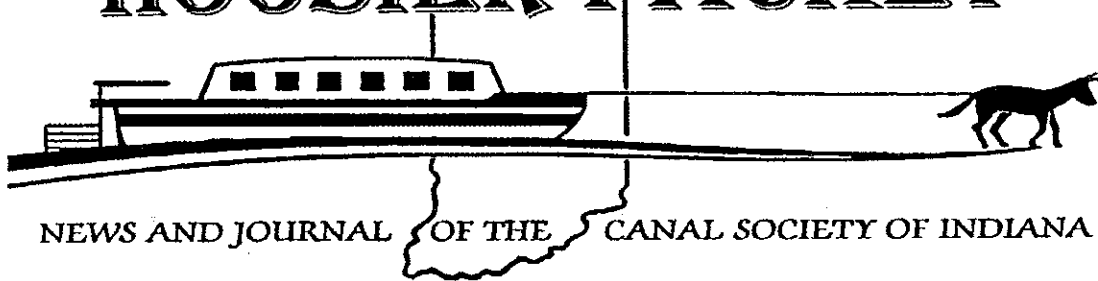


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HAPPY 2016!



Canal Society of Indiana directors and spouses toured the Visitors Pavilion after their October 24, 2015 board meeting in Metamora. They wish you a Happy New Year!

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CSI DIRECTORS' MEETING

The directors of the Canal Society of Indiana (CSI) met October 24, 2015 at Gateway Park in Metamora, Indiana hosted by Whitewater Canal Scenic Byways (WCSB) and Bob and Carolyn Schmidt. They were welcomed by Candy Yurchak, president of WCSB, who also told about plans for extending the canal exhibit at the Visitors Pavilion.

President Bob Schmidt began the meeting with a moment of silence for members who had

