

A Stroll Thru Time

1867-1992

Iuka, Illinois

125 Years

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Thank You

Time marches on and the early trials of our forefathers will someday be forgotten, except for the gleaning of news by people who strive to record a bit of history for future generations.

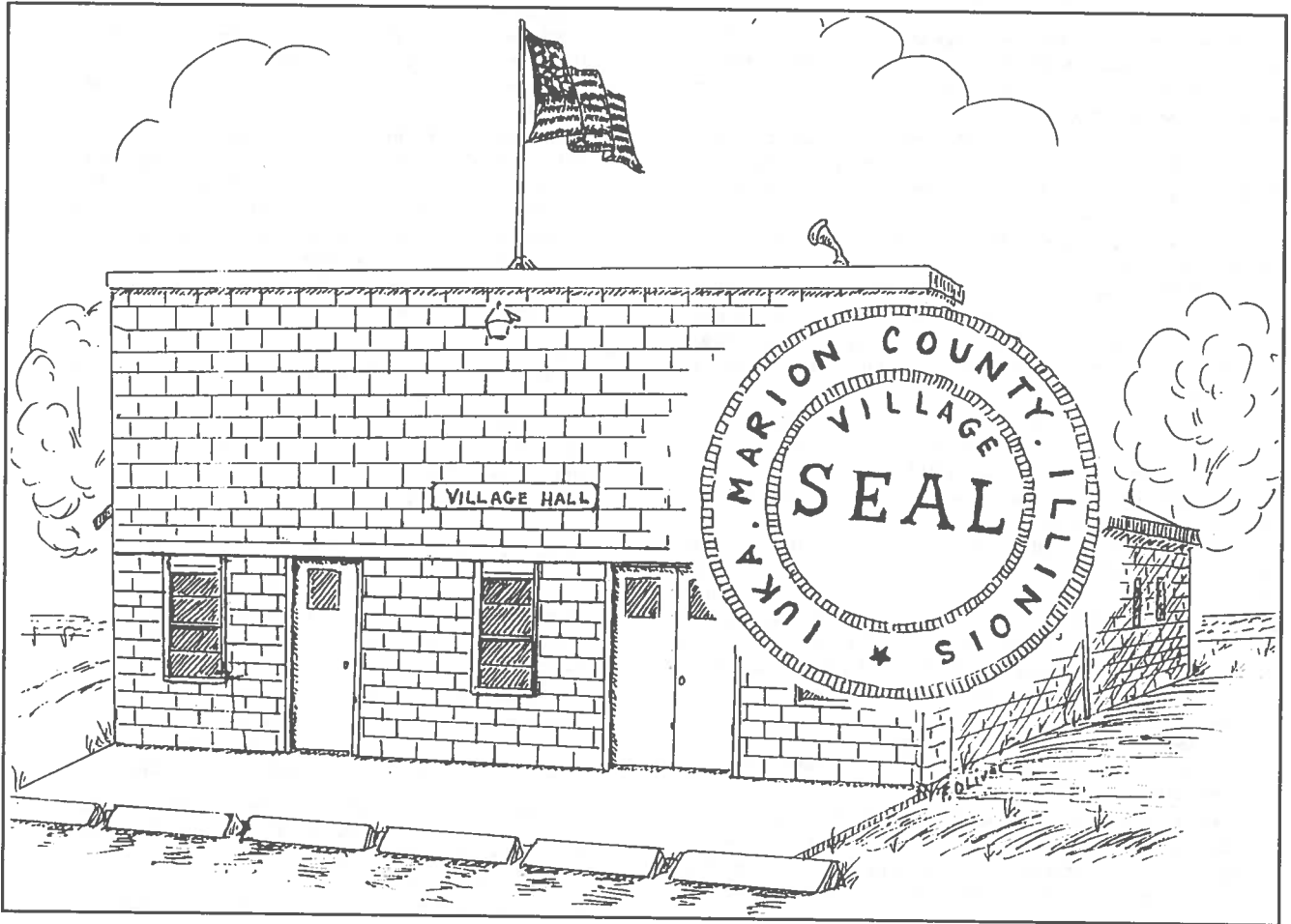
This book is dedicated to the children of today who will be the citizens of tomorrow. We hope they treasure it and will continue to make Juka a better place to live and work. It will be whatever you make it become. May reading of the past enhance your life for the future.

The committee thanks everyone who donated articles, pictures and information. A special thanks to Frances Oliver for letting us use her sketches. A big thank you for those who bought ads. Without you this book could not have been published.

We respectfully request your understanding for any omissions or errors in the information printed in this book.

Committee Members:

Wanda Fatheree, Chairman; Letha Rose and Frances Hall.



VILLAGE of IUKA BOARD MEMBERS 1992 Front: Janie Grimes, Clerk; Margie Mulvaney, Treasurer; Rosalie Henson, Trustee; Barney Mulvaney, Trustee; Kenny Helm, Mayor; Roger Hooten, Trustee; Velmer Albert, Trustee and James Holsapple, Trustee. Back: Bill Galaspy, Water Supt.; Estel Hickey, Maintenance; Jeff Ramsier, Sewer Supt. and Francis Maier, Trustee.

ABSTRACT.

The land upon which the Village of Iuka is now located was first granted to John B. Middleton from the United States, by Patent, March 1, 1851; filed for record November 17, 1852; recorded in book 49, page 3.

January 10, 1853, John B. Middleton and wife deeded to Daniel J. Middleton the 40 acres lying in section 17, it being the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, as recorded in book H, page 187; filed January 17, 1854.

July 14, 1853, Daniel J. Middleton and wife deeded the undivided half interest in this 40 acres to John Brown, trustee, etc., filed March 14, 1854.

March 26, 1856, John B. Middleton deeded to Alfred Middleton the 40 acres lying in section 18, it being the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter as recorded in book L, page 172; filed March 26, 1856.

July 14, 1853, Alfred Middleton and wife deeded the undivided half interest in this 40 acres to John Brown, trustee, etc., as recorded in book H, page 314; filed ———

The title now to the land was vested in Daniel J. Middleton, Alfred Middleton and John Brown, Trustee of Sanger, Camp and Company, and on the 14th day of May, 1856, the Original Town of Middleton was laid off and platted. The Middletons deeded the half interest in the 80 acres of land to Sanger, Camp and Company for the purpose of securing the town and depot. And on the 9th day of February, 1867, by a special act of the Legislature of the State of Illinois, the town was incorporated and the name changed from Middleton to that of Iuka.

In 1880, by a vote of the inhabitants, the Special Charter was surrendered and the Village of Iuka incorporated under the General Law.

All the land known as North and South Front Streets, was, on the 13th day of April, 1866, deeded by the Middletons and Sanger, Camp and Company to the citizens of the Town of Middleton for street purposes and for no other purpose; abstract and deed to these streets are on file.

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT OF IUKA
FROM 1875 TO 1904 INCLUSIVE.

- 1875—President, Jerry Williams; Trustees, P. E. Cutler, J. W. Humphreys, H. W. Krodell, T. C. Muzzy; Clerk, Geo. E. Daniels; Treasurer, T. L. Irwin; Street Commissioner, Thos. Rogers; Police Magistrate, W. R. Lynch.
- 1876—President, Jerry Williams; Trustees, H. W. Krodell, Geo. E. Daniels, P. E. Cutler, J. H. Deaver; Clerk, A. H. Hatmaker; Street Commissioner, J. W. Fyke.
- 1877—President, Jerry Williams; Trustees, Thos. Kell, D. W. Holstlaw, J. J. Bell, Wm. Jones; Clerk, I. L. Rogers; Treasurer, A. H. Hatmaker; Street Commissioner, Chas. Faudree; Sexton, Wm. Jones (Faudree resigned as Com. and P. S. Parrill appointed. I. D. Lear elected to fill vacancy of W. R. Lynch, P. M.
- 1878—President, J. W. Fyke; Trustees, W. A. Moody, Rob't Church, I. L. Rogers, Dow Russell; Clerk, W. A. Middleton; Treasurer, D. W. Holstlaw; Street Commissioner, John Eddings. (Eddings removed by Board as Com., T. C. Muzzy appointed.)
- 1879—President, Jerry Williams; Trustees, C. P. Collins, Mat. Hinderer, A. H. Hatmaker, Wm. Ragan, (Ragan moved out, and S. C. Swalley appointed); Clerk, G. E. Daniels; Treasurer, W. A. Middleton; Street Commissioner, T. C. Muzzy; Sexton, B. F. Holliday.
- President Williams died and A. H. Hatmaker appointed to fill vacancy. Board passed the following resolution

upon the death of its President. As a tribute of respect to the memory of Jeremiah Williams, late President of the Board of Trustees, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, In the death of the late Jeremiah Williams, the Board of Trustees lost an efficient and energetic officer, and the town a highly respected and substantial citizen.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the town of Iuka, with deep feelings of regret, fully recognize the irreparable loss of its aged and much esteemed President, Jeremiah Williams, whose advice and wise counsel this Board will ever cherish with respect and veneration; and respectfully extend to the bereft family the deep sympathy and kind regards of this Board as a tribute to and a condolence for the honored dead.

- 1880—President, Samuel Crundwell; Trustees, W. J. Fyke, Thos. Keel, J. H. Holstlaw, Wm. Jones; Clerk, J. E. Moody, (Moody resigned and W. D. Denton appointed); Treasurer, B. F. Middleton; Street Commissioner, J. H. Stevens; P. M., C. M. Jones; Constable, Thos. Eddings; Sexton, Wm. Jones.
- 1881—President, J. W. Fyke; Trustees, J. H. Holstlaw, Thos. Keel, Rob't Church, J. S. Jones; Clerk, P. S. Parrill; Street Commissioner, M. M. Smith; Sexton, Thos. Keel.
- 1882—President, J. W. Humphreys; Trustees, W. H. Riley, Wm. Jones, F. N. Songer, Jas. H. Deaver; Clerk, J. K. Fyke; Street Commissioner, J. W. Fyke; P. M., C. M. Jones; Sexton, F. N. Songer.
- 1883—President, Geo. E. Daniels, Trustees, Jas. B. Collins, Mat. Hinderer, J. F. Weber, Thos. Eddings, J. W. Conley; Clerk, J. O. Piper; Treasurer, S. C. Swalley; Street Commissioner, Thos. Eddings; Sexton, J. W. Conley.
- 1884—President, Geo. E. Daniels; Trustees, Mat. Hinderer, Jas. H. Deaver, J. B. Collins, S. W. Ayers, J. W. Conley; Clerk, J. O. Piper; Treasurer, D. W. Holstlaw, (resigned and Wm Gray appointed, Gray resigned and W. C. Hinderer appointed as Treasurer); Street Commissioner, J. S. Jones; Sexton, W. W. Jones.
- 1885—President, John A. Phillips; Trustees, G. E. Daniels, Mat. Hinderer, C. A. Neff, S. W. Ayers, J. H. Deaver; Clerk, J. W. Harrison; Treasurer, W. C. Hinderer; Street Commissioner, Ernest M. Phillips; Sexton, J. O. Piper.
- 1886—President, G. E. Daniels, Trustees, Henry Knemyre, John A. Phillips, Chas. Featherly, Marion Russell, Jno. P. Russell; Clerk, J. O. Piper; Treasurer, Daniel Quinn; P. M., Wm. Jones; Street Commissioner, L. C. Russell; Sexton, S. W. Ayres.
- 1887—President, Wm. Gray; Trustees, B. N. Beaver, J. K. Fyke, Henry Knemyre, Chas. Featherly, Marion Russell; Clerk, J. F. Eddings; Treasurer, Daniel Quinn; Street Commissioner, Ernest Phillips; Sexton, Ernest Phillips.
- 1888—President, J. A. Irwin; Trustees, E. N. Beaver, Thos. J. Fulton, M. Hinderer, Wm. Gray, J. K. Fyke; Clerk, Chas. W. Humble; Humble failed to qualify as clerk and the office of trustee Fyke was declared vacant by removal. Special election held and John F. Golden elected trustee and Jas. A. Felkner elected Clerk. Felkner resigned and J. O. Piper was appointed to fill the vacancy. Treasurer, Daniel Quinn; Street Com'r., J. S. Jones.
- 1889—President, Wm. Gray; Trustees, J. M. Kirkpatrick, W. P. Hill, G. E. Daniels, Thos. J. Fulton, Mat Hinderer, J. F. Golden; Clerk, David Price. The offices of President and Clerk became vacant by removal from the vil-

- lage. Special election held and Sam Crundwell elected President and G. W. Parrill as Clerk; Treasurer, Daniel Quinn; Street Com'r. John Heflin; Sexton, Wm. Nix.
- 1890—President, Sam'l Crundwell; Trustees, B. N. Beaver, J. A. Irwin, G. E. Daniels, W. P. Hill, J. M. Kirkpatrick, B. F. Middleton; Clerk, J. F. Eddings; Treasurer, W. C. Irwin; Street Commissioner and Sexton, W. J. Fyke.
- 1891—President, John R. Harris; Trustees, W. T. Nix, J. M. Kirkpatrick, J. K. Fyke, B. N. Beaver, J. A. Irwin, B. F. Middleton; Clerk, John F. Eddings; Treasurer, W. C. Irwin; Street Commissioner and Sexton, J. S. Jones.
- 1892—President, Geo. W. Siple; Trustees, Robert Bauman, Wm. J. Gain, W. T. Nix, J. K. Fyke, J. M. Kirkpatrick, E. M. Phillips; Clerk, M. T. Huddle; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Constable, Street Com. and Sexton, A. A. Woolf.
- 1893—President, S. A. Phillips; Trustees, W. T. Nix, Wm. Carnes, F. M. Aldridge, Thos. Faudree, Wm. Stewart, Rob't Bauman; Clerk, M. T. Huddle; Treasurer, S. C. Swalley; Street Commissioner and Sexton, J. T. Eddings; (Carnes and Stewart moved away). Special election held and John Heflin and E. M. Phillips elected.
- 1894—President, B. N. Beaver; Trustees, Wm. Nix, B. F. Middleton, J. F. Golden, Marion Aldridge, Jno. Heflin, Thos. Faudree; Clerk, T. J. Fulton; Treasurer, J. B. Russell; Street Commissioner, W. T. Nix; Sexton, W. T. Nix.
- 1895—President, W. J. Gain; Trustees, J. H. Deaver, W. C. Irwin, C. A. Neff, W. J. Fyke, J. F. Golden, Wm. Nix; Clerk, P. W. Piper; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Commissioner, L. L. Jones.
- 1896—President, Martin Beaver; Trustees, W. C. Hinderer, Wm. Nix, Chas. Dabney, W. P. Hill, C. A. Neff, W. J. Fyke; Clerk, Chas. Price; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Com. Thos. Eddings; Sexton, Wm. Nix.
- 1897—President, M. T. Huddle; Trustees, Thos. Keel, W. H. Widdows, Thos. Faudree, W. P. Hill, Wm. Nix, Chas. Dabney; Clerk, Herschel Holstlaw; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Com., Wm. Gosney; Constable, Robert Faudree.
- 1898—President, J. K. Fyke; Trustees, Thos. Faudree, J. F. Golden, Thos. Kell, Wm. Widdows, Wm. Watson, Wm. Nix; Clerk, Chas. Dabney; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Com. Wm. Gosney; P. M., J. A. Hindman.
- 1899—President, W. C. Hinderer; Trustees, Thos. Faudree, Wm. Widdows, Martin Beaver, J. F. Golden, Wm. Nix, Wm. Watson; Clerk, Chas. Dabney; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Commissioner, Geo. Kennedy.
- 1900—President, Herschel Holstlaw; Trustees, J. K. Fyke, M. T. Huddle, Wm. Widdows, Martin Beaver, Thos. Faudree, Chas. Dabney; Clerk, Wm. Mulyauey; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Commissioner, Geo. Kennedy.
- 1901—President, F. N. Souger; Trustees, Wm. Nix, L. L. Jones, Thos. Faudree, J. K. Fyke, M. T. Huddle, Chas. Dabney; Clerk, R. L. Faudree; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Com'r. Wm. Gray; Constable, M. E. Phillips.
- 1902—President, A. E. Kelly; Trustees, Thos. Faudree, John Borsenberger, L. L. Jones, Wm. Nix, S. A. Phillips, John Winbush; Clerk, J. F. Eddings; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Com'r Wm. Gray; P. M., Jacob W. Fyke (died in 1904) Constable, M. E. Phillips.
- 1903—President, W. L. Finn; Trustees, J. P. Russell, S. A. Phillips, John Borsenberger, Wm. Bauman, John Winbush, Herbert H. Pruden; Clerk, Noble S. Songer; Treasurer, B. N. Beaver; Street Commissioner, J. S. Jones; (Russell, Phillips and Bauman resigned). Special election held and J. P. Russell, Mat Hinderer and J. A. Hindman elected to fill vacancy.
- 1904—President, W. L. Finn; Trustees, J. P. Russell, Herbert H. Pruden, J. A. Hindman, Wm. R. McCartan, Charles Dabney, James Eddings; Clerk, Thos. J. Fulton; Treas., Henry A. Hinderer; Street Commissioner, J. S. Jones; Police Magistrate, J. A. Hindman (elected to fill vacancy caused by the death of Jacob W. Fyke). J. A. Hindman resigned as Trustee to take up the duties of Magistrate, which leaves a vacancy in the Board of Trustees.

Law and Order of the League of the Citizens of Iuka and Vicinity July, 1903.

The object of this league was the mutual protection of lives, homes and property of Iuka and vicinity. The detection, capture, and legal conviction of all violators of the laws of Iuka and vicinity of the State of Illinois.

Member requirements were, honesty, sobriety and a resident of Iuka or vicinity and must be 21 years of age.

Application for membership shall be made by writing directly to the Secretary of the League. It will be read in open meeting and voted on by ballot. If no more than two object, they shall be accepted.

Any member revealing any of the secret methods of work of the League, in pursuing or investigations of cases so as to delay prosecution shall be expelled.

If any member enters any meeting of the League in a state of intoxication he shall be reprimanded by the President in open meeting. For the second offense he shall be expelled.

