \$1.75 and halling 2 loads of corn, John Smalley, Thomas Smalley, Jr.-by 1 saddle giveth \$1.00-by corn-(baby born 8/16/1866 and 10/21/1868), Thomas Smalley Sr.-by 4 bu. oats-1 days work 60¢-(lancing wifes tumor on 7/28/1867..\$1.00), William Smalley Jr., William Smalley Sr., Eliza Smiley-by 5 bu. wheat \$3.00-95½ lbs. flour at 34¢ per-and 225 lbs. beef at 5¢ per, Kenard Smiley, Margaret Smiley-by 10½ lbs. of wool \$5.25, Phillip Smiley-David Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Isaac Smith-by 4 bu. corn \$3.35 and (baby born 6/29/1866), Fenton Smith-by produce \$15.00 and (baby born 1/28/1870), James Smith, John Smith Jr.-by 263 lbs. pork \$15.78 and 11 bu. apples \$5.50, John Smith Sr., Joseph Smith Jr., Joseph Smith Sr.-1½ pints of Madarrie Wine \$1.50, Nancy Smith, Reason Smith-by 75 lbs. flour \$2.25, Robert Smith-by 43 lbs. mutton \$3.44 and 1

sheepskin 40¢, Robert Smith Jr.-by 1 sheep \$4.00-1 sheep \$3.50-1 mutton \$4.00-(baby born 12/5/1866 and 10/28/1868), Robert Smith Sr., Robert Smith of Rocky Fork, Samuel Smith-(baby born 8/14/1867), Sarah Smith-by corn got by brother John on account, Sheldon Smith, Tennessee Smith, William Smith, William Smith Jr.-by 7½ bu. of corn \$3.75-800-3 ft. boards at 85¢ per hundred, William Smith Sr., Ezra Snider, Harvey H. Snook-by drugs \$1.65-12½ bu. corn \$6.25 and 4½ bu. oats \$1.57, William Snook, Milton Staly, James Starr, Sr., William Starret-by drugs, Armsted Tarleton-by footing 1 pair boots \$6.00-shoe making and (baby born 8/4/1867), ? Tiffan, John Teeters-by 1 bu. potatoes \$1.50-to boot between guns \$4.00-1 rifel gun \$15.00-1 bu. peaches \$5.00, David Thompson-by 3 bu. wheat \$3.00 and halling hay \$3.00, David Thompson Jr., Elizabeth Thompson, David Thompson Sr.-by 8 head sheep \$20.00, George Thompson-by repairing lancet, Henry Thompson, Jane Thompson-by washing twice \$1.00-and 4 gal. molasses 75¢, John Thompson Jr., John Thompson Sr.-by 3 haystacks \$42-halling 1 haystack \$5.00-½ bu. potatoes-11 bu. corn at \$1.00 per-11 lbs. mutton 5¢ per-medicine \$2.75-43 lbs. flour \$1.50-35 lbs. beef \$1.75-8 cuts yarn 80¢-27¾ lbs. bacon \$3.47-21 lbs. meat \$1.89-158¾ lbs. pork at 8¢ per-3 bu. oats \$1.20-6 bu. clover seed \$1.50 and 8½ gal. molasses 75¢ per, Jacob Thompson, Levi Thompson-by 1 bu. dried apples 75¢-2 gal. molasses and 307 lbs. pork, Joseph R. Thompson-by 6 bu. corn 25¢ per and 12 bu. corn at 50¢ per, Miles Thompson, Richard Thompson, Soloman Thompson-by 1 pair boots \$3.00-200' lathing at 50¢ per hundred and (baby born 3/20/1866), William Thompson Jr., William Thompson (Shane)-by halling 1 haystack \$3.00-apples \$1.00 and (baby born 2/19/1865, 12/6/1866 & 5/16/1869), Wilson Thompson, Elias Thornton-all cash received by Jacob Windell, ? Treber, Phillip Trichler, Alexander Umbell, Jacob Unger, Nancy Vandagriff-by 112 lbs. pork \$9.00, Eldridge Van Metre-by corn 50¢ and (baby born 2/18/1865 and 11/19/1867), George Veech, Lewis Wagner, Samuel Wallace-(baby born 3/9/1866), Catharine Walker, Peter Walker, William Walker-by 1 bu. wheat and (baby born 10/8/1867), Jacob Walling, Blan Wamsley, Emily Wamsely, Harvey Wamsley, J. Noteman Wamsley-by med. or drugs \$2.40, Henry Weaver-by 1 bu. potatoes \$1.95, Marion Weaver, Edward Welch, James Welty, Alexander White, Owen White, Paul White-medicine for mother got by Claybaugh on 5/12/1868 50¢, Samuel White Jr., George Wikoff-by payment in goods \$2.00 & settelment, John Wikuff, Andrew Williams, John Williams-by 1 pair pot hooks-18½ lbs. pork-sundry articles \$12.80-horse shoeing 7 times-making & driving 4 horse shoes 2 times-making & driving 4 frost nails-plowing-1 pair bridal reins \$1.00-43 bu. corn \$21.50-and (baby born 10/31/1865), Matthew Williams Jr., Matthew Williams Sr., Nancy Williams-by 2 bu. onions \$1.20-2½ gal. onion sets \$1.25 and weaving blankets \$2.32½, David Williams, Westley Williams-(baby born 2/2/1867 and 5/6/1869), Jacob Windell, Nathan Windle-(baby born 10/31/1870), Nicholas Windell, George Winterburn-(baby born 1/17/1867 and 1/7/1869), Mary Winterburn, Samuel Winterburn, William Winterburn, Jacob Wisecup, Hugh Woods-by corn \$4.25, I.A. Wright, Mary Ann Wright, William Wright-by 1 small bedstead

