

Area Place Names Reveal Extensive History of Indians

By Don Brille

aid that the names of places are the key to the past.

If this is true, then many of the names of towns and other localities in Central Illinois reveal quite an extensive history of Indians in this area.

"Indian Place Names in Illinois," published in 1963 by Virgil J. Vogel, is packed with examples and explanations of this.

The word Illinois itself is from the Indian name for the six tribes which occupied the Northwest Territory during the 18th and 19th centuries. The words "ininiwek" and "illiniwek," from which the name is derived, mean "men."

Gila, in Jasper County, was named for the Arizona River, a tributary of the Colorado River. The name is a Spanish version of a Yuma Indian word meaning "salty water."

The name of Hickory Township, in Coles County, is a word from the Powhatan Indians of Virginia. It describes a food made from nuts, beaten to a powder, and mixed with water.

Hickory Point Township, in Macon County, was named by Indians for the high trees at the point where Stevens Creek comes out of the woods.

Hurricane Creek, in Fayette County, is taken from the Carib

Wenonah, in Montgomery County, is the Sioux word for a first-born daughter. In Longfellow's "Hiawatha," Wenonah is the daughter of Nokomis and the mother of Hiawatha.

Wapella, in Champaign County, is named that because of an Indian chief's comment on its terrain, according to a familiar story. Supposedly, some Indian hunters wanted to camp there, but when the chief surveyed the flat and marshy land, he said, "Too low; no."

Indian word "huracan." It got this name after a severe storm passed along the border of the creek in the early 19th century.

Indianola, in Vermilion County, was named for the Pontiac village on the Maumee River in 1764.

Iuka, in Marion County, formerly Middleton, is said by most authorities to be named for Iuka, a Chickasaw chief who was born, died and buried there. It is thought by others to be from the Choctaw word "i yuk hana," which means "where two rivers cross."

Maroa, in Macon County, is a contraction of the name of the Illinois Indian tribe called the Tamaroa. It was found on an early map of Jacques Marquette, the famed explorer.

Moweaqua, in Shelby County, is named for the Flat Branch, a small stream, that was called "Moawequa" by the Indians. It literally means "weeping woman" or "wolf woman."

The name Neoga, a town in Cumberland County, is a combination of two Iroquoisan words, "neo" and "oga," which together mean "place of the deity."

Niantic, in Macon County, is named for the Niantic tribe, which was a part of the Algonquin group of Indians. It is also thought to mean "at the point of land on a tidal river."

Nokomis, in Montgomery County, is the Ojibway word for "grandmother." It is a proper name for Hiawatha's grandmother in Henry Longfellow's poem "Hiawatha."

Oconee, in Shelby County, is from the Indian word "uk-oo-na," which means "the water eyes of the earth" or "the place of the springs."

Owaneco, in Christian County, is a version of Owaneco or Oneco, the name of a Mohegan sachem (chief) who died in 1710.

Pesotum, in Champaign County, is named for the Potawatomi Indian who killed Captain William Wells in the Fort Dearborn Massacre on Aug. 15, 1812.

Tuscola, in Douglas County, is from the Choctaw words, "tashka" or "tushka," which mean "warrior," and "okla" for people.

Wapella, in DeWitt County, is named for Wapellah, a Fox Indian chief. It means "he of the morning."

History Of Early Settlement In Locust Township

1852-53 was the start of the coming of more settlers and if a census of the prairie had been taken at that time, it probably would have shown, adults, 6; children, 16, a total of 22 souls.

Locust Township was important to the settlement of Christian County in the 1800's as witnessed by a brief history submitted by George S. Rogers as taken from an early county newspaper.

Locust Township lies directly north of Rosamond Township and is six miles square. Buckeye Prairie lies in this township and extends into Rosamond Township.

The first settlements were in the area of Locust Creek and Owaneco was first established about one and a half miles south of the present town of Owaneco. There was a store and post office established there. This settlement was in the north west corner of section 27. Besides the post office and the store, there was a saloon and but few homes.

The Taylorville-Pana stage passed three times each week, from Taylorville, Dollville (Johnson Twp.) and on to Pana. It carried the mail and passengers. When the post office was established in 1857, H. M. Vandever gave the name 'Owaneco.'

The settlement bordered the Locust Creek Timber and ceased to be in existence when the railroad passed in 1869-70. The present town of Owaneco was established on the railroad. Other settlements were Millersville and Velma which were located on the railroad. Among the pioneer settlers were Wesley Westbrook who came in 1835; Joshua Anderson in 1839; Geo. Wash. Check in 1838 as did a Mr. Harlick; Thos. D. Chastain, Matthew Durbin, James Bradley and Thomas Bradly came in 1846.

Other settlers were James Durbin, Elisha Durbin, Elisha Logsdon, Martin Overholt, W. H. Madison, James M. Painter, B. C. Cochran, John McCune, Edward Lawton, John White, William Hunter, Archilles Morris and Wm. Lawton.

September 10, 1858, a petition signed by sixty legal voters, formed 'Locust Precinct,' selecting Joseph P. Durbin, James Bradley and Seth W. Benepe its first judges of election and appointing the place of voting at Benepe's school house, located on the sixteenth section.

After the establishment of the post office at the first Owaneco, J. M. Weaver was appointed the first postmaster and the office was kept in a small frame building, near the residence of Esq. Joseph P. Durbin.

The house was sold at one time by the United States marshal for failure to pay Internal Revenue tax. The old grocery store and saloon was a notable institution on the public road from Taylorville to Pana.

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The news of the attack on Fort Sumter touched a loyal chord in the hearts of our people and in answer to the call of the lamented Lincoln a large number of our brave young men left their homes of safety for the battlefields of the "Sunny South." Among those who first volunteered were Alf Cowgill, William Cheney, and T. H. McCoy, all who served during the war and were spared to return at its close.

In the summer of '62 when Lincoln made the famous call for 300,000 more, our community was almost stripped of its young men. William McCune, B. F. Cheney, Joseph Large, Clinton Cowgill, S. M. Orr, Edward Cowgill, George and John Wilcockson, James McCoy, Elijah Gimlin, George Large, G. C. Butt, Dias Butt, Robert Hopper, Charles Wilson, A. B. Leeper, Henry Ebert, Chris Samon, Joseph Cochran, A. G. Lakin, High Orr and Abram Halterman volunteered to "fight mit der war."

