OLD TIME RESIDENTS

Pioneer Committee of Centennial Gathers
List of First Settlers and Their Progeny.

Interesting Story of Those Who Knew New Albany
From 75 to 100 Years Ago.

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In electing to celebrate a Centennial – the hundredth milestone in the progress of a state or town – the first step toward such a celebration would be a search for those who had grown up with the same. In instituting a Pioneer Committee, the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Centennial could think of no more fitting tribute to these early pioneers of New Albany than to give them and their descendants a place of honor in their organization.

The following article has been compiled with this thought in mind. If there be any mistakes – and there doubtless are many – they are of the mind and not of the heart, for it is only with the best of motives that the writer had undertaken to mention these names and the little incidents attending for the benefit of those who care to read.

In selecting a Pioneer Committee, the president of the Woman’s Auxiliary, Miss Mary E. Cardwill, with her usual forethought and discretion, chose Mrs. Harry R. Friend as chairman and a more thorough and faithful worker in this matter could hardly have been found. From the time of its institution Mrs. Friend has visited and telephoned innumerable people – sometimes walking from Silver Grove to the Stone Bridge in search of connections. Coming as she does from one of the pioneer families, her vast knowledge of New Albany folk coupled with her untiring energy has enabled her to secure a large and almost complete list and to her and her alone is the credit due for whatever virtue this article may have. The writer has simply taken her lists and compiled them.

Many amusing incidents have attended Mrs. Friend’s search for material and if it were possible to incorporate them in the following, the interest therein might be increased. But the editor of the Tribune, having most generously donated the space for this matter, it were hardly just to him to use it for anything but the important facts.

It must be understood that these names are only those pioneers and their direct descendants who came to New Albany seventy-five years ago or previous. This rule was adhered to as strictly as possible. Probably the oldest pioneer among the men today is Mr. James Peake, who is eighty-one years old. Miss Sallie Ann Draper claims that distinction among the women. She is the oldest pioneer in the city at eighty-four.

Many of the lineal tracings are rather vague, due to the failing memories of the elderly people visited and the incomplete records in the families of the descendants. Often it was impossible to get the exact year in which the ancestors came to the city, but as nearly as possible the date will be indicated.

One of the most amusing incidents in this entire work was the insistence with which not less than twelve families declared theirs to have been the first frame or brick house built in New Albany. There were also many arguments met with in disputing ownership of lands, but in all cases Mrs. Friend met the occasion with diplomacy and as proof of her kindliness and courtesy in all matters she was the recipient of numerous requests to publish cherished and adored anecdotes and was also offered the loan of many relics for the Loan Exhibit.

As nearly as possible the chronological figures will be followed. Often there are no dates, but descendants are certain of the time limit of seventy-five years and over,
although the exact dates are not able to be ascertained for reasons given above. It must always be borne in mind that all of these dates, facts and figures have been secured from the descendants themselves or someone closely connected. No authentic histories have been searched and in all probability, there are many errors, for memories cannot be relied upon. The writer will start with the 1800s and proceed to the time limit and follow as closely as possible the dates given. The uncertain dates will be given in the last group.

Only the living descendants will be mentioned, and of them only those residing at the present time in New Albany. There will, on doubt, be many mentioned, who are not here, but as the writer is not familiar with these families she can but accept the facts as supplied by the data furnished.

The first to be mentioned, then, would be the name of John K. Graham, who came to New Albany in 1802. “He built the second house,” according to the manuscript, “and also laid out the city. He was the first to banish liquor from his table and treated the harvestmen to a fine lunch, which custom was afterward adopted by many of the families.” He married Mary A. Huff. Their children were Capt. James M. Graham and Mrs. T. L. Grant. The children of Capt. Graham are as follows: James M., Mrs. B. A. Blackiston, Earl, Hubert, Murnie and Chester. Mrs. B A. Blackiston’s children are Beatrice, Adelaide, Carolyn, Rolands, Winfred, Marjorie, Isabelle, Evelyn and Benjamin. James M. Graham had one child, Eula. Robert D. Mann is a descendant of this family, being the grandson of Eliza Graham and Martin Very.

The Akin family came to New Albany early in the 1800s. There were five children. They were born near Charlestown, but came to New Albany with the early settlers. There were Ransom, William, Isaac, Elizabeth, and Priscilla Akin. Descendants of Ransom Akin living here are Mrs. E. Vernon Knight and children, Newland and E. Vernon Jr.

David Wilkerson came in the early 1800s, and was a well-known magistrate of New Albany. His wife was Catherine Tice Wilkerson. She died in her ninety-third year. Sixty years before her death she was called to attend the birth of a neighbor’s child. The snow on the streets was so deep it was necessary to put on her husband’s boots. She went to the home of the parents of William Merker, officiated at his birth, and sixty years later Mr. Merker performed the last rites at her death. Mrs. Sally Friend is the only living descendant of the Wilkerson family.

Thomas Humphrey came here in 1803. Daniel, Mrs. Anna Humphrey Weir and Mrs. Mary Humphrey Cannon are his descendants. Mrs. Cannon has one son, Newland.

Along about in 1804, Patrick Shields and his wife, Polly Nance Shields, with their three children and one black boy, passed over the hills of New Albany on their way to Georgetown. In looking down over the valley en route to their destination, Mrs. Shields asked of her husband had they reached the “jumping off place.” Mrs. Shields, with one child before her and one behind her, made the trip from Kentucky to Georgetown on horseback by day and with their wagon fixed with a door at each end so in case of attack by Indians by night they might be able to escape at either end. They resided for many years in Georgetown, during which time Mr. Shields fought in the Battle of Tippecanoe, and when for three months or more Mrs. Shields never knew whether or not she was a widow, having no one save her three small children and the black boy. In 1835, Clement Shields, a son, removed to New Albany, building and occupying the house at Washington and Main streets, which still stands and is now occupied by Mrs. Austin. Only two families have ever lived there – the Shields and the Austins. Clement Shields had four children, two of whom and their families live here. They are Mrs. Avesta
Nunemacher and her children, Mrs. Mary King and Mrs. Emma Carleton, famous throughout the State as a journalist and poetess of ability; Miss Elizabeth Nunemacher, an authority on ornithology; Mrs. William Crane and Mrs. Al. Wright and children, Burdette and Aileen.

Richard Aston and wife, Mary, came here in 1807. Mrs. Nanina Livingston was their only child. Her son, John Livingston, helped institute the Daughters of Rebecca. John Livingston’s descendants are Mrs. Henry Kiser, daughter; Mrs. Nettie Telles and L. E. Kiser, grandchildren; Hazel, Clarence and Edmond, great-grandchildren. John W. Gaither is also a descendant of this family.

Lewis C. Mann “built the first house in Floyd County.” His sons were J. F., Lewis C. Jr., and Jonathan. Mrs. J. Will Pennington is the child of Lewis C. Mann; Oliver and Arthur are sons of Jonathan Mann. Other descendants of this family are Mrs. B. F. Greig, Mrs. Ira Saltkill and Mrs. W. E. Ash; Edna, Elsie, Lewis and Paul Mann; John, Trevor, Arthur, Charles and Ira Saltkill and Elliott Ash.