\$2.00-1 shovel plow \$5.00-1 duplex watch \$12.50-440 clapboards at \$1.00 per hundred-41 lbs. of flour 3¢ per-2 bu. corn 75¢ per-2 bu. oats 40¢ per-by halling 1 load of corn from Wm. Freeman and halling 1 load of hay from Alexander, Clark Young, Russel Young (also listed Ruysel)-(baby born 6/23/1866).

## Accounts in Ledger 1871-1880

Benjamin Armstrong-by 11 bu. of corn \$5.50, Joseph Austin, Charley Baker, Josiah Beekman, ? Bell, William Belvin-by 1 lb. of coffee 20¢, Thomas Blackburn, Aaron Bowen (of Brown), Johnathan Boyd (baby born 2/1/1880), William Burnett-by 50 lbs. of flour, Thomas Campbell, ? Carter, Adonas Carver, Daniel Cline-reducing fractured bone for self on 2/24/1871-\$5, Peter Combs-by ½ bu. plums at \$2.00 per and 3¾ bu. of peaches 75¢, Michael Conelly, John Cox-to balance on corn in the field \$15.00-soap \$2.00-ax handle 50¢-wash tub \$1.00 and pork barrels \$2.50 (sewing and cutting in 1875 and 1878 \$2.85), Alphaus Cross, John Current, David Day, Jr., ? Davis, James Downey, Robert Dunn-by a hog weighing 160 lbs. at 5¢ in Sept. 1872, Charles Elmore, Samuel English, Thomas English-(baby born 11/27/1871), Abraham Forsythe-by surveying \$4.00-cash on percent on days acct. \$1.50-% on Thornton Kendall acct. \$3.00-% on John Scott's acct. 82¢ and to Sam McMurry's acct. on note \$5.25, Jacob Forsythe and son Abraham-by 15% on \$6.30 paid by B.R. Thompson-by 15% on \$20.21 by W. McCoy \$3.03-15% on Jacob Forsythe acct. \$4.50-15% on Mary Gown and T. White acct. \$6.45-15% on \$6.00 worth corn of H. Jones 90¢-15% on L.N. Moore's acct. \$2.26-15% on George Browns' acct. 75¢ and 15% on Wiliam Havender \$5.20, Clark Foster, David Freeman, John Freeman (Shang)-by 21¼ lbs. of beef \$1.50 and 68 lbs. of pork \$3.40, Michael Freeman, Taylor Freeman-to lancing tumor on 8/2/1871-50¢, William Freeman, Phillip Fulkison, Mary Garvan, Andrew Glenn, ? Graham, Jacob Graves, William Green, ? Havans, John Hazelbaker, William Hazelbaker, Joseph Herdman, Meshack Herdman, Marquis D. Hibbs, William Herdman, (baby born 6/16/1871), Samuel Hibbs (Seignior)-by 22 bu. of corn 50¢, Samuel Hibbs, Jr. (baby born 2/23/1881), Clark Hicks, William Hull, Amos Jenkins-by 1,227 feet of plank at \$1.25 per hundred \$15.00, George Jenkins, James Johnson, John Johnson, Lewis Johnson, Byrd A. Jones, James Jones, Sr.-by 26 heads of cabbage \$1.00 and ½ bu. onions 30¢, James C. Jones, Oliver Jones, Robert Jones, Thomas Jones, Samuel S. Jones, Lavina Kendall, Thornton Kendall-by pork \$7.00, Andrew Lancing-by 6 bu. corn at 6¢ per and (baby born 6/13/1871), John Lawwill, Perry Liston, ? Mahafey, Levi McCoy, Campbell McCoy, Michael McCoy, Westley McCoy-by 10 bu. corn \$5.00, David McJunkin, John McMurrey-by 1 hog weighing 114 lbs. at 5¢ per and (baby born 7/30/1871), Cornelius Miller, ? Montavon, Calvin Moore-by 1 bu. corn at 50¢-½ bu. meal 32½¢ and (baby born 7/19/1882). Davis P. Moore-extracted tooth 9/10/71-25¢, John Moore, Wilson Moore-(baby born 11/21/1871)-listed on



