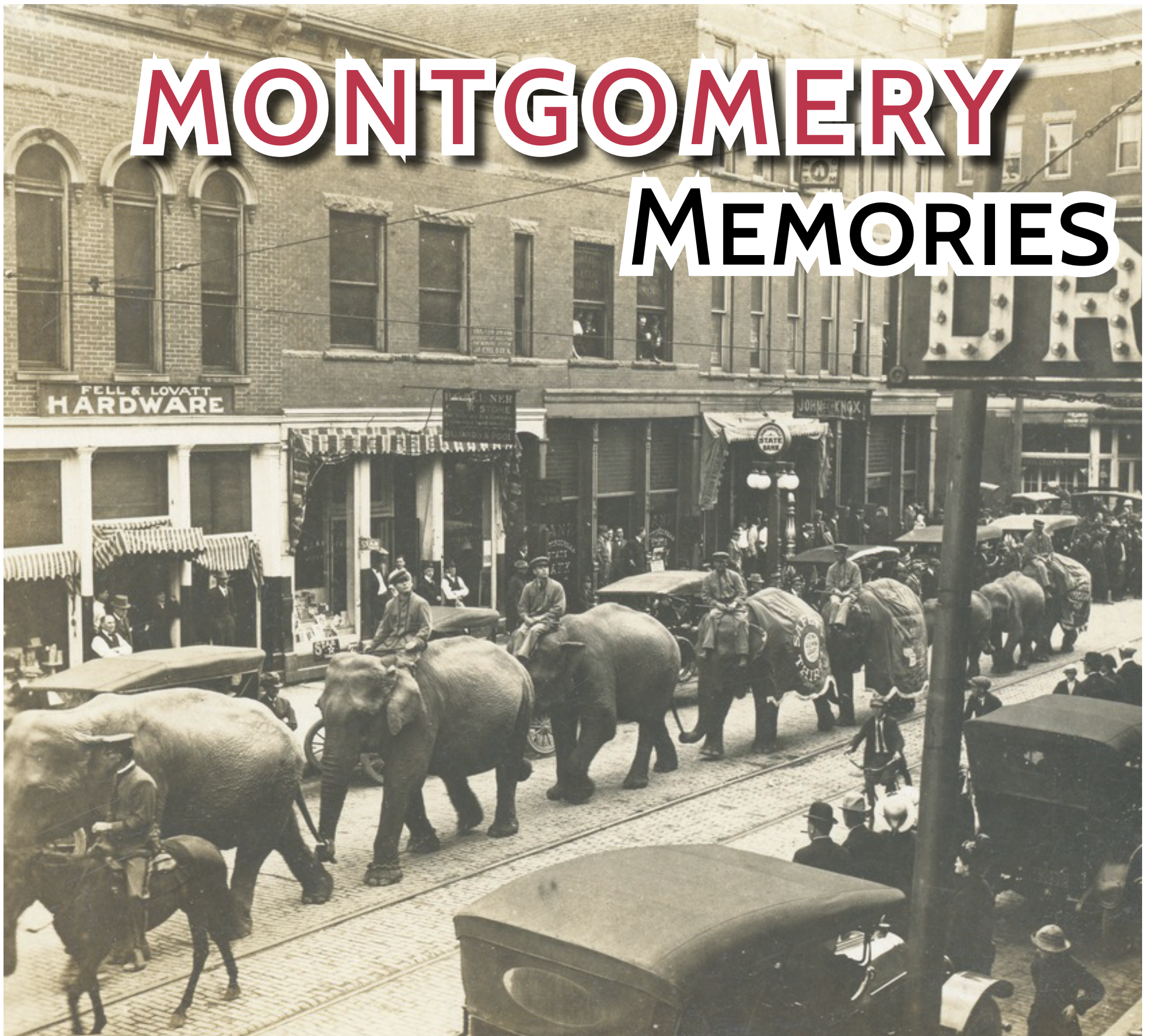


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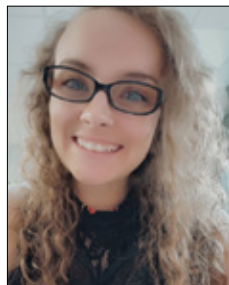
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# March Feature: Tinsley from Tipperary

*Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories*

Harvey Robert Tinsley was born in Tipperary, Ireland (26 May 1842) to William and Lucy McCarthy Tinsley, 5th of nine children. The family came to America (1851) when Harvey was a boy. They settled in Cincinnati where H.R. began clerking as a living in that city. Serving in the Civil War (74th Ohio signing up for the first 100-day enlistments but served throughout the whole of the war), then returned to Cincinnati and met Ed Hovey, a commercial traveler for a hardware firm in C'ville. Ed asked him if he wanted a job and Harvey said, "You bet I do!" So, he came here (his father knowing the city as he had done architectural work for Wabash) on Halloween in 1866 and Ed found him a place clerking (general store of Campbell, Galey and Harter). This store specialized in dry goods and hardware, along with groceries and other items. (CWR 31 Oct 1916 p 1)

Tinsley was especially interested in the hardware section. After serving as a clerk, Henry Campbell purchased the hard wares and began a store of his own with Tinsley. They partnered for five years until Henry retired then Tinsley took in Arch Martin for a partner. In January 1894, Martin retired, as well, but Tinsley kept it up as HR Tinsley & Company.

