

## The Human Element: The People Behind the Palace

A movement was started for a new courthouse when the grand jury in session June fifteenth of 1915 reported that the old courthouse was not sufficient in size and that the records of the county were in a bad state of preservation for want of proper storage facilities.

A petition was circulated among the tax payers of the county and the courthouse be preserved and the petition was presented to the board of commissioners at the July session, 1915.

Special session of the board of commissioners was called July twentieth, 1915 to employ an architect for remodeling the courthouse and Elmer E. Dunlap was engaged.

The county council in session this same date appropriated five hundred dollars to pay the architect. On January fifth, 1916, the commissioners declared that emergency existed for proper courthouse facilities and that a new courthouse would cost but little more than to properly construct the old one.

The asked the county council to appropriate \$171,000 for the new structure. The county council met January seventh when they considered the requisition of the commissioners for \$171,000 for a new court house. At the end of two days session a vote was taken resulting in five votes for the appropriation and two against it. Those voting yes were: Clarence Johns, S. P. Zech, Bennett, E. Crowell, and John Shultheis. Those voting no were Charles Billings and W.B. Ayres.

Appraisers were appointed for the old court house, C. J. Barley, John K. Kerlin, and Warren Knapp being appointed and appraisers placed a valuation on the old building. It sold on April twentieth to A.E. Kemmer the contractor for one hundred and fifteen dollars.

Bids were opened on April twenty-fourth, 1916 for the construction of a new building. Seven bidders were present. A.E. Kemmer, of Lafayette, presented a bid for \$137,000, which was found to be the lowest and best bid and he was awarded a contract. The contract for plumbing, heating, sewerage, etc. was awarded to Hipkind Heating and Plumbing Co. of Wabash, Ind.

The money for the new courthouse was raised as follows: \$21,000 in the county treasury, \$150, 000 of four per cent bonds were sold by J.F. Wold of Indianapolis at a premium of \$5, 115. (The preceding was from the Hoosier Democrat of September ninth of 1916 and reproduced in the Hoosier Democrat of September fifteenth of 1960.)

## The People Behind the Plaques

It is not my desire here a century later to fault any public official regardless of their stand on the replacement of the structure. It is nonetheless my desire to honor those whose vision resulted in the edifice we now enjoy in this century, and hopefully will in the next.

### ***The Commissioners:***

John Kerlin was born in 1864, the son of Samuel and Mary Wingard Kerlin. His passing occurred Monday, February twenty-fourth, nineteen-forty-one at the Cass County Hospital in Logansport. His burial took place at the Rockfield Odd Fellows Cemetery. He was a member

of the Rockfield Presbyterian Church and his marriage was to Stella McDowell in October of eighteen-eighty-six. Survivors included his wife, his son Ison, Frank and daughter Mrs. Roy Snoeberger, also one brother William. Mr. Kerlin was killed when struck by a train in Rockfield.

“Grandpa Kerlin” as he was referred to by his grandson John E. Snoeberger was a virtual icon in family circles and highly respected. Another granddaughter, Rozella Kerlin Mears, recounted to me how John would appear on the job daily to make sure not one nail or board was wasted in the construction of the courthouse. (Camden Record News, February twenty-seventh, nineteen-forty-one-obit.)

### William Kearns

William Kearns passing was recorded in the Flora Hoosier Democrat of October nineteenth of nineteen-sixty-one. His death occurred on Saturday evening at eight o'clock at St. Elizabeth Hospital. Rev. Elbert Smith, pastor of the Flora Presbyterian Church, officiated. Knights Templar services also accompanied his burial.

His parents were Thomas and Mary Elizabeth (Lynch) Kearns. He was born in White County on February nineteenth of eighteen-sixty-seven. In eighteen-ninety-one he was married to Sally (Sadie) Unroe, who died in nineteen-thirty-four.

His service to the county included a county commissioner position from nineteen-ten until nineteen-sixteen, at the time the present courthouse was under construction. He had been a member of the Bringhurst Masonic Lodge for seventy-three years and was also a member of the Flora Presbyterian Church, Knights Templars at Delphi, and the Scottish Right and Shrine at Indianapolis. He was an extensive landowner west of Bringhurst. Survivors included one son, Robert, west of Bringhurst, four daughters, Mrs. Alma Thomson, southwest of Flora; Mrs. Mable Paynter, Indianapolis, Miss Hilda Kearns at home; and Mrs. Virginia Wilson of Flora; a sister, Mrs. Grace Immel, Lafayette, nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Three children died in infancy and two brothers and two sisters had preceded him in death. (October nineteenth, Hoosier Democrat).