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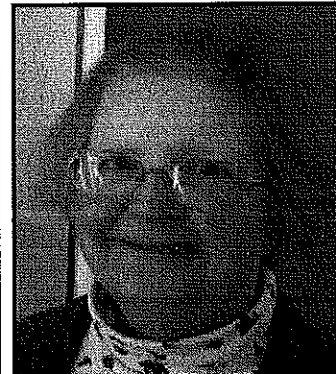
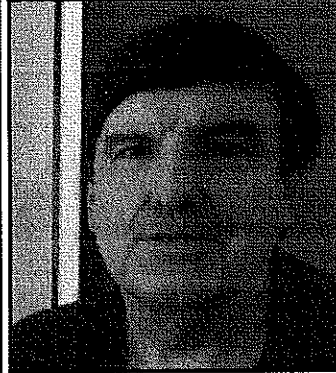
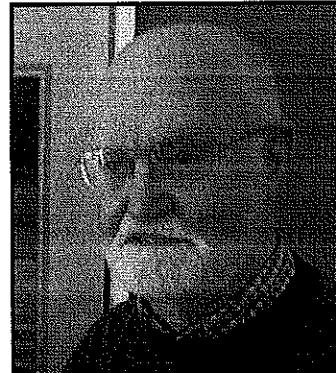
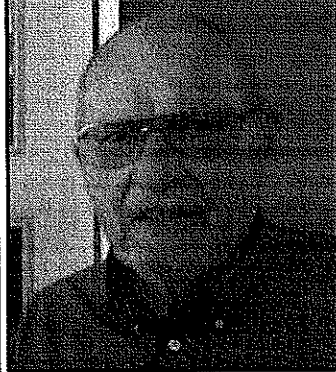
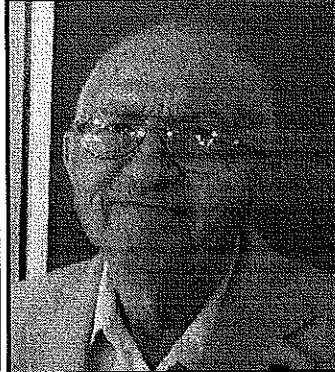
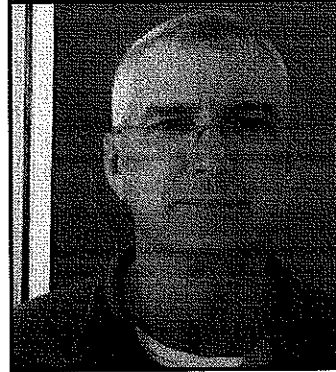
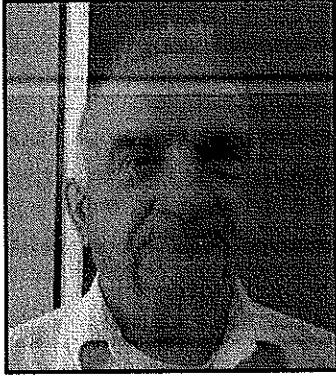
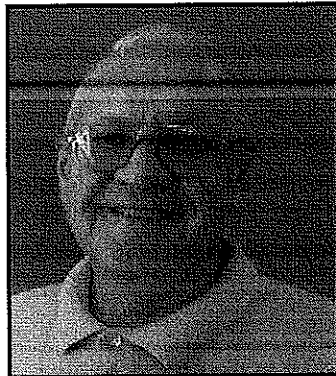
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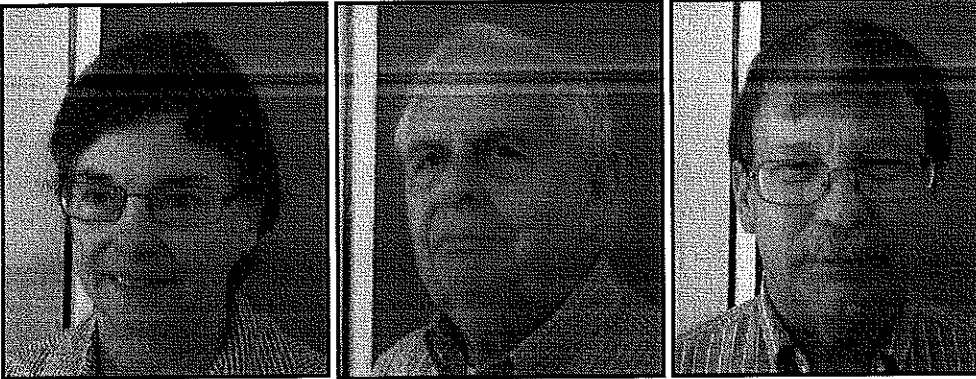
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passed away during the past year — Bill Draper, Jerry Sargent, MarySue Meaux, Robert Vonderau. He then asked the board to review the annual history report to be published in *The Hoosier Packet*. (see page 15) The secretary's and treasurer's report were approved. The society is looking into updating its web site and sending out its news and journal on the internet.

Bob reported that CSI had two successful tours in 2015 at Haubstadt, Indiana and Newark, Ohio. The 2016 tours will be April 8-10 "The Hagerstown Extension" and August 26-30 "W&E Canal—Ft. Wayne to Toledo." 2017 tours will be the Panama Canal, the W&E Canal in Huntington, and a Mississippi River trip from Dubuque to Guttenberg, Iowa.

Jerry Mattheis and Carolyn Schmidt were appointed to the membership committee and Sue Simerman to the nominating committee. Cynthia Powers, Phyllis Mattheis and Jerry Lehman will make up the communications committee.

Each director was asked to give a report about what was happening on the canal in his or her area. It was amazing to hear all that is being done throughout the state. Many of the reports included requests for funding canal related projects. A vote was taken and this year CSI will complete its pledge of \$4000 to Delphi's Canal Park and will donate an additional \$5000 to the park with \$2500 to be paid in 2016 and \$2500 in 2017. Whitewater Canal Scenic Byways will receive \$3200 to add a canal exhibit room to its current visitors pavilion. Tom Castaldi will receive \$200 to develop directional signage along the canal in Huntington county. An additional \$200 is set aside for more

signage along the Whitewater Canal.

Paul Baudendistel of WCSB presented a program showing the iron and wooden artifacts he has collected that will be placed in the new canal exhibit room. The meeting was then adjourned and members walked to the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byways Visitors Pavilion to see the current exhibits and the space where the new canal exhibit room will be built.