one page as B.W. Moore, Dolphus Murfin, Sarah Murfin, Byrd Mustard, James Mustard, Abbot Newland, Harrod Newland-by making and driving 1 pair horse shoes 60¢ and sharpening 1 shovel plow 10¢, Jarret Newman-extracting tooth on 6/9/1871-50¢, John Newman, Nathaniel Newman-reducing fractured bone for son and (baby born 8/27/1871 and baby born 10/30/1873), Samuel Newman-by 1 bedstead \$2.00, George O'Bryant, Isaac Overhultze, William Penn, Jackson Powell, Josiah Powers, James Price, John Riley, Jr., Peter Riley-(baby born 11/11/1873), Nathaniel Riley-extracting tooth 7/12/1871 50¢, William Riley Jr., Jackson Salsbury, James Scott-by 1 bu. apples 50¢, James Scott-by 4 bu. green peaches \$2.00, Lewis Scott-by 9 lbs. beef at 7½¢ per, William Scott, Joseph Skidmore-reducing fractured bone for son on 5/2/1871 \$10, John Slack, George Smalley, Thomas Smalley, Mary Smith, Meek Smith, Harvey J. Snook, Dora Snook, Isaiah Starr-by 10 chickens at 25¢ each, Jerry Starr, William Steal, John Teeters, ? Thomas, Andrew Thompson, David Thompson Jr., John T. Thompson-by 4 gal. of molasses \$2.40-by error in weight of meat 34¢-error in weight of bacon 27¢-by weaving flannel \$2.40 and ¾ bu. of seed corn 45¢, Joseph R. Thompson, Levi Thompson, Minor Thompson, Richard Thompson-by labor performed by R. Thompson received by A. Forsythe \$7.50, William Thompson-(baby born 12/25/1871), Wilson Thompson, Elias Thornton-by 369 lbs. pork at 8¢ per, John Thornton, Lant Toler, ? Umbell, William Walker, Harvey Wamsley-(baby born 6/25/1871), James N. Wamsley, Henry Weaver-by 28½ lbs. of flour and halling 2 loads of staves \$2.00, Marion Weaver, Woodrow Weaver, Alexander White, Paul White, John Williams, Nathaniel Wilson, Morris Winterburn-(baby born 9/26/1873), George Wykoff (one page listed Wiscope)-reducing a fractured bone for son on 3/27/1880 \$5.00 and also on 4/5/1880 \$1.50-(baby born 7/25/1871).

**Small Clippings found throughout 1871-1880 journal:**

Galena March the 1st 1878. Sir. Mr. J.G. Freeman defer issuing against Wheeler Burkitt also Thomas Burkitt and Orlean Moore. Until further orders. Jerome Penn

Galena, O. May 13th 1878. Mr. J.G. Freeman you will please stop all proceeding against John Thompson as he has setteled and paid me off. J. Penn.