## Isaac Swartz

Isaac Swartz was born July seventeenth of 1850 in Pennsylvania, and his passing took place on November thirteenth of nineteen-twenty. His marriage was to Catherine Studebaker. His parents were John Swartz and Susan Hendricks Swartz. Children included Elmer Swartz of Freemont, Michigan, John of Pymont, and Mrs. Mary Blickenstaff of Nampa, Idaho. According to the 1916 History of Carroll County by Odell he owned a magnificent farm known at the "Pymont Stock Farm" as well as property in Delphi and at Pittsburg. His other interests included various corporations and a mill in Carroll County. His father was also an entrepreneur of sorts being a landowner and factory operator of the Keystone State. John Swartz manufactured washing machines as an additional enterprise.

His funeral was officiated at the Pymont Church of the Brethren and clergy were Rev. Isaac Beery of Flora and Rev. Charles Campbell of Colfax. The courthouse flag was at half-staff from the time of his passing until the time of the funeral (Carroll County Citizen-Times, Saturday, November twentieth, nineteen-twenty).

## Walter Gilbert Million

According to the plaque on the front entrance Walter Million was an additional Commissioner who weighed in on the deliberations to construct the edifice we are currently celebrating today. His birth occurred on the thirtieth of December in eighteen-seventy-one, and his passing was recorded in the October nineteen-fifty-four Delphi Journal. His marriage was to Celia Waldsmith on the twenty-fourth of August in eighteen-ninety-eight. Progeny included a son Herbert, a daughter Dorothy, a son Clarence, a daughter Helen Lucille, a son John, a daughter Mrs. Jo Benjamin of Joliet, Illinois, and Mrs. Helen Kemmer, Indianapolis; two grandchildren, a great-grandchild, a sister, Mrs. Bertha Maxwell, Delphi and a brother, Artie Million, R. 1, Delphi. In addition to his political service he was a graduate of the Normal School at Terre Haute which gave rise to a short four year teaching tenure prior to a farming enterprise. His spiritual persuasion was expressed at the Oak Grove Christian Church where he taught a class. Additional community service included the Farm Bureau. In his service to the county which included the county

commissioner's position from nineteen-thirteen to nineteen-nineteen he expressed a keen interest in the tax structure of the county government. Grandson John Million, Monticello attorney, recounted at the Museum of his grandfather's role in breaking the tie vote to keep the Courthouse in Delphi. At his passing he was interred in the Riverview Cemetery near Monticello, Indiana. Funeral rites were held at the Miller Funeral Home.(Ancestry.com; Delphi Citizen, November first, nineteen-twenty-eight; Delphi Journal, October thirty-first, nineteen-fifty-four.)

### ***The Council:***

#### Zuinglius Bennett

Zuinglius Bennett was born on April fifth, eighteen-fifty-one three and one half miles from Camden to Abner and Sarah Bennett, and, coincidentally, his passing occurred at the same site at eighty-one years of age. His burial occurred in the Camden Cemetery, his funeral taking place at home. His marriage on January eighteenth

of eighteen-seventy-eight to Mary Catherine Fry. His progeny included three children: Mrs. Harry Gardner of Lafayette and Mrs. Cecil Kennedy of Camden. An infant son Donald died in infancy. His sister was Mrs. Anna Leazenby. Rev. W.A. Benner of the Camden Baptist Church officiated at his funeral. (Camden Record News, July seventh, nineteen-thirty-two.)

### Clarence Johns

Clarence Johns was born July eighth of eighteen-seventy-eight in Henry County, Indiana and his passing occurred on September twenty-first of nineteen-thirty-nine in his home at Yeoman. His burial was in the Yeoman Cemetery with Grimm and Sons Funeral Home officiating. His first marriage was on December twenty-third of eighteen-ninety-six, and his second was to Etta F. Schock Raider on December tenth of nineteen-twenty-three. At his passing his survivors numbered his wife, three step children, Mabel Raider of Lafayette, Leonard Raider of Iowa, and Floyd Raider of Monon, also three brothers, who were Emerson of Yeoman, Roy of Waukegan, Illinois, and Harry Johns of Yeoman and three sisters Mrs. Guy Harvey and Mrs. Albert Atkinson of

Monticello, and Mrs. Wilbur Gates of Idaville. (Flora Hoosier Democrat of September thirtieth of nineteen-thirty-nine.