William McCune was killed in Tennessee while returning from his home, where he had been on furlough, to his company in Alabama. He was shot in the neck through the car window by the assassin hand of a rebel "bushwhacker." He left a lovely wife and beautiful little daughter.

Edward Cowgill and John Wilcockson gave their lives a sacrifice, dying nobly on the field. Chris Lamson was either killed in battle or taken prisoner and starved to death in a southern prison-pen.

Several Wounded

Those wounded during the war were B. F. Cheney, 2 fingers of right hand shot off; E. Gimlin, shot in arm or shoulder; Robert Hopper, shot in ankle; Gabe C. Butt, stabbed near the heart while attending as nurse an insane sick soldier in the hospital, and afterward shot in shoulder while on duty in battle; Dias Butt, wounded in the arm and shoulder, and Alf Cowgill, wounded in the foot.

G. C. Butt was taken prisoner at Jackson and had 3 months'

CHRISTIAN COUNTY HISTORY



By George S. Rogers

Locust Township

This township derived its name from the stream which traverses a portion of its territory. There is considerable timber on the west and southwest side, but the remainder of the township is prairie.

When they voted to form the "Locust Precinct," its first Justices of the Peace were Thos. W. Cochran and Seth W. Benepe. G. Washington Cheek and John W. Hunter were the first Constables, elected November 2, 1858. B. C. Cochran and Joshua Peppins met and arranged the Buckeye School district. The Buckeye school house was built in 1856 on the headwaters of Cottonwood Creek, on the northeast corner of Section 31. The ME Society was organized during the Winter of 1856-57; the Rev. Mr. Shunk, pastor of the Taylorville

circuit, was the first minister to make his advent into this new colony. He preached at the cabins of Wm. Hunter, James Witlow and Samuel Cowgill. In the Summer of 1866, the Buckeye church was built near the township line, intermediate between Buckeye and Sherman schoolhouses, on the southeast corner of section 31, at a cost of \$6,000. The Buckeye cemetery, located in 1853, is near the church. First burial in the cemetery was the daughter of a Mr. Murry. The first birth in Buckeye Prairie in this township was Florence, daughter of B. C. Cochran, in 1854.

The first land entries, as taken from the county records, are to W. S. Russel, Apr. 1, 1836, for the northeast quarter of section 18; the northwest quarter of section 18 and the southwest quarter and the southeast quarter of section 18; a total of 596 acres plus. The census of 1870 shows a population of 825; at the presidential election in 1876, there were 258 votes cast.

Locust township was organized in 1866 and the first officers were, Supervisors: B. C. Cochran, 1866-1868; John W. Hunter, 1869; A. DeBarr, 1870.

Assessors: Jonas Suttle, 1877.

Collectors: W. S. Benepe, 1866; Thos. W. Cochran, 1867-71.

Town Clerk: R. M. Houck, 1877.

Highway Commissioners: A. DeBarr, 1877.

Constables: Joshua Cochran, and Preston Goode, 1873;

Justice of the Peace: John J. Danford, 1870; Z. F. Bates, 1870.

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Pictured above are students and teacher from Millersville School, District No. 57, Millersville is located 6 miles northwest of Pana. Pictured, back row from the left, Gerald Stattner, Robert Simpson, Geraldine Large, Isabel Simpson, Ralph K. Bryan-teacher. Front row, Billy Horton, Dorothy Puckett, Betty Puckett, Eloise Stattner, Jessie Simpson, Carolyn Card, Ralph Bryan taught at Millersville School for seven years. One of his pupils, Jean Ruth Hopenfenger, won the County Spelling Championship by spelling a list of 325 words correctly. Bryan enjoyed the time spent with his pupils. At recess games such as softball, hide-and-seek, black man, dare base, and snowball were played. The school library contained 120 books. The school had no P.T.A. but all of the parents and people of the community cooperated with the work of the school. Members of the school board included William Horton, Charles R. Hawkins-a former teacher, and Elmer Stattner.

Settlers In Locust Township Found Indians, Wild Animals On Site Of Their New Homes

Over a century has passed since the first white settler, a man named Wesley Westbrooks, established a home in 1835 in the woods along Locust creek. About that time, 1835 or 1836, Joseph Durbin and John Z. Durbin came from Kentucky. Here they pitched their tents and spent their time in hunting. They are recorded as great hunters.

John Z. Durbin is thought to have been the first white man to have been married in Christian County. The maiden name of his wife is not known. In 1839, the Josiah Anderson family settled near. This was the beginning of an influx of white settlers to invade the land of the native Indians (Kickapoos) who were occupying this territory at that time.

Locust Creek was skirted on either side by a timber line, ranging in width from a mile to several miles, varying at different points. It was in these forests that the first settlers disembarked from their prairie schooners (which were wagons covered with canvas, drawn by oxen or horses) and herded their stock, which included cattle, sheep, horses and hogs. Here was water for their stock and families, fuel for fire, game to replenish their food supply, and wood with which to build their houses. The timber also afforded shade from the burning sun, and shelter from winds and storm. It was not until later that they gradually pushed out on the virgin prairie which was so swampy and set with waist high grass, and so hard, that it was almost impenetrable with the crude agriculture implements. Ditching the prairie swamp land to drain it of water was turned to, thus today it has developed into an efficient drainage system that has transformed the virgin sod into rich farming land, which makes it rank high as an agricultural region.

Much Wildlife

Wild deer roamed the prairie at will. The prairie wolf which differed from the timber wolf in having much longer legs, was commonly seen. It is said that the legs of the prairie wolf were necessarily longer to enable it to jump over the high prairie grass which was so thick that an animal of any size must travel by leaps and bounds to penetrate it. Foxes, minks, squirrels, otter, opossum, rabbits, badgers, muskrats, and a few other animals made their habitat here. Wild turkeys, which are now extinct in this locality, once were seen by the thousands. Wild ducks and geese frequented the stream, and some fish. Often during high water, fish were abundant, being washed up from the Flat Branch into which Locust Creek flows on its way to the Sangamon river.