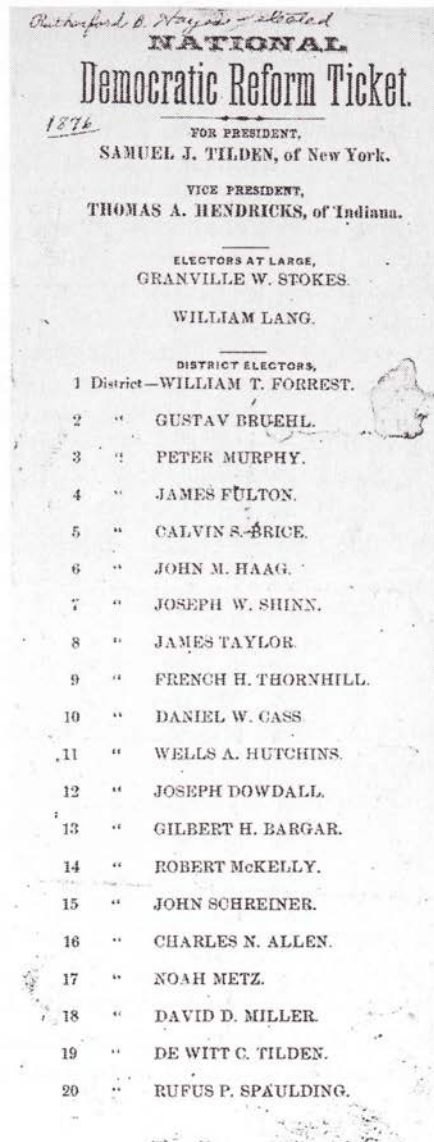
Galena April 22nd. 1878. Sir. Mr. J.G. Freeman — Esq., you please stop all proceedings against John Foster till further orders. J. Penn

Galena May 16th 1878. Mr. J.G. Freeman Esq. — Sir you will stop all proceedings against J.R. Freeman at present. J. Penn

February 23, 1878. Mr. J. G. Freeman please release George O'Bryants account for he has settled with me if there is any cost he will pay it. Dr. Jerome Penn.

**SAMPLE TICKET found in Dr. Penn's Journal:**

Samuel Jone Tilden (1814-1886), of New York was American presidential candidate of the Democratic party in 1876. Tilden was Governor of New York from 1875-1876. He actually won the 1876 election; but division of electoral commission along partisan lines gave the victory to Republican Rutherford B. Hayes.



## Chapter 9

### JUST A LITTLE OFF TRACK:

Betty (Ivers) Lathrop, a member of the Adams Co. Genealogy Society invited me to attend their society meeting held on the evening of May 7, 1981, at the court house in West Union. Since I was unfamiliar with traveling in the Adams County area, I asked a genealogy buff, Anna Jean (Kates) Gardner to accompany me and she graciously accepted.

We started out rather early on what was to become an unforgettable evening. While on the appalachian highway, I stated that I had better get in the left lane or we would be in Peebles. She very calmly said, "I don't care much if we do!" I was puzzled by this statement and I ask, "What's wrong are you afraid of my driving?" She replied, "No, but I left the pressure cooker on and I need to use the telephone to tell Bob to turn it off." I informed her that my eldest daughter's in-laws home was nearby and we could stop there. We stopped at Grandma Ruth Nichols home and Ann used her phone. She called collect and her mother Banna couldn't understand and wouldn't accept the charges. Ann informed the operator that her husband Bob was in the yard and she had to talk to him. She finally got the message across and we preceded on our way.

The meeting was held in the commissioner's office and when I was asked to speak about my book, I gave a very informal talk. We were discussing a certain family name that was spelled different due to political conflict, when a man entered the room and went to a desk, opened and shut a drawer and immediately made his exit. Things became very tense at this time. I asked what was wrong? One of the members asked, "'Do you know who that was?" I answered, "I presume he was the janitor." My reply created much laughter and the tenseness soon disappeared. The man just happened to be one of the Adams Co. commissioners.

**Watch it Helen, you're out of your territory!**

After adjournment of the meeting, we visited for a while and then began our homeward journey. After about 15 minutes, I remarked, "The road and scenery doesn't look right!" and Ann replied, "Things probably look different because we are on the opposite side of the highway then on our way up." **That makes sense!**

It finally dawned on us when we saw a "Camp Oyo" sign and the State Lodge — that we had made a wrong turn out of West Union. We came to West Portsmouth and then onto Route 73 into Rarden. Our husbands were in bed (not together) and assuming this incident could not be kept a secret, I told of the episode. Later, I discovered Ann had not told any one.