Emily Cumly, who afterward became the wife of John Payton, came to New Albany in 1810. There seems to be no record on hand of others of her family and it is not known to the writer whether or not she accompanied some other pioneer family. Her husband, John Payton, came here in 1820. Their children are Emily C. and Theodore S. Payton.

The following is submitted by a descendant of the Conner family, and is given in full: “John Conner, with his son, Thomas, a boy of twelve years, came from Virginia to New Albany and settled about the same time as the Scribner family; to be exact, three months after the Scribners settled in New Albany.

“Thomas Conner, at the age of twenty-four years married Eliza Harris, of Kentucky, in 1823, and resided in New Albany, Ind. Thomas and wife were blessed with nine children. In 1840 Mrs. Conner died. Two years after the death of his first wife, he married again, going to Kentucky the second time, and brought home to New Albany Sally Ann Tribble as Mrs. Thomas Conner. Their union was blessed with four children. In 1857, Mr. Conner died, leaving his wife, thirteen sons and daughters and their families.

“The descendants of Thomas Conner living in New Albany at this date are as follows: James, Thomas and John Guthrie; Thomas Conner Williams, Charles E. Williams; Mrs. Charles E. Rice, Thomas Conner, Mrs. Belle Conner Hart, grandchildren. Great-grandchildren are: Mrs. Harry E. Robinson, Marguerite Williams, Guy Williams, Chester Williams and Mrs. Robert Conner. Great-great-grandchildren: Robert Guy Williams, and two children of Mrs. Robert Conner.”

In 1812, Jeremiah Starr and wife, Barbara Brookhalt Starr, settled in New Albany. Their grandchildren are Prof. J. B. Starr, Dr. Wm. Starr, Huon Starr, Misses Sarah and Eleanor Starr and Mrs. May Hammer; Olin and James Hammer and Andrew and John Fite. Oscar E. Starr is a son of Prof. Starr, and Edson Jr., a grandson. Dr. Starr’s two children are Mrs. F. D. Poutch, and Miss Madge Starr. Mrs. Fite, mother of Andrew and John, was here when the best grocery store was in a hollow tree.

John Hamilton Fawcett and wife, Elizabeth Whistler, pioneers, settled here in the early 1800s. Charles, Thomas and Ephraim Fawcett are the three sons. Other members of the line are Miss Drue Fawcett and Charles Fawcett, Herbert Fawcett and Kenneth and William Fawcett.
Samuel Miller and wife, Jennie Chenoweth, came to New Albany in 1812. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren of this family are: Mrs. Laura Washburn, Mrs. Mary Pratt and Mrs. Nellie Anschutz, Mrs. Ruth Campbell and Miss Irene Campbell, who is a great-great-granddaughter.

James McAfee and his wife, Anna Hutchinson McAfee, came here in 1813. Their descendants are: James L. M. McAfee, a son; James Wilber McAfee, grandson; Elmore McAfee. Mrs. Lula Hilt is a granddaughter, and her four children, Effie, Orpha, Mitchell and Charles, great-grand[daughters].

Matthew Robinson came to New Albany in 1814. He took out his naturalization papers in 1819. These papers are in the possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. J. B. Cain. He had six children – Matthew J., William B., Margaret, Garrett, Jane N., Rebecca McCord. Descended from these are Mrs. Mary Cain, Harry Edward Robinson, Mrs. Jennie Robinson Callahan, Elizabeth Cain and Dorothy and Emma Callahan.

Gabriel Poindexter, an 1814 pioneer, was the father of Mrs. J. O. Greene and the grandfather of Miss Alice Greene. On November 12, 1814, he found a stray horse and turned it over to Richard Aston, at that time marshal of New Albany. A record of this can be found in the "Strayed Book" of that year.

The following was submitted by Mrs. S. A. Wheeler and is given verbatim. It is to be regretted that more of such manuscripts could not be secured. "My mother, Mahala C. Hutcherson, was born May 9, 1812, near Mt. Sterling, Ky., where her parents had moved from Virginia. Her father died, leaving his wife and six children – mother, the youngest, over two years old. They were well provided for, but they wanted to come to the Falls of the Ohio, so in October, 1815, they came to New Albany, coming down the river in a flatboat, which was the only mode of travel in those days. Mother was raised in New Albany, and knew many of the early settlers as she grew up, and could tell some very interesting incidents about the place and people.

My father, Jno. B. Crawford, Sr., was born November 5, 1807, in Harrisburg, Pa. He came to New Albany in 1828. He had learned the trade of brick mason and went to contracting, and later built many of the prominent buildings of New Albany, such as the Opera House, the First and Third Presbyterian Churches, the Evangelical Church, St. Mary’s Church and School, DePauw College and many other prominent buildings. Soon after he came here he met Mother, and they were married August 24, 1829. Fourteen children were born to them, but only nine lived to be grown. There are four of us still living. The oldest sister, Mrs. Belle Leach, is living in Houston, Texas. She is seventy-nine years old. A younger brother, James L. Crawford, lives in Porter county, this State. Mrs. S. A. Wheeler, 1620 King street, and Mrs. M. T. Self, 1101 East Oak street, this city. We all received our education in New Albany – the girls at Anderson Female Seminary and at DePauw College, then named Asbury College. Mrs. Leach was the first and only graduate the first year the college was opened.

My father did much toward building up the city, contributing freely to all enterprises. For a number of years he was captain of the Volunteer Hook and Ladder Fire Company. I could write more, but fear I will intrude, so I will close, hoping you will find something in above to add to the city’s history. – Mrs. S. A. WHEELER."

Another Graham dates back to 1816 – Ferdinand Graham and Alba [Abbie] Day, his wife. Their children were John K. Graham and Mrs. Mary E. Walker. George S. Graham, F. Graham and Nannie Graham are grandchildren, as are also Ferd Walker, the artist, and

The Stoy family are among the earliest of the pioneers, having come to this city about 1816 – Peter Stoy and wife, Mary Wicks Stoy. Many of the Stoy family have moved away, but four of the grandchildren are still living in New Albany – Mary, Armand, Hettie and Caroline.

The Rev. Seth Woodruff, the grandfather of Misses Eleanor and Adelia Woodruff – came to New Albany in 1817 from Newark, N.J., bringing with him his four-months-old son, Israel C. Woodruff, the father of the Misses Woodruff, who are the only living descendants.

While most of the material for this article was received by Mrs. Friend over the phone, quite a good deal of it came to her through the mails, and wherever it is possible, these letters are given verbatim. The following was written by an enthusiast and is given in its entirety:

“Floral Home, New Albany, Ind., Sept. 24, 1913. Mr. Joseph F. Armstrong was brought to this city before 1817, when a small boy, by his father and mother. Was born near Shelbyville, Ky., married to Miss Mary Atta Tunnell in New Albany, Ind. She was born in Versailles, Ky., and came to New Albany before ’38. The Rev. George Armstrong, father of Joseph F. Armstrong, donated the foundation timbers for the ‘Old Ship’, West First and Market streets. The remaining members of the family are: John T. Armstrong, for many years Assistant Postmaster, also Deputy Recorder with James G. Harrison, also in Auditor’s and Treasurer’s offices; Miss Mattie Zelda Armstrong and Miss Mamie Atta Armstrong. Have always resided on West Market street. ‘Hurrah for the Centennial’.”