### Elliot Crowell

Elliot Crowell was born in eighteen-seventy-three and his passing occurred in nineteen-forty-one. His parents were Henry and Mary A. Cochran Crowell. His marriage on the sixth of June in 1901 was to Mary Elsie Wright. He was a veteran of World War One. His progeny included Wilbur Gale and Freda Crowell. At his passing he was laid to rest in the Seceder Cemetery in his home township of Adams.

### Samuel Peter Zech

Samuel Peter Zech's passing occurred on January twenty-sixth of nineteen-twenty-eight while assisting his nephew in chopping wood. His marriage was to Eliza Ann Spangler on August eleventh of eighteen-seventy-seven. His progeny included a son Charles Henry to that union, and following his wife's death on August seventeenth of eighteen-seventy-nine, he was married to Mary Catherine Spangler on the thirty-first of July in eighteen-

eighty. Following that union, a son John Peter, daughter Bertha Bell, son Jesse Edwin, daughter Amy Mary, and son Everett Samuel were born. According to a Legacy Book-1828-2005 entry by his great-granddaughter Samuel Peter was a councilman during the erection of the courthouse, not knowing that his daughter, Amy Mary Zech Boyer would be one of the first women jurors to serve in this building or that his great-granddaughter, Beth Lynn Hawn Myers (current Treasurer) and his great-great-granddaughter would some day work in several of the offices. Samuel was laid to rest in the Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington Township.

### William Benton Ayres

William Benton Ayres was born June first, eighteen-fifty-nine near Cutler, Indiana and passed away at his home in Flora, Indiana at seventy-two years, nine months, and eighteen days. His burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery. His parents were James and Ellen (Quinn) Ayres. His marriage was to Julia C. Bard on March twelfth of eighteen-ninety. His progeny included three children: Mrs. Mable Miller of near Sedalia, Russell of Lake Worth, Florida and Chester Ayres of near Cutler. Siblings

included: John, Charles of Bringhurst, and Lewis Ayres of Toledo, Ohio. According to the March twenty-sixth nineteen-thirty-two Hoosier Democrat he was one of the most successful farmers in Carroll County.

### John Shultheis

John Shultheis was born December tenth of eighteen-sixty-one, and his passing occurred December twenty-first of nineteen-thirty-four. His marriage was first to Minerva Elizabeth Shipley, and upon her passing was wed to Carrie Wetzel on August sixteenth of nineteen-eleven. Progeny included Marvin, Ida, Charles E., Elbert Glenn, Catherine, and John Arthur Shultheis. His residences included both Deer Creek and Clay Townships. His burial was in the Pymont Cemetery.

### Charles William Billings

Charles William Billings was born in the Hoosier State on April eighteenth of eighteen-sixty-two, and his passing occurred on March sixth of nineteen-thirty-nine in the Cass County Hospital at Logansport. His residency was in Carrollton Township, Carroll County, Indiana. His burial was in Maple Lawn Cemetery at Flora, Indiana, and

his funeral was in the Sharon Baptist Church. His widow was the former Salona Alice Ferguson. Offspring included daughters Gertrude, Lula Mary and Mary Alta, and sons Frank and John Billings. His parents were the late John T. Billings and Elizabeth Miller. Occupationally he was a farmer.

### ***Treasurers:***

One of the treasurers of this time period was William H. Lesh, who was born November fourth of eighteen-fifty-seven in Rock Creek Township, and whose passing occurred in Delphi on December twenty-sixth of nineteen-thirty-two. His wife was Susan C. Houston, and his children were Bessie A. (Mrs. Okla. Voorhees) and Benjamin Balzer Lesh. Upon his passing he was interred at Keeps Creek Cemetery in Clinton Township, Cass County, Indiana.

He was actively engaged in farming until eighteen-ninety-five when he moved to Flora and took up real estate and insurance. In November nineteen-thirteen he was elected County Treasurer. Since then he resided in Delphi. He also served as Democrat county chairman. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Knights of

Pythias, and the Presbyterian Church. His post-Carroll County scholarly education was gained at Valparaiso University.