Ann, remember — everyone makes a mistake now and then; and we are only near perfect. At least our experience will help to fill a page in this book and we have added a little more zing to history.

## Chapter 10

### WHAT A SMALL WORLD!

(lucky encounter and unbelievable experience).

In April of 1981, my two daughters, two granddaughters, and I traveled by car to Florida to visit my husbands niece and family — Judy, Paul and Jason Thomas of Holiday on the Gulf Coast. My one year old grandson Matthew, stayed with his paternal grandparents, Russell and Bee Nichols. A brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jack and Pearl Christian of Welch W. Va. were visiting their daughter Judy at the time of our visit.

Jack insisted that I meet Adolph Guenther, a native of Germany, who lived across the street from Judy. As we crossed the street I sensed that fate was once again stepping into my life to perform miracles.

After meeting Mr. Guenther, I discovered that my psychic senses were right on target. Mr. Guenther recognized my maiden name of Enz and said the name was common in the Stuttgart area where he was born. I recalled that my father was from Ederdingen, a small village about 20 miles from Stuttgart. Guenther suggested that I write his brother-in-law, George Laukenmann, who was fluent in English and he along with his wife Anna (sister of Guenther's late wife) managed an apartment house in Stuttgart — belonging to Mr. Guenther.

If I had ever been in doubt about psychic phenomenon's . . . those doubts were immediatly erased and I would forever be a great believer.

After my return home, I wrote Herr Laukenmann telling him what information I had concerning my father.

My father, Ernest Eugene Enz was the youngest son in a family of nine children (five sons and four daughters). Two girls died at the early ages of two and four. Grandfather Johann Salomo was a blacksmith by trade and died at the age of 46 — when father was 12 years of age.

My father emigrated to America from southwestern Germany in January of 1905, at the age of 17. He landed at New York City on the Vessel Finland with a maternal uncle, Godfried Binder (Bender). He resided for a time with a maternal aunt, Marie Fredericka (Bender) Groezinger and family at Columbus, Ohio.

A sister, Marie (Enz) Meinhardt came to America the same year and also settled at Columbus. Dad and his sister Marie were the only members of the family to leave their native land.

My mother, Lena Tschus resided on the same street as the Groezinger family and was the girlhood chum of fathers youngest cousin Gertrude, of the family with whom he resided.

Father and mother were married on fathers birthday — November 16, 1910. Two sons, Eugene and Edward were born at Columbus before they moved to the farm at Mt. Joy where I was born. They operated the Mt. Joy Grocery and slaughter house for Jay Stevens from December 1922 until 1925.

Uncle Carl Meinhardt died in September of 1913 and aunt Marie was left with two children Florenz and Carl Eugene. Tanta (aunt in German) Marie remarried in November of 1914 to Carl Boex.

Tanta Marie and Carl became my godparents and I was named Helen Marie.

We visited my maternal grandparents and other relatives at Columbus quite frequently. In the course of our travels to the Capitol city as a young child it was inevitable that I would ask many times — “Is that the road to Germany?” This was thought to be very humorous and I received any kind of reply that would satisfy my curiosity. I don’t recall when I ceased asking this baffling question!

Father often spoke of taking me and returning to his native land for a visit. Bad health and finances, soon killed that dream. Grandmother Enz died in the spring of 1939 and father the next year in November of 1940. Until later years, I didn’t conceive how very sad it was that he hadn’t seen his mother since he left home at the age of 17.

As to what is so typical of many of us, we discover that we didn’t ask questions while the ones knowing the answers were still among the living. Genealogy and tracing family roots was very rare in the days of my youth and I could care less . . . I existed and that was all that mattered.

Among my many dreams and fantasies was the fervent desire to visit my fathers homeland. Until a few years ago, I believed fantasies were merely figments of the imagination and many were too far-fetched to materialize. I have learned — that no matter how quaint or unrealistic things might seem — they can come true.