Moses Decker, whose first wife was Mary Jackson and whose second wife was Mary Weldon, came to New Albany in 1817. His two children were Preston Tuley Decker and Sarah R. Weldon. Descendants of these are Mrs. Anna C. Mathes, Alinda, Ada, William and L. P. Decker, also Theo. Preston and Oscar Allen Mathes. Oscar Allen, James Shea and Mary Catherine are children of the latter.

In 1817, William A. Steward settled here, and from his family are descended Mrs. Laura Shrader and Mrs. C. A. Reeves. Children and grandchildren are as follows: William Roy Friend, Earl Friend, Robert Edward Friend, and Frank and Alma Poutch.

Another 1817 family of which there seems to be only one living descendant is that of Martin Very. One son, Charles Very, survives him.

James Beers, father of Capt. George Beers and Mrs. Frances Macinni, settled in New Albany in 1818. Mrs. Macinni had no children, but Capt. Beers is father of a large family, a number of whom live here and hold prominent positions in the city. Of the ten children, five remained in New Albany. They are Misses Mary, Martha, Kate, Carrie and Harry Beers.

Jacob Hand and wife, Sarah M. Graves, settled here in 1819. Thomas C. Hand, their son, was the father of Mrs. W. Farrabee, Andrew W. Hand, Mrs. A. Priestly and Mrs. J. Patmore. From these are descended Thomas B. and Genevieve Farrabee, Mrs. Edward Utrecht, and Theresa, Edward, Jeannette, Alva and Hugh Hand, Guy and Harry Priestly, Charles and Amy Patmore and Ethel Utrecht.
William Beeler and his wife, Elizabeth Brown Beeler, are another 1819 family. Miss Hattie Beeler is the only child living in New Albany at present. Louise, Elizabeth and Raymond Stoy are descended from them.

August Turner, another 1819 settler, helped to build the New Albany and Salem railway. He married Martha Guest in 1827, the ceremony being performed at the residence of John Scott, now the Scott graveyard. Mrs. Turner met an untimely death by the accidental discharge of an old musket. After having moved it from one place to another for a number of years, she decided to rid herself of the old relic, and placed the wooden end in the stove. A case of “not knowing it was loaded” resulted in a shattered kneecap. It was found necessary to amputate her leg, from the effects of which she died. Mrs. Martha Jackson, Mrs. Penniah L. Buss and Mrs. Anna M. Thomas were the living children of that union. From them come the following descendants: Mrs. Hugo Tafel and children, Hugo and William; Mrs. Edith Madlong and Guy Thomas. Fred and Albert Turner are grandsons, and Irene Turner is a great-grandchild, as are also Chester, Cecil and Cora Turner.

Mrs. Martha Jackson owns a cradle in which the first Sheriff of Floyd County was rocked. Other descendants of the Jackson family are Chas. E., Lemon, Schuyler, John, Addison, Edna, Hollis, George, Lewis, Dorothy and John W.

Mrs. Annabelle Brown Hooper came to New Albany in 1819 when but a young girl. In 1832 she was married to Dummer Mitchell Hooper, and their daughter, Mrs. Francis Hooper Taylor, still lives in the Hooper homestead on West Fourth street, between Spring and Market, built in 1830, and which contains much of the old furniture used in that period. Mrs. Charles Hartley is a granddaughter.

Another Hand family, who settled here in 1819, are Thomas F. Hand and wife, Margaret M. Nickelson. Their children were: Mrs. Laura Brown, Charles F. Hand, John Hand and Mrs. Priscilla Calhoun. Descended from these are: George and Agnes Hand, Mrs. Vada Tuell, Mrs. Emma Vaugner and William Calhoun. Younger children are: Elmore Tuell, Edward, Albert and Elnora Vaugner, Mrs. Leonia Schell, Mrs. Victoria Harmeling, Edward Hand and Rena Bower.

The last to be mentioned of the 1819 pioneer families are the Browns. Edward Brown and wife, Rachel Evans, were the parents of Lewis Brown, familiarly known as “Lew” Brown, and Mrs. Atherton. Mrs. J. Seabrooks and Mrs. Horatio Devol are the descendants living in New Albany at the present.

John Fowler and wife, Margaret Baylor Fowler, who came to New Albany in 1820, have but two descendants – Mrs. Nancy Jackson, daughter, and Miss Carrie Hanmore, granddaughter.

Of David Hedden’s settling in New Albany, there is quite a lucid account. It would seem from the data given that Mr. Hedden came very nearly leaving this part of the State several times, but was always induced to remain either by circumstances or persuasion of friends. He was born in Newark, N.J., but left there in 1820 for the West, supposedly in search of his fortune. He placed his hair-covered trunk on a wagon, which he followed, walking over the Allegheny Mountains to Pittsburg. Here he was given an opportunity to work his way down the Ohio on a flatboat. A Mr. Morton, about to embark with a cargo of merchandise for Southern Kentucky, where he expected to open a store, gave him permission to work his passage. The day after embarking, Mr.
Hedden was taken ill and when the boat reached Louisville, where it was necessary to unload, it being considered unsafe to bring any cargo over the Falls, Mr. Hedden concluding his recovery might be more certain on land, decided to stay until he was well enough to travel. Having an acquaintance, a Mr. Baldwin, in New Albany, Mr. Hedden was brought over in a skiff, landing at the foot of Vincennes street. He spent the first year as a clerk in the store of Mr. Baldwin, located where the Kiel tobacco house now stands. The following year, when Mr. Baldwin decided to go further north, Mr. Hedden had almost made up his mind to accompany him, but a Mr. Ayres induced him to remain, and eight years later Mr. Ayres took him into partnership in his store located in what is now known as the Hedden Block. This partnership continued during Mr. Ayres’ lifetime. He joined the First Presbyterian Church in 1831 and was publicly received at a communion service held in a grove near Upper Ninth street. He married Miss Elizabeth Wood in 1840. His seven children are all living. They are Misses Frances and Theodosia Hedden, living at the old homestead on Dewey street. Will Hedden and wife, whose children are Will, Earl, Kirk and Elsie; Anna, who is the wife of Dr. Frank Greene, and their son, Cook; Ella W., wife of Frank Hardy, and three children, Marguerite, Gladys and [a son] who is in the West.