Many gave advertising and exceptional management as the firm's reasons for great success. According to the Hardware Dealer's Magazine December 1916, he summed it up in this unique way: "The paper in which the advertisement appears must be useful and entertaining to the general public. If it is not, the people will not read the news, much less the advertising matter. While if the general tone of the paper is approved by the public, both the news matter and the advertisements will be read." He developed the subject of advertising further stating that, "unless the merchant had good goods in his store, courteous clerks who treat the people so squarely they come again and again and the entire firm be in good repute for honest dealing with which to back it up, all his advertising would come to naught and his business would fail." Tinsley was especially interested in what would make life easier, selling the first successful wire "self-binder" in Montgomery County and promoting the successful twine-binder (1882). Seems what he did within his advertising was to prove his worth "1200 gallons of Rubber Paint sold by Campbell & Tinsley this year. It is the best paint in use without doubt!" (CWJ 1 Aug 1874). They often had little bleeps as such and their larger ads were eye-catchers (see photo – CWJ 17 May 1890).

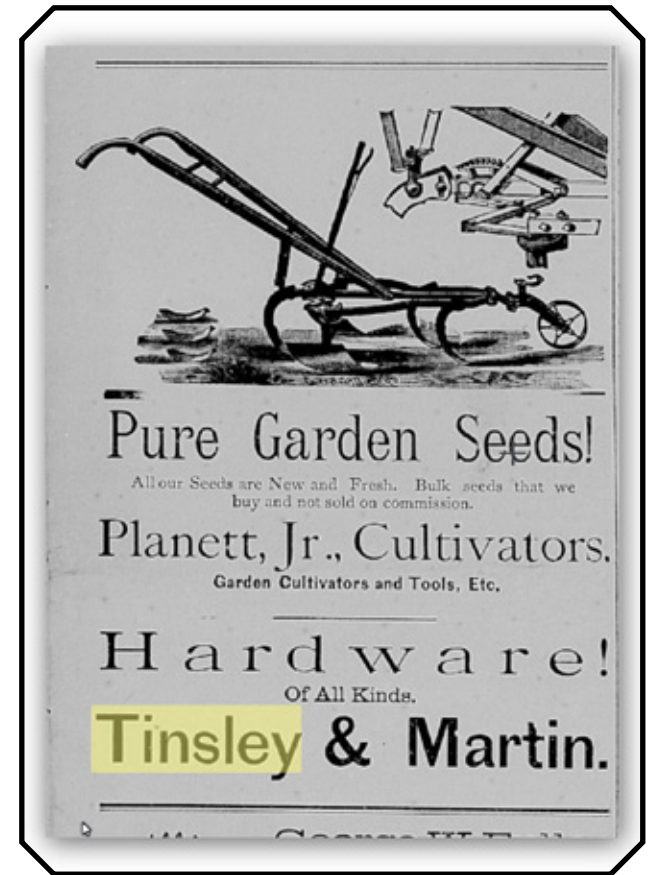
On June 13, 1872, in Clinton County, Harvey married Elizabeth W. Dunn, the minister being Rev. Charles Tinsley, H.R.'s older brother. Harvey and Elizabeth were parents of Robert Harvey, (who later became Auditor of Montgomery County); William Dunn; Alfred Dubois; John S.; George "Cam"pbell; Marie Binford and Jane Elizabeth. Elizabeth died young (suffering from grip for ten weeks, passing Jan 13, 1894, and sending sorrow throughout the family and all of the city). Harvey married Harriet "Hattie" McKee who was a wonderful step mother to Elizabeth's children. They built the brick home at 1010 W. Wabash, the bricks supposedly burned in a kiln on the lot immediately east. This home had a carriage house and servants' quarters in the rear.

In one of the several Tinsley-related documents (Montgomery County Historical Society) there was a notation that each spring when Tinsley & Martin received a train-load of Studebaker wagons, they would "borrow teams from all over the area to parade the wagons from the Monon station to the store." A big parade! Another interesting tidbit, at the end of 1899 Tinsley sold Carr & Wert the "largest glass in Western Indiana," for the front of Bischof's Big Store.

Besides hardware, Harvey sold real estate in the 1890s, and as with his hardware he sold lots of it, developing two or three of our early additions to C'ville. This is about the same time his brother, TR, an architect and builder, was erecting many amazing places (Ohio Hospital for Insane; Ohio Blind Asylum; Cathedral of Kansas City) and wrote much on the subjects. Wonder if he came to build some of HR's additions?

In 1901, there was a fire in the hardware. The fire department had to break in the heavy iron doors in the rear since no one could quickly be found to let them in. The heat was intense and the firemen worked in great peril as "five barrels of oil and a 40-gallon tank of turpentine were right where the fire burned the fiercest." (CWJ 5 July 1901). The glass windows and sky lights in the fired area were broken and the plate glass windows in the front were cracked and the stock loss was right where the fire was. Tinsley and Arch Martin were both so grateful to the wonderful job of the firemen. Insurance covered the whole loss.