Additional family members included two sisters, Mrs. John McCormick of Delphi and Mrs. P.M. Stewart of Burrows, and three brothers, A.L. and Z.B Lesh of Burrows and James Lesh of Camden.

### David L. Musselman

An additional such public servant was David L. Musselman who was born in the Hoosier State on January thirtieth of eighteen-sixty-two and his passing occurred on September thirteenth of nineteen-thirty-six. He was seventy-four years, seven months, and thirteen days old. His marriage to Mary A. Wickard occurred on the twenty-eighth of October in eighteen-eighty-three. His parents included Susan Replogle, a native Hoosier and Daniel Musselman, native of Pennsylvania. His spiritual values were expressed in the Presbyterian Church of Delphi, Indiana.

## ***Auditor***

The April nineteen-thirty-four Delphi Citizen reported the death of Henry Good, former auditor as having taken place “last Saturday” at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leslie Wilson at Fort Wayne where he lived following the death of his wife.

His birth was in Tippecanoe County, and he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Odd Fellows Lodge, and Knights of Pythias. Survivors included his daughter, Leslie, and her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Ross Maish of Rossville, and Mrs. Mary Burr of Burns, Wyoming. The body laid in state in the Presbyterian Church where the funeral was officiated by the Rev. Harry Parker. Burial took place in Rossville Tuesday afternoon.

He was one of the best liked men in the community and served as county auditor. His political expressions were in the Democratic Party. His business enterprises were in the furniture and woodworking companies in Delphi. For a short time he was employed in Lafayette but the long and serious illness of his wife necessitated his giving up work in that city.

The Delphi Journal states that his funeral party included Mable Crowel who sang, and flower bearers who were Ruth McCormick, Freda Engle, Beryl Adams, Edna Quinn, and Mary Wall. The pall bearers were: Charles Best, Charles Gros, Millard Quinn, Bryce Adams, Caesar Margowski, and Mr. Maish of Rossville.

***Clerks:***

James J. Reeder

James' birth took place July twenty-ninth, 1866 in Howard County.

James J. Reeder had background working in a sawmill for two and one half years prior to initiating a farming enterprise. After his election as a trustee, he was in the automobile business, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Camden, and manager of the Farmers Grain and Supply Company. He held his position as County Clerk having been elected in nineteen-twelve. His marriage was on January thirteenth of eighteen-eighty-five to Lillie C. Cornell, the daughter of John C. and Louisa Been Cornell. This marriage produced three children, one of whom, Fay, passed away at the age of fifteen years.

Floyd C., who lives on the home farm, in Carrollton Township, married Lydia Cripe, and they have two children, Meredith and Thomas. At the writing of the Odell History of 1916 Walton John was twelve living at home with his parents.

Fraternally he experienced all the degrees of Freemasonry except the thirty-third degree. He has advanced to the thirty-second degree of the York Rite. He was also a Shriner. He was an Odd Fellow since he was twenty-one years old and has experienced all branches of Odd Fellowship except the Canton. Additional fraternal affiliation was with the Knights of Pythias at Camden. Since February of 1879, or rather from 1879 to 1892 he was a member of the Camden Presbyterian Church. In 1892 he joined the Camden Lutheran Church.

He had also served as joint representative of Cass and Carroll Counties in nineteen-twenty.

At his passing which was recorded in the July nineteenth Delphi Journal of nineteen-twenty-eight he had suffered a stroke several days prior to his death.

He was acclaimed as being well-read, well-informed, accountable, who met fairly and squarely the responsibilities of life. He was a man who knew how to perform hard and exacting labor and was one of the prominent and successful citizens of Carroll County. His career was one of well-directed energy, unfailing determination to purpose and honorable methods.

His funeral was held at the Camden Lutheran church at two-thirty, with internment in the church cemetery. (Camden Cemetery).

### C. Clay Pearson

C. Clay Pearson's birth occurred in Carroll County March twenty-third, eighteen-eighty-six in Carroll County, the son of Augustus and Charity Hoover Pearson. He was married to Nellie Colvin of Delphi in nineteen-seventeen. He was elected clerk of the circuit court in nineteen-sixteen. He then served as a partner with the late Brice Adams in the Adams and Afflis Drug Store in Delphi. Additional service was as Mayor of the City and a secretary of the Peoples Building and Loan of Delphi and opened an insurance company here. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, a charter member of the Junto

and Country Clubs of Delphi, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. At his death his wife survived him, as well as a daughter Carolyn Hitchcock of Dayton, Ohio, a sister Mrs. Ella Jones of north of Delphi, and a brother Harry of Logansport. His death was recorded in the Thursday, September fourteenth nineteen-fifty-nine Delphi Citizen.