In the early eighteen forties the family of J. Washington Cheek, a Mr. Harlick, Thomas C. Chastain, Matthew Durbin are recorded as being residents here. Others who came later, between 1850 and 1860 were: Elisha Durbin, Elisha Logsdon, Martin Overholt, W. H. Madison, James M. Painter, B. Cochran, John McCune, Edward Lawton, John White, George Maguire, Ed Cleary, Samuel Cowgill, William Hunter, Achilles Morris, William Lawton, Mr. VanDillan

James White, James and William Law, Patrick and John Delaney, George Stephens, J. H. Murray, Mark Robertson, Stanford Hamers, a Mr. Elgin, Dr. McCoy, John and Jacob Murray, Hiram and Lee Etter. Most of these settled in the west and southwest part of what is now known as Locust township. About forty families had by this time entered this prairie. On the prairie to the north and northeast of Locust Creek, during the same period, many families were entering and purchasing government land. Here the citizenry consisted of the families of Asa Shepard, Seth Benepe, Fred Secrest and sons, Noah, Neri and John Q. Secrest; Isaiah Poudner, Thomas Cushing, father of Tom and Ed Cushing; Fred Rasler, John, Joe and Columbus Rasler; William Anderson and others.

When the white settlers first made their appearance in this territory they settled around and near a little Indian hamlet they called Owaneco, so named for the Indian chief Wanco, who held sway over the remnant of a little band of braves. Legend has it that he was in love with an Indian maid named Wanetka. Little is known regarding these red men, but it is recorded that they were friendly to the new white settlers, and that they taught the settlers many things that were helpful to them in handling the soil.

Two different kinds of soil are well defined in this region; the rich, black silt loam, and the brown silt loam. Much of it was very wet and swampy, and was the breeding places of mosquitoes and large green headed flies, which were a great menace to the people.

The settlers were of a sturdy type, most of whom migrated from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, having been lured here by the government land opening "in the west." They purchased land at from one dollar to fifteen dollars per acre.

Settlers Resourceful

There was so much dampness, that sickness prevailed among them, with ague, milk sickness and malaria affecting most of the settlers.

Characteristic of the settlers

was their aptitude to turn to the things at hand to supply their needs. For every ill, they found medicinal properties in the bark of various trees, the roots and leaves of weeds and flowers. These they made into teas and elixirs. They knew each plant and tree by name, and its usefulness for different ailments of the sick. Some of these we might mention: the ginseng, pokeroor, elderberry, calamus, pennyroyal, smart weed, mullein, catnip, blackberry root, wild cherry bark, slippery elm, mayapple and many others.

The principal native trees were pin oak, burr oak, sycamore, hickory, locust, maple, walnut, elm, willow and other kinds less abundant.

Noteworthy of the time was the way that every man helped his neighbor, and when a new family moved in, this would be an occasion of another log rolling, when all the neighbors would gather on a certain day, to assist the newcomers cut logs for a log house. The logs formed the walls, and clapboards were used on the roof. Most of the houses were small,

The Good Life: These Things Remembered By Harry Wilhour

I was born August 16, 1901. Now in May, Older Americans Month, 1977, things are so different.

We had a big kitchen and a big table where the family ate three meals every day together. Food was prepared by my mother and sisters. Our full course meal was the same for every one, no special dishes for picky eaters.

Breakfast cereals were rolled oats, cream of wheat, and a special wheat cereal called Petty John's. I liked it for it had a picture of a bear on the box. In winter we had meat, eggs, potatoes and fried mush, biscuits or homemade bread. Coffee was ground with a coffee grinder each time coffee was made and the smell of coffee meant breakfast was almost ready. We ate breakfast by the light of kerosene lamps. Food was cooked on a coal range and that also warmed the room.

I remember walking to school. If it was cold, I had a muffler around my face and would walk behind my big brother for protection from the cold.

At the local store we bought our main groceries—flour, sugar, spices, crackers and thread. My mother baked bread twice a week and some times more. She sold butter and eggs to pay for the groceries. At Christmas time candy, nuts, and oranges were brought home for a treat. Candy was displayed in large wooden buckets and was sold by the pound.

My father went to town each Friday with the butter all made in pound prints to sell by contract at 25 cents a pound, the year around.

Milk, cream, and butter were put in buckets and hung by ropes in the well to keep cool. Fruit was canned or dried to preserve it. There were racks to put the peeled and sliced fruit on and covered with mosquito netting to keep insects off. Many bushels of apples and potatoes were buried in a strawed mound and covered all winter and opened in early Spring.

In the fall, neighbors would get together and take apples to the cider mill to have cider made. They would gather and peel apples and make apple butter in a big brass kettle outdoors over an open fire. Apple butter was then canned or put in stone jars sealed with a heavy cloth and sealing wax and stored in the cellar or in a cool place.

Every family had chickens, hogs, and cows. They did not buy eggs, meat, or milk. Sometimes my mother would buy a big beef roast for threshers' dinner. At a thrashers' dinner you could have almost any food you ever heard of. When a big thrashing machine was on the job there would be 30 or 40 men for dinner. Later years there were smaller machines which used a force of only 20 men. These machines were powered with farm tractors and were fed from one side. The big machines had steam engines or later oil burning tractors for power. The big separators had 32-36 and 40 inch cylinders, smaller one had 22 inch cylinders. Smoke from a steam engine always had a different smell, was different from any other burner of coal. I thought it was really something. There would be two or three different rigs in the neighborhood at one time. In the morning the engineers would get up early and blow their whistles to let every one know they were ready to go.

With the old big crews, some of the men would stay over night where they had thrashed that day. I remember Grigsby's Brothers, William and Joe, owned a big Oil Pull Tractor which was two cylinders. In the early morning when it started, you could hear it for miles puffing away, the harder it pulled the louder the exhaust.

Another of my remembrances was the drumming of the prairie chickens in the spring. There were hundreds of them and they made quite a noise on still mornings. There were many black-birds that followed the plow to get the bugs and worms.