James Wesley Lyons and wife, Eunice Bowden, came to New Albany in 1820. He was an 1812 war veteran, having been captured by the British and put in Nova Scotia on parole. Here in Halifax he met Eunice Bowden, whom he married and later took to New York State. From there they came to Cincinnati, where the daughter, Margaret Anne Lyons, was born in 1816. Four years later the Lyons family came to New Albany on a flatboat, where they settled. They had eleven children, the descendants of whom, however, are scattered. Margaret Lyons’ first husband was Aaron Armstrong, by whom she had one daughter, who afterwards became Mrs. Whistler. Later she married Capt. John Ealy, for whom Ealy street was named, and on which his two daughters, Mrs. George St. John and Miss Laura Ealy, now live. Capt. Ealy was a pilot on the “B. J. Adams” in Marine Service during the Civil War, and was one of the four boats to enter Vicksburg during the siege, under heavy fire. Capt. and Margaret Ealy had seven children, but only two are living here now, mentioned above. Descendants are Mrs. Belle Dishman, Mrs. May Sappenfield and Ruth Sappenfield, Mrs. Ella LaDuke, Mary, Edith and Clifford Lyons; Walter Buchanan, John Ealy, May Ealy, Mrs. John Thompson, John J., Raymond Ealy and Mildred Thompson.

Obediah Childs settled in New Albany some time before the 1820s. Descended from that family are Mrs. Ellen Connor, Mrs. Wesley Connor, J. W. and Will Connor, Robert and Clifford Connor, Josephine and James Connor and Edna and Earl Connor.

In 1821, William C. Long came to New Albany, and his five children are still living: Cutter, Charles and Harry Stringham, and two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Stringham and Mrs. Jessie Daingerfield. Descended from them are: Mrs. James Guthrie and daughter, Florence; Ben Daingerfield and two children: Frank, James, John, Fannie, Irene, Gertrude and William Stringham, the latter’s one son and three children of Charles Long.

Capt. Joshua Wiley, who came here in 1821, left but one living descendant, Wiley Utz.

Descended from James Hammond, who came here in 1822 are a granddaughter, Mrs. Rella L. Lottick; three great-grandchildren, Karl Lottick, Mrs. P. Sherman and Mrs. Edna Jackson and two great-great-grandchildren, Lynne Lottick and Lewis Jackson.
Another 1822 family is that of Thomas J. Hatfield and wife, Margaret Davis. They had four children, Thomas J. and Charles Hatfield, Mrs. Emma Brown and Mrs. Mary Gaskel. Descended from these are William and Minnie Hatfield and Frank and Mayme Hatfield. Two great-grandchildren are Thomas F. Hatfield and Mrs. Jennie Smith. Harry, Robert, Fred and Frank Brown; Homer, Ethel, Mildred and Lorena, children of Harry Brown; Karl, Anna and Eva, children of Robert Brown; Mary and Sylvia, children of Fred Brown; Charles, Jessie and Ida, children of Mrs. Mary Gaskel; Iona Brown, George and Victoria Rusk.

Peter Mann came here in 1823, and of a large family only three grandchildren are living here at present. They are Blaine Mann Marshall, Mrs. Leo Pennington and Mr. Robert D. Mann. Robert J. Mann is the youngest descendant. He is the infant son of Robert D. Mann.

Clement Nance, who came her in 1825, was an associate judge of Floyd County. His grandson, James Dallas Nance, is still living. Two great-grandchildren are also here. They are Misses Belle and Julia Nance.

When Gabriel Ellis and wife, Nancy J. Logan came here in 1823, there was only one well in the town. It was located at the end of the old Market House, where it still stands and was called the Town Pump. A long list of descendants sprang from this union from which, however, there were only two children, James Logan Ellis and Mrs. Mildred Ellis Creig. They are Frank A., Mary H. Creig and Mrs. F. A. Ansclutz, children of Mrs. Mildred Ellis Creig; Mrs. Ben Greenaway, Mrs. George Hay, and Miss Tillie Ellis, children of J. L. Ellis. Stewart Allen, Wallace W., Mildred A., and Robert Bruce are the children of Frank A. Creig; Helen, Garrett and Hudson Creig are the children of Mrs. F. A. Ansclutz. Mrs. George Hay has one son, Chas.; and Oscar and Margaret Ellis are grandchildren of J. L. Ellis by another son; Charles E. Ellis is the son of Oscar Ellis. Emma, Catherine E., Lawrence Ellis and Marie Creig are also descendants.

Samuel Sisloff came in 1824. Mary Ellen Girard came a year later, in which year they were married. Descended from this family are Joseph Sisloff, whose two children are Frank Sisloff and Mrs. J. B. Harrison. Lester and Virginia Sisloff are children of the former, and Mrs. Harrison has two daughters, Mary and Martha.

In 1825, Harlam Wible, whose wife’s name is not given, came to New Albany. They had two children, Harriet and Sam Wible. George Wible is a grandchild, and Mary and Farrell Wible are great-grandchildren.

William Cobb and wife, Rebecca Elmore, came to New Albany from Virginia in 1825, making the trip in wagons. Mrs. Cobb lived to be 94 years of age. She left thirteen children, of whom the following live in New Albany: Henderson and James Cobb, Mrs. Mary Cobb Huckleberry, Mrs. Rebecca Cobb Townsend and Mrs. Elizabeth Cobb Pee. Of their descendants only two are residing here at present. They are Sallie Vernia Gohmann and Genevieve Vernia. Many descendants of this family are expected to the homecoming, among them a three times great-grandson – Finck Dohrman.

James H. Cochran settled here in 1826. His wife, Sarah A. Tomlin, did not come here until in ’35. Mary, Anna and George Cochran are children, and Mrs. Frank Boyd is a grandchild.
Catherine Reel is another who came here in the 20s and of whom there are no other accounts of her family. She came in 1828, and her husband, Henry Quinger, in 1829, when they were married. Mrs. Catherine Quinger Raynor was born in 1830, and is still living. A son, Henry William Raynor; a grandson, Henry William Raynor, and a great-granddaughter, Virginia Macauley Raynor, are all living here at present.

Matthew Byrn settled here about 1828. Arthur, William and Jennie Carson are the only living descendants here at present. Mrs. William Carson, the deceased mother of those mentioned, lived where the Government building now stands.

E. R. Day came to New Albany in 1828. He took up a position as clerk in the store of his uncle, Mr. Ayres, whose name was mentioned above in connection with the David Hedden family. Later Mr. Day went into business for himself, and for a number of years kept one of the leading book stores of the city. In the course of time he acquired quite a good deal of property. His descendants are numerous and are among the prominent families here. Mrs. E. R. Garrison, and children, Elizabeth A., Ruth E., and Jena M. Garrison; Vaughan, Villeroy, Winifred, Margaret and Jefferson Conner and Mrs. Eleanor Conner Clapp, are descendants. Alice Vaughan Conner and Marian Perrine Conner are the infant daughters of Vaughan and Villeroy Conner, respectively. Little Marian Perrine Conner can boast of much pioneer stock from both sides of the family.


William Plummer and his wife, Sally Ann Bushnell, came to New Albany in 1829. Mr. Plummer was a member of the firm, Plummer & Bushnell, located for many years at First and the River. E. B. Plummer is the only descendant of this family living in New Albany.

John Frederick Merker and wife, Catherine, came here in 1830. Mrs. A. H. McQuiddy is a daughter. Minta and John McQuiddy are the only ones of her family who reside here at present. Other descendants are Mrs. Anna Merker Kraft and daughter, Frances Kraft; Mrs. Etta Merker Lloyd and daughter, Mary Hester Lloyd; Mrs. J. Victor Penn and children, Frances Helen and Rodger; Miss Amelia Herman and Mrs. Horace Shrader.