President: J.W. Fyke
Vice Pres.: L.L. Jones
Sec.: C.A. Neff
Treas.: T.W. Kenady

Committee on By-Laws:

G.F. Kerr
G.E. Groves
J.K. Fyke

Members of the League:

H.C. Huddle, J.J. Kenady, G.E. Groves, H.D. Holstlaw, M.T. Huddle, J.K. Fyke, T.F. Kerr, A.A. Spitzer, W.J. Fyke and Mrs. L.L. Jones join in working for the betterment of the area. The group holds regular meetings on the second Monday night of each month.

League Formed

An Anti-Horse Thief Association was organized the fall of 1862. Its object was the protection of the horses of members only. Not one member lost a horse after its organization. The penalty for horse stealing was hanging, if the thief was caught. Charter members were, Reuban Chance, James Huggins, Henry Purdue, Noah Brubaker, Jesse Eddings, D.L. Stevenson, I.D. Lear and Alfred Middleton.

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING.**

KNOW YE, That in pursuance of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to raise for a limited time, an additional military force, and for other purposes," approved February 11th, 1847, *George W. Middleton private in Captain Turner's Company, First Regiment Illinois Volunteers,* having deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE a WARRANT in *his* favor, numbered *56, 186.*

There is therefore granted by the United States unto *John B. Middleton, of the said George W. Middleton, and to his heirs, the West half of the North East quarter, the South West quarter, of the North East quarter of Section Eighteen, and the North West quarter, of the North East quarter, of Section Nineteen, in Township Two North of Range Four East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Maudalia, Illinois, containing One Hundred and Sixty Acres;*

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been located in satisfaction of the above mentioned Warrant, in pursuance of the act of Congress above mentioned, approved February 11th, 1847.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said *tracts* section of land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said *John B. Middleton, and to his* heirs and assigns forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, *Abraham Fillmore* PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Washington, the *First* day of *February*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty one* and of the Independence of the United States the seventy-*fifth*

BY THE PRESIDENT: *Abraham Fillmore*
By *Wm. M. Ginnick* Sec'y.
Recorder of the General Land Office.

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The Middletons'

William Middleton I, married Elizabeth Landman in So. Carolina.

Their children were: William II, Daniel, Matthew, Newton and Jane.

William Middleton II, married Sarah Jenkins Harris.

Their children were: Thomas L., Lydia, Joel Harrison, William Harrison, Elizabeth, John B., Martha, Jane, Sarah, James Alexander, Watson Josephus, Ruth Wade, Lucy A., and Dicy.

William II, moved from Virginia to North Carolina about the year 1800. In 1831 he came to Marion County, Illinois. He was a gunsmith by trade, and a preacher. Some of the family settled in Haines and Stevenson, township as well as Iuka. Thomas L. Middleton married Mary McNeely.

Their children were: James A., Sarah E., William Elgin,

Elizabeth Grace, Martha M., Benjamin Franklin, Lydia, and Thomas G.

After the death of his first wife, he married Mrs. Widdows. He was a practicing doctor, a member of the Methodist Church, and a preacher in that church. He built the first grist mill, and then a general store at the site of the mill. (This was on the Vincennes Road.) The church where he preached his first sermon was a log cabin which stood on the ground where the Iuka cemetery is now located.

John B. Middleton brother of Dr. Thomas L., was granted the land in sections 17, 18, 19. In turn he deeded sections 17 and 18 to his sons Alfred and Daniel. These are the sections that are now Iuka.

Iuka, 1867-1992

The first land sales in Marion County show, January 7, 1820 Joseph Piles - \$80 dollars. NE 1/4 9:2 N, 4 E. which is in relation to the present township of Iuka. Marion County was taken from the northern part of Jefferson County in January of 1823.

Frederickstown 1840-1843. A stagecoach stop on the St. Louis Vincennes Trail. The town was laid off by Elisha Wadlow, James Fisher built the first house. John Lawson was the first postmaster in the first post office in Iuka Township. The town grew, F.D. Newell opened the first store. It was a rough and lawless place with almost a hundred residents.

The Ohio and Mississippi Railroad came through the township and Frederickstown began dissolving, many of the buildings were moved to Xenia and to Middletown and a small settlement named Stringtown, north of Middletown. The Woodlawn Church now stands in the boundary of the ghost town of long ago.

Site of the village of Iuka was part of the Northwest Territory of the Ordinance of 1787, part of the state of Virginia. In 1818 when Illinois was organized and admitted as a state, much of the land had to be sold or granted to individuals.

John B. Middleton was granted sections 17, 18 and 19 in Iuka Township in 1838. In 1853 John B. deeded section 17 to his son Daniel, and section 18 to son Alfred. These sections became east and west part of the village of Middleton. Later in the year the Songer Camp company surveyed the south part of these sections for the O & M Railroad. In 1856 they plotted lots for the village which was named Middleton and the post office was named New Middleton.

In 1867 the town was incorporated and name changed to Iuka. Mail to Middleton, Tennessee and Middleton, IL were being confused. When the soldiers returned from the war, many of them had fought in the battle of Iuka and Corinth, Miss. They asked that the name be changed to Iuka. This story was verified by the Iuka Postmaster, Ralph Holstlaw, April, 1955.

The name Iuka was a contraction of a longer name of Ish-ta-ki-yu-ka-tubbe. (ki-yu-ka). This name is listed as an endorser for the Treaty of Pontitock Creek, October 1832. Iuka, Mississippi is on the site of a Chickasaw village named for one of the lesser chiefs of the tribe, Tishomingo. The chief supposedly died while camping at the springs there and was buried at the site. The Iuka Guaranty Bank of Iuka, Miss. is reported to be built on the Indian's grave.

Patrick Connor, Leonard P. Pyles, Thomas L. Middleton and Mr. Jamison were among the first to settle in Iuka. Some others soon to follow and build the community into a thriving town were, Solomon Smith, Jesse Tinkler, Thomas Chapman, George McGuire, Daniel Holstlaw, Denning Baker, Rolling

A. Mattingly, Jesse Breeze, James Songer, John Litterall, Oran Daggett, John W. Eblin, Edward Young, Joshua Holliday and Cuthbert Cheeley.

Grocery and Dry Goods stores, blacksmith shops, saw mills, grist mills soon began operations and settlers began to stay instead of moving on west.

The first church, was the Cumberland Presbyterian, dedicated on October 20, 1864. The cost was \$1800.00 and the first pastor was Rev. Harrison Eagen.

The first school was kept in a log cabin in Stringtown, taught by Cinthia Cooper. This was as early as 1841. Subscription schools were operated by Mary Finch and Nina Lear.

The first Justice of the Peace was Solomon Smith, John Eddings was a notary public and Dr. Joseph Irwin was one of the first doctors.

Brick buildings began springing up and more businesses began serving the people. More churches were built. The M.E. Church was dedicated in October, 1877. J.W. Humphrey, J.W. Chapman, J.B. Eddings, J.W. Fyke, J.S. Jackson, Manual Beaver and H.C. Hams were the trustees.

In 1881, south of Iuka, Keokuk limestone was discovered. Some of the early names in business were, D.W. Holstlaw, James Deaver, George E. Daniels, S. Crundwell, W.A. Moody, Daniel Quinn, Matthew Hinderer, Mrs. Rae Neff, Martin Beaver and C.M. Jones.

The John D. Moody Lodge N.510 A.F. and A.M. was chartered in 1866. An Anti-Horse Thief Association was formed. The Iuka Lodge No. 694 of Odd Fellows was instituted June of 1881. Officers of the Grand Army of the Republic Post in 1885 were J.M. Russell, J.H. Jones, Will Gray, H.C. Harris, J. Fortney, F.M. Roan, J.F. Eddings and C.A. Neff.

Doctors and lawyers also came to settle and practice here in the growing town of Iuka. There were Dr. B.F. Middleton, Dr. Finn, Dr. Humble, Dr. Songer, Dr. Brooks, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Dyer and Dr. Hamilton. Lawyers, Captain J.J. Schoolfield and Captain J.S. Jackson.

In 1870 the Lutherans organized a congregation built a church and dedicated it in 1877. They were lead by Pastor Katthain.

In 1881, a resort well known for its medicinal water was very popular. John A. Phillips built a hotel and hundreds visited Tinkler Springs regularly. It was two and one half miles northwest of Iuka.

Baby Pearl was left by the side of the railroad tracks and was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Gains. Pearl married Wm. Beaver and they operated a grocery and feed store.

A newspaper came to town, The Messenger, it didn't last long and Mr. Daniels began publication of the Iuka Bee. B.F. Wnorowski, was editor.

Rose Lake became a well known resort. Iuka was flourishing with new businesses. It became known as the greatest shipping point in the country for railroad ties.

Mrs. Clara Stevenson Holstlaw, a W.C.T.U. crusader, organized a Missionary Baptist Church. Ed Howe and his oxen hauled the logs to build the church.

About this time Iuka had five general stores, two hat shops, three restaurants, a drug store, bakery, bank, lumber yard, butcher shop, a creamery, two implement stores, two hotels and four churches. This was about 1909.

In 1917, machinery was brought into town by Mr. Gains to clean red top seed.

In the twenties, a new electric plant provided light for the town.

About 1924 there were five new radios in town, proud owners were H.D. Holstlaw, A.E. Kelley, Hinderer's Store, George McGuire and Dr. Lou Finn.

The St. Louis Dairy established a milk route from Iuka to St. Louis.

In the early twenties, Iuka became more prosperous, Albert Hawn opened a new blacksmith shop. Mr. Perry and Bill Bauman were the mayors.

The Marion County Livestock Shipping Association was formed and was one of the largest shipping points around. Farmers from surrounding areas gathered to ship their stock to the Producers Livestock Commission Association. Cecil Clifton was manager. This faded into the past as the farm trucks began hauling stock to market in St. Louis.

Iuka formed a High School.

In the thirties, Iuka formed a new telephone company, the town lost Dr. Finn who had been with them for thirty-six years. He began his career in 1899. He represented the 42nd District for three terms. He died November 7, 1936.

In the forties, cars and trucks and tractors came into their own. The boys went to war and the country was issued ration books for gas, tires, shoes and sugar. Everyone threw themselves into the war effort.

Moving on into the fifties, Iuka formed a new fire district.

Many fund raising events took place. There were parades and contests and a homecoming celebration to help fund the department.

Jesse Cherry retires after thirty-nine years as dispatcher. The depot burns down, another one was built on the north side of the tracks.

The sixties were booming for Iuka. Crippens Elevator came to town, voters approved a new water system and city gas. The town embarked on a huge Centennial celebration. Linder's Bus Service started.

A new telephone system (Bell) went into effect, Jim Hill built a garage and Mulvaney's Variety Store opened.

L.R. Young of Salem opened the valve that brought gas into Iuka, and Mayor E.P. Wimberly turned on the valve for the first customer.

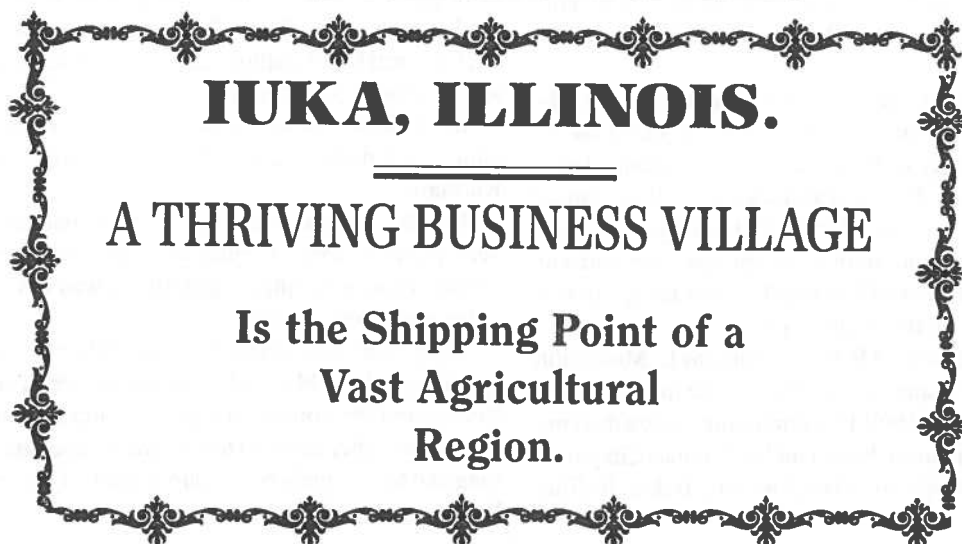
The Fire District is approved by the voters and the New Post Office is open.

The seventies continue to prosper. The Iuka Community Development Corporation was formed to raise money and bring a Doctor to serve the town. Rankin Funeral Home built a chapel. The I.C.D.C. purchased thirty-five acres northwest of town for development of a park. Helm Lake was purposed to acquire several acres of Iuka township and was not in favor with several people of the town.

More stores open up in the eighties, B and R Grocery, Buckeye Sales and Service, H & W Lumber Company, House of Plunder and This is It, were all welcome additions to town. Vernice "Boone" Silvey served as Mayor from 1969-1985. Helm Lake was defeated.

In the ninties, were Rons General Merchandise, Tates 76 Station, Hooters Meat Processing, and Davis Tire. The I.C.D.C. forms plans for the 125th Celebration. Linda Jett opens a new restaurant, and Rhonda Gordon has a new flower shop next to the B & R Grocery. Kenny Helm, mayor for the past six years, cut the ribbon for the kick-off celebration of 125 years.

Community Spirit is alive and well in Iuka, Illinois-1992.



MAYORS OF IUKA

1872	F.A. Boyer	1930	Wm. Beaver
1874	Louis Rogers	1932	D.E. Holstlaw
1889	William Gray	1934	C.H. Neff
1891	John Harris	1934	Brice Jones
1892	George Siple	1939	Dempsey Phillips
1893	S.A. Phillips	1939	D.R. Hall
1894	B.N. Beaver	1941	Edwin Eakin
1895	W.J. Gain	1945	Roy Hall
1896	Martin Beaver	1949	E.P. Wimberly
1897	M.T. Huddle	1949	Ernest Mulvaney
1898	J.K. Fyke	1957	Durley Dunlap
1899	W.C. Hinderer	1961	E.P. Wimberly
1900	Records	1968	E.P. Wimberly
1914	Missing	1969	Vernice "Boone" Silvey
1915	Abner Fadree	1985	Vernice "Boone" Silvey
1915	Abner Fadree	1986	Kenny Helm
1917	W.L. Finn	1992	Kenny Helm
1921	E.L. Perry		
1922	W.L. Bauman		
1925	W.L. Finn		



Kenny Helm 1986-1992

STROLL THRU IUKA'S FRONT STREET



Early 1900's

1920's



Labor Day 1940



Mid 1940's

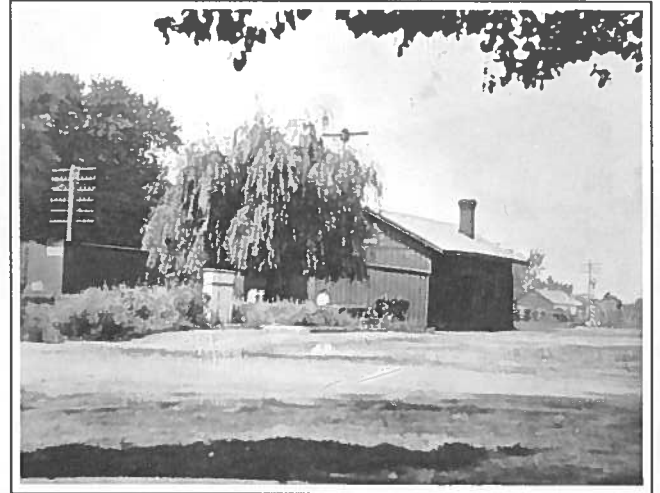
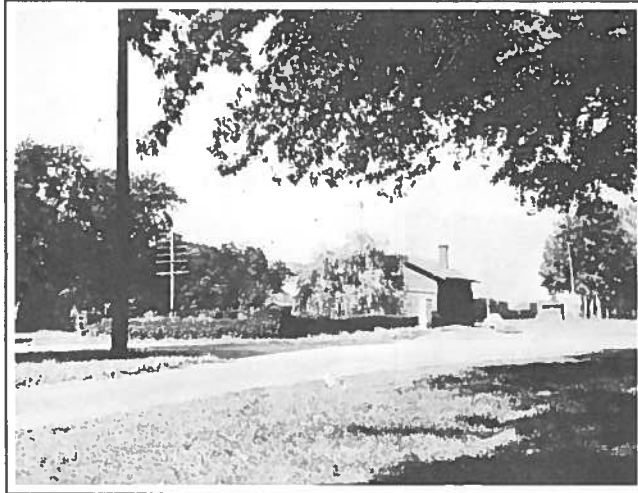


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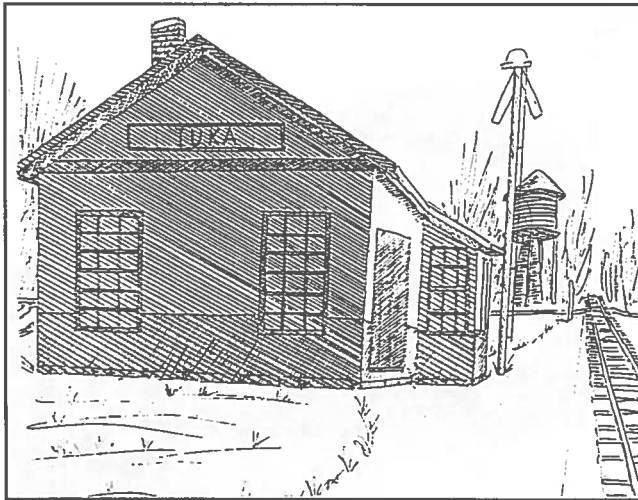


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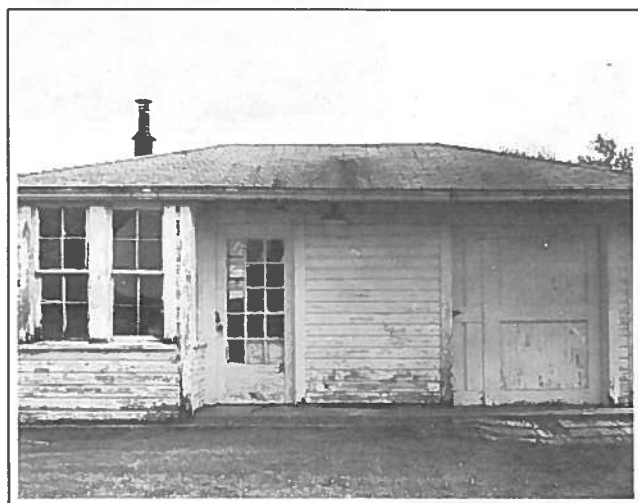
Iuka's Railroad Depots



Two different views of the Iuka Depot as it was in 1926



Sketch of the depot which burned in 1951.



