

CHAMBERS YOUNG PATTERSON AND HIS WABASH & ERIE CANAL CONNECTIONS

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The Patterson family owned the Armiesburg Mill for the longest time during the mill's existence. Chambers' father, Arthur, bought the mill on August 29, 1833, the mill being six years old. He tore that mill down and built a three story frame structure and a new dam made of hewn logs. When Arthur died on August 1, 1848 the land was divided among his children. During this time Arthur's son James was the miller. The *Rockville Republican* of August 27, 1862 ran the following article:

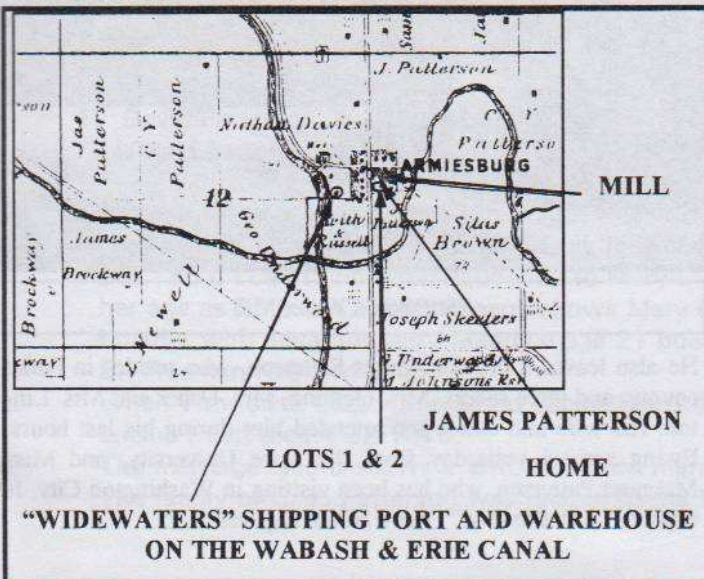


**Chambers Young
Patterson**

B. July 10, 1824
D. January 17, 1881

"Distressing Casualty."

"On Saturday last a little son of Mr. James Patterson, about 6 years old, fell into the forebay of his father's mill at Armiesburg, in this County while the mill was grinding. Before assistance could reach him he was carried under the wheel and literally crushed to death, in the most horrible manner. His father had to cut the wheel with an ax to disengage the mangled body from its situation. These are substantially the facts as related to us, and form one of the most afflictive bereavements we ever remember to have heard of."



Again, the same newspaper dated September 25, 1867 said:

"We understand that a difficulty occurred in Armysburg, in this county, on Monday of this week, between James Patterson and Flurey F. Keith, in which the first named gentleman drew a revolver and fired at the latter. Our informant states that but for the interference of bystanders at this juncture, blood would most likely have been spilled as both parties were armed. Fortunately no injury was done."

At the death of Arthur's wife, Margaret, a dispute between James and Chambers occurred over ownership of the mill and property. It was settled in court August 11, 1871 with Chambers in control of the mill.

On December 27, 1871 the Rockville Republican ran the following advertisement for Chambers Patterson:

PATTERSON'S WATER MILL.

Armiesburg, Ind.

I have repaired my Mill and made it one of the best in Western Indiana.

I have added the "Eureka" Silver Creek Smut Machine, a new Taggart Packer, new Bolting Cloths, of Du Four & Co., double extra "German Anchor Brand," a new Buck-wheat Bolt, and overhauled the machinery.

Flour made at Water Mills is better than Steam Mills, for the reason that you have steady power, and the flour is not killed in grinding.

This Mill will be for rent.

Address,

CHAMBERS Y. PATTERSON,

Terre Haute.

Dec. 13, '71—

Chambers Patterson also owned a farm in Vigo county about a mile and a quarter south of Otter Creek in Section 34. The canal went through the north half of his farm. After Chambers death in 1831, his wife, Ann, sold the mill to John S. Beach on March 6, 1882. This shows that the Patterson family's ownership of the mill was for 49 years.

Armiesburg was a major shipper and trader before and during the Canal era until 1874 when the last canal shipment from Armiesburg was made. At one time one-half of all the shipping and trading in all of Parke County took place in this canal town. The shipping point on the canal in Armiesburg was called "Wide Waters" and was run by Rufus K. Harris.

Included with this story is the Patterson genealogy, which I compiled after several weeks of research. I found Chambers Young Patterson's obituary. It follows as it appeared in the *Rockville Republican*, Wednesday January 19, 1881.

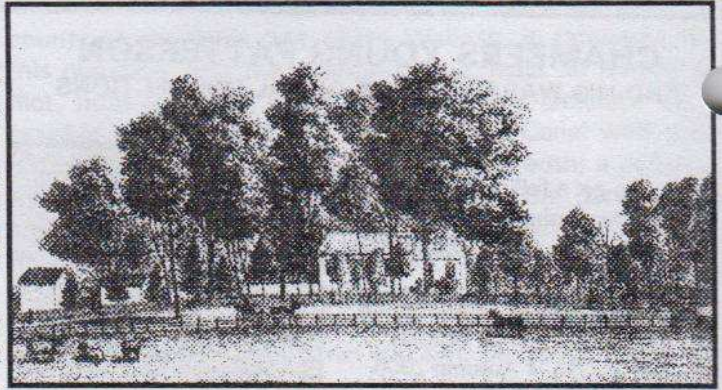
"JUDGE C. Y. PATTERSON.