Upon Harvey's death (23 Sept 1926), his sons ran the business up until the Depression caused them to close it, the Hardware having been a family business for almost 60 years. Harvey was the oldest



business man in the City of Crawfordsville when he passed. He told the Review that he had watched the city slowly and surely develop into a fine town with honorable people. His son, William Dunn moved to Kansas City, was in the Spanish American War and is buried in the National Cemetery there. Fred (Alfred Dubois) was in Louisville and passed at age 50 in Frankfort, Clinton County. Buried here. Cam (George Campbell) attended Wabash, married Claudine Barnett and passed away in Evansville. Robert Harvey was a Wabash Grad and besides working for several years in the hardware was twice-elected county auditor. John Sylvester had two years of college and worked with the brothers. Buried Oak Hill. Neither of Harvey's two daughters, Maria and Janette married – both buried with their parents. Of Harvey's seven children, there were only three grandchildren.

So, hope you enjoyed hearing about one of our first hardware fellows as much as I did learning about the family and business. Why, I can just about view it in a movie.



# Odds & Ends – Collected & Commented on by Karen Bazzani Zach

Montgomery County has been blessed with so many amazing hardwares through the years. Here are a few items in regards to a portion of them.

Several deals in the early 1900s centered around Hardware stores. Royal B. Cox had owned a business in Darlington under the firm of Craig and Cox but Joyce & Son purchased it. Newton Booher had been a barber but in early 1912, decided to plunge into the Hardware business and purchased a store (actually the one Cox had previously) thus they bought out Henry Hopping's store that he had owned about a year. The new firm was expected to do well and was under the name of Cox & Booher!

Hezekiah Harrell was born in Brown Township, son of John T. and Elizabeth Moore Harrell (5-31-1858). His father had been a Civil War soldier and participated in 27 hard-fought battles in Co C 40th Indiana. John was also an active Republican and Hezekiah followed in his footsteps. HH traveled for International Harvester and a couple of other companies, thus became very well known in the hardware business throughout the area. Quitting the road in 1910, he entered the hardware business in New Market.

I thought it pretty amazing that Henry Rice Canine had already spent 25 years with SH Gregg & sons in service “with the hardware and implement house of SH Gregg & Sons (C'ville Star 1 July 1880). So much wood, lights, oils and such in a hardware store made for fire possibilities, and in sweltering late July 1893, Houlehan, Quillen and Company right downtown, a fire raged (as well as the Arms, the next-door shoe store), “white billowy clouds of smoke hovering over the building.” Many men with business rooms or offices downtown rushed to help, worrying about their own stores. No one could discover how the fire began, but night watchman Vance had been in the alley at 11 and things were fine. Six minutes later, Lew and Will Dickerson saw it from their home. The hardware owners couldn't really estimate what their loss would be but no less than \$8,000 (\$7,000 in insurance). Buggies and machinery would be the big losses. Oddly, back in the 1870s the same block was burned out and was also occupied by a hardware (JR Bryant) and Shoe Store (Miller's).

In the 1913 Ladoga Vest Pocket Directory, their hardware dealer (along with stoves, implements, buggies and carriages) was Carman (sic – Carmen – see photo from the great CDPL image collection) & Harris. Phone #8. Also note the loafers – seems each of the small towns had a place for the loafers – either a drug store; grocery; the library and here we have the hardware!!

Sometimes sad things happened in stores and on April 28th in 1901, in Darlington that was the case. George Seybold just 49 years old had gotten up at 2 in the morning, and when his wife Wilhelmina Peterson awakened a few hours later, she telephoned Dr. Peacock to please check for her husband (he had an office in the business). He quickly discovered George “cold in death,” hanging from the ceiling upstairs in his store. He was well loved in town, a leading Presbyterian and church worker, democratic politician, a leading hardware and implement dealer and the town was shocked. Some close to him seemed to think he was losing his mind, his final act indicating such, yet he had seven wonderful children James, Lora, Clara, Julia, Mary E, Hubert and Worley, Lora having passed), an adoring wife, an excellent business and the sad act was a shock to all! Rest in peace, George!

Charles Hallett (born in MoCo 10 July 1881, son of Felix and Rebecca Newkirk Hallett) was a farmer in the Wallace/Waynetown area for many years. He married Gertrude Summers and they were parents of two sons, Lacy and Oral. In 1926, he decided enough of farming, so he began a hardware business in Cates which he had

for ten years. Not time to retire, so he and his brother, Elijah began a retail hardware business in Waynetown which he had for another ten years.

An interesting hardware deal happened in July 1945 (Darlington Herald 19 July – Darlington Library newsletter by Butch Dale) when it was announced that the building and fixtures of the A&L Booher Hardware Store had been purchased by Alva Warren who would “assume management of the store when he is discharged from the Army.” Alva would retire at that time having started the hardware business there in 1880, along with his father, Ira Booher, and purchasing the business in 1890. And, yep, he was the oldest business man in Darlington at the time of the sale. Hope Alva came home and enjoyed a good one there!