This depot burned in December 1951. It had served as a depot for more than a half-century.



This was the last depot. Durley Dunlap bought it and moved it to his property on North Main Street. He used it as a workshop. It is now owned by James Bell.

GREAT TRAIN WRECKS IN IUKA

It was 4:00 a.m., Dec. 14, 1972. No. 88 eastbound freight train running sixty miles an hour passing through Iuka made it to the outskirts of town before it derailed and filled the sky with flames. People living nearby, were shaken from their beds and evacuated from their homes until the fire was under control.

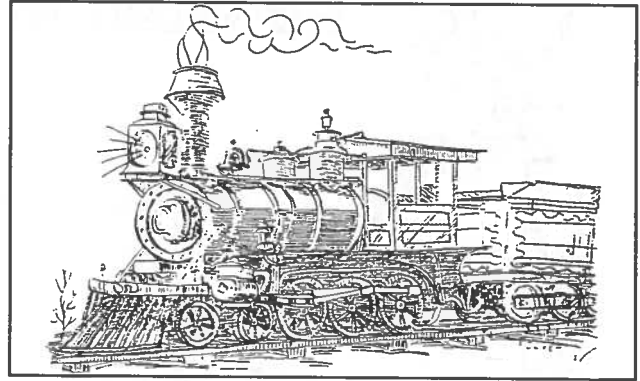
One hundred firemen from Salem, Xenia, Flora and Iuka converged on the scene and by 10:30 a.m. had contained the fire. Salem fire department had a foam generator which was used to extinguish the flames.

The train carried naphtha, asphalt glycol, propane, glycerine, and hexane, all highly explosive.

Damage was estimated to be \$500,000 with the total loss of 36 freight cars, out of 69.

Harold Henne, eyewitness, saw the caboose come to a sudden stop even with his house, soon after there were three explosions and flames shot 150 feet into the sky.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wiehle were in bed when they heard the bumpety-bump of the cars and the flames lit up their room. Other homes narrowly escaping destruction were, Leo Jourdan, Mrs. McClain, Estel Hickey and James



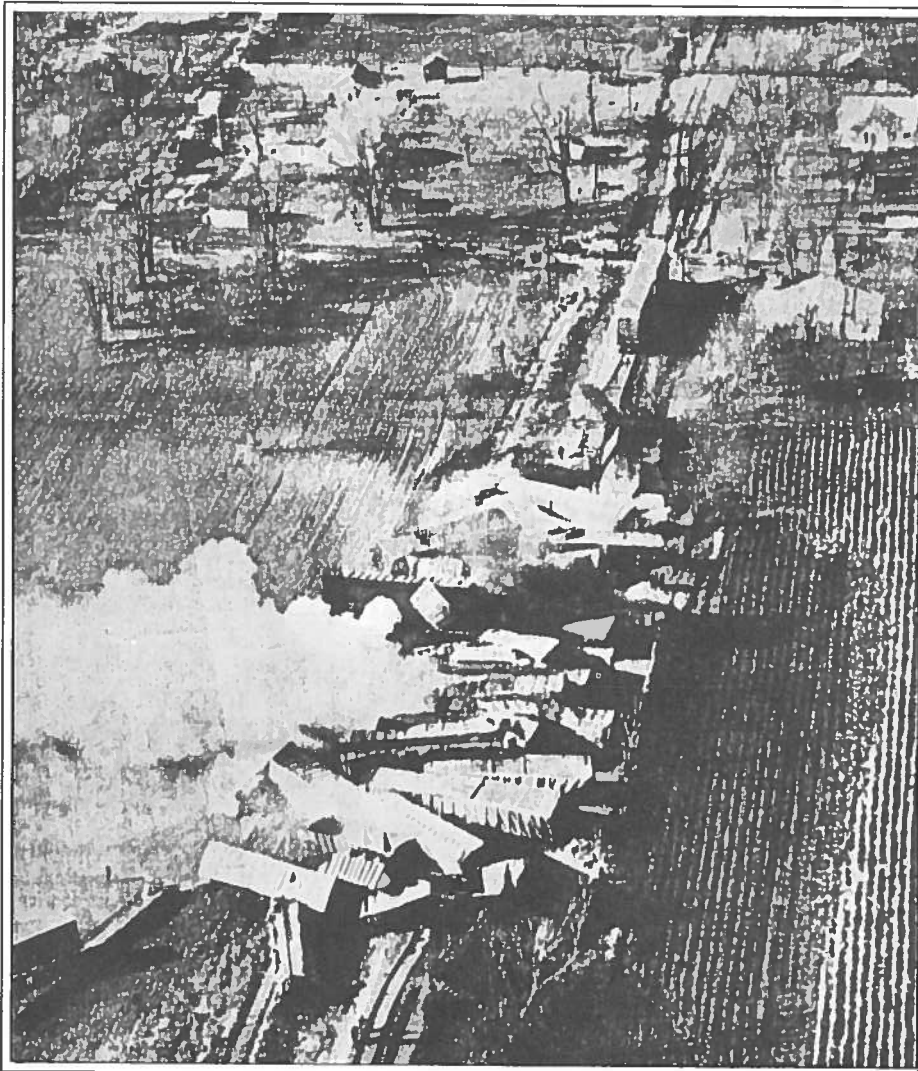
Gordon.

Clean up operations began immediately and the railroad posted a \$2,000 assurance bond with the village against damage to streets and roads.

In a confrontation between Fire Chief Boone Silvey and the railroad man in charge of operations, he demanded to talk to the mayor. Silvey whipped off his fire hat and replied, "you're talking to him now."

Iuka Narrowly Escaped Disaster In Explosions

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE no deaths or injuries reported, if the 69-car B&O freight train proceeding east out of East St. Louis at 4:40 a.m. yesterday had derailed 500 yards westward in Iuka, four homes and a trailer along the right-of-way could have been leveled, with all occupants undoubtedly killed. Carrying naphtha, hexane, fuel oil and other explosives, 32 or 36 cars derailed burst into flames. This aerial photo looks westward towards Salem. Homes in the upper right, proceeding west along the right-of-way belong to Leo Jourdan, Mrs. McClain (trailer), Estel Hickey and James Gordon. House at the left side is owned by Herman Hahn. Undoubtedly, the 600-population village of Iuka narrowly escaped a major disaster. Residents were evacuated twice after the derailment as a precaution. If the derailment had occurred a few minutes earlier, Salem would have been in for a possible major disaster.



INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS
OF ILLINOIS.

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Daniels Telephone Company,

JUKA, ILLINOIS.

This Certificate of Capital, bearing date of June 1st 1901, is the correct and true copy of the original filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Juka, Illinois, on the 1st day of June 1901.

DANIELS TELEPHONE COMPANY.

in the Books of the Corporation in person only. After any on the surrender of this certificate property interest.

In Witness whereof, said Corporation has caused this Certificate to be signed by its President and Secretary and the same to be duly attested and filed as provided in the Statutes of Illinois, on the 1st day of June 1901.

Porter E. Daniels
President

CAPITAL, \$10,000.

Shares, \$100 each, Full Paid and Non Assessable.

The Daniels Telephone Company was incorporated in June of 1901. Shares were \$100 each.

Telephones



This telephone line crew was hired at a rate of 10 to 20 cents per man per hour in about 1905.

George E. Daniels was responsible for the first telephone switchboard in Iuka, housed in his general store. John Hahn was operator for all outgoing calls and long distance calls.

Service was desired outside of town and a meeting was called May 2, 1905. The Farmers' Mutual Benefit Switchboard was organized with D.R. Smith, Pres., George Pitts, Sec., Dr. W.L. Finn, Treas.

There were about 18 lines coming into Iuka. Mrs. Clara Higgs was the only operator, with a salary of \$30 a month. Men were hired to repair the lines at 10 or 20 cents an hour. Switch fees were 75 cents a year. Rent for the telephone office was \$4.00 a month.

The annual meeting of 1937 was called under the name

of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, with George Carneal as president.

The name was changed again in 1943, to The Iuka Mutual Telephone Company. Sec. L.V. Middleton chaired the meeting due to the absence of Pres. J.E. Thommas.

In 1964, 300 members and five employees voted to disband when the Bell System became available.

Some of the telephone operators were: Clara Higgs, Carrie Weems, Middletons, Alvae & Mabel Simmons, Ruth, Leota & Phyllis Henne, Jerry Fulton Galaspy, Bea Meyer, Tennie Tarter, Myrtle Schlosser, Francis Blank, Lela Blank and Maudie Mulvaney.



Mabel Simmons, above, and her husband, Alvae, were among the switchboard operators who served over the years in Iuka.



Current building used in 1992

Winds of War



Civil War Veteran, William Milburn.

June 1812 began the call for men to serve the country as soldiers, not as a professional but just a civilian in a make shift uniform. From this year down through the years to come, young men have been on call, some by choice, some by draft.

1832 - The Black Hawk War - Marion County furnished one Company of men. They left Salem June 1832 and returned in August.

1846 - The Mexican War - Many men from Iuka answered and were sworn in at Alton, Ill.

July 1861 - Civil War - Marion County produced 1800 enlistments this year. Nearly every family was affected in some way, including the Village of



World War I Soldier, Earl Stevenson

Middleton (Iuka). They went into camp at Sandoval and joined the 40th, 48th, 111th Infantry. They fought in seven battles, 42 were killed in battle, 143 wounded, 87 missing, 191 died of disease, many died in Andersonville Prison. They were mustered out in August 1865.

1898 - Spanish American War - Only lasted 10 weeks. America was victorious in the famous battle of San Juan Hill. Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders became well known. President William McKinley tried without success to stay out of the War.

1914-1918 - The Great War (World War I) - This war quickly involved all the great powers of Europe and eventually most countries of the world. Eight million soldiers lost their lives, including those from Marion County and Iuka.

1939-1945 - World War II - Again the dark clouds of war

called our young men to protect their country from invasion. Many young men from Marion County and Iuka bravely gave their lives. More than fifty Countries entered this war and men fought in almost every part of the world. Asia, Europe, North Africa, the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and the Mediterranean Sea. By 1942 all major countries were involved. Three main causes of World War II were, problems left by World War I, the rise of dictatorships, and the desire for more territory. The atomic age was opened by the dropping of the atomic bomb on Japan. Surrender was swift. Four hundred and five thousand were dead, six hundred thousand wounded, and one hundred and thirty nine thousand missing. One hundred and two men from Marion County died in service. The atomic bomb has not been used in any war since.

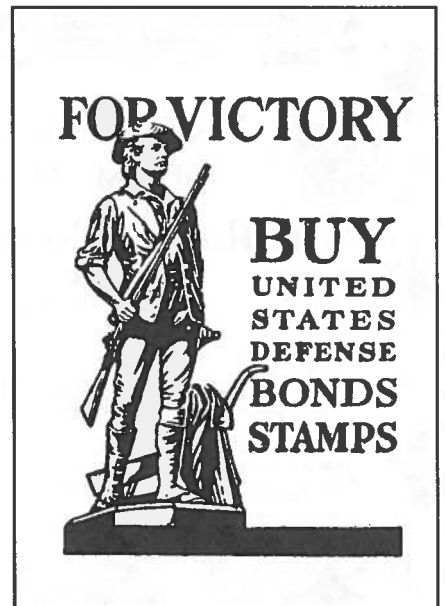
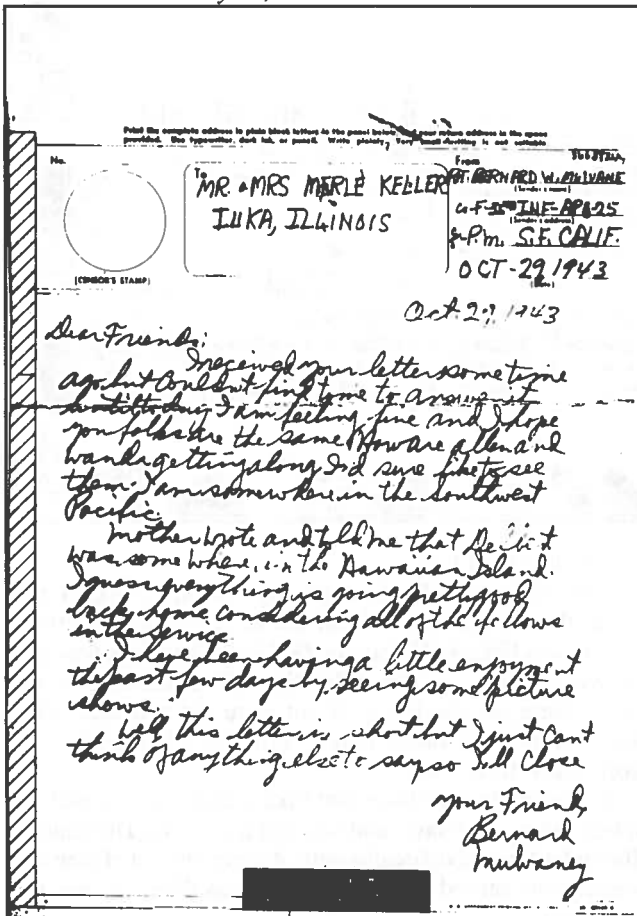


Veterans at Iuka Cemetery.

1950-1953 - The United Nations came to the aid of South Korea when they were invaded by North Korea, who was aided by the U.S.S.R. The war ended in a military stalemate. Korea is still not unified today. General MacArthur preempted President Truman who was seeking a cease fire. General MacArthur gave an ultimatum to the enemy commander. President Truman fired the General. Twenty-three thou-



Soldiers beginning on left and going clockwise: Dave McClenithan, Bill Bauman, Melbourne Cantrell, Delbert Keller. Seated: Ermal Meador and Forrest Gain. Last man standing at right: Wayne "Little Dutch" Hilgeford. THIS STONE WAS ERECTED BY ERNEST ROBINSON and sponsored by Iuka Alumni Club on May 15, 1949.



V....Mail

During World War II mail from service men was censored. They wrote their letters on a special form and then it was read by a censor. If he found anything in the letter that would indicate where the person writing was stationed, he drew a dark line through the words. The letter was then photographed and it was the photograph that was sent. As you will note in the pictured V Mail letter, Barney Mulvaney told that he was "somewhere in the South Pacific" That kind of information was allowed. Barney did quite well in writing this letter as there are no censor marks on it.



ROSE LAKE

A man by the name of Jamison settled on section nine in 1821. He was killed by the Indians in 1823. There was a creek running through the property and was aptly named Jamison Creek.

Edward D. and Rosa Cramer as owner of the property in 1895 agreed to let the B&O Railroad build a dam and form a lake with adequate water to supply the locomotives, with the provision, the village of Iuka could use the water supply to extinguish fires. The lake was formed and Mr. Cramer named it Rose Lake after his wife.

Ed and Rosa labored to make the Lake attractive and it was bordered with beautiful roses, her favorite flower. There were lovely flower gardens, with a vine covered bridge and a greenhouse full of plants and flowers.

They built an aviary for their bird collection with a heating plant in the basement for Rosa's greenhouse. They called it the Rosery.

The grounds became the site of many picnics and celebrations and in April of 1899 the Grand Opening of Rose Lake was held.

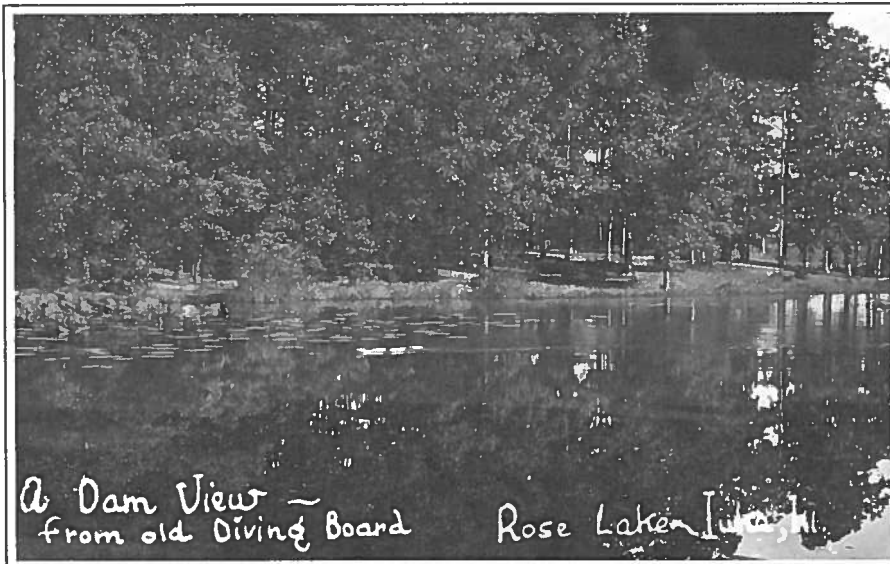
In February of 1900 the construction of an iron bridge over the dam was begun.

Huge July Fourth celebrations were a yearly event at Rose Lake. There was a concrete bandstand and always music and dancing except on Wednesday and Saturday evenings when they served ice cream.

Boat riding, swimming and fishing and picnics in the summer time, in the winter there was skating and sledding and huge bonfires. Ice was so thick, it was cut in large blocks and stored for summer time use and for shipping purposes.

Mr. A.N. Rooks made arrangements with Tenny and Sons to bring their steam Merry-Go-Round for the G.A.R. Reunion.

In the early 1900's Rose Lake was leased by Daniel Quinn. He opened the Iuka House and restaurant which had been established in 1866. It became a fine summer resort with room rates of



\$1.00 a day.