L. P. Dorsey and wife, Priscilla Roberts, came in 1830. A long line of descendants are still living here. Mrs. Rebecca Seabrooks, a daughter, is the mother of James Seabrooks, Mrs. Minnie Williams and Miss Lizzie Seabrooks. Mrs. Williams’ children are Guy and Chester Williams. Guy has one son, Robert G. Williams. Leonard Dorsey is a grandson of L. P. Dorsey, for whom he was named, and other descendants are: John Cadwallader, Mrs. John Foster, Mrs. Anna Gordon, Mrs. Kate McCord, Robert and Charles McCord, Mrs. Tillie Murrey, Mrs. Edith Murrey Mann, William Coolman, William Wells Coolman, Mrs. Betty Dorsey Marsh, Miss Lillie Dorsey, George Dorsey, Wesley and Homer Dorsey and Alinda, Mary and Addie Dorsey.

In 1830 came James Newbanks. Descendants from his family are Mrs. J. W. Edmondson, George Newbanks and Miss Mary Newbanks, Arthur Newbanks and Kenneth Cundiff Edmondson.

Lucient Griffin and wife, Lucy Lewis, who settled here in 1831, left a long line of descendants, many of whom still live in New Albany. Mrs. Susan Stran is a daughter. Others in this line are Mrs. Belle Ferrel, Mrs. Fannie Perrine, Mrs. Villeroy Conner, little
Marian Perrine Conner, Mrs. Anna Eliza Genung, Mrs. L. Edwards, Ben Smith, Boyd Smith, 
Marvin Bolton and Wilber Boyd Smith, and Nellie Louise Smith.

Judge William Underhill came here in 1831. He was one of the associate judges of 
the Circuit Court, occupying the bench at the same time with Judge Woodruff. He 
represented the Council from 1843 to 1846. Descended from his family are Mrs. Frank 
Jasper, George, Martin and John Underhill; Frank, Christina and Jenabee Jasper; Thomas, 
Mary, Talbott and Helen, children of George Underhill; John, Florence and Elizabeth, 
children of Martin Underhill, and Mary, daughter of John Underhill.

David and Polly Swarenz came here from Kentucky in 1832. Their youngest daughter, 
Dora A. Swarenz, was married to Leonidas Stout, of Virginia, who still occupies the same 
location he purchased sixty-five years ago. His two daughters, Mrs. Dora Ellmaker and 
Mrs. Hattie L. Hood, live with him.

Levi and Martha Stutler came here in 1832. Mrs. Lida Pitt and Chester Pitt are 
descendants of that family.

Peter Richards and wife, Anna, who came here in 1832, also left a long list of 
descendants. The old Richards homestead on Pearl St. Hill still stands as it was seventy 
years go, and is in good condition. From this line came the following: Mrs. August Bizot, 
whose sons live in Louisville; Peter Richards Jr., John, Anna, Frank, Francis, Lillian, Marie 
Richards, Mrs. Mary Riggenburger and Mrs. Clyde McDaniels, children of Peter Richards 
Jr.; Mary Margaret and Leota Riggenburger, John and Frank, sons of John Richards; 
Richards and an infant whose name was not given in, children of Mrs. Clyde McDaniels; 
Mrs. N. Stein, Ms. Ed. Hartley, Mrs. N. Bettinger, Jr.; Barbara and Catherine, children of Mrs. 
Stein; Hannah, daughter of Mrs. Hartley; Mrs. Kiefner, Herman and Losson, children of Mrs. 
Bettinger; Mary Richards, Elizabeth Richards, Mrs. Frank Enslinger and son, Karl Enslinger; 
Mrs. Ben Hinkebein and children, Hilda, Frances and Claude Richards.

Theodore Roberts and wife, Dorcas Callway, settled in New Albany in 1832. Of them 
only two descendants are still here, Misses Arabelle and Hester E. Roberts.

John B. Hatfield came here in 1832 from Virginia. His wife, Melinda Davis, was 
born in Bardstown, Ky. Of their seven children three are still living and reside at present in 
New Albany. Of the twenty-nine descendants of this family, all reside here but one, Miss 
Florence Hatfield. Children of John Hatfield are: Mrs. Mary E. Swift, Mrs. Melissa J. 
Stevenson and James E. Hatfield. The others are Charles H., William P., Sallie M., Hattie A. 
and Daisy Swift; Mrs. Mary E. Wallace, Mrs. Lillie Harbeson, Mrs. Jennie Cotter, Mrs. Ada 
Wattam, Mrs. Stella Loughmiller, Mrs. May Devenish, Mrs. Sue Brown; Floyd and Frank 
Hatfield; Mrs. Cleone Yeadon, Mrs. Nellie Hogan; Nelia and Charles Cotter, William P., 
Irma, Mary E., and Shirley A. Wallace; Nellie Hatfield, Helen and Wesley Hogan, John F. 
and Raymond F. Hatfield and William O. Brown.

In 1832, John Peake and wife came to New Albany. A son, James Peake, still lives 
here with his son, Harvey Peake, the latter quite prominent in literary and musical matters 
and an artist of note.

Cyrus Rodgers and wife, Elizabeth Tummelson, came to this city in 1832. At an early 
age, Mr. Rodgers was “bound” to Henry Turner, but before the expiration of his term ran 
away, joined the army in the Mexican War and was body-guard to Cpt. Hatton. In the 
course of a year he returned, to find his brother had also enlisted. He immediately re-
enlisted with Capt. Robinson of the Third Kentucky. He is still living, at the age of 91, in Silver Grove. Descended from his family are Clarence Rodgers and children, Myrtle, Elvan and Dorothy; Everett and Laura Nunemacher.

William J. Weissinger and wife, Mary Wilt, also settled here in 1832, it having evidently been a fair time to locate. From them are descended the following: Mrs. Mary Kiser Greenaway, Mrs. Dickman and Geo. Weissinger; Frank and Mamie Kiser; Olive, William, Robert, Rose May and Charles Weissinger.

George Tinkler and wife, Elizabeth Elsom, came here from England in 1833. They were accompanied by Mrs. Tinkler’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Elsom. Descendants from this family are Maria E. Tinkler, G. W. Dorsey, Bettie C. Marsh, Mary L. Hughes and Lillie Dorsey.

In 1833, on the 4th of March, the day Andrew Jackson was made President for the second time, John Venable, and wife, Mary Cochran, came to New Albany from Yadkur Valley, North Carolina, having made the trip on horseback in company with a train of emigrants through the Cumberland Gap. Mr. Venable attended the mock funeral of Andrew Jackson in Louisville in 1845. Descended from the Venable family are Mrs. James Phillips, Mrs. William Houpt, Miss L. Venable, Mrs. J. Peay, William and Fannie Phillips; Julia and Earl Peay.