Waveland was lucky to have two very active hardwares when I was growing up (CW Spencer's that opened in early April 1899 (Waveland Independent). He advertised “Steel roofing, felt roofing, lime cement, laths, fence-posts, best paints and oil.” This one was purchased probably in the late 1950s by Larry Dean Servies who later took in Carl Morgan as a partner. Such a great place – just about any type of lumber ya' needed they had, any kind of tool. And, their helper, Sharon McClure Cook was as knowledgeable as the men were. At the same time Spencers were in business we also had (right across the street as were the two drug stores) Whitecotton Hardware. It was the hopping place, too and did repair on equipment. Great folks!

One of my goals for the Odds section was to find the very first hardware store but it seems that many of the overall stores had hardware sections but in April 1857, Cristman & Gregg purchased a large stock of hardware including American, English and German hardware – iron, steel, sheet-iron, nails, anvils, bellows, springs, glass, buckets, vises, axels, sash, tubs ... along with saddlery, and farm equipment. It was Samuel H. Gregg in 1851 who began the first hardware. Samuel was married to Sarah Cristman (Christman) and they had one son, Orpheus, but she passed in 1861. In 1870, he married Sarah Munns and they had George Munns Gregg. Samuel was in business with some of Sarah's relatives and Orpheus joined his father in a very “large store with a large corps of clerks” (Beckwith p 176) and in 1872, they advertised March 5, (C'ville Star), SH Gregg & Son, were dealers in hardware, stoves, tinware, glassware, queensware, excellent agriculture implements, including the Cincinnati Rover Plow, S. Horney's Richmond Plow, the Ft. Wayne Plow and ready? The Crawfordsville Plow (another quest).

Thus you have but a few of the great hardware stores in our county including the first but, I wish I had a second section of odds for the many more!



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# Nifty at Ninety - And Beyond

Joy Willett, Montgomery Memories

For this edition of Nifty, we learn about the Duckworth family and their connection to the lumber business in Montgomery County. Newton A. Duckworth was born on September 23, 1843. His parents, Alvin L. and Narcissa (Walker) Duckworth married in Bath County, Kentucky on October 27, 1829. Newton was the youngest of their five children. The oldest, Thomas, was 13 years older than Newton.

In 1860, the family, including Narcissa's sister Elizabeth (who never married), moved from Kentucky to Crawfordsville. The Duckworth's were originally from Virginia, with roots in England. The 1860 census recorded the Duckworth household included Elizabeth, Alvin and Narcissa, and their children Thomas, John, and Newton. Their daughter Ruth

married Samuel McClure, a widower with a five-year-old son, in 1859. Their daughter Mary married J. Milton Kelsey in 1860. Both daughters made their homes in Montgomery County.

In 1860, Thomas and John worked as carpenters while Newton helped his father on the farm. Thomas left home after marrying Eliza McConnell on April 3, 1861. John married Elizabeth Lasley on March 13, 1862. They moved to Pike County where John farmed. Only 54 years old, Narcissa died from "consumption" on April 25, 1867. She was interred at Oak Hill.

On October 26, 1869, Newton married Jemima Almira "Mina" Wright. The only information I found about Mina was that her parents were born in North Carolina and died when she was very young (H.W. Beckwith History of Montgomery County). Mina was born in Greencastle, Putnam County, Indiana in November of 1843.

In 1870, Newton was "head of the household" and living with Mina, his father Alvin, his sister Ruth, who was widowed in 1865, and his aunt Elizabeth. While Newton worked as a carpenter, Alvin was teamster. On July 29, 1870, Newton and Mina had their only child, Harry. Thomas's wife Eliza died in 1875. The couple had no children. By 1880, Alvin, Thomas, and Ruth, were living at 82 Walnut Street. While Alvin continued, at the age of 68, to be a teamster, Thomas was a carpenter and Ruth was keeping house for her father and brother. That year, Newton, Mina, and Harry lived as their neighbors, at 84 Walnut Street. Newton was working in the grocery business with his brothers. Their establishment sat at the corner of Pike and Washington Streets (ibid). John, his wife Elizabeth, and their three children had



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returned to Crawfordsville and he worked as a carpenter.

By 1888, Newton went into the lumber business with D. C. Smith (Daily News-Review March 22, 1901, courtesy of the Indiana Genweb Project). Alvin died, from cancer, on August 18, 1891 (The Indianapolis News, 19 Aug 1891) and was buried at Oak Hill. By 1900, Newton owned his home, a stylish structure at 709 S. Water Street. Harry, who graduated from Wabash College, was still living at home and working as a journalist. For a time, Harry was city editor for the Argus-News (ibid, 02 Sep 1949).

The 1910 Census reveals Newton and Mina's neighbors included attorney Charles Hymen, the well-known Civil War author Ambrose Remley, Professor Roland Brown, and Dr. George Ramsey, Coroner. That year, Newton's sister Ruth died on March 26. She suffered from consumption, like her mother. John, the only Duckworth sibling to fight during the Civil War, passed on August 22, 1911. Newton's brother Thomas died on February 17, 1913. The phone directory for 1914 lists that Newton and Harry worked at their lumberyard "Smith & Duckworth." The company was also known as a supplier of paint, varnish, and lacquer (The Indianapolis

Star, 13, May 1929).