In 1901 Decoration Day was a big day. Rev. Boles from Alma gave the address. Civil War Veterans marched to the Iuka Cemetery with songs and speeches there.

Touted as the greatest day at Rose Lake, June 1901, the appearance of Dr. Frank Tyrell, a great orator.

Tents were available for a \$1.00 a week and admission was 10 cents a day. The B&O Railroad was selling special tour tickets for one and a third fare for a round trip ticket for five days.

Later in the month Rev. Boles of Alma, invited Carrie Nation to speak at Rose Lake. People came from St. Louis and Washington Ind. by train just to hear her speak.

At one time it was reported there were 3,000 people at the lake for the weekend.

Chautauqua programs were held regularly. The Marion County Soldiers and Sailors Reunion encamped on the banks of Rose Lake in 1900.

D.W. Holstlaw was the second owner of Rose Lake. Following his death, his daughter, Mrs. A.O. (Florence) Kelley became the third owner.

Many improvements were made during their ownership. Additions and facilities were improved. Cabins were built, and the Kelley's built a new two story house in 1927. The house was furnished with beautiful antique furniture. Mrs. Kelley, an accomplished painter, hung many lovely pictures in the home. She created beautiful gardens with native rocks and rare plants, designing a memorial to Thomas Jefferson,



with flowers. Her dahlia garden produced prize winning flowers and she became the protector of wild birds, plants and trees. She also became known as "The Lady of the Lake".

After Mr. Kelley's death, she closed the lake, and when she died she left it to their only daughter, Mrs. Clarence (Mildred) Smith. Mildred sold the Lake to Mr. Noble Hammond. He had a green house south of Iuka for many years.

Mr. Hammond had great plans for Rose Lake. He stocked it with blue gill, crappie, bass and catfish. He planned to rebuild the cabins that burned, get new picnic tables, and once again open it for the public. Alas, due to his death, his plans were not fulfilled.

Sergeant Al Hofelich and his wife, Erica, of Scott Air Force, purchased the property from the Hammond Estate in 1967. After retiring from the service they moved to Rose Lake in 1972.



It is now a private residence. Extensive remodeling and maintenance work has been done. They just recently erected a new home for their daughter and son-in-law, Alex and Lisa Aquilar.

The grounds and lake are beautifully groomed and when passing by is a most pleasant and peaceful scene, stirring memories of by-gone days.

Note "Oakwood Lake" on photo. We could find no date to indicate when it was called by that name.

Ninth Annual



REUNION

—OF THE—

MARION
COUNTY

SOLDIERS'
and SAILORS'

Organization

—AT—

ROSE LAKE

AUGUST 21st, 22d and 23d,
1900.



Top Right:

Cool breezes, sunshine dancing off the rippling water, lily pads so large they could be used for umbrellas and a young man in a row boat with three lovely bathing beauties. What better way to spend a beautiful afternoon than on Rose Lake. Pictured from left: Clara Mae (Buchanan) Meador, Doris "Pat" Fear, Gladys (Stevenson) Fryer and Opal (Simmons) Dalton.

Center:

Spring Thaw at Rose Lake Dam. Pictured are Walter Booker and his father.

Bottom Right:

1925 Bathing Beauties at Rose Lake. From Left are Goldie Widdows, Blanche Holstlaw, Leona Widdows and Mae Bass.



Program

—OF THE IUKA TOWNSHIP—

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

—TO BE HELD AT—
SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
ROSE LAKE, SEPTEMBER 2d.

- 2:00—2:10 Opening Song by Congregation.
Prayer by Bro. I. Portney.
- 2:10—2:20 Song by Misses Agnes Russell Eloise Featherly and Lyda Dabney.
- 2:20—2:50 Sunday School Lesson. Teachers, Miss Nellie McClintan Primary Class; Miss Hyrde Irvlu Intermediate Class; J. W. Pyke Senior Class.
- 2:50—2:55 Song, Misses Grace Beaver and Lela Neff.
- 2:55—3:05 Qualification of the Sunday School Teacher, Miss Della Montgomery.
- 3:05—3:10 Solo, Miss Grace Russer.
- 3:10—3:20 How to Secure and retain Scholars, Homer Cheeley.
- 3:20—3:25 Song, Misses Agnes Russell Eloise Featherly and Lyda Dabney.
- 3:25—3:35 Qualification of Sunday School Supt., J. D. Hancock.
- 3:35—3:40 Duet, Misses Nona Dabney and Lela Neff.
- 3:40—3:50 Caring for the Little Ones, Mrs. D. W. Holstlaw.
- 3:50—4:10 Address, by County President F. O. Wilson of Alma.
- 4:10—4:15 Solo, Miss Grace Beaver.
- 4:15—4:25 Election, of Township Officers.
- 4:25—4:30 Song, Misses Agnes Russell Eloise Featherly and Lyda Dabney.
Dismissal.

A Grand DEMOCRATIC Mass Meeting

WILL BE HELD AT

Rose Lake,

SATURDAY
EVENING, SEPT. 1st,

for the purpose of organizing a Bryan & Stevenson Club. All who believe in the principals as set forth in the Kansas City platform, are invited to come.

M. T. Huddle, Central Committeeman.

In the Swim.

Horror of horrors! Iuka is putting on metropolitan airs that would kill a less substantial or aristocratic surrounding. We have organized a bathing club and we're in the 'swim.' Surely the Club is short lived—if the wishes of certain individuals were consulted. Yet what is the harm, so long as propriety is recognized? "Cleanliness is next to Godliness." Is not this Club built upon a moral foundation. Is the Club organized for style? If so we are now upon the same plane as our sister summer resorts, such as Coney Island, Atlantic City, etc. Such a summer resort as Rose Lake has made Iuka, should at least indulge in a little style. But it is not style, it is for pleasure this Club is formed, and it is composed of some of our most society elite. Why go to the Atlantic pleasure resorts when by joining our own bathing Club you may save yourself both time and money, have plenty of good solid comfort, and appetizing exercise and at the same time learn the art of swimming which at some time prove invaluable to you. Remember that in the purchase a life preserver, it is not what cork costs, but what cork saves you. So come now, and look pleasant and be among the first to "tumble in the band wagon" and endorse this harmless yet invaluable pastime.

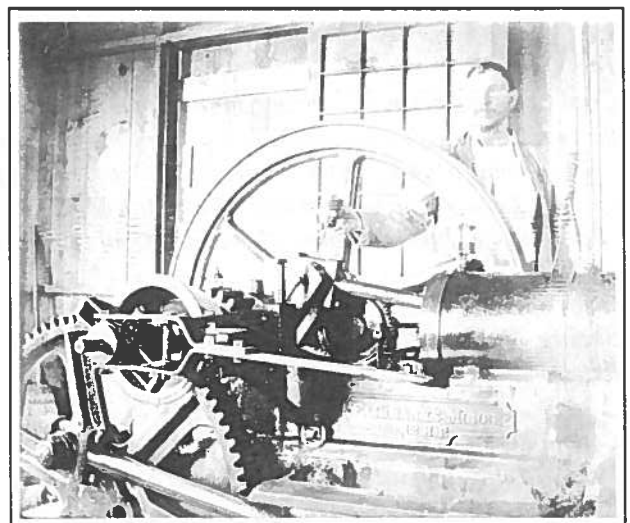
The Pump Station

Water was pushed from the Rose Lake to the town. The B&O dug the lake and leased it to the Holstlaws for 99 years. Holstlaws had all fishing rights.

A long time ago they tried to use a windmill to pump water from the well at Rose Lake (This well can still be seen just south of the dam on the west side).

One time they had the pump station on Skillet Fork Creek. Another time it was east of the water tower on a concrete platform. First a steam engine was used to run the pump and then a 5 hp crude oil engine.

Stephen Phillips was sick one day and he left his son, Dempsey "Jack" Phillips in charge of the pump house at Rose Lake. The pump was used to pump water from Rose Lake to the water tower in downtown Iuka. There was an alarm on the pump that would sound when the water tower was full. Well-it seems Jack took a little nap and didn't hear the alarm. From what we have been told there was a bit of flooding in downtown Iuka!



IUKA BEE - Friday, July 7, 1899

THE GLORIOUS 4TH

**Celebrated here in a Befitting
Manner by Thousands of Patriotic Citizens
and Guests Mid Mirth and Music**

Everybody united in the effort to properly observe the 123rd anniversary of our national independence.

The Glorious Fourth, the 123rd Anniversary of our National Independence dawned fair and warm. The crowds began to arrive, even before the 4th, as a great many visitors came in on Monday evening. But when the 5 o'clock accommodation arrived from the east and deposited its crowd things began to look like the crowd was sure coming. "As all roads led to Rome" also "all roads led to Rose Lake and Iuka" on Tuesday. The Xenia Base Ball club accompanied the Xenia crowd. The farmer and his family started early, despite heat and dust, for the scene of festivities. At eight o'clock the Band arrived from Salem. From every direction came hundreds of people, all headed for the same place, Rose Lake. The Band met the ten o'clock accommodation which brought in the Sandoval, Odin and Salem delegations which were large. The Odin Baseball club was among this crowd. Many went directly to the Lake while others remained in town until dinner, after which they repaired to the Lake. Hundreds at the Lake served dinner in picnic style which was enjoyed. The exercises did not begin until after dinner. At 1 p.m. the band came upon the scene and rendered several selections of their excellent music, after which the Declaration of Independence was read by Ed Fyke. Just after Mr. Fyke had completed, Hon. S.L. Dwight, of Centralia, was announced as the orator of the day. Judge Dwight made an able address.

About this time clouds began to appear in the sky. The dance hall was crowded with young people enjoying the stirring selections as they tripped the light fantastic. The sideshows and fakirs were doing a thriving business while young people were finding great pleasure in boat riding and a crowd of men were enjoying a bath and invigorating swim in the cool waters of the beautiful Lake, and the gayeties were in full swing, when, lo, the rain descendeth and the floods came and the crowd scattered in an endeavor to find shelter. Many poor unfortunates were caught before the "goal" was reached and were almost drowned by the drenching torrents. The rain continued until about 3:15. There were delegations here from Omega, Kinmundy, Alma, Flora, Xenia, Salem, Odin, Sandoval and Shattuc and Centralia, many of them driving over and were compelled to remain until the rain had ceased. About this time demands for accommodations for the night began to pour in and were kept up until about midnight. People were turned away from the hotels by the dozen on account of the crowds which had already been supplied with sleeping accommodations. The Omega delegation head-



quartered at the Craig House and a number of them remained until Wednesday. The Salem, Odin, Sandoval and Shattuc crowds left at 3:30 for home. The farmers began to leave before the rain. It was useless to try to give the display of fireworks and the lake management gave it up in despair. The celebration was a grand success as far as crowds were concerned, as Iuka entertained many visitors on that day.

CELEBRATION NOTES

Had the rain come the day before, the crowd would have been twice as large.

The band boys enjoyed bathing and boat riding at the Lake previous to their arrival in town.

The rain was a good inducement to many people to start a millinery bill, we think judging from the appearance of some of our visitors.

What came near being a fatality, occurred at the Lake in the afternoon. One young man, having donned a bathing suit and was enjoying a swim when suddenly began cramping and no doubt would have drowned, had not a boat been near and pulled up and with assistance he was placed in it and taken to the shore.

It was indeed unfortunate that the management, no account of the rain, were unable to make the immense display of fireworks which they purchased. The display would have been a grand one and no doubt would have been appreciated by the people who were in attendance.

The dance hall, where a crowd was finding enjoyment and recreation, seemed to be the center of attraction for a large crowd.

Quite a number of the Salem and Omega delegation remained over until Wednesday, rather than brave the weather element on that night.



From left: Pearl Beaver, Kenneth Beaver, Paul Beaver, Dora (Phillips) Stevenson, Bill Beaver, Carl Phillips, Stephen Phillips, Bertha (Behrnt) Phillips, Amos Phillips and Etta (Phillips) Stevenson. (Man in back is probably Lewis Jones)

Picnicing

These are photos of families having a good old fashioned picnic probably along some creek bank. There are peaches, homemade bread, cakes, pickles and probably fried chicken

to be seen in photo above. (But where's the Red and White Bucket that we are so used to seeing today?)



From left: Henrietta Phillips, Ham Jones and the man with white moustache in back is John Eddings. The rest are unidentified.

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Iuka Bee

The Iuka Bee was a weekly newspaper, which started publication in May of 1899 and lasted until about 1905 (note: there is a later mention of a March 1, 1910 edition). It carried the motto "Persistent, Patient and Intelligent Industry is the Key Note of Ultimate Success".

The Bee was printed every Friday. The four-page Bee had local news and advertisements only on it's front and back pages. The two inside pages were "ready-print" with national news features.

The newspaper was owned by George E. Daniels, who also operated general stores in Iuka and Johnsonville and was associated with the telephone company which installed the first telephone lines in Iuka and surrounding area. The newspaper originally was published in the old I.O.O.F. Hall building south of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks and east of the old Daniel's home. Frank "Red" Wnorowski of Salem was editor. Wnorowski rode the train from Salem to Iuka each morning and returned home in the evening.

Wnorowski later moved from Salem to Fairfield, Iowa and Daniels, with the aid of his daughter, Bessie, took over the editing operation.

Type for the paper had to be handset and after each issue there was just time enough to "tear up" the pages and put the type back into the cases before starting to set type for the next week.

The original printing plant burned and Daniels began publishing the newspaper on one of the upper floors of his three story general merchandise store, just south of the B & O tracks.



Dr. W. L. Finn

of Iuka, Illinois

PRESENT STATE SENATOR
Democratic Candidate for
Re-election.

42nd SENATORIAL DISTRICT
(Clinton, Marion, Clay, Effingham)
Election: Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1932

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My candidacy is endorsed by The Illinois Agricultural Association, also The Prairie Farmer.

My labor record is 100 per cent.

I am a member of the future hard road building commission.

It has been my policy to support all bills which would benefit both the State and my district.

My record is my indorsement.

Your support will be appreciated.

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IUKA, ILL.

Special attention to nose and throat.

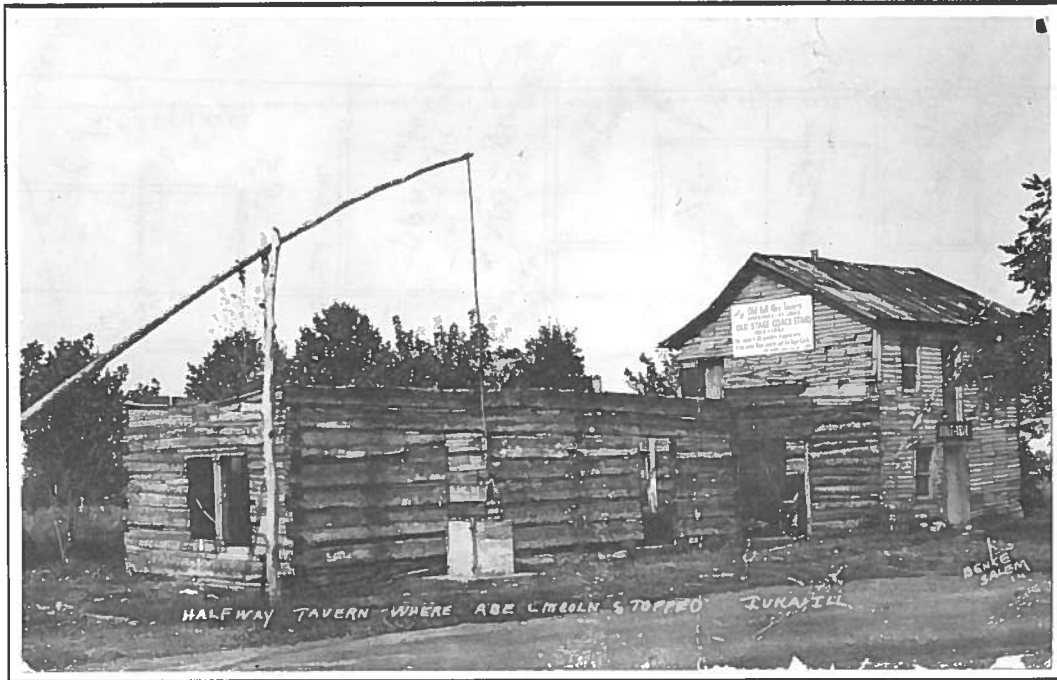
DR J A IRWIN,

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON,
Iuka, Illinois.