I never had many toys. I remember a homemade sled and a little wagon with a sturdy red bed. My greatest delight was to ride my stick I always had 10 or 12 and each hand a name. My older brother would untie them and change them in their places and I would know someone was playing tricks on me. Sometimes he would play like he was offering one of my horses to a horse trader and I would get terribly upset.

My folks would go to Taylorville twice a year to get clothes. Sometimes we got shoes and overshoes at Owaneco.

Owaneco had three grocery stores, two harness shops, a drug store, a hardware store, a blacksmith shop with two blacksmiths, a meat market and two eating places.

One of the stores in Owaneco kept coffins. The undertaker came by train to Owaneco and rented horses to pull the hearse. Horses were kept at a livery stable and were available for renting.

Sometimes my dad would buy a loaf of bread at one of the eating places and I would eat that baker's bread like cake. It's good to think about the things I liked then but I do not begrudge anyone the things they have today.

How I remember that old smoky lantern and if windy it would almost go out. How much nicer to just press a button and so much light. We do enjoy electricity in our home today.

We have always had an unusual good water supply. Our house was built in 1900 and had two sinks in the pantry off the kitchen. One had a pitcher pump and was from the cistern of soft water, the other a pitcher pump to a small well under the house. Sometimes they were frozen up all winter and to carry water from another well but they were extra nice.

Every evening after school kindling wood and coal had to be carried in. Children today can't really understand how it was. It seemed to me the pile of wood went down so fast and coal buckets were always empty.

One thing that was very special on the farm was butchering day. The fire was started before daylight under two iron kettles hung on a pole over the fire out in the open lots. Scalding water was needed to scald the hogs after they were shot and stuck to bleed.

I remember having to carry water to fill those big kettles. Men would be slaughtering the hogs by the time I left for school. When I got home they would be rendering lard and gridding sausage. Sausage was done late after supper. The heads were cooked and made up into head cheese and scrapple. It was broth meat and corn meal. There were, usually four or five neighbors who helped one another and wives and little ones came too. The second day the joints of meat were salted and put in brine to cure. When it had been in the brine so long as needed, it was hung in the smoke house to be smoked. They would mix pepper and egg together and spread over the meat to keep insects off.

Later years they could kill the hogs one afternoon and cut them up the next day and do all the curing that day. The overnight hanging helped it to cool out better. Meat was packed in brown paper with salt, brown sugar, red and black pepper and saltpetre and tied in a white muslin cloth. This kept better than the old way.

I remember one winter my father and three other neighbors each butchered a beef. All four would butcher one and each take a quarter. When this was gone, another was killed until all were

killed and divided. It was a very cold winter. The meat was hung in a building and cut as needed. I remember how cold my father's hands would get when he would cut off what we needed that day.

Very little meat is killed or cured at home today, now it is done in locker plants and must be state inspected.

I remember when we had family get togethers, the grown folks always ate at the first table. Younger ones had to wait and eat at the second table. I recall one time we were at out aunt's and there must have been almost a dozen cousins to wait for second table. Our aunt fixed each of us a bowl of fresh red raspberries with cream. I know I was hungry but I don't ever remember having tasted better berries before or since. Now family gatherings are potluck and cook outs and children usually get their plates filled first. I am one who is always glad to let the young folks eat first.

I just wonder if our grandchildren will see as much change and notice differences in the next 60 or 70 years as I have seen.

Maybe the energy crisis will start some things the other way. If our country would turn to burning wood—I can't help but remember the many cords of wood in the Osage Orange hedges that was piled and burned. It makes such good heat and burns a long time. Lots and lots of cobs were used in cook stoves in the summer for they make a quick hot fire and soon die down. Wood and coal were used to heat the ovens for a

longer steady heat.

Most of us have so much lawn to mow. We had a very small area that was lawn and then we turned calves in to keep it down when we were so busy.

No radios or TVs but we read many books, magazines and daily papers. Neighbors would ride by on horseback, or in a buggy and stop to rest their horses under our shade trees. The adults would visit and learn of the new babies, the weddings, the deaths, and sometimes received invitations to an ice cream social in the summer time or a skating party on a neaby pond in winter time.

I'm thankful I am here today to tell of these times.

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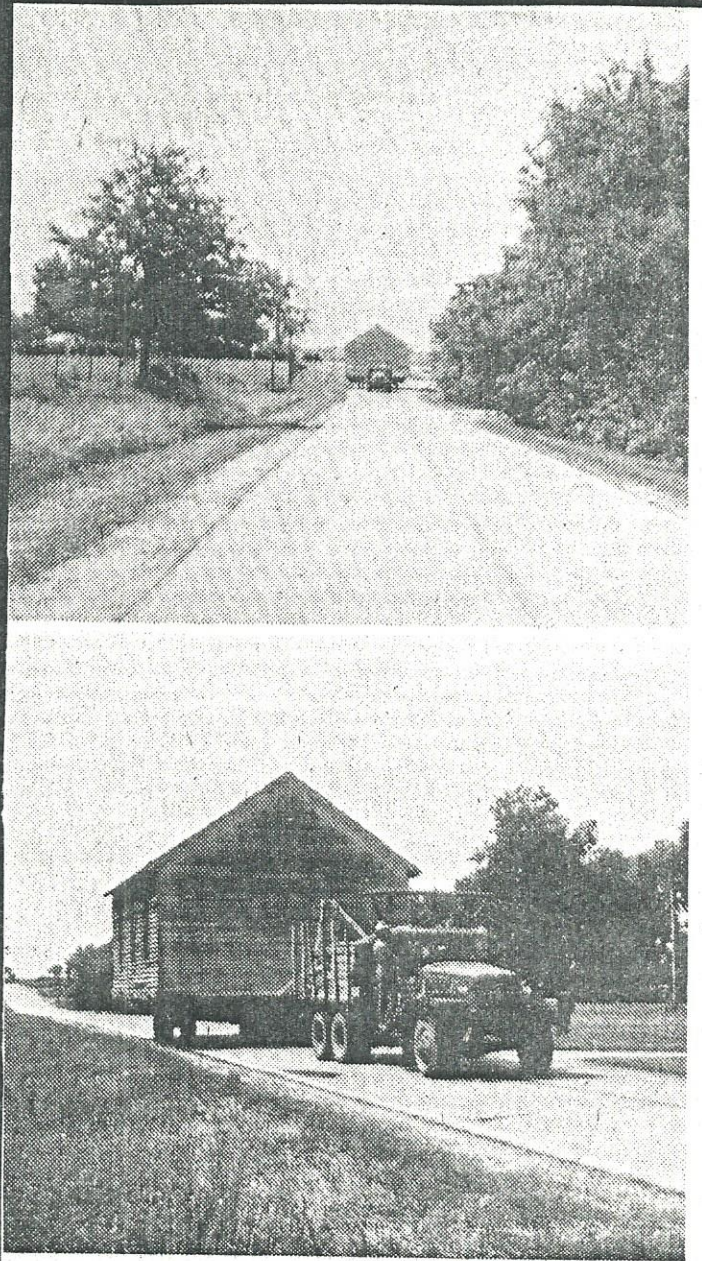
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Third Time's Charm For Buckeye School