SO SUDDENLY WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS, things began to fall into place. Mr. Laukenmann answered my letter with enlightening news. He remembered an Ernst Enz who was his corporal during World War II. A phone call to Ernst in Eberdingen revealed that he was a son of Karl Enz (my father’s eldest brother). Ernst was named for my father. Laukenmann also learned from Ernst that another first cousin, Marie Bolay, a daughter of my Uncle Wilhelm Enz, resided in Stuttgart not far from his residence. Cousin Marie was also named for our aunt Marie.

I began corresponding with Cousin Marie, with Laukenmann translating. Marie’s daughter Elisabeth was employed in the small town of Plieningen as a recorder of births, marriages and deaths. Elisabeth proved to be an excellent candidate for tracing our family tree. Her husband Armin Schreweis began brushing up on his English by corresponding and sending me some very interesting information.

A dream-like atmosphere evolved around me and the word impossible was no longer part of my vocabulary. All I needed was a few words of encouragement. My husband Jim said, “Why don’t you visit, your not getting any younger you know!” Those were **the magic words**.

Soon I began making plans for a trans-Atlantic flight and on May 15, 1982 — I left Columbus airport by TWA-landed at Philadelphia and then on to Kennedy at New York and over the Atlantic ocean. Arrived at the Frankfort airport on Sunday morning-May 16 and after quite an exciting

and frustrating morning (due to plane delay and getting lost) I was met by cousin Elisabeth and Armin Schreweis.

Frankfurt airport is the largest in Europe and is about 100 miles from the Schreweis flat in Stuttgart. We traveled in their Jetta Volkswagen on the autobahn through the beautiful countryside. The landscape is very similar to southern Ohio, except no farm houses or barns, only fields of various crops. Many towns and villages in clusters with barns located by house or in the basement of the home. Farmers travel to out-lying areas for tilling the fields. Different from Ohio were yellow patches of senf (mustard) between the green crops.

We arrived at Armin & Elisabeth's beautiful modern flat at 3:30 p.m. and cousin Marie was there to greet us. Cousin Marie lives in a flat behind them. There was much laughter, as they didn't know what I said and Armin translated with some difficulty. I could understand much more than I could speak.

Cousin Armin is section manager of "Ladies Fashions" at Herties, a large department store in Stuttgart with many outlets all over Germany. One day he and I took a bus tour of the city and tasted wine made from the grapes of vineyards growing on the slopes surrounding the city.

There are many hills, fields and wooded areas throughout Stuttgart. Underground tunnels are very prominent with trams on one level and the fast train (hauptbahnhof) on an even lower level. Walking miles up and down hill to get to a tram was an accepted custom.

I stayed with cousin Marie and Elisabeth while in Stuttgart and when in the country — with cousin Emma Seemann (Marie's sister) on a farm high in the hills overlooking Eberdingen. Emma resides with son Eugen, wife Anna and their five children. The farm has a modern dairy, many fields of well tended crops about eight acres of strawberries.

Walking in the hills where my dad had toiled many years before, was like being in a fantasy world. Dad had told of driving the cows from the outskirts to the barn in the basement of his home in the village. The house of my father's birth is still standing, occupied and in very good condition.

In the span of the next three weeks there was never a dull moment.

Cousin Emma had a bus trip planned on May 20th with a club group of Eberdingen and we were to journey to the large seaport city of Hamburg to the north, go by ship on the Elbe river and into the North Sea to the island of Helgoland.

Our bus driver was Christian Flattick and he could speak a little English, explaining things to me from time to time. Shortly after the start of our all day trip, the driver announced that we were crossing the Enz River and introduced Helen (Enz) Christian from America. The group cheered and applauded. After taking a bow, I turned to look out the window and tears streamed down. I could feel the presence of father and began to wonder if this was just another of my far-out dreams. How could I be sure and I didn't know how to say **pinch me**, in German!

There were 41 passengers aboard the bus and the only young people was cousin Emma's eldest grandson Uwe, 13, and another young boy. The group was very jolly, singing, chatting and laughing. It mattered not that I knew only a part of what they were saying.

Cousin Uwe's maternal grandparents Richard and Hilde Beck were among the passengers.

Upon arriving in Hamburg, we finally located hotel Norge and settled in. The next day May 21, we took a bus tour of the city and a boat tour of the harbor on the Elbe river. We ended the day in the revolving restaurant on the top of a T.V. tower overlooking the city and the surrounding area.