After she was widowed in 1913, Mary Wheeler Copeland lived as the Duckworth's housekeeper. By 1922, the family moved to the opulent two-story brick structure at 400 S. Water Street. Newton and Harry continued their roles at the lumberyard. This was true for Newton at least through 1924. Mina passed that year, and was buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Newton retired by 1926. On May 27, 1927, his sister Mary died. She lived to be the oldest of the siblings, passing at the age of 87.

Newton had passed just before Mary, on the seventh of May. He died from the effects of bronchial pneumonia. Like so many of his loved ones, he was interred at Oak Hill.

The 1930 Census lists Harry's occupation as proprietor of a lumber mill. He had moved to 403 S. Water Street, across the street where he had lived with his parents. Mary Copeland still lived in the Duckworth household. She developed senile dementia over the coming years and passed in December of 1939. Harry married Alice Mae Klein on June 30, 1939. He was 66 and she was 63. It was their first marriage, and may have been necessitated by Harry's need for a new housekeeper! They lived in a stunning house at 507 E. Wabash. In 1940, Harry continued to work for the lumberyard. Mae died in 1945 and Harry died on September 1, 1949. They were buried at Oak Hill.

May the Duckworth family, who each worked toward the success of our community, rest in peace.



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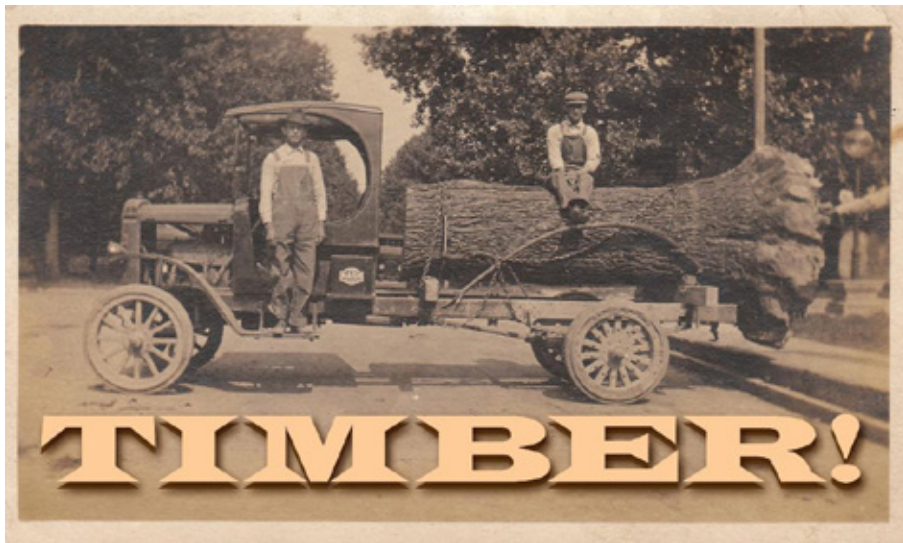


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As I follow the stream of traffic into the Home Depot parking lot, I notice I am in a bumper-to-bumper convoy of pickup trucks. There is not a sedan in sight. An occasional SUV breaks the monotony, but the entire area is populated with every make and model of the four-wheel hauler.

The sight transports me back to the midcentury 1960s when dad, Austin Clore, would tutor me on practicality.

“Trucks are made for workin’.” That’s just what they’ll do! If you own a truck, you can always find something to haul. Four wheels and a tailgate guaranteed me an income during the great depression. That old truck I owned helped me put food on the table.”

Of course, Dad was talking about a workingman’s truck. In Dad’s time, his 1956 Ford F100 proudly bore scars and dents from loads of scrap metal it carried to the salvage yard.

Uncle Clint’s Chevy Apache pickup rumbled down our drive, spitting loose gravel as it skidded to a halt. His three-year-old Chevy looked like Clint

had just driven it off the showroom floor. It had nary a scuff mark nor an oil stain, not even on the bed. Side by side Beauty and the Beast revealed two different worlds. According to Dad, Clint’s truck was not a bonified truck until it experienced the grit and grime of hard labor. With his one eyebrow raised, that same principle seemed to be applied to Uncle Clint as well.

If Pappy were riding shotgun with me today, he would scour the Home Depot lot of fancy rigs and deem them to be a bunch of rough-tough cream-puffs. “All shine and no work.” Advertised as built tough but loaded with after-market doodads, chrome wheels, and more lights than a Vegas strip.

Over the past two decades, I have driven a sporty little black Ford Range 4-wheel-drive Splash with side steps like Dad’s 56 Ford used to have. Next, I owned a cute red Chevy Colorado.

Two years ago, I graduated from short trucks to an adult-size Chevy Silverado. It was twelve years old but had been pampered just like Uncle Clint’s



Photo courtesy of Chuck Clore

Apache. I am sure Dad would scoff at the 20-inch chrome wheels and the tricked-out bed cover.

“Yeah, sorry to disappoint you, Dad, but I am not hauling wrought iron and barbed wire in this black beauty.”

Dad inherited his appreciation for rugged hard-working vehicles from my grandfather, James W. Clore. That is Grandpa Jim standing on the running board of the timber truck. Circa 1920, the men were rugged and the walnut trees were nervous. At first glance, I assumed the old truck was a Model-T Ford. Look again. The box on the running board reads NASH.