The top picture, taken east of the city and south of the Assumption blacktop, shows the old Buckeye school being moved to its new home at the Christian County Historical Society. The second picture shows the school further in its journey.

The last picture shows the school at the Historical Society grounds with Yvonne Newlin (center) presenting Harry Wilhour, chairman of the fund raising drive to move the school, with a check for \$500. On the left is Mrs. Rosella Brookens, vice president of the Historical Society, and on the right is Mrs. Harry (Miriam) Wilhour observing the event.



Supersition says that the third time is the charm and in the case of the old Buckeye School, that's true.

The school, used as a grain storage bin and tool house on the farm of George Burke south of Velma, was purchased by the Christian County Historical Society to be used as a museum.

The house movers were contacted, estimates received, and the school found itself sitting on the back of a house-moving dollie to be hauled to its new home.

Then the troubles began. This was last Friday and the Illinois State Police and County Sheriff's office halted the move because of the pre-Memorial Day traffic. On Tuesday, the movers showed up again but were unable to move the school because of the wet grounds.

Wednesday turned out to be a nice day, weather wise, and the school found itself inching along its eight mile journey and three and a half hour trip to its new home.

The trip home was not totally smooth as the moving crew had to raise 76 electrical wires for the school to pass under. The school, 20 X 26 feet, just missed scraping the sides of the Flat Branch by only a few inches on each side of the building.

The Buckeye School was placed on a foundation between the County's First Courthouse and the Jean Woodall Building at the Historical Society Museum located east of the city at the intersection of routes 29 and 48.

When the school finally arrived at the Historical Society, there were several greeters and old friends on hand. Caroline Speagle, the last teacher at the one-room school taught from 1943 until 1948 when the school was consolidated with the Taylorville Schools, was there and so was Harry Wilhour. Harry served as chairman of the fund raising drive to move the school to the Society and was also a former student at the Buckeye School. Mrs. Yvonne Newlin was on hand and although she did not attend school there the avid history fan donated \$500 toward the cost of moving the building. Mrs. Rosella Brookens, vice president of the Historical Society, was one of the welcoming committee and also a former student. Other spectators were Florence Miller and Mrs. Miriam Wilhour.

Mrs. Brookens reminisced about her school days at Buckeye. She and her sister were the only two girls in her class and they took a staggering amount of teasing from the ten or so boys enrolled in the school.

She remembered the outhouse, located in the oposite corner from the boy's private building, as being a three-seater with big black and yellow spiders 'about the size of a quarter' spinning webs in the corner. She remembered the cloak room and vestibule which have been removed from the school's front. She remembered the black boards where she did her lessons; and, incredible as it sounds, all of the blackboards are still in tact and still on the walls.

Historical Society records show that the Buckeye School was erected in the summer of 1856. Henry Mull was the first teacher teaching five years at the school. The next records available show that Lucy Seaton was the teacher in 1862 while one of America's bloodiest wars raged only a few hundred miles to the south. There were 21 boys and 28 girls in the school term that went from November until March (school did not start until after the crops were harvested); but by spring the attendance had dropped to 9 boys and 23 girls so the spring planting could be accomplished.

Restoration will begin on the building sometime in the near future and it is hoped by next summer that the school will be available for public tours.

TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH. RANGE 3 WEST.—[CONTINUED.]

NAME.	P. OFFICE.	RESID.	OCCUPATION.	NATIVITY.
Richardson, Wm.	Sharpsburg	Sec. 33	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Christian Co. Ill 44
Caroline Whitmer	Dec'd Jan.	8, '73	Wife of W. Richardson	Licking Co. O. 61
Richardson, Isaac	Sharpsburg	Sec. 33	Father of "	Kentucky 47
Richardson, Louisa	Edinburg	Sec. 33	Mother of "	Christian Co. Ky 41
Stokes, Iverson	"	3 F'mr,	Stk R'r & Carper	Todd Co. Ky. 29
Louisa Ashley	"	3	Wife of J. Stokes	Sangamon Co Ill 43
Williams, Geo.	"	Sec. 32	Farmer & Stock Raiser	Franklin Co. O. 51
Mary Humphrys	"	"	Wife of G. Williams	Fleming Co. Ky 51
Wilkinson, Geo. C.	"	Edl'rg	Liv'ymn & D'r Ag. Imp	Christian Co. Ill 41
Lizzie Vandever	"	"	Wife of G. Wilkinson	" 55

LOCUST-TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH. RANGE 1 WEST.