On Saturday May 22, we boarded the ship "Wappen von Hamburg," on the Elbe river and sailed into the North Sea to the island of Helgoland. After walking all over the island and through the quaint Norwegian like village, we returned to our ship.

On board ship Herr Beck and I danced to the music of Heinz Sanders, a well known entertainer. I purchased a cassette of his music and he gave me an autographed photo. We arrived back at the hotel around midnight.

On Sunday morning May 23, we boarded a bus for our return trip to Eberdingen. The driver Christian announced that he had become the father of a baby boy early this morning. Cheers!

Not long after we boarded the bus we made a stop at Dock 5 St. Pauli-Hafenstrabe (fish and flower city). Nearly everyone left the bus to purchase fresh fish, flowers, fruit or vegetables. The driver explained that it would be unheard of to leave Hamburg without making this stop.

Shortly before arriving back at Eberdingen, Herr Beck read the poem he had written about our journey. It sounded good to me and when others laughed, I laughed. There was no doubt in my mind, that Richard Beck was a poet.

While at cousin Emma's we visited many relatives and saw many sights in the surrounding area. Herr Fauska (a young teacher) in the school which three of Emma's grandchildren attended, was our gracious host, driver and translator. He informed me that Herr Beck's father, Otto Beck had been my father's boyhood chum. Later Fauska translated on cassette the poem by Beck and sent it along with the original copy in German. It lost much rhyme through translation; but was very enjoyable and meant so much to me.

The #1 emotional experience of my life was visiting the small Evangelical church in Eberdingen and kneeling at the altar where my father was christened and confirmed many years before. I have in my possession, the small bible presented to him upon his confirmation in April of 1901.

After my return home, I received a photo of my third cousin Uwe's confirmation taken in front of the same church in March of 1983.

Herr Laukenmann (my little prince) accompanied me on many sightseeing jaunts. The most interesting was going by fast train to Ludwigsburg and visiting the famous castle and grounds. We toured 64 rooms of the 450 room castle.

On May 30, cousin Armin, Elisabeth, Marie (Marie's deceased sister Martha's daughter) Heidi, husband Rainer Rometsch and sons Markus

and Lous and I visited a ruined castle in the Schwabische Alps and also had a picnic in an area surrounded by woods high in the mountains. (Schwabische Alps is a small rendition of the Swiss Alps). On our return home we stopped at a mineral bath house and took a bath or rather went swimming in various temperatures of water. Bath in German is spelled and pronounced **Bad**.

On May 31, cousin Armin, Elisabeth and I attended an annual festival at Vaihingen-Enz. The Enz river flows through the center of the town and on the bank overlooking the town and the river is an old castle or fort, built in 779. This fort was used during World War II as a recreation center for American Forces.

On Saturday June 5, cousin Elisabeth and I went shopping for souvenirs in downtown Stuttgart. Cousin Armin was at his place of employment and he presented me with a skirt and blouse from his department — as a going away gift from Marie, Elisabeth and himself.

On Sunday June 6, Armin, Elisabeth, Marie and I spent the day going through the Black Forest region, tracing the Enz river from its source — Enzursprung, then northward ending at Besigheim, shortly before the Enz flows into the Neckar river.

We visited Enzklosterle (cloister of villages along the Enz) and also the city of Wildbad where a world famous health spa is located. The river flows through this town and through the wooded area where the spa is located. We had dinner at Wildbad where forella (trout) was caught and prepared fresh from the Enz which flows by the back door of the restaurant.



*Cousin Elisabeth and I by Enz River, Wildbad.*



On June 9, cousin Elisabeth and Armin took me by car to Frankfurt Airport for my return home. I bid auf wiedersehen and soon I was back in America at Kennedy Airport, across town by taxi to LaGuardia and then a rocky landing (due to thunderstorms) at Columbus Airport. I was met there by daughters and grandchildren.

Keeping in touch with relatives and looking forward to a possible return visit, is a joy in itself.

THESE WERE ONLY HIGHLIGHTS. I INTEND TO WRITE A BOOKLET LATER FOR THE FAMILY, FROM MY DIARY.