I only knew of the funky-looking Ramblers from the 40s and 50s that bore the NASH badge. But with a tad of research, I discovered the men from Kenosha, Wisconsin, were making the mass production Ramblers for the Thomas B Jeffery Company as early as 1902.

The four-wheel drive Jeffery-Quad trucks became the Nash Model 671 when Charles W. Nash acquired the company. It was the first vehicle to bare the new NASH name in 1917. The Quad achieved the reputation of being the best four-wheel drive truck produced in America. Nash became the leading producer of military trucks by the end of World War I. After the end of the war, the surplus Quads were the trucks for heavy construction and logging.

Paw, Grandpa Jim proudly poses on the best truck of his era before heading to the sawmill with a gigantic walnut log. There is not a lot of chrome on that workingman’s truck. It would look out of place in the Home Depot parking lot.

A special thank you to Cynthia Smith for sharing this 1920 photo. Cynthia’s grandmother, Oveta Clore Fisher, was one of four sisters to my grandfather, James W. Clore.

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# Poetry and Puzzles

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## In The Trees

By Joy Willett

The roof  
that protects from sleet.

The wall  
that holds in the heat.

The window  
that lets in the breeze.

The door  
that locks with a key.

The floor  
that secures beneath.

The chair  
that gives a seat.

The bed  
that's a place to sleep.

The table  
where we eat.

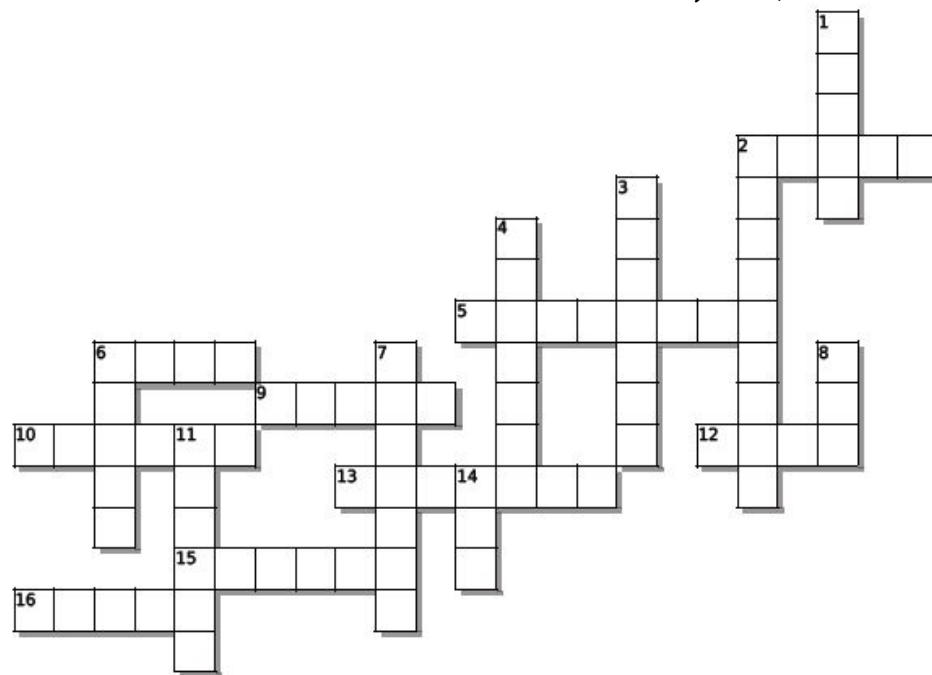
The bench  
that props our feet.

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The cupboard  
that keeps us neat.

All come  
from trees  
grown tall  
brought down  
by the axe  
they fall,  
landing with a  
mighty sprawl

Now felled  
the wood is hauled  
to the mill  
where sawyers strong  
cut with a big toothed saw  
from early dawn  
till the planks  
some short, some long,  
are made ready  
2 to build a home.



### ACROSS

- 2 Named NM coach in '59
- 5 Store for tools
- 6 Type of saw & haircut
- 9 Fruit in KBZ cake recipe
- 10 Once worn on Easter
- 12 Lumber was once this
- 13 AKA tornado
- 15 What a lumberjack yells
- 16 Pres. of JR in the 1950s

### DOWN

- 1 Pirates walked this
- 2 Birthplace H.R. Tinsley
- 3 April rain
- 4 "Red" Fever
- 6 AKA rabbit
- 7 April rain brings --- in May
- 8 Used to chop a tree
- 11 Celebrated 4/9/23
- 14 Used to cut wood

Check out page 10 for the solution

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## *Karen's Kitchen*

*Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories*

One of my all-time favorite recipe books is the 1983 Home Town Recipes of New Market/Waveland SW Rescue Service. It was a moneymaker for them and has some super recipes, although I couldn't find a recipe from someone who was associated with any type of lumber or paint business. There was a nice ad of the New Market Lumber Company "with a custom-concrete Mobile Service" so figured that was close enough to match the theme this month (lol).

I know several in the cookbook and have tried many of the recipes, even make a couple quite often but thought I'd give Berniece Myers' Fresh Apple Cake for this month's Kitchen entry (although I'm also definitely going to make Janet Jones' Peanut Butter Cake sometime soon).