His funeral was held in the Jackson funeral home with the Reverend James William Rankin officiating. Burial was in the Masonic Cemetery.

### ***Recorders:***

Although Jesse E. Moore's passing occurred at Martinsville where he had relocated due to ill health and served that area as County Commissioner, Moore served Carroll County as a Recorder during the birth years of the Carroll County Courthouse. He was an uncle of Bob Moore who served as Sheriff. He was the son of John and Malinda Duff Moore, who at his passing left a widow, the former Myrtle Stoops Moore, a daughter Mary at home, a daughter, Mrs. John Sutton at Indianapolis, and son William. His family included four siblings, those being John C. at Bringhurst, William, Murlin, Ontario, Ike,

Jackson, Michigan, Benjamin H. of Marion, and a sister, Mrs. Otis Shaffer of Sandstone, Minnesota. Three daughters followed their father in death. The funeral was held at Martinsville, but burial was at Maple Lawn where the casket was opened.

### Emory Benton Flora

Emory Benton Flora was born September twenty-ninth, eighteen-eighty-four north of Flora, Indiana, but his passing occurred on Tuesday, April sixth, nineteen-thirty-seven in the Methodist Hospital at Indianapolis; age fifty-two years, six months, and six days.

He was a member of the Rockfield Presbyterian Church. His parents were Levi and Anna (Cripe) Flora. His marriage was to Bertha Kirk on July eleventh of nineteen-seventeen. His survivors included his wife of Indianapolis, one daughter, Louise J. at home, also his mother of Rockfield. His siblings included four brothers: L.R. Flora of Cincinnati, Ohio, Arvel of Flora, Earl of Logansport, and Everett of Rockfield. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His business enterprises included the People's Dry Cleaners Company at Indianapolis for over sixteen years at Pennsylvania and Thirteenth

Streets. (Flora Hoosier Democrat, April tenth of nineteen-thirty-seven.).

### ***Surveyors:***

Grover C. Long was born at Cutler the son of James and Hanna Herron Long. He was graduated in nineteen-two from Cutler High School and served at one time as Carroll County Surveyor. His marriage was to Olga Trobaugh of Cutler. He was a retired City of Indianapolis employee and had worked at a picture framing business.

Survivors included two nieces and a nephew: Edith Grant of Rockfield, Trudy Higgins of Akron, Ohio, and Roy Long of Cutler. A daughter preceded him in death. The funeral was held in Indianapolis with burial at Ball Hill Cemetery.

### **Ross D. Myer**

Ross D. Myer was born on March first of eighteen-eighty-seven and his passing occurred on Wednesday, December twelfth of nineteen-thirty-four near Murdock Park at Lafayette. He was forty-seven years old, nine months, and eleven days old. His burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery, with clergy from the Flora Church of the

Brethren officiating. His marriage was to Grace Spring on October twentieth of nineteen-twenty. His parents were William and Sarah (Lesh) Myer. Survivors included his wife, father who resided at his home, and one brother Earl Myer at Flora.

Mr. Myer shot himself in the heart with a shot gun. Death was instantaneous. He had been unemployed for several months and was worried about his financial situation. He was taken to the Rogers and Smith Funeral Home at Lafayette. (Hoosier Democrat, December fifteenth, nineteen-thirty-four).

### ***Sheriffs:***

Martin M. Popejoy was born September fourteenth of eighteen-seventy at Middlefork, Indiana to parents who were John Popejoy and Nancy R. McAdams and his first marriage was to Almedia (Media) R. Loy on February eleventh of eighteen-ninety-nine. His second marriage was to Mary Matilda Clark. His progeny from his first marriage was Ruth Popejoy; however his offspring from his second involved his daughter Dorothy May.

Upon his passing on the twenty-fourth of January nineteen-fifty one his survivors were one daughter, Mrs. Henry Eaton, a granddaughter, Mrs. Rosemary Finnegan of Logansport, and one brother George of Logansport.