In 1833, Gottlieb Eisman came to this city. No mention is made of his wife, and it is, therefore, not known if she accompanied him at that time or later. Mr. Eisman was one of the founders of the Lutheran church. At that time they had no books of any kind and in lieu of hymnals, the members of the congregation sang the songs as they remembered them. Descended from the Eisman family are George Lewis Eisman, Mrs. Phillip Diefenbach and Charles L. Eisman; Mrs. Myrna Huber, Anita and Clayton Diefenbach; Anita M. Huber and Mrs. F. Jasper.

Capt. Charles Meekin and wife, Rebecca Himes, came to New Albany in 1833. Descendants of that family are Mrs. Dora Boardman, John Brown, James Meekin. Mrs. Charles Meekin’s father, Martin Himes, came here in 1819.

Daniel Hipple settled here in 1834. George Hipple and Mrs. Harry Smith, are children of that family and their children are Daniel and Thomas Hipple and Mary and Eugene Smith.

Henry Godfrey and wife, Margaret, came here in 1834. Henry and Chas. Godfrey are their children and Maud and Ella Godfrey children of the former.

James Slocum and Ellen, his wife, came here in 1835. Descendants of this family are Mrs. Ellen Logan Quin, Mrs. L. Goodbub, Mary, Thos. and James Plaiss, John, Ed, Will, James and George Goodbub.

Charles Bruder settled here in 1835. Descendants of this family are Mrs. Anna Adams, Mrs. Mary Welker, Miss Dora, Charles, Charles Frederick and Ignatz Alexander Bruder; May Pearl and Olive Bruder, Pink Slattery; Hubert, Walter and Raymond Bruder and Mrs. Herbert Dierking; Edna May Bruder; Herbert, John R. Raymond A., Mary J., and May V. Dierking.
In 1815, “the year without a summer,” when there was frost on the 21st and 22nd of May, John A. Pryor and his wife, Mary Cole, located here. Mrs. Mary Jane Pryor Marshall is a descendant of this family. Also Mrs. C. F. Very, Miss Margaret Marshall and Blaine Mann Marshall.

Alexander O'Neill, and wife, Margaret Kain, came to New Albany in 1836. Their children are Andrew F. O’Neill, S. J. Campbell and Mrs. E. McPherson. Children of the last two mentioned are Walter and Harry Campbell and Guy and Sallie McPherson.

Henry Pennington and wife, Delphine Rose, came here in 1837. Their children are George H., Francis A., Samuel M., Jennie and James W. Descended from these are Chester and Leo Pennington and Mrs. Irene Coleman; Louise Pennington, Margie and Poutcher Coleman, Jennie Pennington, Mrs. Martha Saltz and Wilma Saltz.

Henry Hanky came here in 1837. G. H. Hanky, who has occupied the store near the Stone Bridge for the past fifty-one years, is a son. Other descendants of this family are: Mrs. Minnie Busching, Frank Busching and Mrs. Bertha Busching Mann; Samuel, Joseph, Edith and Bertha Mann.

In 1837, Joseph Perry came to New Albany. His children are William Joseph, Jr., Mary and Chester Perry. Other descendants are: Mrs. Ethel Perry Langtry, Mrs. Susie Perry Bruder, Jane and Irene Perry; Henry, Walter and Maud Perry, and Mrs. Mabel Perry Scott and Perry and Catherine Scott.

John T. Monsch and wife, Elizabeth Frentz, came to New Albany in 1837. He established a coal and ice business here, which he conducted for many years. His ice ponds near Silver Creek still go by the old name, “Monsch’s Ponds.” He built the Tavern Hotel, then called Central Hotel, also helped build the first Catholic church and contributed largely to the building of the German Catholic church. An exception is made in the case of some members of his descendants. Mrs. J. E. Russell, who, with her family, while living in Louisville, still claim New Albany as their home and are only waiting to return here when they can build and locate permanently.

Pelig Fiske and wife, Mary Graves Fiske, came to New Albany in 1837. Mrs. A. Croxall and Mrs. H. Kenney are the only children living here at present. From these are descended Misses Allie and Delphine Croxall and Al. D. Croxall; Harry, Mary and James Kenney; Miner, William and Henry Kenney, sons of Harry Kenney.

Jacob and Mary Ann Genung came to New Albany in 1837. Descendants from the family are Edgar Needham and children, Paul Edgar, David Faye and Hugh John Needham.

James Slider and wife came to New Albany in 1837. Children of these parents are: John T. Slider, Mary F. Payne Wilson; James Jefferson Slider and Joseph Mathes Slider. J. T. Slider has one son, Edward Thomas Slider. Children and grandchildren of E. T. Slider are: Chester, Walter, Clarence, Mabel and Edna Slider and Mrs. Nora May Schmidt; young Chester Slider, Edward A. Schmidt; children of James Slider are Albert Elmore, Evelyn Cretonia and Nelson Slider; children of Joseph Slider are: Mary, Oneida, Charles, John and Annie.

James and Sarah Ann Johnson came over the mountains on a stage to the Ohio river and from its source traveled the length of the river to New Albany, landing here in 1837.
From this family came the following: Mrs. Emma L. Godfrey, Mrs. Jennie C. Mathes, Mrs. Carrie Steinhauer, Mrs. Grace K. Campbell and Esther Mathes.

John W. Edmonson came in 1838. Harry and Bertha Edmondson are his children. Other descendants of the family are Hazel, John and James Edmondson and Kenneth Cundiff.

Eli McCloud came in 1838. Mrs. Morris Slider and children — Lela, Clifford and Morris Slider, are descendants.

In 1838, Eberhart Koetter and wife, Margaret Albert, located here. Henry E. Koetter is a son, and descendants of this family are Margaret Jane Sweeney and Holbrooke Sweeney.

John Zeilmann and wife, Anna M. Fuhrmann, and George Erhardt and his wife, Anna and John H. Meister and his wife, Anna K., all came to New Albany about the same time. The year, as nearly as can be given, was about 1838. These six were among the founders of the German Methodist church. The wives of these three men were sisters, and were all named Anna, the discrimination being the attending initial. Descendants of the Zeilmann family are: Mrs. A. J. Lang, J. L. Lang, Leander, John, Amelia and William Kohl and Mrs. Tessie Kohl Bonifer; Helen Bonifer; Edward Kohl, and Mrs. Edna Kohl Cook, Margaret Cook; Raymond and Gordon Kohl and Mrs. Florence Stein and son, William C. Stein. The Erhardt descendants are: Mrs. Harry Carpenter, Mrs. Lena Welton, Roy, William and Harriet Carpenter; Edwin, Bart, William and Roberta Welton and Mary Welton.

Mrs. Sarah Risley Barrett Greenaway came here in 1838. She was twice married. From the Barrett union there are the following: E. F. Barrett; Ella B. Barrett, and Mabel Hardin who is a great-granddaughter. From the Greenaway family there is quite a large list of names. William, James and B. L. Greenaway are some. Others are: Mrs. Martha Greenaway Goodman, Mrs. Lillie Largent, Grace Goodman, and Mrs. Lillie Goodman Largent; Mrs. Alma O. Pennington and Edgar Greenaway.