Office at Residence East of the Neff House,

STROLL THRU TIME

- 1851 - John B. Middleton received grant
- 1951 - McGuire cemetery, First burial
- 1861 - Men went to camp at Sandoval
- 1862 - Men ordered to Savannah
- 1863 - New school built
- 1865 - 48th Inf. mustered out in August
- 1867 - Middleton changed to Iuka
- 1870 - Lutheran Church group came to Iuka
- 1873 - First baptismal
- 1876 - First marriage, Fredich Timm & Elizabeth Reckling
- 1876 - Dr. Thomas Middleton dies
- 1895 - 20 degrees below 0 - February
- 1895 - 104 degrees in the shade - June
- 1895 - Fat hogs sell for 3 cents a pound
- 1901 - Carrie Nation speaks at Rose Lake
- 1903 - Elk Saloon closed - The town is dry
- 1903 - Iuka Baseball team organized
- 1910 - D.W. Holstlaw established Iuka Bank
- 1905 - Farmers Mutual Switchboard organized
- 1909 - F.S. Cherry opens Implement Store
- 1920 - Albert Hawn Sr. opens new blacksmith shop
- 1920 - Riders of the Purple Sage now showing
- 1921 - Bank Robbed
- 1922 - Skillet Fork bridge built
- 1927 - Gypsy Sam Joles dies. Funeral at Woodlawn
- 1936 - Dr. Finn dies
- 1937 - Iuka Ladies Aid Home Talent Show
- 1937 - D.W. Holstlaw elected president of Iuka Bank
- 1942 - World War II began
- 1943 - Iuka Mutual Telephone formed
- 1946 - Home Bureau organized, 19 ladies of Iuka join.
- 1946 - P.T.A. sponsors Kindergarten
- 1947 - Gene Bakers garage explodes
- 1951 - Depot burns
- 1952 - Movies at Erm's, Alf Bumgamer
- 1952 - School Dist. #7 formed
- 1956 - Iuka School adds new addition, Gym, Cafeteria and Rest Rooms.
- 1956 - New telephone line built
- 1956 - J.R. Meador dies. Owned Iuka Lumber Co. 26 years
- 1957 - Harold Fear buys Hinderer Store
- 1957 - Tomado hits Art Hahn's place
- 1920 - Carl Crippen builds elevator
- 1960 - Voters approve new water system
- 1960 - Iuka Bank - 50th Anniversary
- 1963 - Water department in operation
- 1964 - Illinois Bell came to town
- 1965 - City gas turned on.
- 1965 - Voters approve new Fire District
- 1966 - Homer Cheeley dies - age 103 years old
- 1967 - Opening day of week long celebration of Centennial
- 1969 - Iuka Development Corporation chartered
- 1970 - I.C.D.C. purchased 35 acres for town park
- 1971 - Helm Reservoir proposed
- 1972 - Train wreck, 33 cars derailed
- 1973 - Rankin Funeral Home built
- 1977 - Lights for the ball park
- 1978 - Drilled new water well
- 1981 - Helm Lake defeated
- 1982 - Dr. Suppiah set up office in town.
- 1985 - Kenny Helm elected mayor
- 1986 - Sewer project begins
- 1987 - Earthquake shakes the country 5.0 on the scale
- 1991 - Rons General Merchandise opens
- 1992 - All in the Family Restaurant
- 1992 - Plans for the 125th Celebration begin



*A **LEGEND REVEALED** Census records, license records, documents, maps, stage coach schedules, an archeology study by the State. Our Halfway legend has been disproved.*

Ask the weary travelers that stop to read the plaque, and walk among the trees and peer inside the building, do they visualize stage coaches and horses and meals for a dime, beds for a nickel? Do they think of covered wagons, Abraham Lincoln, and George Rogers Clark? Does it take them back to days of another age? If so, it has served its purpose.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Halfway House!

On the Stage Route

The home of David and Emma Smith, located west of the Luka cross roads and another home nearby of "Aunt Becky:" Stevenson was where no one was turned away, when they asked for something to eat.

Quoting from the article "Open Road" written by Ivah Smith Winegarner, "We lived in a house by the side of the road where the races of men went by. Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief" all were included, I'm sure, that passed by our house.

There were Gypsies, peddlers with big black valises on their backs. They told us they were from Assyria. One of them was murdered south of town.

There were tramps, beggars, well dressed travelers, most of them offered to work for food. They were usually sent to the wood pile to replenish the stove wood.

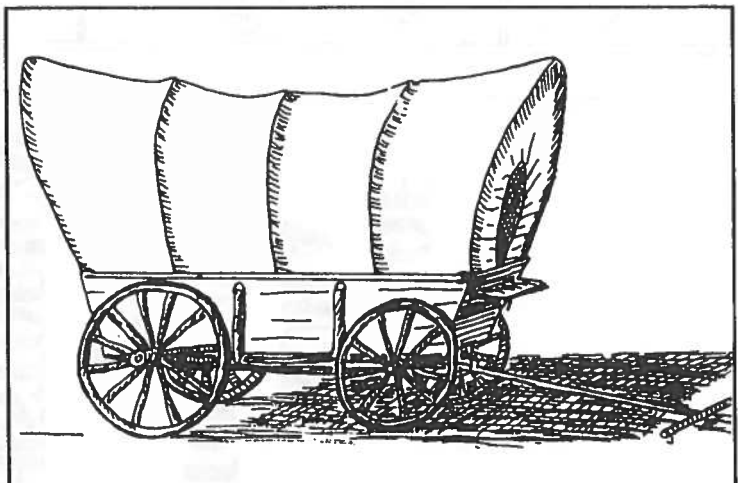
Hardly a week passed that we did not see covered wagons driving west, a cow tied to the back, a hound dog and sometimes a stovepipe with smoke pouring out, sticking through the canvas as they drove along. Many travelers stopped for a cold drink at our covered well, with a rope and pulley, walled with moss covered boulders.

Gypsy Sam and his family were quiet people living not far from us. In the spring they would begin

traveling in the gaily painted wagon, with a few horses for trading following along behind the wagon.

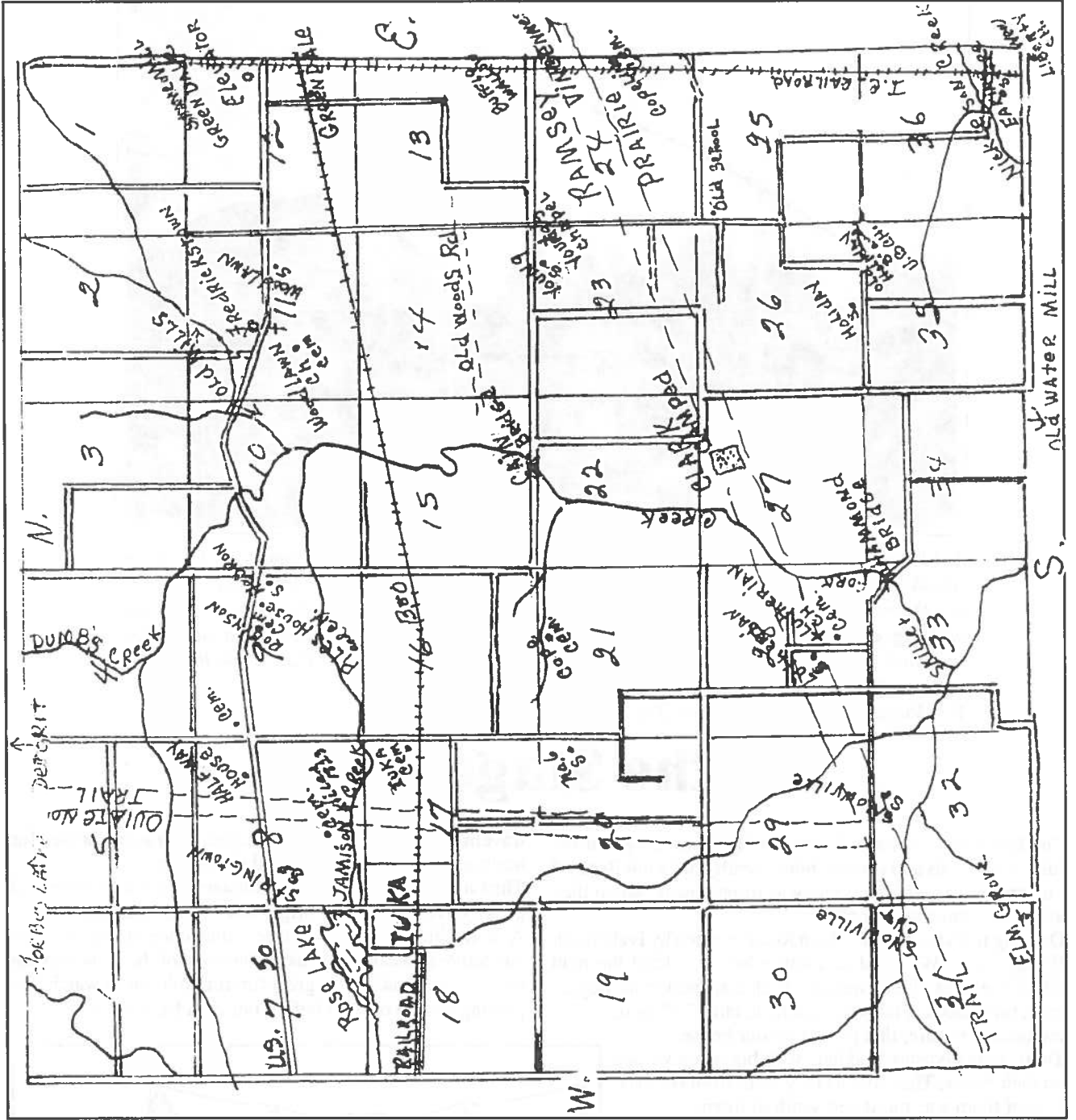
The La Mont Brothers show with a few wild animals would pass by every year with bright red wagons and cages.

A wide highway has replaced this once dusty road of adventure and cars have taken the place of the slow moving covered wagons. It was great fun for children to watch this passing parade of lives before our own front door.



MAP OF IUKA TOWNSHIP WITH HISTORICAL PLACES BY FRANCES OLIVER

← KASKASKIA
WALNUT HILL



"TALES and AREA HISTORY"

by Frances Oliver (1992)

Our society is documentation orientated with computers, word processors, fax and space exploration. Our world "turns" daily on data. Therefore we can hardly comprehend our townships of only 300 years ago when things were done on the honor system, which sorry to say, we learn less and less about. Also we tend to disregard the old tales which have been "handed down" for years. I agree some are just tales but others are facts!!

Such as Frank Young and Dane Jones telling me stories about the old buffalo wallow and the old woods road behind the Jones home long before the other roads were laid out.

Recently our township lost a wealth of historical significance when our roads were named! Underpass road should have been Greendale as was always called in remembrance of the old town. Bottom road should at least have been Cain Bridge road. Hahn-Waggoner should be Young's or Young's Chapel in memory of Edward Young family who came here in 1820 and his ancestors started these institutions. His descendants have lived in the area ever since. Instead of personal names of the present, history should have been recorded!! Therefore we will only have word of mouth about dear old Cain and Hammond's bridge roads for the people of 2100, who will not believe any of the old tales at all by then.

Another old tale was told by Cleone Wooldridge about some people coming on the stage to the Halfway House (so much in dispute) and died of cholera. No one would bury them so her grandfather buried them in the old cemetery just east of the Halfway House.

I have conferred with Mr. Harley Bonham, who has done a lot of research on the trails in that area and has found proof where they were.

The trails were used by Indians and made by the many buffalo. Really these were our early settlers, not Jamison, Piles, etc.

Nan Silvey and son, Matthew, were avid hunters of Indian relics. They researched and found these Indians were settlers who grew in stages of advancement and not of a special tribe. They apparently lived around the creeks as relics are plentiful in this area.

There were great herds of buffalo and they made very wide trails along which were places they wallowed. These special spots contained minerals which helped keep off the flies, ticks, etc.

The Kaskaskia to Vincennes trail was there when the French arrived at Kaskaskia about 1700. Was later used as fur trade route by the Indians. It passed close to Odd Fellows Cemetery at Xenia in a straight line to Walnut Hill. "Early Trails of Eastern Illinois" by Adin Baber states "They crossed Section 29 and turned through Section 32 and 31.

In the "Journal of the Proceedings of Colonel George R. Clark" January 27, 1779 to March 20, 1779 kept by Captain

Joseph Bowman, who was next in command to Colonel Clark, of the march made over the Kaskaskia to Vincennes trail, is recorded where they passed through February 11 and camped after crossing the creek which would put it in Section 27 according to H. Bonham.

The Quiatenon or Detroit trail met this trail about Section 29-32.

The first wagon traveled the route in 1795, the same year Comte DeVolney, a wealthy French writer came to America and traveled over the Vincennes-Kaskaskia trail. He later published a book about his travels over the trail. In 1795 Hulbert traveled this trail and wrote about it. In 1797 Daniel Boone drove his stock over the trail when he moved to Missouri.

In Section 10 probably was the Piles House where the Salem Primitive Baptist Church was started.

Section 11 had the old drover's town, Fredrickstown 1835 to after 1845 and Woodlawn Church 1906. The church was begun in the old log school house west of the church. Also Fredrickstown's Cemetery.

Section 12 has the old town of Greendale which bought a lot of railroad ties.

M & O Railroad crossed the township in 1845 later became B & O about 1894. Fredrickstown died when the railroad went south and Middleton, later Iuka, was built on the railroad.

Cain's bridge crosses Skillet Fork and is named after a family named Cain living close.

Section 23 held the old log school also used as the First Methodist Church. Later a new school and Young's Chapel Methodist Church. Many histories refer to Ramsey Prairie which lies in parts of several sections.

The Copelin Cemetery was named after Nancy Copelin who gave the land. This was earlier used as a burial place for the members of Young's Chapel Church.

Section 25 had an old school marked in an old plat book. I have researched much and can find no name for that school nor any other record of it.

The Illinois Central Railroad was built in 1924 along the eastern edge of township.

The first Holiday school was east at the corner either on north Section 26 or south Section 35, according to Esther Hahn and Ruby Oliver. A United Brethren Church was started in this section by Thomas Oliver who came here in 1869, settled at the old water mill in Romine Township, later moved to Section 26.

Section 33 had a William Hammond family living within a few yards east of creek. Mr. Hammond built the first bridge with help from his brother-in-law, C. V. Branch, a carpenter who built the old log Lutheran School. The bridge was named Hammond's Bridge.

Women - You've come a long way.

The trials and tribulation of the pioneer women are probably beyond the modern woman's comprehension. Go back in time for a moment, think about feeding and clothing five or 10 children everyday on the westward trail. Imagine preparing meals over an open fire without the benefit of stove, oven, refrigeration or microwave. While at the same time keeping an eye on the little ones, watching for wild animals and casting a look around for Indians.

When the time came for a new baby, the wagons would stop for a day until the child was delivered and then begin moving on to a destination unknown.

Braving the scorching hot days, the rain and mud, snow and freezing cold weather.

Crossing the wilderness, blazing a trail where no one ever traveled before. Floating across rivers on crude rafts, crossing rapids, deserts, mountains and plains.

Women had courage, fortitude, faith, nerves of steel and yet rocked the cradle with love and tenderness.

She had no rights, no money, no property, no word of authority in making decisions. She was little more than a hard laboring possession.

In most cases women were on the same level as slaves.

Susan B. Anthony led the fight for women to vote, but men feared the demands of women would impede the chance of an amendment of all Americans to vote regardless of race, creed or color. Women were not included or mentioned.

Gradually the states began granting the women the right to vote. By the 20th century women have gained the right to serve on juries, to retain earnings and property after marriage. The right to equal pay and equal job opportunity. In the late sixties the woman's Liberation was organized, but women are still considered a minority group.

After World War II, when the men went to war and the women went to work and proved they were capable, they are still struggling to maintain their place in the mainstream work force. Changes are occurring but time moves slowly. They still experience discrimination in many forms.

Sample---OFFICIAL BOLLOT Iuka Township

ELECTION;--TUESDAY APRIL 7th, 1903.



DEMOCRATIC.

For Supervisor
A. E. KELLEY.

For Town Clerk
JOHN ARNOLD.

For Assessor
H. H. CHEELEY.

For Collector
J. O. PIPER.

For Commissioner of Highways
WILLIAM LEWALEN

For Constable
C. O. JONES.

For School Trustee (Long Term)
M. D. L. YOUNG.

For School Trustee (Short Term)
MIKE KANE.



REPUBLICAN.

For Supervisor
WILLIAM GRAY.

For Town Clerk
FRED DEITRICH.

For Assessor
S. J. BARKSDALE.

For Collector.
F. W. BECKER.

For Commissioner of Highways
GEORGE GORDON.

For Constable
JOHN MILBURN.

For School Trustee (Long Term)
H. A. DAGGETT.

For School Trustee (Short Term)
L. M. MIDDLETON.

Shall the Commissioners borrow Five Hundred Dollars to build Kane bridge over Skillet Fork? YES
NO

WOMEN'S BALLOT.



DEMOCRATIC

For School Trustee (Long Term)
M. D. L. YOUNG.

For School Trustee (Short Term)
MIKE KANE



REPUBLICAN

For School Trustee (Long Term)
H. A. DAGGETT

For School Trustee (Short Term)
L. M. MIDDLETON

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the tickets filed in my office--Dated this 25th day of March A. D. 1903. JOHN W. ARNOLD, Township Clerk.

NOTE THE SEPARATE BALLOT FOR WOMEN

In 1960, a presidential commission was founded to consider Equal Opportunity for women. Acts of Congress entitled them to equality in education, employment and legal rights.

In 1972 the Supreme court declared abortion was legal, and the Equal Rights Amendment was passed by Congress and sent to the States for ratification. Thirty-eight states have done so. The largest gain in the past few years. A good example is the nomination of Geraldine Ferraro as Democratic Candidate for Vice President of the United States.

This is a great tribute to the pioneer women who forged this nation without equal rights.



Clifton's Market

Archie Clifton was born Dec. 19, 1927. He was the son of Raymond & Mabel (Allen) Clifton.

On April 26, 1952 he married Maxine Brubaker daughter of Max and Mary Branson) Brubaker. She was born on July 6, 1930.

In 1952 Archie and his sister Imogene Goff bought the store from their uncle Wilburn "Budge" Clifton and continued calling it "Clifton's Market". His sister left the business

to raise a family. Later Archie and Floyd "Bucky" Gordon moved the store to the Beaver Building on the northeast corner of North Front Street and called it "Q Mart".

Archie was a merchant for 31 years until his death on March 16, 1983. He had a special place in his heart for his hometown.

Archie and Maxine's children are Debra, Billie, Douglas and Tracey. They have 5 grandchildren.