He was sheriff of Carroll County from nineteen-thirteen to nineteen-seventeen.

His funeral arrangements were handled by McCloskey-Hamilton of Logansport and burial was at the Masonic Cemetery reflecting his Masonic ties at Delphi, Indiana. (Hoosier Democrat of January twenty-fifth, nineteen-fifty-one and Ancestry.com entry.)

### Thomas McCormick

Thomas McCormick was born on August sixth of eighteen-sixty-eight at Elwood, Indiana and his passing occurred on Saturday, May seventeenth of nineteen-forty-seven at his home in Delphi at seventy-eight years, nine months, and eleven days of age.

His burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery with Grimm Funeral Home officiating. His parents were Thomas and Bridget (Cornelius) McCormick. His marriage was to Ella Clark on November thirtieth of eighteen-ninety-two in

Monroe Township. (She passed away in July of nineteen-forty-six.)

His survivors included three daughters: Mrs. Lena Knecht of Rushville, Mrs. Ina Biter and Mrs. Queen Miller of Los Angeles, California, also three sons: Bill of Los Angeles, California, Lowell of Lafayette, Thomas G. of Delphi and Watson C. of Delphi. He was the last member of his family. A brother James died three years ago in Los Angeles, California

***Judge James P. Wason:***

The passing of Judge James P. Wason, whose name also appears on a plaque, occurred in Indianapolis in October of nineteen-fifty at his home in Indianapolis at 4030 North Illinois Street from heart attack. His birth was in Ohio on September twenty-sixth of eighteen-sixty-seven. He attended the local schools and then the University of Michigan, and then established a law practice with Pollard, Cartwright, and Wason locally. In nineteen-seven he was elected Judge of the Carroll-White Circuit Court and joined the firm of Cartwright, Wason and Carr, which later became known as Cartwright, Wason, and Ives. He moved to Indianapolis to

become legal advisor to Wayne Coy and then to the Indiana Department of Public Welfare, a position he held at the time of his death. He was a member of the local Masonic Lodge and had received his fifty year pin. Surviving at the time of his death were his widow Susan, two daughters, Mary Louise and Betty, two brothers W.W.Wason of Flora and Robert of New Jersey.

***Incidental Information:***

John Marshall Flora recounts that his grandfather, Irvin Flora, was the Democrat Township Trustee and was invited to march in the parade leading up to the cornerstone laying on September fourth of nineteen-ten.

“My dad was six at the time and refused to leave grandpa’s side. So when it came time to toss the Democrat Township history into the cornerstone time capsule, grandpa handed it to dad and my father did the honors.” Irvin was treasurer in nineteen-twenty-eight.

A Facebook post dated June twentieth of two-thousand-fourteen from Robin Lee recounts that her grandfather Hugh Wagoner was carpenter of the present courthouse and the last item on the agenda was tiling

the floor of the rotunda. In the center there was placed a mason jar filled with silver and gold coins from the construction workers added from their pockets. (Don't tell anyone!).

Hugh Wagoner was born on December twentieth of eighteen-eighty-one in Carroll County, Indiana and his death occurred on December ninth of nineteen-forty-five at his home near Flora, Indiana at sixty-three years, eleven months, and nineteen days.

His burial was in the Maple Lawn Cemetery, with a funeral at home. His parents were Henry and Rebecca (Kirkpatrick) Wagoner, and his marriage to Queen Woodington occurred on October seventeenth of nineteen-three. Progeny included: two daughters, Mrs. Bert Alexander of near Walton, and Miss Geraldine at home; two sons, Leland at home and Lewis A. in service in Hawaii, one brother Chester of Flora, and one sister, Mrs. Finis Hunt of Kokomo. Spiritually he was a member of the Flora Methodist Church. Occupationally he delivered cream and milk in Flora for several years. (Flora Hoosier Democrat, December fifteenth of nineteen-forty-five.)

## ***Credits:***

Credits in this work go to the many Hoosier Democrat transcriptions found in the files of the Carroll County Historical Society's files in the Museum, the Carroll County Newspaper Archive, to which I have also referred for additional journalistic documentation and which has been indispensable in this writing, as well as the resources of Ancestry.com for verifying dates and for supplementing information which was not otherwise available. I hope this has been an enjoyable excursion back to the days when the edifice which we are now celebrating was a shining epitome and masterpiece then--as it is now.

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