NAME.	P. OFFICE.	RESID.	OCCUPATION.	NATIVITY.
Bickerdike, Wm.	Millersville	Sec. 25	Farmer and Stock Raiser	England 70
Mary Dusenbury	"	25	Wife of W. Bickerdike	Ohio 70
Ballard, T. R.	"	Mill'ry	Grain and Hay Dealer	" 73
Elizabeth Depew	"	"	Wife of T. R. Ballard	" 73
Bates, Z. F.	Owaneco	Sec. 30	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Illinois 67
Joanna S. Murray	"	30	Wife of Z. F. Bates	Ohio 56
Cassius, J. S. C.	"	Owaneco	Phys'n, Surge'n, Druggist & Supervisor	" 78
Ella Lord	"	"	Wife of Dr. Cassius	Illinois 79
Fox, J. T.	"	Sec. 21	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Virginia 62
Angeline Fuffman	"	21	Wife of J. T. Fox	Ohio 62
Hunter, J. C.	"	Owaneco	Dry G'ds, Groc's & P. M.	" 74
Agnes M. Robinson	"	"	Wife of J. C. Hunter	" 74
Hunter, John W.	"	Sec. 33	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Illinois 55
Martha J. Vermillion	"	33	Wife of J. W. Hunter	Ohio 55
Johnson, Benjamin E.	"	15	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ohio 59
Margaret E. Moore	"	15	Wife of B. E. Johnson	Indiana 59
Lawton, James	"	4	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ohio 66
Maria Arrand	"	4	Wife of A. E. Lawton	Canada 53
Lawton, A. E.	Taylorville	4	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ohio 68
Fannie E. Painter	"	4	Wife of A. E. Lawton	Illinois 53
Lawton, Samuel C.	"	4	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Canada 53
Irena A. Pullen	"	4	Wife of S. C. Lawton	Pennsylvania 41
Larve, Richard	Millersville	31	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ireland 56
Margaret McGinnis	Dec'd Feb.	9, 1876	Late wife of R. Larve	Pennsylvania 56
Martha A. Shankland	Millersville	Sec. 31	Present wife of R. Larve	" 56
Larve, George G.	"	32	F'mr, Stock & Bee Raiser	Ohio 78
Mary A. O. Cleary	"	32	Wife of G. G. Larve	Ireland 56
Montgomery, Alex.	Owaneco	"	Saddle & Harness Maker	Scotland 66
Marion Carswell	"	"	Wife of A. Montgomery	" 73
McShea, Royal	"	"	Phys'n, Surg'n & Grocer	Canada 68
Mary A. McLeod	"	"	Wife of Dr. McShea	" 68
Okey, Mervin G.	Millersville	"	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ohio 67
Elizabeth J. McVicker	"	"	Wife of M. G. Okey	" 67
Shepherd, E. R.	Assump't'n	Sec. 1	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Virginia 61
Sarah P. Ring	"	1	Wife of E. R. Shepherd	Illinois 64
Stevens, A. J.	"	2	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Illinois 65
Philomen Prince	"	2	Wife of A. J. Stevens	Christian Co. Ill 58
Suttle, Jonas	Taylorville	7	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Virginia 52
Jane Lemmon	Dec'd Oct.	1871	First wife of J. Suttle	England 53
Maria E. Jones	Taylorville	Sec. 7	Present "	Virginia 71
Ward, John	Owaneco	23	F'mr, Blacksmith & Miller	Ohio 65
Mary J. Griffith	"	23	Wife of J. Ward	" 65

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ROSEMOND-TOWNSHIP 11 N. RANGE 1 W.—[CONTINUED.]

NAME.	P. OFFICE.	RESID.	OCCUPATION.	NATIVITY.
Leach, Martin B.	Pana	25	Farmer	North Carolina 68
Maggie Bradley	"	25	Wife of M. B. Leach	Christian Co. Ill 57
Lakin, T. N.	Owaneco	5	Farmer and Teacher	Tuscarawas Co., Ohio 54
Rebecca Hunter	"	5	Wife of T. N. Lakin	" 53
Law, Thomas	Rosemond	7	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Tyrene Co., Ireland 65
Catharine Harbor	"	7	Wife of T. Law	Patrick Co., Vir 65
Little, Robert	"	36	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Missouri Co., N. H. 64
Charlotte Pike	"	36	Wife of R. Little	Grafton Co., N. H. 64
McElroy, Joseph W.	"	18	Farmer and Supervisor	Harrison Co., O. 62
McElroy, Emma	"	18	Wife of J. W. McElroy	Preble Co., O. 62
McAfee, Robert J.	"	28	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Morgan Co., Ill. 55
Anna E. Large	"	28	Wife of R. J. McAfee	Noble Co., O. 56
Murry, J. H.	Owaneco	6	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Franklin Co., Pa 56
Ann Cath. Wolfkill	"	6	Wife of J. H. Murry	" 56
Pepper, Joshua	Rosemond	5	Farmer	Virginia 54
Catharine White	"	5	Wife of J. Pepper	Maryland 54
Russell, Rufus	"	24	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Massachusetts 56
Dolly S. Bissell	"	24	Wife of R. Russell	Connecticut 57
Roberts, James	"	Rosemond	Retired Capitalist	Harrison Co., O. 66
Elizabeth Atkinson	"	"	Wife of J. Roberts	Harrison Co., O. 66
Stipe, Charles	"	Sec. 25	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Grayson Co., W. Va 66
Nancy Jane Casey	Pana	25	Wife of C. Stipe	Garrett Co., Ky. 66
Tichenell, Elvira S.	Rosemond	25	Retired. Widow of	Braxton Co., W. Va 67
Tichenell, Moses	Dec'd May	23, '76	Moses Tichenell.	Preston Co., W. Va 67
Wilson, Abraham	Rosemond	Sec. 6	Farmer and Blacksmith	Harrison Co., O. 56
Jennie Mull	Dec'd M'ch	7, 1874	Late Wife of A. Wilson	" 64

GREENWOOD-TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH. RANGE 2 WEST.