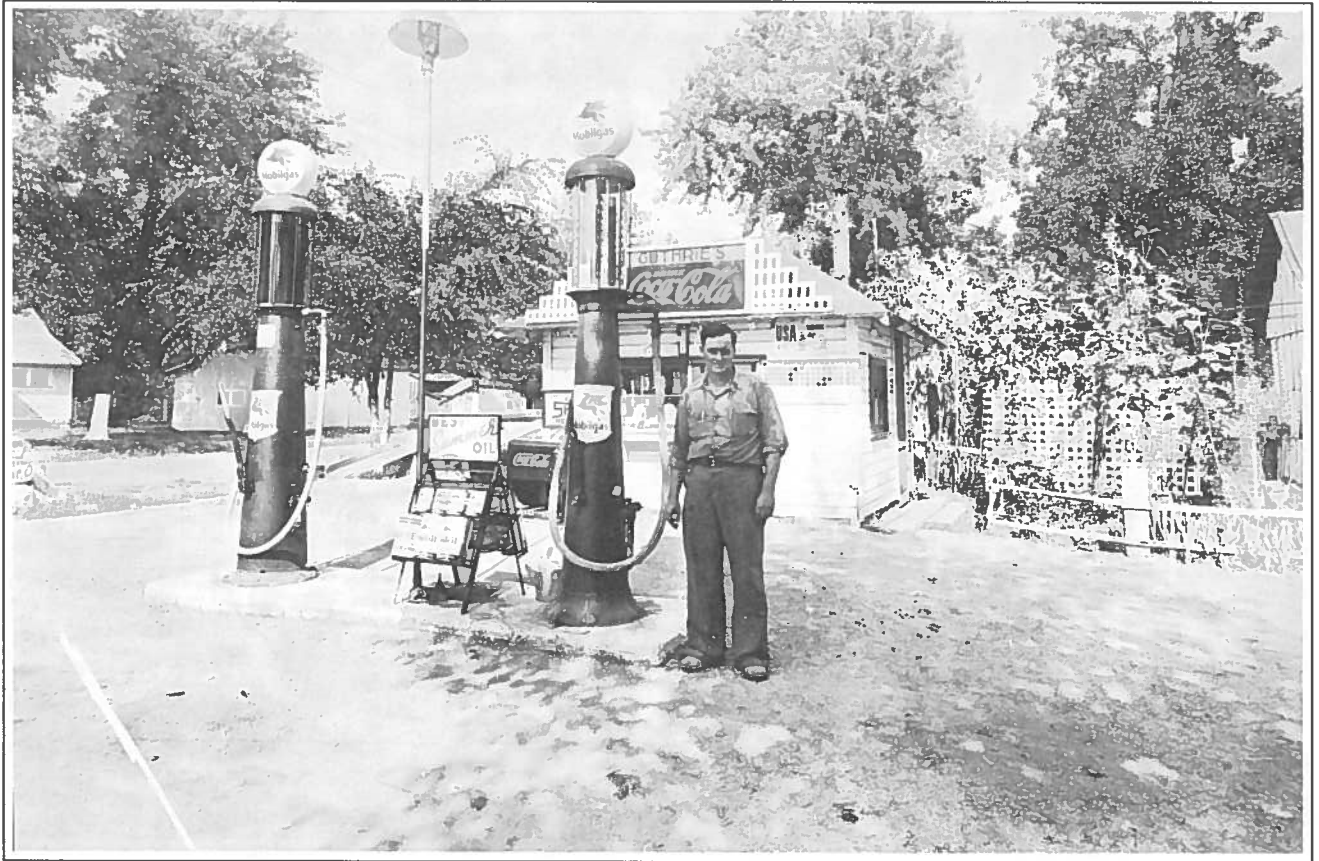
Clifton's Market

Pictured right: from left to right Wilburn "Budge", Bill & Camilla Clifton. Picture taken about 1950. Located on Front Street. Budge & Camilla operated the market from 1948 until 1952.

They lived upstairs over the store. After leaving the store business they farmed.

Wilburn "Budge" Clifton was born Oct. 22, 1915 in Romine Twp. Camilla (Greathouse) Clifton was born Dec. 24, 1918 in Wayne Co., Illinois. They were married Oct. 23, 1937 in Vincennes, Ind. Budge died Nov. 2, 1990. Their son, Bill lives in Iuka Twp.





GUTHRIE'S MOBILE GAS STATION



Ray Guthrie operated the Mobile Gas Station in Iuka beginning in the mid 1930's. When World War II started, Ray was recalled to work at the C & E I Railroad round house, where he had worked as a mechanic until laid off during the Depression. During World War II, Ray worked at the station from 6:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., then went to work from 3:00 p.m. to midnight at the round house in Salem. His wife Frieda ran the station in the evening hours.

During the War tires were so hard to get and gas was rationed so they closed the station. At the end of the War, Ray was laid off again so he reopened the station with a larger building, one where he could work inside with a modern high lift to raise cars.

Ray died in his station in March 1950 at the age of 46.

Ray was born Jan. 2, 1904.

Frieda (Williams) was born Feb. 14, 1906. She is still living.

Their children are: Robert (m. Betty Crain) & Betty (m. Roy Wilkins).

H & W LUMBER & BUILDINGS, INC.

H & W Lumber, Hardware and Construction was established at 705 Thomas Street September, 1985 as custom builders of farm, commercial and residential post frame buildings, with Ron Woodward as owner.

Ron & Betty (Thomas) Woodward were married September 3, 1955. They have one daughter Terry, who is married to Richard Hilton, and three grandchildren, April, Amanda and Dusty.

Betty is secretary for the company and had previously owned Rynwood Florist for 18 years in Iuka until the closing in 1992.

H & W was incorporated in February, 1991 to H & W Lumber & Buildings, Inc.

The present Manager is Robert Meyer. Robert is married to Clara (Woodward). Robert had worked for the Iuka Lumber Company for 25 years until their closing in 1985.

Harold Walter is the present Yard Man. Harold and his wife Louise (Eddings) came to help us after retiring from the University at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

H & W Custom Builders reaches out to four states, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri.

HOPPY'S CAFE (Happy Corner Cafe)

Oneta (Forsythe) Williams was born January 1, 1913 in Harrisburg, Ark. She moved to Illinois ca. 1926. She lived in Salem, then in Indiana and then back to Salem. She moved to Iuka in 1952 and opened a cafe. She got her nickname "Hoppy" from Bonnie Hickey because she was limping one day. Bonnie also nicknamed her daughter, Jeanette. She had her shoes off and he said "put your shoes on Lucy, don't you know you're in the city?" (an old song title). Jeanette has been

"Lucy" since that time.

Oneta's children are Robert "Bob" Williams (m. Annie Jacobs) and Jeanette "Lucy" (m. Joe Molenhour)

She has 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Pictured below: "Hoppy" and Pat (Crundwell) Miller.





David Riley Hall - 1940



David Riley Hall on left, and Mr. Squires, Salesman for Columbia Quarry Limestone Co., on right. Picture taken



Spreading Limestone the hard way in the late 1930's or early 1940's. The three on the back of the truck are Cappy "Newt" Faudree, Roy Hall and Floyd Potter. Albert Henne is driving.



Vernon Hall on the scales. Picture taken in the mid 1940's.

HALL'S TRUCKING and FEED

Iuka was a great livestock shipping point. They would ship every Wednesday from one to three freight cars of cattle, hogs, sheep and lambs. Herschel Holstlaw was the one in charge, for awhile, of the Marion County Livestock Shipping Association and G.C. Clifton was manager. D.R. Hall helped grade the animals and if they got more than would go into a car or cars, he would haul the extras to East St. Louis to the Stock Yards.

In August 1930, D.R. Hall began a trucking service in Iuka. Nellie Walkington along with her son, Merle and daughter, Opal, owned the feed store located just south of the B & O Railroad tracks. In 1930 D.R. Hall bought it from the Walkingtons and along with his sons, Herbert and Raymond, ran it until about the first of May 1936. At that time his son, Roy, purchased one half interest in the business. He relates, "Traded our car for a new 1936 Chevrolet truck (big truck at that time) and along with my wife, Mamie, and children, Frances and Vernon, moved to Iuka in the fall of 1936".

The business was then known as D.R. Hall & Son Trucking Company. They handled feed, seeds, coal and hay. A coal shed was built just east of the store building, which would hold two or three railroad cars of coal. They had feed, limestone, fertilizer and coal shipped in by the carload, averaging between 10 and 15 cars of coal a year and 30 to 40 cars of limestone/fertilizer. They hauled straw to the paper mill in Vincennes, Indiana and sand and gravel from Lawrenceville, Illinois.

Later they purchased the lot and what had been the Livery Stable east of the town hall. Guy Pickrell, son-in-law of D.R. Hall, was a trucker for the company in the early 1940's.

The entire business was purchased by Harold Fear on January 1, 1950.

David Riley (D.R. as he was usually called or Dave) Hall was born February 26, 1881 in Fields Township, Jefferson County. He was the son of John Martin and Sarah Margaret Caroline (Carroll) Hall. He married Martha Ethel Derring of Romine Twp., the daughter of Bernard and Lydia (Stonecipher) Derring on December 22, 1901 in Jefferson County. They had four sons, Herbert, Clarence, Roy and Raymond and three daughters, Blanche Josaphine, Mary Inez and Martha Pearl.



David Riley Hall died December 18, 1957 and Martha Ethel Derring Hall died July 4, 1949. Both are buried at Donoho Prairie Cemetery.

Roy David Hall was born December 11, 1908 in Pawnee, Sangamon County, Illinois and is now living in Ocala, Florida with his wife Mary. He married Mamie Wilkins, daughter of Vesta Wright Wilkins and Elsie (Spurgeon) Wilkins May 30, 1930 in Kell, Illinois. Mamie was born June 20, 1908 and died April 15, 1978. She is buried at Bell Cemetery in Haines Twp. There were two children, Frances Yvonne born February 13, 1934 and Vernon Leroy born January 25, 1936. Vernon married Wanda Louise Pierce in Greenville, Indiana. They now live in Englewood, Ohio and have two sons, John Edward and David Douglas. Frances lives in Iuka.

Both D.R. Hall and Roy D. Hall served as Mayor of Iuka.



IUKA CAFE and STORE Owners: Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Thurston April 17, 1913

Both of the pictures are taken in the J.W. Humphrey building. This is now the Masonic Lodge. This building had housed a restaurant continuously since the turn of the century until the sale of it to the Masonic Lodge in April, 1973.



HOLSTLAW RESTAURANT Owners: Dan & Mary Holstlaw, 1940. Pictured from left: Mildred (Foltz) Beard, Stella (Brown) Barnwell, Mary Holstlaw, Dan Holstlaw, men at counter - unknown.



IUKA FOOD STORE

The Iuka Food Store was constructed and opened in 1966. The store was co-owned by Delbert and Evelyn (Pickrell) Bartley and Guy and Pearl Pickrell. The store was closed in 1971 and the building was then used for a restaurant until

about 1973. In January of 1974 the building was sold to Charles Rankin. Mr. Rankin then converted the building into Rankin Funeral Chapel and it remains there today.



IUKA LUMBER COMPANY

James Rufus Meador was born December 28, 1893 in Romine Township. On Dec. 27, 1914 he married Rosa Lagow.

Rufus was employed by Matt Hinderer & Sons and the B & O RR prior to employment by W.A. Karr Lumber Co. in Iuka. This firm was changed to Iuka Lumber Company in 1928 and Rufus became a stockholder and manager.

Rufus & Rosa had two sons: Ermal and James.

Ermal was born in 1916 and worked for the company from 1934 to 1950. James was born in 1922 and worked for the company from 1945 until death in 1985. James was manager after his father's death in 1964. The company was dissolved in 1985.

This picture of Rufus was taken in 1940.



JONES GROCERY STORE

Tom Jones was born June 16, 1909 in Clay Co., Ill. He was the son of Wilson & Ethel (Mullins) Jones.

Alberta Phillips was born Nov. 28, 1913 in Iuka, Ill. She is the daughter of Stephen & Bertha (Behrnt) Phillips.

Tom and Alberta were married June 2, 1932. After their marriage they lived in Flora, Hammond, Ind., Chicago and then back to Iuka. Shortly after World War II, Tom and Warren Howe opened a grocery store in the building that formerly housed Goostree's Tavern, Thompson's Feed Store and Sona Coffee Shop. Later, Tom bought Warren's half of the business and operated the store until 1948, when he sold

it to Wilburn "Budge" Clifton. Tom then went to work in the oilfield. Tom and Alberta ran a restaurant in the old J.W. Humphrey Building (now the Masonic Lodge) from 1962 until 1973. This building had been used continuously as a restaurant since the turn of the century.

Tom died Dec. 19, 1981. Alberta still lives in Iuka. Their children are: Ron (m. Reta Henne), Carol (m. Jim Burroughs) & Tom (m. Barbara Crippen).

There are 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Pictured are Tom Jones on left and Warren Howe on right.



KELLER'S CREAM STATION

Walter Merle Keller was born March 28, 1913 in Iuka, Ill. He was the son of Albert Walter Keller and Frances Evalyn Beard.

Merle married Opal Decker February 21, 1934. She was born November 15, 1916, the daughter of Jacob and Alice (Crutchfield) Decker. They moved to Iuka in 1938. Merle

worked at the Brown Shoe Factory in Salem, B & ORR, ran a cream station in Iuka and retired from oil field work in 1975. He died February 18, 1981.

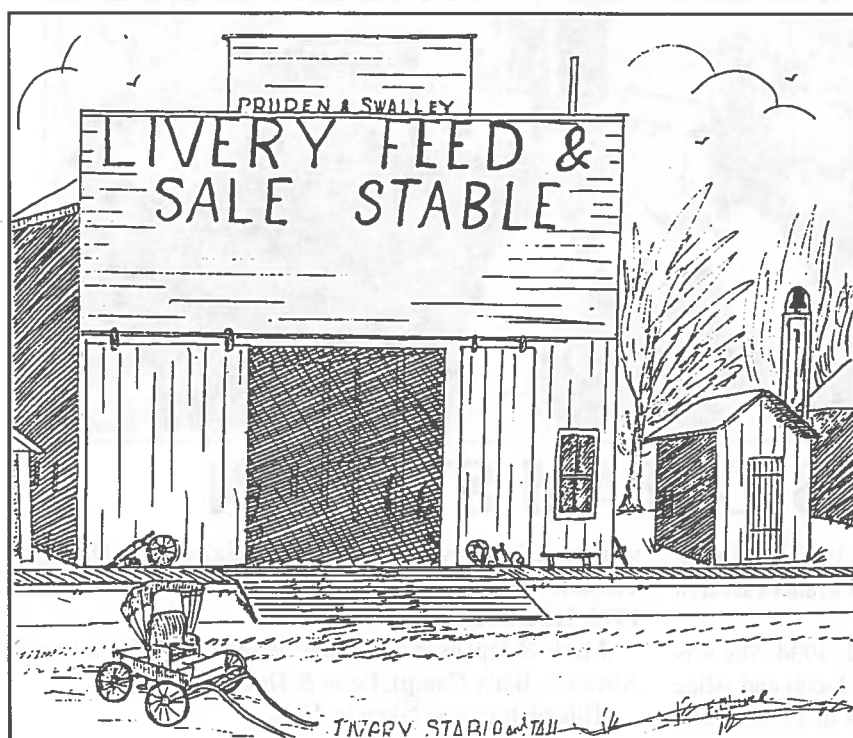
Merle & Opal's children are: Wanda (m. Bill Fatheree), Allen (m. Betty Camp), Leon & Doug.

This picture was taken in 1940.



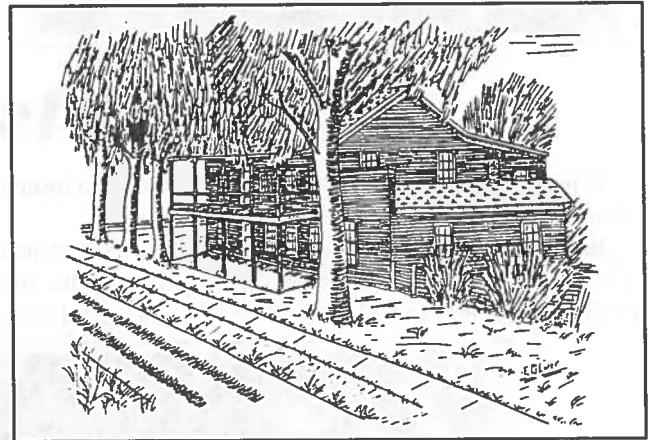
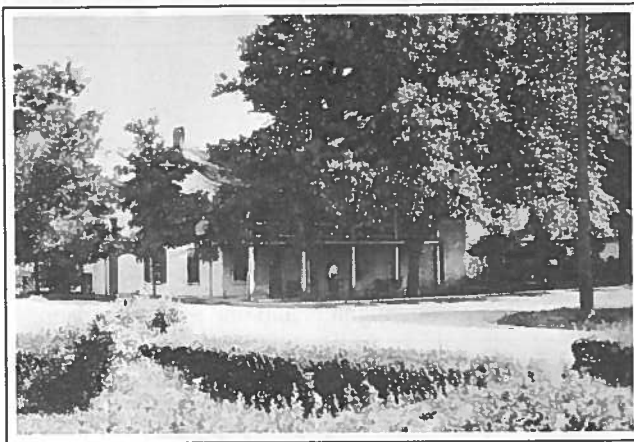
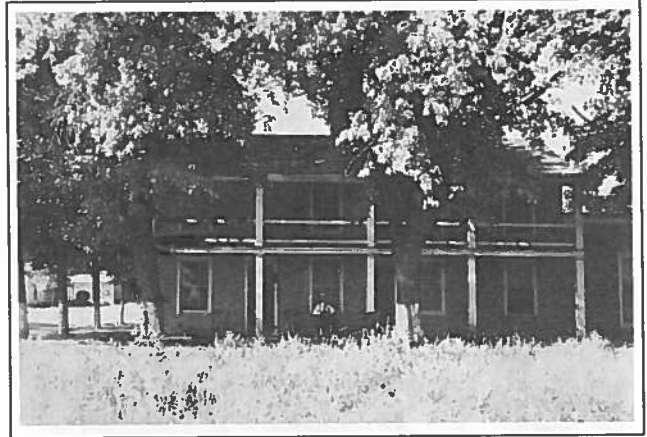
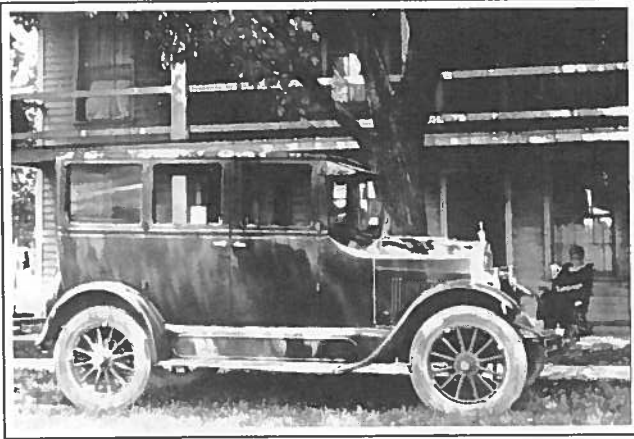
HARRY LINDER'S BLACKSMITH SHOP

Harry Linder had a blacksmith shop in Iuka about 1908. In the picture above are left to right; Ott Tarter, Harry Linder & unknown. Harry Linder was born April 17, 1878. He married Clara Belle Harmon July 8, 1905. Their daughter, Allena Pickett was born December 11, 1908 in Iuka, and is still living there.