## Chapter 11

### PUBLIC SPEAKER — WHETHER OR NOT!

On February 28, 1983, I was asked by Norma (Murphy) Phipps, a teacher at McDermott Grade School to talk to the sixth, seventh and eighth graders about my book, during "*Right to Read Week*."

Arriving at the school on a beautiful sunny — but chilly day, March 8, I was greeted by Ms Phipps and the school principal, Gene Emnett. Mr. Emnett asked how long I wanted to speak and added that I could possibly hold their attention for 15 minutes. I informed him that I couldn't say hello and goodbye in that length of time. He then changed my time limit to a half hour. Norma stated that when she began looking at her watch, my time would be up.

When I was ushered into the gym and saw more young people than I had expected, I became very nervous. The sixth graders were kneeling around the speakers stand and the other two grades plus a few teachers were seated on the bleachers. I tried so hard to act dignified; but soon reverted to my usual self. My audience warmed up to me and I informed them of my trying to be something that I wasn't. This was the perfect time to say, "Let this be a lesson to you — always act yourself and your sincerity will shine through."

Holding the attention of my audience, I forgot to look toward Ms Phipps for my ending cue. Finally glancing her way, I noticed her smile as she looked down at her watch. I said, "Oh, my time must be up. How long have you been looking at your watch?" To this day, I really don't know.

I felt as if I was a part of E.T. and was spaced out.

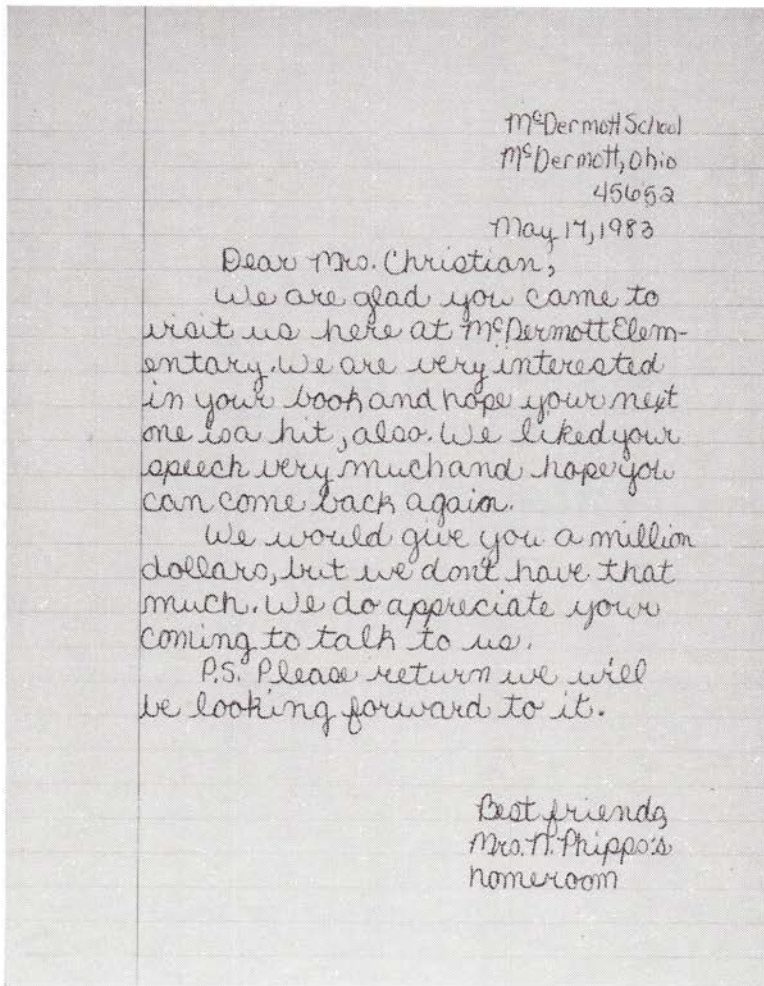
My heart swelled with pride when I received an applause that rang out with sincerity. A boy kneeling to my right, said, "I don't care how long you talk and besides I get out of class!"

**Sowing honesty, reaps truth!**





A letter received from the sixth grade class — that says it all:



This class would never dream that a letter written in courtesy would go down in history. See, I told you fantasies do come true!

Things such as this encourage me to go forward and write many more books. Thanks, so much!





*Helen Christian*