That is the list of the known dates. The names that follow will be those of pioneers whose descendants claim to have been here previous to the seventy-five years, but of whom there were no records.

Christian Merker was one of the early settlers of New Albany. He was one of the founders of the German Lutheran Church. Miss Florence Merker is a granddaughter. It will be remembered that the late Henry Merker, a son of Christian Merker, possessed one of the sweetest tenor voices ever heard in this vicinity.

Robert Lloyd was another early settler. He first settled in Mooresville but came to New Albany when there were but a few log houses. It is said that he was forced to come here because of the bears, and deemed it safer to join the settlers here. Descendants from the Lloyd family are: Mrs. Mary J. Hoagland, Miss Alva Lloyd; Robert and Wallace Shrader.

George Walts, one of whose granddaughters celebrated her 83rd birthday last month, settled first in Georgetown, which ground he owned. The town was named after him. Later he came to New Albany. Descendants from the Walts family are: Mrs. Joseph Diehl, Mrs. Susan Knable, Harry and George Diehl and Ralph and Harry Diehl.
Darius Genung was the first blacksmith New Albany had and, for many years, the only one. From his family comes a long line of descendants. In point of numbers his lineal descendants hold the banner, there being fifty direct descendants all living and at present residing in New Albany. They are: Mrs. Emaline Genung Akin, a daughter; Mrs. J. L. Nunemacher, Mrs. J. W. Burd, Mrs. J. M. Graham; Mrs. Hicks King, Mrs. L. Walker; Mrs. J. H. Shine, Mrs. A. W. Burger, Mrs. Harry Matthews, Miss Lillie Nunemacher and Vinton Nunemacher; Mary, Bess and Jane King; Garland and Mary Jean Walker; Ruby, Ira, Raymond, Martha and Elizabeth Shine; Hurlestone Burger, Helen Matthews, Ruth Nunemacher, Harry Burd, Mrs. Hill, Edmond and Elmore Burd, Charles, Elizabeth and Robert Hill; Hubert, Minnie, Chester and James Graham, Eula Graham, Virginia Graham, James Graham, son of Chester Graham; William, Mary, Lillie, Harry and Emma Kemp Taylor; Hazel Kemp Hitch and daughter Doris; Earl and Gladys Kemp and Joseph Taylor.

Descendants of Calvin Sinex, pioneer, are Mary Sinex, Benjamin Sinex, and Arthur, Mildred and Russell Sinex; Mrs. Henry Kronecke, Lee and Edward Kroenecke.

From John Riley, pioneer, came the following families: Sam Stalcup, Sam Stalcup Jr., Horace and H. R. Stalcup, Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. Henry Bornwasser, Irma Bornwasser, Mrs. Peter Hillinger, Edward Clayton and Annie and Benjamin Clayton.

From a Mr. Roberts, whose initials were not given are the following: Mrs. Ann Draper, James Draper, Emma Draper, Mrs. George Tether and Mrs. Donahue.

Descendants of William Hart are Mrs. Hester Harrison, Mrs. George Penn, Miss Emma Hart, J. Bradley Harrison, Walter G. Harrison, Martha and Mary Harrison, who can claim pioneers on their mother’s side also; Victor, Otto, Robert and Julia Penn, Helen and Rodger Penn and Floyd Penn.

Dummer Hooper was one of New Albany’s early Mayors. He is said to have planted some of the trees in Scribner Park. The first trees planted were not a success because of the curiosity of some small boys, who, not seeing anything growing out of the tops of the trees, pulled them up and planted them with the roots exposed.

John Armstrong, pioneer, left the following descendants: Mrs. William Milligan, George and Harry Rayner, Mrs. John Hood, Madison and Frank Milligan and Mrs. Nancy Armstrong Young, a great-granddaughter; John C. Lutz, a great-grandson.

The Dempster family came to New Albany in the early 1800s. James Dempster was left an orphan at an early age, without any record. Descendants of this family are Mrs. Clay Hatton, John W. Dempster, Mrs. C. Forman, Frank and Fay Hatton, Mrs. Delia Pendleton, Harry and Fay Dempster.

William Shaw, pioneer, left the following descendants: Mrs. A. F. McNaughton, Mrs. John E. Mitchell, Mrs. H. E. Barrett, Lois McNaughton, Margaret, Annelle and Frances Barrett and Julian Houston Mitchell.

From James Crook, pioneer, is one living descendant residing here, Mrs. M. V. Franck.

Next to the Genung descendants in number comes the line of McCulloughs. Hugh McCullough, pioneer, left over forty-five descendants, some of the names of whom appear elsewhere in this article. For instance, the families of Mrs. Charles Kelso, Robert Minor and Mrs. Harry Hopkins, will appear under the Charles Minor head, instead of with
Mrs. Mary E. Brown. Others are Thomas McCullough, Thomas and James McCullough; G. Wesley McCullough, Millicent, Ida May McCullough; Mrs. Fred Bettman, Helen, Harold and Mildred Bettman; Sallie Blanche, Beulah and Elsie McCullough; Thomas R., Charles and George McCullough, Alma and George McCullough; Robert, Chester, Alpha Kreutzer; Mrs. Orville Franklin, Leon and Elizabeth Franklin, Harvey McCullough, Sarabel, Hazel, Joseph and Chester McCullough.

Descendants of George Spurrier, pioneer, are: Joe and Foster Spurrier, Eve Spurrier, Sallie Hublein, John Hublein, Mary, John Jr., Carl and Victoria Hublein.

Descendants of John Doughten, pioneer, are: Mrs. Lon Pectol, Corrine, Ira and Mary Pectol; Mrs. E. C. Seabrooke, Carl, Virginia and Irma Seabrooke.

Descendants of Thomas Beharrell, pioneer, are: Mrs. George Ridley, William, Edward and Anna May Ridley, Mrs. C. D. Ridley, James and Clara Ridley, Chas. Beharrell, George Hester, William Hester, Mary Hester, Mrs. Charles Ramsdell, Irene and Alice Ramsdell.

Descendants of Michael Streepey, pioneer, Sam Streepey, Irvin, Eva and Benjamin Streepey, Bessie and Edith Streepey and Charles Streepey.

Descendants of Joseph Wicks, pioneer, are: John A. Wicks, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Anton Schmidt, George Graves, George Mullineaux, Tom and Martha Mullineaux, Mrs. Theodore Stein, Theodore Jr., and Bernice Stein, Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, Mrs. T. O. Pinaire, Jane Pinaire, Mrs. Roscoe Carnahan, Mrs. Lloyd Howe, Mabel Ratliff; Henry Allen, Mrs. Paul Tebault, Paul Tebault, Bertha, Robert and Verna Allen; James Allen, James Jr. and Mrs. Lula Wright; Lewis Allen, Mrs. Joe Moody, Allen Moody, Lewis Jr. and son, Bruce Allen, Mrs. Emmett Luther, Helen Allen and Miner Allen.

Daniel Seabrooke, pioneer, left the following: E. C. Seabrooke, Carl, Virginia and Irma Seabrooke; James Seabrooke, Lizzie Seabrooke, Mrs. Minnie Williams, Guy and Chester Williams and Robert Williams.