LIVERY STABLE

This Livery Stable was in business in Iuka about 1909. At the side of the building is the old jail and bell. The Village Hall now stands on this location.



NEFF HOUSE

CHAS. A. NEFF, Proprietor

Iuka Bee - November 16, 1900

The whereabouts of first class hotel accommodations are one of the first questions a visitor asks when visiting a village and to give this piece of information to those who contemplate a visit to Iuka is the object of this editorial. Such visitors will find in the Neff House every facility provided for their entertainment. This is the largest hotel in town and has the reputation of being better equipped for the business than any other place. It is certain that those who have stopped here, go

away satisfied with their treatment.

The dining feature of this hotel is par excellent. All the substantial of the season are served in a neat and intelligent manner.

Mr. Neff, the proprietor, is a congenial gentleman and popular host who leaves no stone unturned to please and satisfy everybody. He has the reputation of being one of Iuka's most progressive citizens and is well deserving of success. Our advice to those who visit Iuka would be by all means to patronize this popular hostelry.

TRIVIA MEMORIES

Old Mill

After the old mill shut down, Bill Hinderer, Paddy Ayers, Ed Widdows and Sam Barksdale would go up in the office and play pinochle all afternoon. After Bill died, they sold all of the equipment.

Rose Lake

There was a jitney with a step in the back and benches on

both sides to carry people to the lake. It left from the stable and usually Clode Songer used his horses to pull it.

Clode Songer used his team of horses to pull the hearse to the cemetery.

One time the roads were so bad that they put the casket on a flat car on the railroad tracks and pushed it to the cemetery and then carried it from the railroad to the gravesite



ERMA (Ashby) NEFF

Erma was born April 11, 1908 in Charleston, Ill. to Joseph Maurice Ashby and Susan Myrtle Dudley.

Erma married Harold "Punch" Neff Sept. 26, 1934. Punch was born Jan. 26, 1905 in Indian Territory. He was the son of Charles Herbert and Matilda Ellen (Carter) Neff. Punch

died April 6, 1986.

Erma and Punch lived in Iuka most of their married life. Erma ran the Neff's Cafe for many years.

Their children are: David (m. Pat Hollifield) and Charles. She has two granddaughters and one great-grandson.



PARKS GARAGE

Located on Front Street in Iuka.

Pictured left to right: Bill Davis, Marion Parks & Durley Dunlap. Picture taken in 1947.

The building was constructed in the early 1900's (Model "T" time). It has been used various times as garages and grocery stores. Business owners were families of Fear, Nichols, English, Eakin, VanGilder, Ellis and Parks.

Marion Parks started training as a mechanic in this

building at the age of 17, continued in Iuka as a mechanic at various locations and bought the building in the early 1940's for a garage business. Mr. Parks sold the building to Floyd & Rhonda Gordon on April 11, 1985 and they presently have the B & R Grocery located there.

Marion Parks was born April 23, 1904. His wife Martha (Branson) was born September 12, 1910. They were married January 30, 1929. Their children are Lee & Ron.

LELA MEADOR SHOE REPAIR



Lela Meador began his shoe repair business in Iuka on January 26, 1920.

He was first located in the lower floor of the old telephone office (where Rankin Funeral Home is today). He repaired harnesses and probably anything made of leather. He also repaired watches, clocks and traded knives.

Lela hung the mail out at night for the train to pick up. He would pick up the sack of mail that was thrown from the train and deliver it to the Post Office the next morning.

About 1930, he moved to the southeast corner of Cherry and South Avenue. He had a small building out in back of his house that he used for his repair shop.

The shoe repair business was quite active in the past. A person was lucky to have one new pair of shoes a year and they certainly didn't cost \$75 to \$150 a pair! When they became

torn, you had them sewn. If they needed new soles and heels you took them to Lela's repair shop. They weren't thrown away and a new pair bought. We are not sure what the cost to have the repairs done on the shoes, but we're sure it was a minimal amount compared to what it would cost today. But even if the cost was reasonable to repair shoes today, we probably would still live up to our reputation as a "throw-away" society.

Lela Meador was born in 1885 and died in 1959. He was married first to Elizabeth Daggett and had two children, Hattie (m. Bill Sanders) and Edna (m. Hiram Mulvaney). His second wife was Ida Butcher and they had a son, Alva (m. Augusta Henson). Lela's third wife was Edna Henson.

Alva and Augusta still live in the house where Lela lived and had his shoe shop until his death in 1959.

Iuka Bee - November 16, 1900

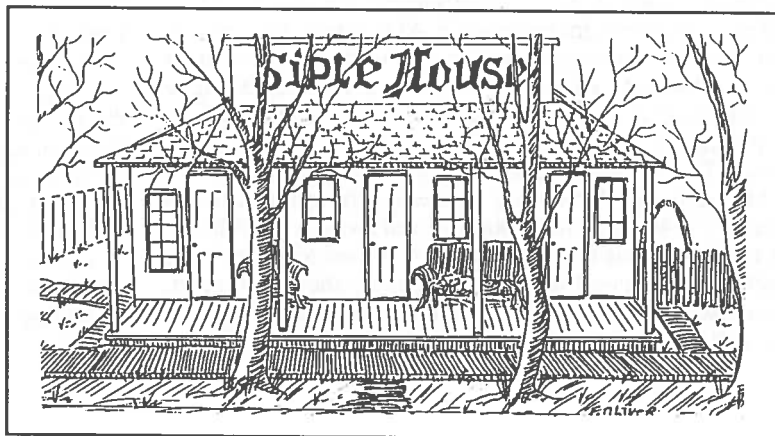
SIPLE HOUSE Hotel and Restaurant,

George Siple Proprietor Feed Stables in Connection

If there is one piece of information that a stranger is more thankful for receiving than another, it is as to the whereabouts of first-class hotel accommodations and we are going to earn the gratitude of the visitors to Iuka by informing that in the Siple House they will find all that could be desired in the way of such accommodations.

They understand thoroughly well how to conduct a hotel so as to please everybody. A prominent feature of this hotel is the restaurant and lunch room feature. We know of no place in the county or even section of Southern Illinois where the same superior quality of meals can be obtained at an equal outlay. Mrs. Siple is a most excellent cook and all the substantial of the season are here served in a neat and intelligent manner. Everything about the place is comfortable and homelike and the guest is well treated and goes away satisfied. Mr. Siple is an old resident of this section and is well known and popular amongst all classes.

He and his wife have been catering to the public in this line for the past 12 years. There is a livery and feed stable in connection and accommodations are afforded for a considerable number of transient horses.





THOMPSON TRUCKING & FEED STORE (1935-1948)

Frank Thompson owned this business. He was born in 1880, the son of William and Bethinia (Kelly) Thompson.

One year crops were bad in the Iuka area but there was an abundance of wheat and oats in the western states. Loads of wheat and oats were shipped to Iuka. Thompson Trucking then unloaded them out of the boxcars.

Thompson Trucking went to Peoria to pick up Red Brand Fence (this was the company that sponsored the Barn Dance on WLS Radio station in Chicago) for Hinderer's.

Centralia Cartage Company began with Thompson Truck-

ing and was started by Frank Thompson, Merle Thompson, G. W. Rohman and Ralph Sprehe.

In 1936 or 1937 Denver English had cows shipped from drought stricken Texas to Iuka. He rented D. W. Holstlaw's land between Iuka and Salem. The cows were unloaded at the stockpens in Iuka and then driven west along the railroad track then on north to the highway to the pasture. Jim Thompson remembers riding his pony on this drive.

Photo above taken in about 1947. Frank and Jim Thompson.

WEEMS and FEAR BUSINESSES in IUKA by Irene Fear (1992)

My parents, Leonard and Carrie Weems, bought the building at the southeast corner of the Iuka Road and Route 50, in 1924. It was a shell of a building (like a barn) large doors on the north and the same on the south. That was the start of the garage. Later gasoline pumps were added and Dad had made the upstairs into rooms. At this time mother was the telephone operator and we lived in the rooms provided for the switchboard, which was located on the corner where Rankin Funeral Home now stands.

We moved to the garage-filling station in 1926. Mother left the Telephone Company to help with the business.

My husband, Harold was discharged from the Army in February 1944. After his mother passed away, we purchased her home from his brother and sister. We enclosed the back porch and purchased second-hand beauty shop equipment. We had wired the place for electricity but didn't have running water. It had a sink and a drain, so using two teakettles for

hot water, a bucket for cold water and a deep washpan in the sink - I started in the Beauty Shop business out on the farm.

About 1945 we moved to what was known as the Molly McCartan house, northeast across the street from the school. We fixed the closed-in porch for the Beauty Shop and "Happy Day", I had running water!

We lived there until 1956, when we built a home north on the Iuka Road, with the Beauty Shop between the house and the garage.

Harold bought the D.R. Hall & Son Feed Store in 1951, which he operated several years along with trucking livestock into St. Louis. He also spread fertilizer for farmers.

In 1957 Harold and I bought the Hinderer General Store. I've worked long hard hours, but happy ones, for 51 years, when due to health, I closed my shop and moved near my daughters.

WIEHLE TRUCKING

Erwin & Lois Wiehle were in the trucking business for over forty years in rural Iuka.

During the building of Interstate 57, Wiehle Trucking helped prepare the shoulders by spreading fertilizer/limestone needed throughout Marion County.

Erwin made many trips to Bedford, Ind. for stone to be used in the building of homes and businesses; to the stockyards in St. Louis, MO for people wanting to sell their livestock.

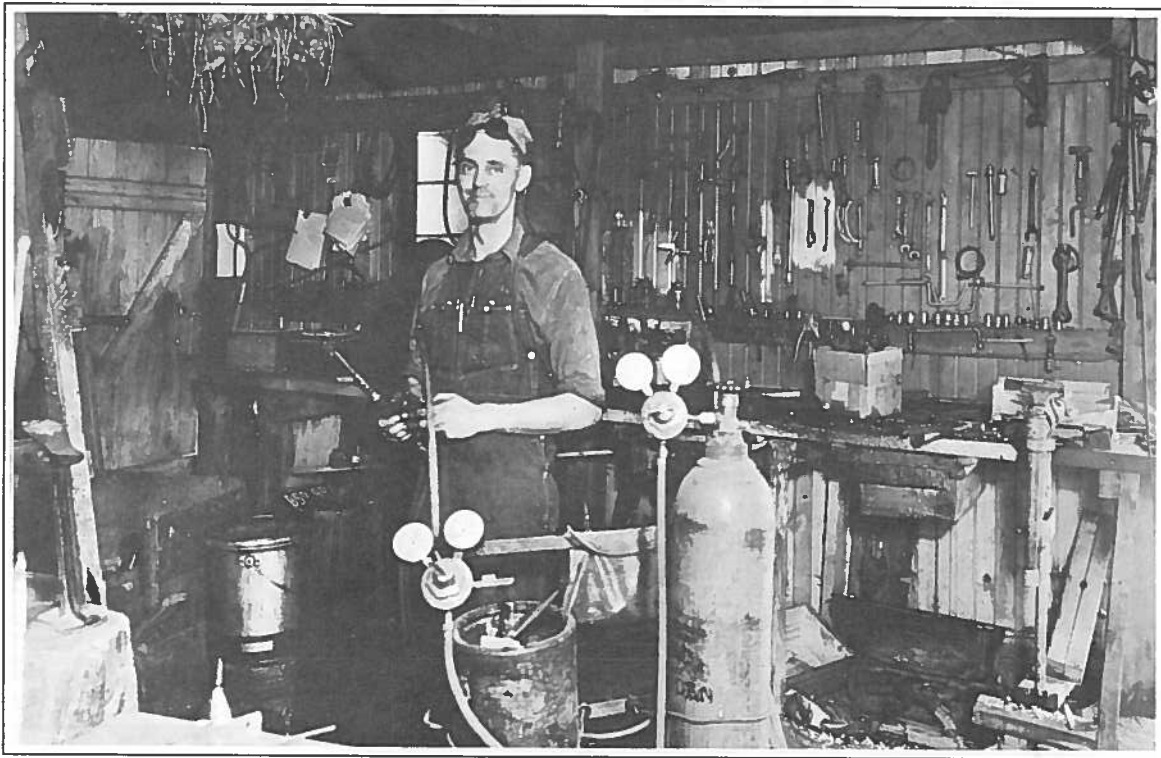
Erwin & Lois also farmed, raised cattle, hogs & chickens.

Erwin & Lois (Pickett) were married June 4, 1933. Their children are: LeRoy (m. Stella Altigilbers), Peggy (m. Tom Halford), Erwina (m. Earl Blank), Patricia (m. Alan Timm), Linda - died at age 16 & Edward - died in infancy.

Grandchildren are: Cindy, Kevin, Gregory & Kent (LeRoy) Christina (dec'd), Michael & Tommy (Peggy), Matthew & Bradley (Erwina), Jason & Kristen (Patricia).

There are 13 great-grandchildren.

Erwin died August 9, 1988 and Lois died May 30, 1984.



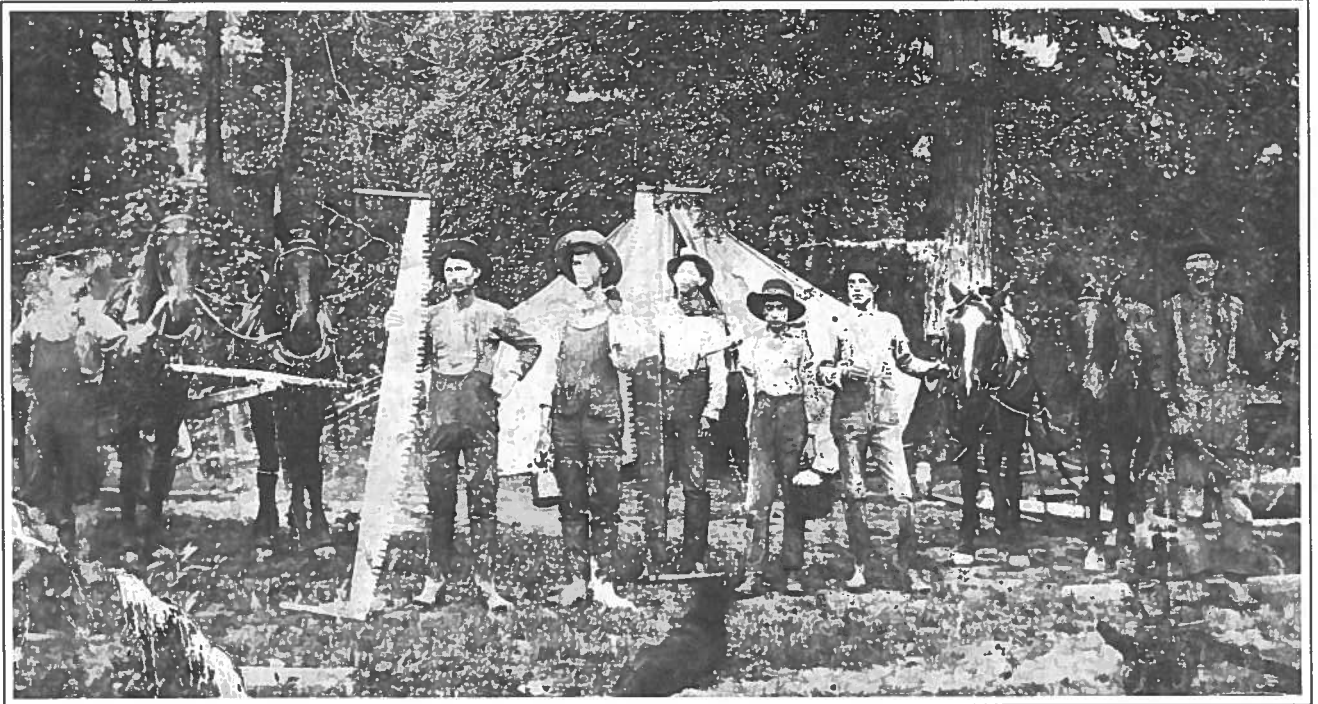
WIMBERLY GARAGE

Ezra Wimberly started a garage at his home in 1941 after being laid off from the Brown Shoe company in Salem, Illinois. He also worked at the Vandalia Correctional Center. He was mayor of Iuka from 1961 until 1968.

Ezra was born April 29, 1907. He lived in Salem until he married Tessie Bass in August 18, 1934 and then moved to

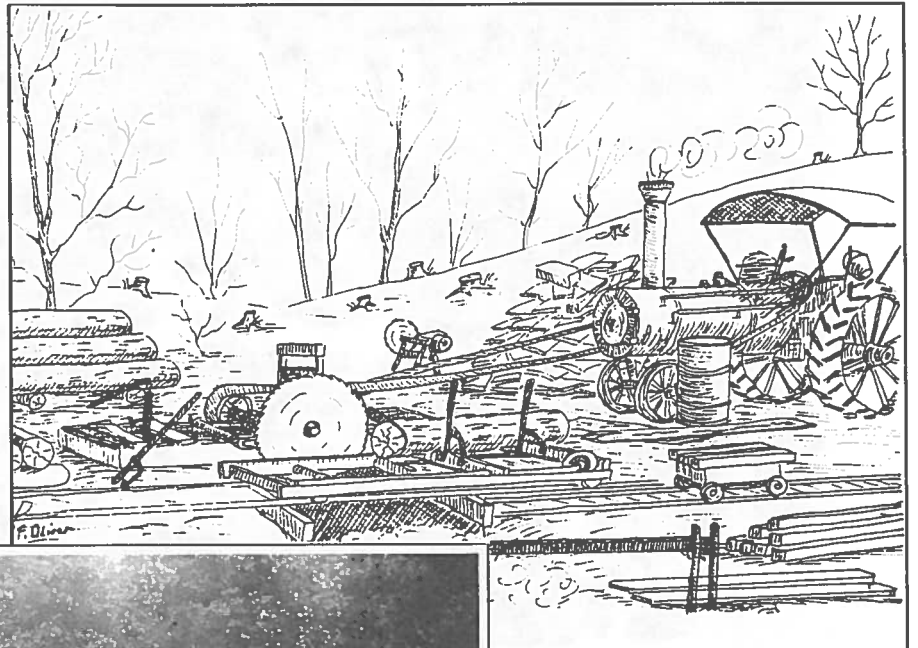
Iuka, Ill. Tessie has lived in Iuka since 1932. Tessie was born December 27, 1910. She retired from the Brown Shoe Co.