NAME.	P. OFFICE.	RESID.	OCCUPATION.	NATIVITY.
Atkison, James	Pana	Sec. 12	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Harrison Co. O. 69
Atkison, Sarah A.	"	12	Wife of J. Atkison	" 77
Bushy, Madison	Nokomis	27	Farmer and Assessor	Nicholas Co Ky 57
Bushy, Amanda J.	"	27	Present wife of M. Bushy	Illinois 60
Jenimia Selby	Dec'd May	1848	Former wife "	Kentucky 51
Mary A. Craig	"	1851	Second wife "	Indiana 52
Catharine Rowland	"	1860	Third wife "	Kentucky 52
Bushy, Jas. R.	Nokomis	Sec. 34	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Christian Co Ill 51
Compton, Elisha	"	32	Farmer and J. P.	Coshocton Co. O 56
Compton, Mrs. A.	"	32	Wife of E. Compton	Bond Co. Ill. 61
Compton, A. K.	"	32	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Coshocton Co. O 56
Dickson, E. P.	"	32	Wife of A. K. Compton	England 73
Dickson, Armis	Taylorville	10	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Christian Co. Ill 49
Dickson, Sarah	"	10	Wife of E. P. Dickson	Virginia 72
Dickson, Henry C.	"	10	Mother of	Sangamon Co Ill 37
Estabrook, James W.	Dec'd Feb.	6, '72	Late husb. Sarah Dickson	St. Clair Co. Ill. 37
Estabrook, Susan E.	Morrison's	Sec. 18	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Madison Co. Ill. 66
Finley, James	"	18	Wife of J. W. Estabrook	" 66
Agnes A. Kirkpatrick	Nokomis	36	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Harrison Co. O. 56
Goodan Brothers	"	36	Wife of J. Finley	Perry Co. Pa. 71
Hamel, Thomas	Taylorville	10	F'mers, Stk R'rs & D'rs	Illinois 45
Hamel, Sarah E.	Nokomis	20	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Hamilton Co. O 54
Johnson, Wm.	"	20	Wife of T. Hamel	Virginia 59
Johnson, Mary M.	Rosemond	11	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New Jersey 63
Johnson, John	"	11	Wife of W. Johnson	Carroll Co. Ohio 63
Johnson, George	"	24	Farmer	Germany 73
Johnson, Mary	"	24	Farmer	" 73
Klinefelter, Cornel's B.	Taylorville	3	Mother of John & George	" 73
Agnes P. Miller	"	3	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Pennsylvania 51
Luzader, Mathew	"	3	Wife of C. B. Klinefelter	Coshocton Co O. 52
Luzader, Annie	Nokomis	23	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Taylor Co W Va 70
Luzader, E. S.	Dec'd husb	of	Matt. Luzader—died	Jan. 17, 1877 70

ROSEMOND-TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH. RANGE 1 WEST.

NAME.	P. OFFICE.	RESID.	OCCUPATION.	NATIVITY.
Brown, John M.	Rosemond	Sec. 23	Farmer	Kentucky 65
Brown, M. A.	"	"	Wife of John M. Brown	" 65

NAME.	P. OFFICE.	RESID.	OCCUPATION.	NATIVITY.
{ Leach, Martin B.	Pana	25 Farmer	Farmer	North Carolina 68
{ Maggie Bradley	"	5 Farmer and Teacher	"	Christian Co. Ill 57
{ Lakin, T. N.	Owaneco	5 Wife of T. N. Lakin	"	Tuscarawas Co., Ohio 54
{ Rebecca Hunter	"	7 Farmer and Stock Raiser	"	" " " 53
{ Law, Thomas	Rosemond	7 Wife of T. Law	"	Tyros Co., Ireland 65
{ Catharine Harbar	"	36 Farmer and Stock Raiser	"	Patrick Co., Vir 65
{ Little, Robert	"	36 Wife of R. Little	"	Ballastown Co., N. H. 64
{ Charlotte Pike	"	18 Farmer and Supervisor	"	Grafton Co., N. H. 64
{ McElroy, Joseph W.	"	18 Wife of J. W. McElroy	"	Harrison Co., O 62
{ McElroy, Emma	"	28 Farmer and Stock Raiser	"	Preble Co., O 62
{ McAfee, Robert J.	"	28 Wife of R. J. McAfee	"	Morgan Co., Ill. 59
{ Anna E. Large	Owaneco	6 Farmer and Stock Raiser	"	Noble Co., O 56
{ Mury, J. H.	"	6 Wife of J. H. Mury	"	Franklin Co., Pa 56
{ Ann Cath. Wolfkill	"	5 Farmer	"	" " " 56
{ Pepper, Joshua	Rosemond	5 Wife of J. Pepper	"	Virginia 54
{ Catharine White	"	24 Farmer and Stock Raiser	"	Maryland 54
{ Russell, Rufus	"	24 Wife of R. Russell	"	Massachusetts 56
{ Dolly S. Bissell	"	Retired Capitalist	"	Connecticut 57
{ Roberts, James	"	Wife of J. Roberts	"	Harrison Co., O 66
{ Elizabeth Atkinson	"	Sec. 25 Farmer and Stock Raiser	"	Jefferson Co., O 66
{ Sipe, Charles	Pana	25 Wife of C. Sipe	"	Grayson Co., W. Va 66
{ Nancy Jane Casey	Rosemond	25 Retired. Widow of	"	Garrett Co., Ky. 66
{ Titchenell, Elvira S.	Dec'd May 23, '76	Moses Titchenell.	"	Buxton Co., W. Va 67
{ Titchenell, Moses	Rosemond	6 Farmer and Blacksmith	"	Preston Co., W. Va 67
{ Wilson, Abraham	Dec'd M'ch 7, 1874	Late Wife of A. Wilson	"	Harrison Co., O 56
{ Jennie Mull	"	"	"	" " " 64

GREENWOOD-TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH. RANGE 2 WEST.