3 Eggs  
1 C. Oil  
2 C. Sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 ½ C. Flour  
1 C. Nuts  
3 C. Chopped apples  
Cinnamon to taste

Sift dry ingredients;  
Beat eggs and sugar into oil  
Mix well  
Add flour  
Add vanilla, fold in apples  
and nuts.

Bake in tube pan in 350 degree oven 45-60 minutes.

Glaze is optional, but sure it'd make the cake tastier and more moist.  
Mix in medium sized saucepan (1 ½ C. Brown Sugar, ½ C. Milk, 1/3 C. Butter).  
Bring to soft ball stage; remove from heat; cool slightly; pour over warm cake.



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## County Connections: Lumber in Wingate

*Karen Bazzani Zach, Montgomery Memories*

Although our “Connection” lumberman wasn’t in our county for many years, he made a good and lasting impression while living and running his business in Wingate. Read on and an interesting fellow will be the featured read!

Clyde Harvey Hunter was born in Belle Rive, Jefferson County, Illinois, which at his birth (5 December 1883) was quite a young town. However, the family didn’t live there long and Clyde mainly grew-up in Paxton, Ford County, where on his 12th birthday, he entertained several of his friends and the festivities featured Prof. Foster and his violin class. Now, can you imagine, even in that time frame that a half-dozen pre-teen boys would enjoy that? Probably mom’s idea – lol.

A few months before this, Clyde had suffered a serious bout of scarlet fever. It seemed about every four years or so Clyde was sick for a few weeks and would guess it might relate to that as at age 54, he passed away suddenly due to heart troubles which often comes about with scarlet fever. Clyde was active in Paxton HS and his Methodist church, involved in various clubs (especially the Jr. Epworth League, a fairly young Methodist youth group where he served as treasurer). He would continue that expertise through life in clubs, organizations and his occupations. For instance, when he lived in Wingate he did books for a hotel in Paxton and when in Chicago the same, doing books for businesses elsewhere.

Although Clyde’s parents, William Harrison and Olive Rothamel Hunter had three sons, the little guy, David Harrison (Harry) passed at age three; Fred was a newlywed really (May 1899) in the 1900 census and passed away shortly thereafter, thus Clyde was basically their only son. Father William was born in Rush County, Indiana 5 June 1846 to William Hunter and Elizabeth Kirk, served in Co G 37th Ill and Co I 94th, with several battles in his repertoire. He began receiving a pension from the CW on 18 Dec 1882 and she received it after his death starting 8-13-1927. One of WH’s life’s loves was the Grand Army of the Republic and he served as its local treasurer and commander for years. The Hunters always had servants, even Fred who was a newlywed at his death had one, and WH and Olive lived in one of the nicest homes in Paxton. Suppose being one of the best lumbermen in Illinois had something to do with that!

It was the lumber business that brought Clyde Harvey Hunter to Montgomery County, specifically to Wingate where he lived alone for a couple of years (mid 1910) then with his wife, Lillian Barton, until he joined the service. He definitely ran a retail lumber business in Wingate, complimented I believe with a hardware store in a nice brick building, possibly owning it with his father and likely purchasing the hardware part from George Thomas, a local store owner for several years there (1896) and leaving



about the time Clyde came on the scene.

Clyde must have had trusted workers in his Wingate lumber business as he seemed to be gone a great deal of the time, motoring to see his parents for several days, attending lumber conferences for two-three weeks. The Paxton Record noted 16 May 1912 that Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hunter had been over to see his parents for two or three days, making the trip in four hours in his grand touring car! His parents would visit him and Lillian for that length of time, as well. Lillian was off to her parents in Milroy, Indiana a great deal, too

and Clyde would journey there with her. Clyde joined several local groups and at his death over three decades later, the Masons and Knight of Pythias sent a marker and an American Flag for his grave, requesting it be given his mother after a reasonable time. She gave the Paxton American Legion (Clyde was a member there) quite a bit of money throughout the upcoming years in his honor.

Clyde had an excellent education, graduating from Culver Military Academy and attending the University of Wisconsin and U of Illinois. In their 1916 catalog, it listed him as studying academics in 1906-7 and 1907-8 in law. “Manager of a retail lumber yard in Wingate, Indiana.”

WWI came about and Clyde left Lillian (she returning to Milroy to wait it out), his parents and Wingate, joining the Ambulance Corps, serving in Italy and France where he served through the Argonne offense and other battles. In a letter dated the first day of 1919 to his parents he wrote of the destruction of Longwy France where the Huns had destroyed a beautiful Cathedral dating back to 1718, plus a moat and walls around the city that before the large shells of the war had kept it in tact. “The walls are broken, the windows shattered, the beautiful vaulted ceiling full of holes, the windows had been wonderful specimens of stained art glass.” The letter just tears your heart of the destruction of that city and its beautiful buildings.

It wasn’t until December when Clyde and his unit were shipped back home, and in the ship log it noted he was going to Wingate, Ind. However, if he did, he stayed a very short time as he and Lillian lived in Chicago a few months later in the 1920 census, Clyde in the coal and building material business. One of Clyde’s obituaries called him Tony but that was the only place I saw that. He died of a sudden heart attack in his Chicago home 16 March 1938. Sadly, Lillian’s mother (Viroqua Barton) had just passed away a few days before. Lillian lived to be 90, never remarrying and she is not buried in Paxton with Clyde, who is buried with his parents, brothers and other family members, all with look-alike stones (thanks to Toni Swan for the FindAGrave photo). Rest in peace, Clyde Harvey Hunter and glad you were in MoCo at least for a few years!