They have one child, Paul who married Hildred Krutsinger. This picture was taken in 1941.



READY FOR A DAYS WORK

Frank Linder on left holding horses and Harry Linder holding the saw are the only persons that can be identified



AUGUST HENNE SAWMILL

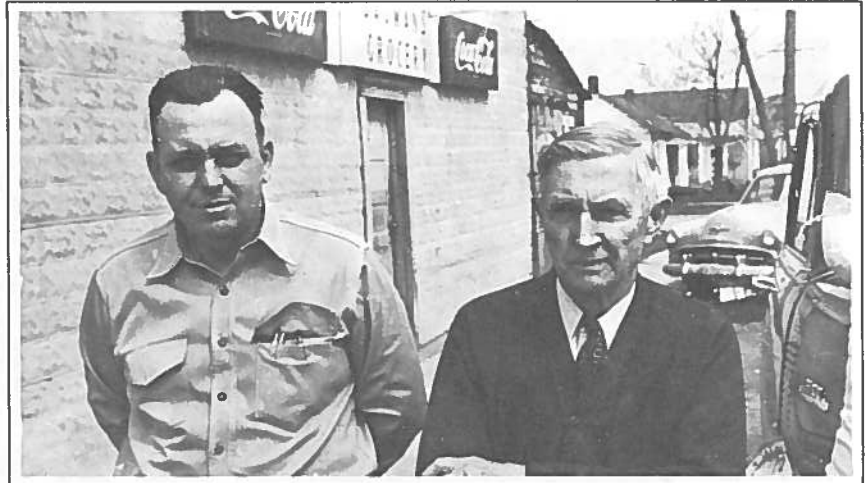
WILLIAM L. BAUMAN

Submitted by
William Bauman, son.

Born in Chicago, Ill. July 5, 1876, family later moved to a farm near Johnsonville, Ill. where he took his first job with a William Boaz, who operated a general merchandise store. My fathers first job was to drive a huckster wagon, which he drove out through the country

carrying staple groceries and would pick up eggs and chickens, etc. as payment for things that they would buy.

Then the family moved to Decatur, Ill. There he met my mother, Marie Kresin, and was married May 5, 1903. Then



From left: Art Hahn and William Bauman

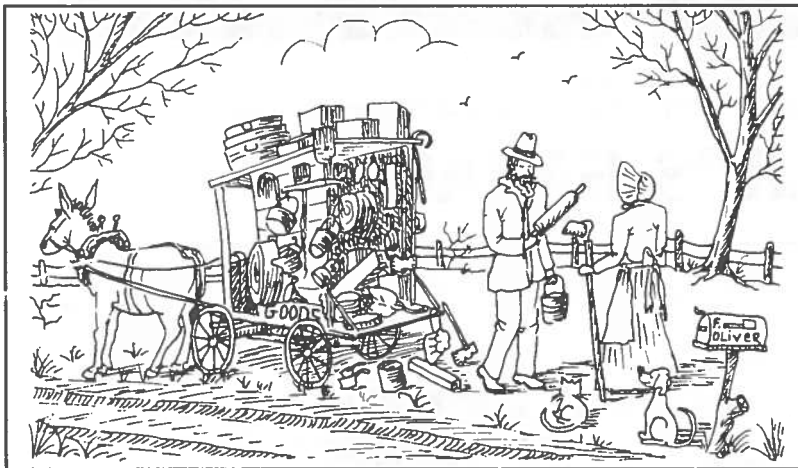
they lived in Iuka, Ill. where he managed the Iuka Lumber company for 14 years. Then he was Postmaster at Iuka for 12 years.

After about 1934, my father bought Beaver's Store and operated it until about 1947, when he retired and his daughter Pauline Bauman Hahn and her husband Arthur Hahn took over.

My father's store had groceries, some general hardware, work shoes and men's work clothing.

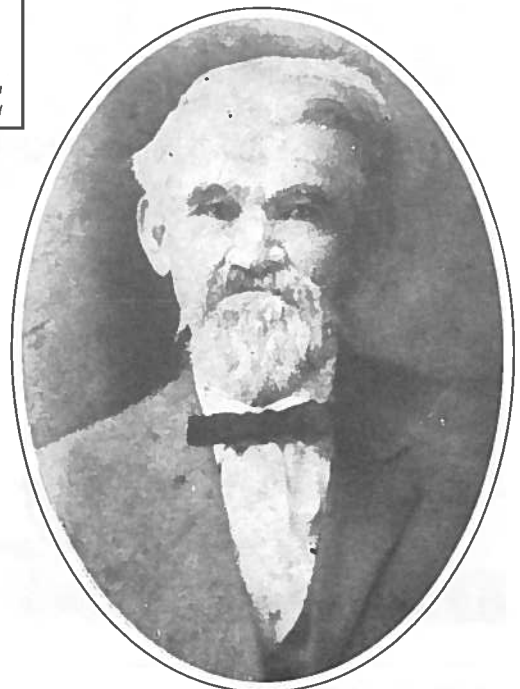
During this period, my father would buy 2 to 3 railroad boxcars of flour and feed from Clyde, Kansas.

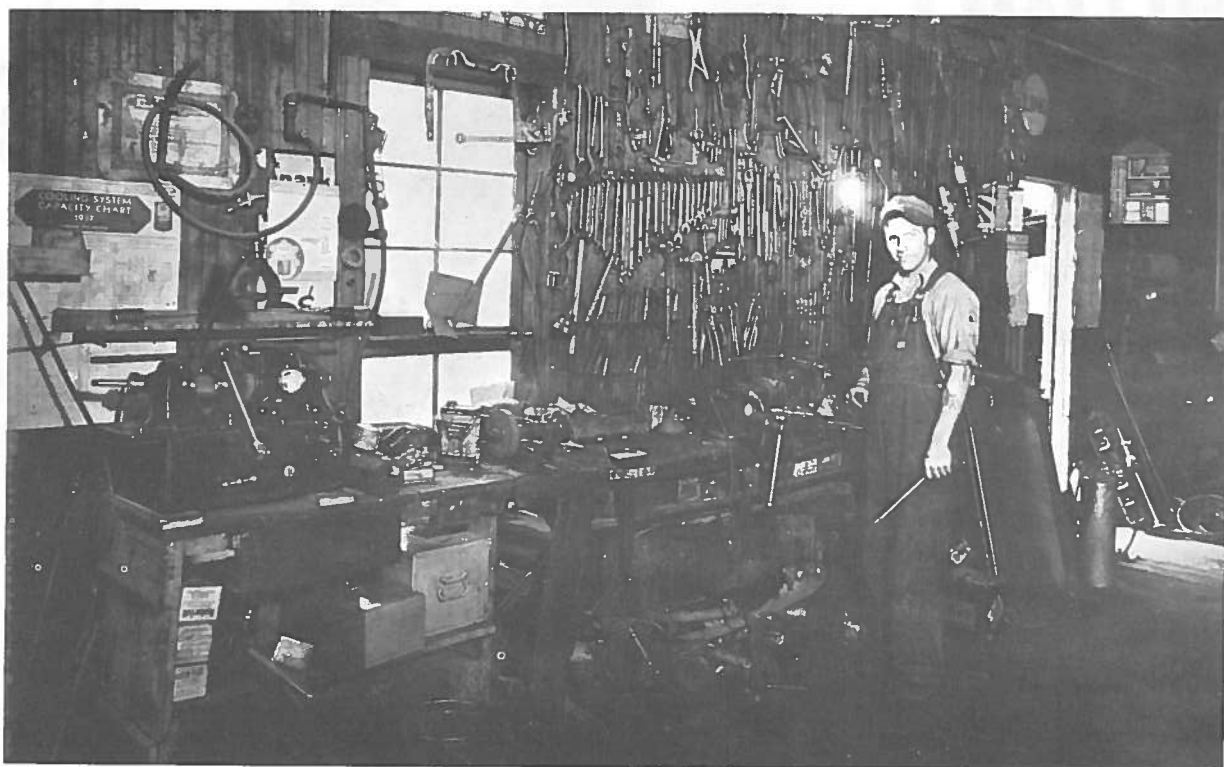
My father died January 1, 1959 and my mother died January 6, 1961.



MATTHEW HINDERER

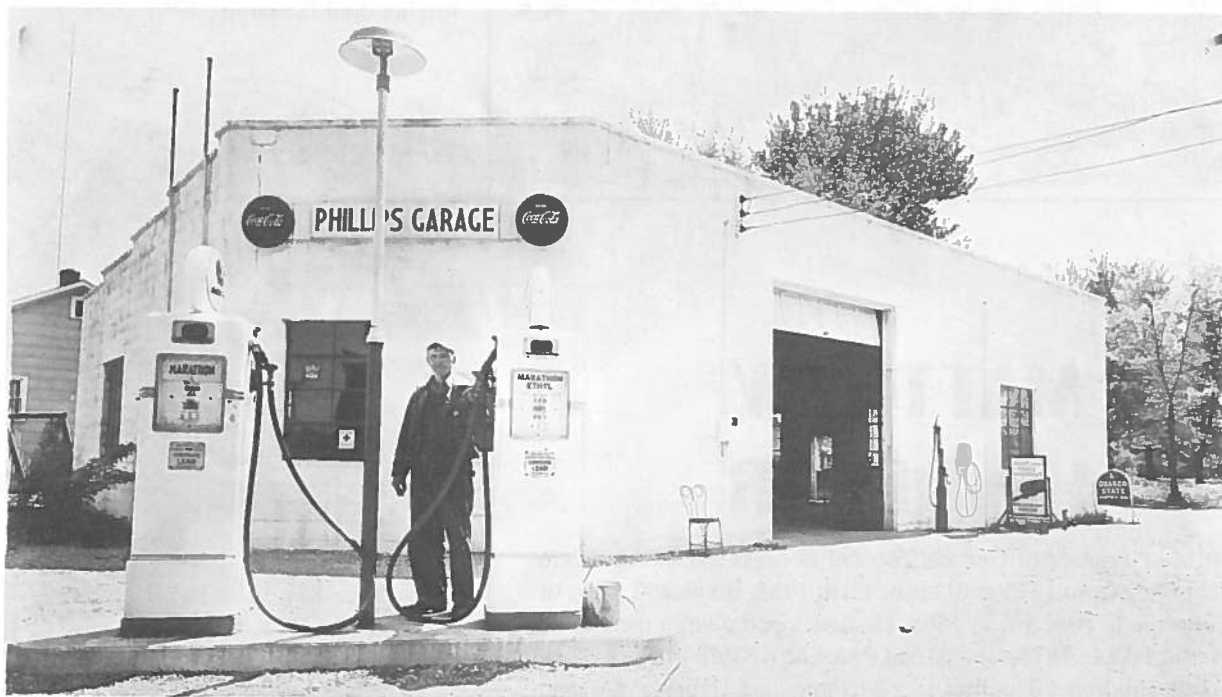
Matthew, a native of Germany served as president of the Salem National Bank from 1925 until his death in 1933. He was 92 years of age. He came to America in 1868. He developed a large mercantile business in Iuka in 1873. He married Caroline Krodell in 1882. They reared four children, a daughter, Estella; three sons, Henry, Ernest and Clarence. The children carried on the tradition and Hinderer Store remained in operation until 1957.



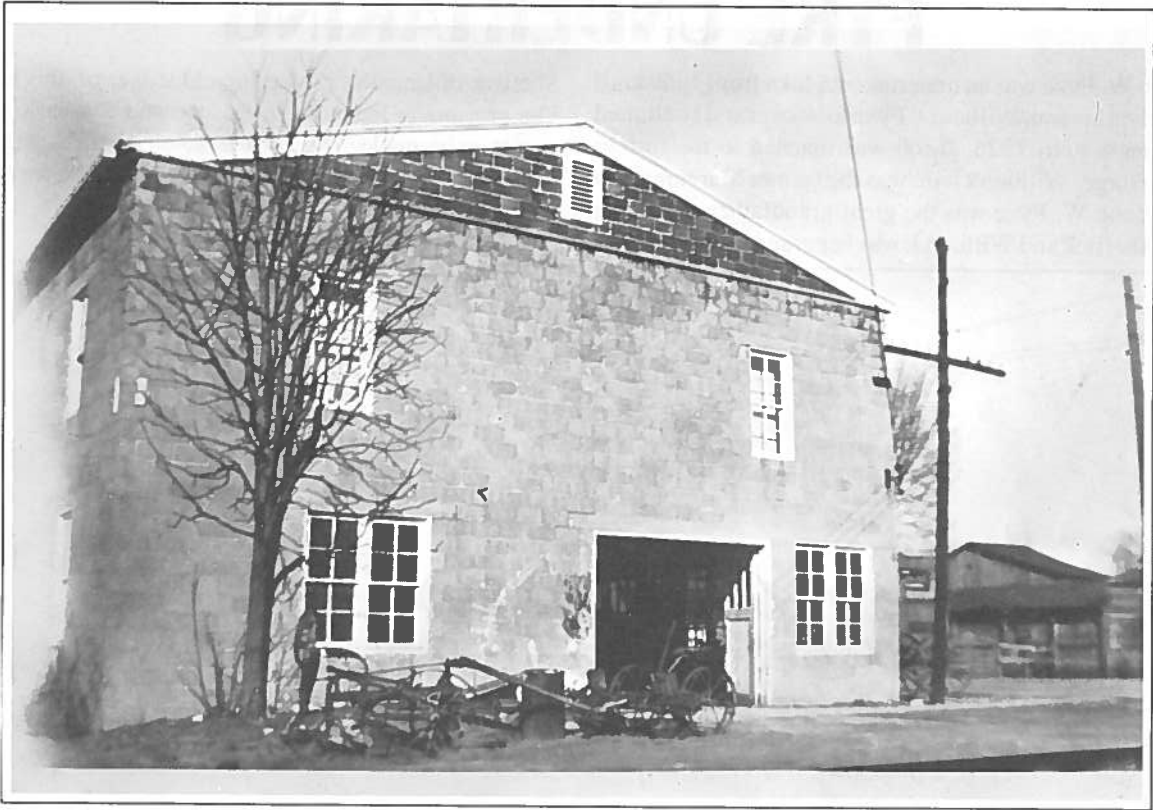


DEMPSEY "Jack" PHILLIPS IN HIS GARAGE IN 1940. This garage was west of the present Village Hall.

PHILLIP'S GARAGE



DEMPSEY "Jack" PHILLIPS in his garage that he built in 1949. This is the site of the present Davis Tire.



ALBERT HAWN, SR.

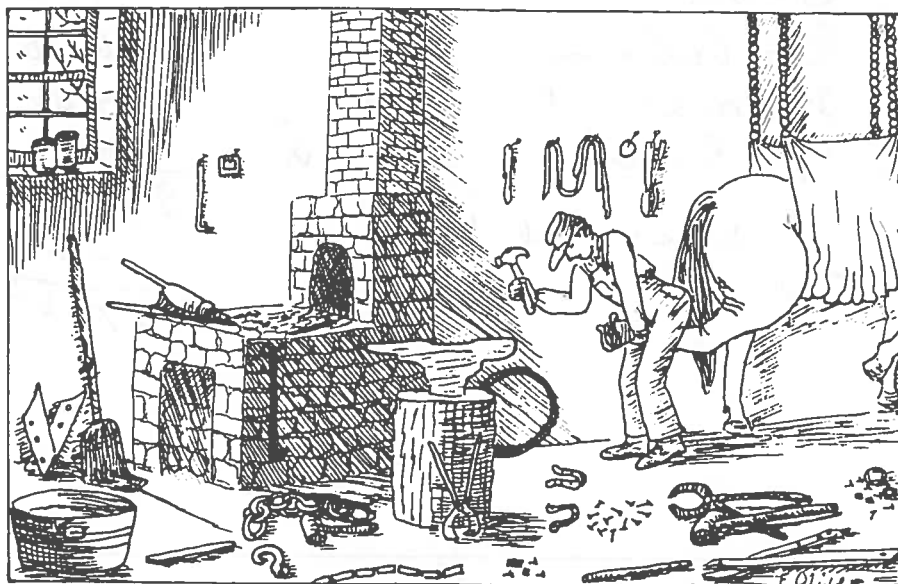
Son of Corneluis and Mary Pilman Hawn, married Edith McCall in 1917. They reared two sons, James and Albert Jr., James gave his life at the Battle of the Bulge in WWII. Edith died in 1937.

Albert then married Lara Bass. She died in 1967 leaving three children, Verlie Bass, Earl Bass and Tessie Wimberly of Iuka.

Albert grew up with blacksmithing. His father and uncles had businesses at Boss Station near Newton, Ill. His brother

Ralph continued his father's blacksmith business there. Albert opened a shop in Iuka in 1920. In 1925 he built a new building which is still standing today. He retired in 1956. His son Albert Jr. ("Cowboy") carried the business forward until 1970. In 1974 he reopened the shop with a history of 54 years in Iuka.

Albert Hawn, Sr. was a member of the Salem American Legion and the John B. Moody Masonic Lodge No. 510 of Iuka. He died Aug. 17, 1982 aged 91.



FYKE UNDERTAKING

Jacob W. Fyke was an undertaker in Iuka from 1869 until 1904, when his son, William J. Fyke took over and continued the business until 1926. Jacob was married to the former Martha Burge. William's wife was the former Margaret Ann Jones. Jacob W. Fyke was the great-grandfather of Martha (Fyke) Sheftick and William J. was her grandfather.. Martha

Sheftick of Lincoln, Ill. has the old ledger of this business. She graciously loaned it to Roscoe and Sylvia Rogers for copies to be made. The book is so old that the pages were being damaged in trying to photocopy them. So we are using only a few pages in this book.

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