"The community was startled yesterday morning by the announcement of the death of Judge Patterson at the Terre Haute House at half past seven o'clock. Although his death was unexpected by the community at large, it was by no means a surprise to his more intimate friends who have noticed his failing health for some time. He was a man who never complained of sickness, and his family physician says that he never formally prescribed for him until his last illness.

"He was taken ill on the twenty-second of December and since that time has been confined to his bed. From the first his physician considered his case a very serious one, the complaint being congestion of the liver. On Saturday night he had a severe attack of hemorrhage of the lungs which continued until his death. On Sunday it became apparent that he could not long survive the attack, and the absent members of the family were telegraphed for. Under the effects of a opiate he slept very well on Sunday night and awoke on Monday morning apparently better, and congratulated himself on having rested so well during the night. He requested his attendant to place him on his right side, as he thought he could rest easier in that position. When the change was made it was noticed that he was worse, and the physician was summoned immediately, but when he arrived life was extinct. Death resulted from a failure of the heart.

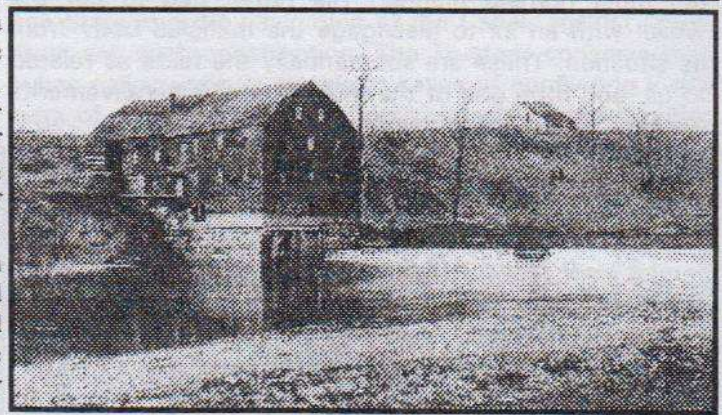
"Chambers Young Patterson was the son of General Arthur Patterson, of Parke county. He was born in Vincennes, Knox county, this State, in the month of August, 1823 [July 10, 1824], and at the time of his death was in his fifty-eighth year. When quite young his father removed to Rockville, Parke county, where the deceased passed the early portion of his childhood. About the year 1839 he attended school at the State University, at Bloomington, and shortly after that time entered college at Bardstown, Kentucky, from which institution he graduated with high honors in 1843. Subsequently he commenced the study of law in the office of Usher and Griswold, in this city, after which he took a course of law lectures at Harvard University from which he graduated in 1847, after which he returned to this city, formed a partnership with Hon. John Palmer Usher, and commenced the practice of law in 1848 in the office now occupied by Allen, Mack and Davis. It was about this time his father died. In the year 1852 he married miss Annie Law of Vincennes. On the 6th day of May, 1856 he was elected Mayor of this city for the term of one year. He was re-elected May 5th, 1857, and again on the 3rd of May, 1859, for two years each time. He resigned the mayoralty in October, 1860, to accept the Judgeship of the Tenth Common Pleas District, composed of the counties of Parke, Sullivan and Vigo to which he was elected on the Democratic ticket and held the office for four years. In 1864 he was defeated for the same position by Judge Samuel F. Maxwell, of Parke county, after which he formed a partnership with James M. Allen, of this city, and again commenced the practice of the law, which he continued until 1866, when he was elected Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit composed of the counties of Vermillion, Parke, Sullivan and Vigo. In 1872 he was re-elected to the same position and in 1878 he was elected Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit composed of the counties of Sullivan and Vigo, having had five years yet to serve from November last.

"Judge Patterson leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, two sons, John and Ewing, and a daughter, Miss Margaret Patterson.



Above: Built 1824, home of Gen. Arthur Patterson, Rockville, Indiana where Chambers Y. Patterson lived until 1846 when he moved to Terre Haute.

Below: Terre Haute House, Terre Haute, Indiana where Chambers Y. Patterson spent his declining years and died.



Patterson's Water Mill

He also leaves a brother, James Patterson, who resides in Parke county, and three sisters, Mrs. Deming, Mrs. Usher and Mrs. Linton. His wife and eldest son attended him during his last hours. Ewing arrived yesterday from the State University, and Miss Margaret Patterson, who has been visiting in Washington City, is expected home to-day." *Terre Haute Express*.