# In Mo Co, it was a very good year in 1959 . . .

Mrs. Harry J. Cotton of Crawfordsville elected the first female Chief Clerk of the Indiana State Legislature as the year began.

Bob Tandy named as coach at New Market in May. In honor of our theme, in the city directory, there were Ace, Dillman, and Galey hardwares and most of the smaller towns had at least one as well.

Nita Cooper had a dancing school.

7 babysitters were listed in the City Directory

Waveland won the county tourney that year, 4th time in a few years.

One hundred year anniversary of Joe Wise's balloon flight that blew off course and landed in Crawfordsville in August.

Crawfordsville celebrated the 80th anniversary of the publication of Ben Hur in November.

H. Foster Fudge, community leader and President of the Journal and Review, died. His daughter, Martha Fudge Vance, died from a heart attack at 41 years of age, both in June.

25 Beauty shops were in the City Directory with half that in barbers.

19 doctors in Crawfordsville (city directory) alone. 10 in radio & TV and 30 in real estate.

31 eating places in C'ville alone – wonder how that compares to today? Loved one ad especially – “Mom's cooking was best until I ate at Smith's Koffee Kup.”

An amazing 34 insurance listings in C'ville in 1959 – wow!

There were 9 clothing stores.

In the city directory, Dawson Homes were advertising to build in Pleasant Meadows. Other home builders were Fishero & Yates.

3 photographers: Stillings, Moody and Williams.

Major power outage during storm in July that was right after a month-long drought.

Austin Clore was one of the Car repairmen along with 13 others. There were 30 gas stations, including Dusty's, Froedge's, Walts and Sabens Wake-up!

21 Groceries – ahhhh, wish we had a half dozen or so of those back!

Several auto dealers (Herman Davis; OK Galloway; RM Horner; Citizens Auto; Wabash Auto; Wallace Auto; Edwards; Perry Lewis; Rhoads Sales; Hahn-Trefz; Community Motors).





## Grandcestors

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Seems like my dad worked for almost everyone in the little town of Waveland. He was one amazing worker and knew so very much. He worked for Machledts driving their ambulance and helping with the funerals, as well as laying carpet and other such labors via their furniture store. Dad learned the hard way to take care of people with medical problems, had been in a wreck or having a baby (he delivered one in the ambulance even) as he was in WWII as a medic, so very lucky to return. His pre training was in the medical field at the Shades CCC camp. Oddly on his enlistment papers, he was listed as a carpenter's apprentice. Upon returning, he desired to become a doctor (sure had the hand writing for it – lol) he went to Rose Hulman for a little over a year but got married and when twins came along eight months later (little tiny things) he had to drop that and decided manual labor is really what he loved to do. Also, he enjoyed working for the government and when the Waveland rural carrier position came open, he took the test and way outscored the rest which for a year or so was a sore subject in our town as they thought someone who had been born and raised here (well, mom was) should have the job, but his test was so impressive (oh, did I mention he was very smart, too) he walked away with the job and did it for many years until he had a wreck in one of the little bridges on his route, broke his neck and didn't work again.

Actually, he had his own business laying carpet but also worked for Frank Gardner, Machledts, Goodman Department store and other places as well, including our two local hardwares, Whitecottons and Spencers (later Servies & Morgan). He was totally amazing and loved to joke all the way through each job.

So, dad knew his kinds of wood and what they were good for. Our home (the one Jim & I live in now, so have lived here probably 50 of my 73 years on earth) is one of the oldest in Waveland, built in 1854 and it hadn't been taken real good care of as the lady who lived here had been alone for quite some time, so dad told my mom, "We'll get it looking nice only it'll take a few years." That's what they did, a little at a time. I think mom mainly visited with him while he worked. I remember the living room being torn up for a long time but most of his refurbishing was done fairly quickly. My old room was the original kitchen and he left the old cabinet open so I had room for my books and things. Awesome!

Dad was an outdoors man and he was always out there making or fixing



something. Very rarely idle, for sure. He built a teeter-totter (mom and I made big use of it but don't remember seeing the boys ever on it); a swimming pool; the best-ever tree house made on four telephone poles and big enough for several chairs, a couch, little refrigerator – great fun. Many more items as well (swing-set and oh, I don't know what else).

Mom won a trip to Florida one year for a two-week all-expense paid vacation and when we returned home, she had to have a Florida room. So, dad ripped off (think the boys helped at this point and they both learned a great deal and like dad were never afraid to tackle anything) the porch I so loved that made a curve around the front of the house and literally made it into a room like you'd see on a Florida house. That was the reason our home wasn't put into the State Interim Report because they took the porch off. Dad built a deck on the back but Jim has redone that one and Dad and my brother Garry built an awesome stone garage. Even with all this work, it is never done. We have quite a list we need to be doing now. Oh, well, it's home and makes me think of Dad a lot when I see a project he did!

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