{ Alkison, James	Pana	Sec. 12 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Harrison Co. O. 69
{ Alkison, Sarah A.	"	12 Wife of J. Alkison	" " " 77
{ Busby, Madison	Nokomis	27 Farmer and Assessor	Nicholas Co Ky 57
{ Busby, Amanda J.	"	Present wife of M. Busby	Illinois 60
{ Jemima Selby	Dec'd May	1848 Former wife	Kentucky 51
{ Mary A. Craig	"	1851 Second wife	Indiana 51
{ Catharine Rowland	"	1860 Third wife	Kentucky 52
{ Bushy, Jas. R.	Nokomis	Sec. 34 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Christian Co Ill 51
{ Compton, Elisha	"	32 Farmer and J. P.	Coshocton Co. O 56
{ Compton, Mrs. A.	"	32 Wife of E. Compton	Bond Co. Ill. 61
{ Compton, A. K.	"	32 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Coshocton Co. O 56
{ Compton, Theresa	"	32 Wife of A. K. Compton	England 73
{ Dickson, E. P.	Taylorville	10 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Christian Co. Ill 49
{ Dickson, Armiss	"	10 Wife of E. P. Dickson	Virginia 72
{ Dickson, Sarah	"	10 Mother of	Sangamon Co Ill 37
{ Dickson, Henry C.	Dec'd Feb. 6,	Late husb. Sarah Dickson	St. Clair Co. Ill. 37
{ Estabrook, James W.	Morrison's Sec.	18 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Madison Co. Ill. 66
{ Estabrook, Susan E.	"	18 Wife of J. W. Estabrook	" " " 66
{ Finley, James	Nokomis	36 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Harrison Co. O. 56
{ Agnes A Kirkpatrick	"	36 Wife of J. Finley	Perry Co. Pa. 71
{ Goodan Brothers	Taylorville	10 Farmers, S'k R's & D'rs	Illinois 45
{ Hamell, Thomas	Nokomis	20 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Hamilton Co. O 54
{ Hamell, Sarah E.	"	20 Wife of T. Hamell	Virginia 59
{ Johnson, Wm.	Rosemond	11 Farmer and Stock Raiser	New Jersey 63
{ Johnson, Mary M.	"	11 Wife of W. Johnson	Carroll Co. Ohio 63
{ Johnson, John	Nokomis	24 Farmer	Germany 73
{ Johnson, George	"	24 Farmer	" " " 73
{ Johnson, Mary	"	Mother of John & George	" " " 73
{ Klinefelter, Cornel's B.	Taylorville	5 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Pennsylvania 51
{ Agnes P. Miller	"	5 Wife of C. B. Klinefelter	Coshocton Co O. 52
{ Luzader, Mathew	Nokomis	23 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Taylor Co W Va 70
{ Luzader, Annie	"	23 Mother of Matt. Luzader	" " " 70
{ Luzader, E. S.	Dec'd husb	of Annie Luzader—died	Jan. 17, 1877 70
{ Miller, John W.	Pana	15 Farmer and Supervisor	Tuscarawas Co O 52
{ Miller, Julia A.	Sec. 15	Wife of J. W. Miller	Marion Co. O. 50
{ Miller, Charles	Palmer	7 F'mr & B'dr Short Horns	Germany 65
{ Mary Greenwood	"	7 Wife of C. Miller	Pennsylvania 66
{ Pittenger, John	Rosemond	1 Farmer & Stock Raiser	Harrison Co. O. 64
{ Pittenger, Julia Ann	"	1 Wife of J. Pittenger	" " " 64

LOCUST-TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH. RANGE 1 WEST.

{ Bickerdike, Wm.	Millersville	Sec. 25 Farmer and Stock Raiser	England
{ Mary Dusenbury	"	25 Wife of W. Bickerdike	Ohio
{ Ballard, T. R.	"	Millville Grain and Hay Dealer	"
{ Elizabeth Depew	"	Wife of T. R. Ballard	"
{ Bates, Z. F.	Owaneco	Sec. 30 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Illinois
{ Joanna S. Murray	"	30 Wife of Z. F. Bates	Ohio
{ Ella Lond	"	Wife of Dr. Cussins	"
{ Fox, J. T.	"	Wife of Dr. Cussins	Illinois
{ Angelina Fuffman	"	21 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Virginia
{ Hunter, J. C.	"	21 Wife of J. T. Fox	Ohio
{ Agnes M. Robinson	"	Dry G'ds, Groc's & P. M.	"
{ Hunter, John W.	"	Wife of J. C. Hunter	"
{ Martha J. Vermillion	"	33 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Illinois
{ Johnson, Benjamin E.	"	33 Wife of J. W. Hunter	Ohio
{ Margaret E. Moore	"	15 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ohio
{ Lawton, James	"	15 Wife of B. E. Johnson	Indiana
{ Maria Arrand	"	4 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ohio
{ Lawton, A. E.	"	4 Wife of A. E. Lawton	Canada
{ Fannie E. Painter	"	4 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ohio
{ Irena A. Pullen	"	4 Wife of A. E. Lawton	Illinois
{ Large, Richard	Millersville	4 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Canada
{ Margaret McGinnis	"	4 Wife of S. C. Lawton	Pennsylvania.
{ Martha A. Shankland	Dec'd Feb. 9, 1876	Late wife of R. Large	Ireland
{ Large, George G.	Millersville	31 Present wife of R. Large	Pennsylvania
{ Montgomery, Alex.	"	32 F'mr, Stock & Bee Raiser	Ohio
{ Marion Carswell	Owaneco	32 Wife of G. G. Large	Ireland
{ McShea, Royal	"	Saddle & Harness Maker	Scotland
{ Mary A. McLeod	"	Wife of A. Montgomery	"
{ Okey, Mervin G.	"	Phys'n, Surg'n & Grocer	Canada
{ Elizabeth J. McVicker	Millersville	Wife of Dr. McShea	Ohio
{ Sarah P. Ring	Assumpt'n Sec.	1 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ohio
{ Stevens, A. J.	"	1 Wife of E. R. Shepherd	Virginia
{ Philomen Prince	"	2 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Illinois
{ Suttle, Jonas	"	2 Wife of A. J. Stevens	Christian Co. Ill
{ Jane Leunmon	Taylorville	7 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Virginia
{ Maria E. Jones	Dec'd Oct.	1871 First wife of J. Suttle	England
{ Ward, John	Taylorville	7 Present "	Virginia
{ Mary J. Griffith	Owaneco	23 F'mr, Blacksth & Miller	Ohio
"	"	23 Wife of J. Ward	"

ROSEMOND-TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH. RANGE 1 WEST.

{ Brown, John M.	Rosemond	Sec. 23 Farmer	Kentucky 65
{ Brown, M. A.	"	Wife of John M. Brown	" " " 65
{ Barterfield, John S.	"	6 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Carroll Co., O. 73
{ Maria Tope	"	6 Wife of J. S. B.	" " " 73
{ Bolles, F. B.	"	14 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Christian Co., Ill 59
{ Phoebe Swift	"	14 Farmer and Stock Raiser	Massachusetts 58
{ Chase, William A.	"	13 Wife of E. Bolles	" " " 58