PATTERSON FAMILY GENEALOGY

Gen. Arthur Patterson b. 1775 Co. Tyrone, Ireland, d. 8-1-1848 New York, bur. Terre Haute Woodlawn Cem married 1809 1st wife Jane (?) b. ?, d. 8-?-1805 Wheeling, WV
married (?) 2nd wife Margaret Chambers b. 2-10-1785 Trenton, NJ, d. 1-31-1868 Terre Haute, IN
children

1. James Patterson b. 11-10-1804 Port Gibson, Clayborn Co., Miss, d. 12-23-1891 Armiesburg, IN, bur. Oak wood Cem. Montezuma, IN
married 10-10-1850 Jefferson Co. NY Sharill Collins b. 1826 NY, d. 8-17-1895
children
 - A. James Patterson Jr. b. 1855, d. 8-13-1913 New Harmony, IN
married 8-22-1896 Laura Fellows b. 1878, d. 11-23-1896, bur. Oakwood Cem, Montezuma, IN
 - B. Mary G. Patterson b. 10-?-1851, d. 5-19-1933
married 1st husband Dan Jones b. (?), d. 5-5-1933 Terre Haute
married 2nd husband Wm. W. Stout b. 1837, d. 2-2-1930, bur. Oakwood Cem, Montezuma, IN
 - C. Arthur Patterson b. 1857 in 1860 census 3 years old, d. 8-?-1862 in Armiesburg from mill accident
 - D. Annah L. "Annie" Patterson b. 5-22-1861, d. 12-21-1918
married 3-23-1882 Charles Richard McCune b. 1857, d. 2-?-1926, bur. Bethany Cem, Marshall, IN
 - E. Narcissa Patterson b. 6-25-1864, d. 6-30-1955 Marshall, IL, bur Oakland Cem, Montezuma
married 9-18-1884 Dr. Rufus Dooley b. 1864, d. 1-26-1942
2. Sarah Patterson b. 10-17-1810 VA, d. 1-26-1898, bur. Terre Haute, IN
married 2-19-1840 Demas Deming b. 3-22-1787 Berlin, CT, d. 3-7-1865 Terre Haute, IN
3. Margaret A. Patterson b. 4-15-1818 Vincennes, IN, d. 6-30-1911 Doug. Co., KS
married 6-26-1844 Parke Co, IN Hon. John Palmer Usher b. 1-9-1816 Madison Co, NY, d. 4-13-1889 Phila delphia, PA, bur Lawrence, KS Oak Hill Cem
 - A. Jn. P. Usher Jr. b. 9-22-1849, d. 7-8-1931
 - B. Arthur P. Usher b. 11-17-1846, d. 6-14-1888
4. Mary C. Patterson b. 1815 VA, d. (?)
married 7-3-1832 David Linton b. 1803, d. 8-10-1835 Terre Haute, IN, bur, Woodlawn Cem, Terre Haute
 - A. Margaret Linton b. 1835 Terre Haute, IN d. (?) Probate 11-21-1837 Box 56 Probate Pg 265 Microfilm 929.377245
Vigo Co. Circuit Ct —Index to estates and guardianships 1819-1927. Admin: Arthur Patterson, father
5. Chambers Young Patterson b. 7-10-1824 Vincennes, IN, d. 1-17-1881 Terre Haute, IN at Terre Haute House, Profession Lawyer, Judge
married 1852 Ann Law b. 10-12-1827 Vincennes, d. 1-20-1909 Terre Haute, IN, bur. Woodlawn Cem, daughter of John Law, Judge, Attorney of Vincennes
 - A. Sarah Lou Patterson b. 1852, d. 11-9-1858 date of interment
 - B. Wm. Patterson b. 1855, d. 6-27-1864 Woodlawn Cem. Records
 - C. Ewing Law Patterson b. 1859, d. 7-11-1911 Indianapolis, IN, bur Woodlawn Cem, Terre Haute
 - D. John Patterson b. 1860, d. 4-13-1902 Terre Haute, IN, bur. Woodlawn Cem, Terre Haute
 - E. Margaret C. Patterson b. 1863, d. 4-12-1883, bur. Woodlawn Cem, Terre Haute, School teacher at Terre Haute district school, City Directory. Obit: Terre Haute Gazette 4-12-1883, burried with mother and family in Div. 7 Blk.23
 - F. David Patterson b. (?), d. 1-17-1864
 - G. David Patterson b. (?), d. 9-12-1868 (infant)

Notes: Wm. C. Linton obit. 11-26-1835 *Wabash Courier* Pg 2 shows he was married to Elizabeth Perkins.
A. Maggie C. Linton married Signor Don Jose Marie Madrigal of Havana, Cuba *Wabash Courier* Nov. 26, 1853. I can't find what happened to Mary C. Linton. She is in several City Directories. 1850 shows her age as 33 b. VA, 1860 Census shows Mary Linton age 60, boarder with Margaret Madrigal age 45 boarder with daughter Mary Madrigal age 21 boarder.
B. Freeman Hubbard Linton
When Wm. died, Elizabeth married Lucius Scott 6-18-1837, moved to Buck Co. PA 1847
Lucius Scott died 4-22-1875.
The marriage record shows a Wm. C. Linton married Ann Aspinwall 12-27-1820 in Vigo County.
The family of C. Y. Patterson was related to the Farrington and Gilbert families of Terre Haute, IN.