Preston Tuley, pioneer, left the following descendants: Floyd Tuley, Lawrence Tuley; Mrs. John Everbach Sr., Mrs. Michael Thornton and Annie Edith Thornton.

John Philip Franck, pioneer, left the following: Mrs. Carrie Ellwanger, Mrs. John Burger, Irma and Carl Ellwanger, Albert and William Burger, Mrs. Otto Falk, Ruth Falk and Hurlestone Burger.

From Thomas Dalbay, pioneer, are the following: Mrs. Annie Hurley, John, Grace, Gertrude, Annie and Charles Hurley, Mrs. Rachel Chapman, Mrs. John Winn and daughter, Pearl.

Descendants of Cook Day, pioneer, are: Cook Day, Mrs. Marshall Mitchell, Frank Day, Millicent, Elsie and John Mitchell and Miss Susie Day.

Descendants of William Wattam, pioneer, are: Mrs. Hannah Scales, Charles and Earl Scales; Joe Wattam, Jessie, Ben, Claude and Eleanore Wattam and Link Wattam; Mrs. Charles Long, Walter, Edwin, and Charles Long. Mrs. Eugene Tate, Delilah Merker, Mrs. Fred Weisert, and Charles Miller; John Wattam, Charles Wattam and Lee Wattam, Mrs.

Descendants of Gabriel Thompson, pioneer, are Mrs. Anna Compton, Margaret and Caroline Compton.

Descendants of Alexander Love, pioneer, are: Mrs. Mary E. Wells, Wilton and Holmes Wells, Kenneth and Elizabeth Wells, Mrs. Harry Kenney, Muir, William and Henry Kenney, William Love, Holmes Love and Miss Hettie Love.

Descendants of David Armstrong, pioneer, are Mrs. E. V. Jennings, Thomas W. Armstrong, Kate, Julia and James Armstrong.

John B. Ruter, son of Martin H. Ruter, pioneer, at the time of his death, was postmaster of New Albany, under the administration of President Pierce. Descendants are Martin H. Ruter, John and Walter Stuart, Bennett and Edward L. Ruter.

From Richard and Jane Lonnon, pioneers, are descended the following: Mrs. Fannie Watkins, Hannah, Horace and Mabel Watkins, Horace Jr., Mildred and Frederick Watkins; Tillie Lonnon, Charles Lonnon, Hester Marshall, Lena Lonnon, Mrs. Arthur Fawcett and a son.

From James Sinex, pioneer, come the following descendants: Mrs. Wm. Deeble, Miss Hattie Deeble, Mrs. Walter Buchanan, Mrs. Richards and Virgie and Laidley Richards.

Henry Harrison Royse and wife, Sarah Polson, pioneers, left the following: Mrs. Thomas Fawcett, Mrs. T. C. Williams, Miss Sadie Friend, Harry Royse Friend, Mrs. Harry Robinson, Marguerite Williams, Isaac C. and Earl M. Friend and Mrs. Harold McIntosh and Mary Lee and Harry Wilson McIntosh.

Descendants of Charles Minor, pioneer, are: Mrs. Lewis Allen, Mrs. Harry R. Friend, Isaac and Earl Friend, Mrs. Harold McIntosh, Mary Lee McIntosh; Mrs. Charles Kelso, Robert, Jean, Richard, Francis, Russell Kelso; Mrs. Harry Hopkins, Martha Hopkins, Robert Minor, Charles, Humphrey, John, Robert Jr., Mary and Ruth Minor.

Descendants of James Pitt, pioneer, are: Chester Pitt, Robert Dyer, Dewiss Dyer, Mrs. Harry Bruner and William Bruner.

Descendants of James Love are: Dr. Thomas Love, George Love, George Jr., Mrs. A. C. Brock and Mary and James Brock.

Descendants of Silas Day, pioneer, are: Will Day, E. A. Reily, John and James Reily, Mrs. H. A. Scribner and daughter, Miss Mary Scribner, who is also a direct descendant of the famous Scribner family; Mrs. W. C. West, Mrs. S. B. Lynd, Robert Lynd and Mrs. Byron Hartley.

Meade Sowle, pioneer, left the following: Charles and John Sowle and Mrs. Adelia Byrons.

Mrs. Nancy Jackson, Frank, Robert and William Jackson; Mrs. William Borgerding, Mary Elizabeth Borgerding; Misses Nettie and Nancy Jackson; Mrs. Florence Shrader, Jane and Wellman Shrader, and children of Robert Jackson.
John Plaiss and wife, Barbara Flock, pioneers, left the following: Mrs. Catherine Dieckman, Philip Plaiss and Mrs. William Merker; Mrs. G. Waldrews, Hettie Pollard, H. Dieckman, Solomon, Tobias, Lawrence and John Dieckman and Mrs. Frank Armbruster; Mrs. Nora Wells, Charles, Walter, Barbara, Edith and Lawrence Dieckman and Mrs. Mary Zoeller, Mrs. Olive McAfee, Elmer Dieckman, Frank, Harry Jr., Solomon Jr., Leona and Helen Dieckman, Wilbur, Nelson and Herminia Waldrews, Blanche and Gail Pollard, Frank and Chester Armbruster, Hazel, Willard and Shirley Dieckman, Mary, James, Martha, Margaret, Charles and Aileen Dieckman, Elmer McAfee and George Jones.

Thomas, John and Brewer Sinex, pioneers, left a long line of descendants. Thomas Sinex “built the first frame house in New Albany” at Fifth and High streets where he owned a lumber yard. John Sinex was at one time Coroner of New Albany. Descendants of these three brothers are: Mrs. Mary Lawrey, Harry Lawrey; Leonard, Ruth, Margaret and George Lawrey; Mary and Benjamin Sinex, Mrs. Carrie Kroeneke, Arthur, Mildred and Russell Sinex, Edward and Lee Kroencke, Emma, Charles and Ida Sinex, Mrs. L. Crowin, Mrs. Ellen Moore, Mrs. N. Walters, William Crowin, Lillian Walters, Nellie Grace, Frank and Robert Moore, Harry Sinex, Mrs. Wilbert Patton, Wilbert and Wallace Sinex.

Out of a large family of children, only four descendants of William Jones, pioneer, remained in New Albany. They are: Miss Ella Jones, Mrs. John S. McDonald and Morris and Helen McDonald.

Frances and Peter Tellon were also pioneers. Mart Tellon and Mrs. Geo. Newhouse being descendants.

It will be noted that many names appear twice in these lists. They are, of course, those entitled to the honor, from both sides of the family.

Had it been possible to devote more time to these tracings of old families, which has proven a highly interesting work, this article would have been more complete and consequently, more valuable.

The Woman’s Auxiliary will be glad to meet and welcome those whose names appear here, and those whose names should have been included and inadvertently omitted.

The Scribner family, under the chairmanship of Miss Charlotte Devol, will appear elsewhere, and has been given no place in this article, with the exception of Miss Mary Scribner, who is entitled to it from her mother’s side, the Day family.

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