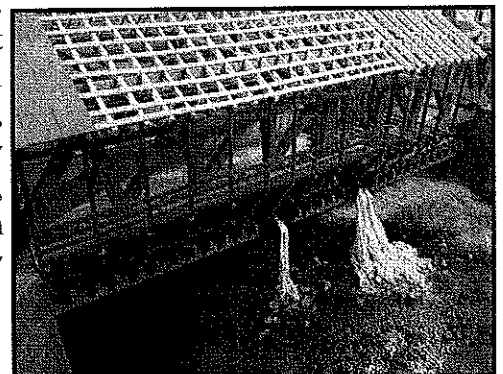
A selection of breads and coffee were served before the meeting. A box lunch was eaten at noon. Both were catered by The Farmhouse Restaurant.

Before and following the meeting some directors took the opportunity to see Duck Creek aqueduct and the canal lock in Metamora. Some went to see the Laurel feeder dam for the Whitewater Canal.

The 2016 directors' meeting will be held on October 22 in Terre Haute, Indiana. Jerry Lehman is the host.

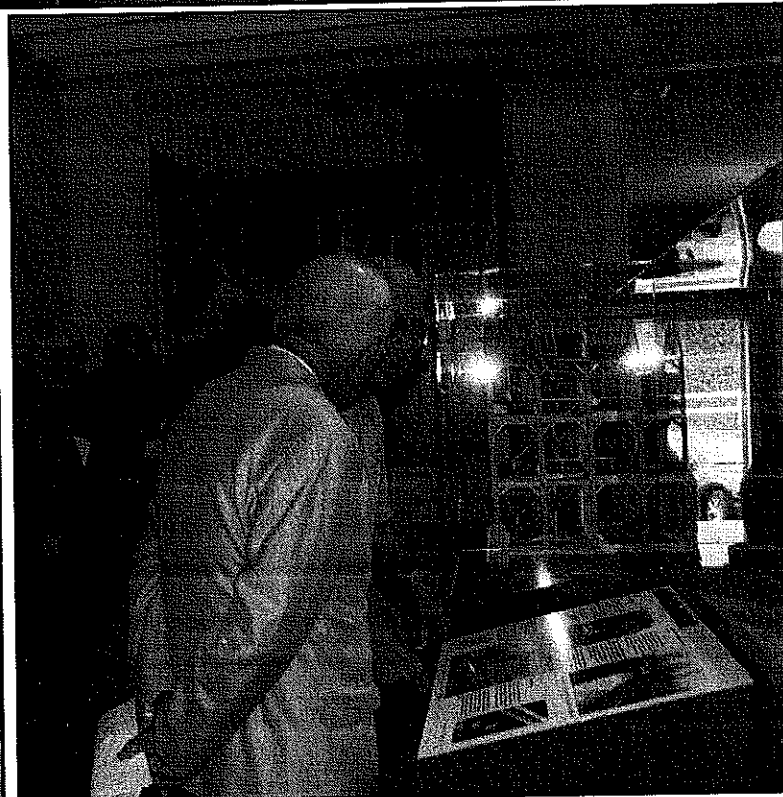
This model of the Duck Creek aqueduct, a mill, a canal lock, and a canal boat are displayed in the Visitors Pavilion. They were built by Paul Baudendistel, landscaped by Candy Yurchak, and covered in plexiglass by CSI.

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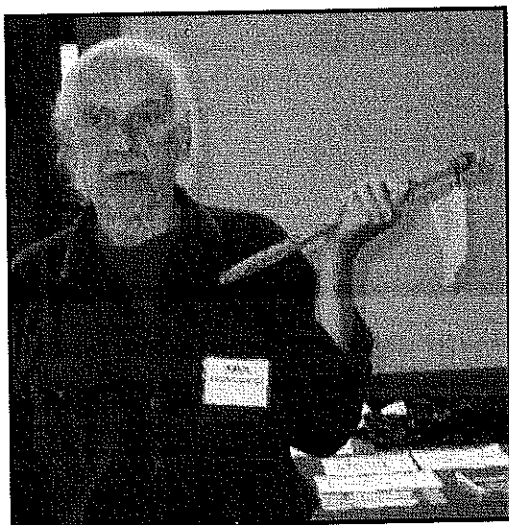




Above: Canal Society of Indiana directors and spouses met at the old depot in Metamora's Gateway Park. P- Baudendistel
Right: Jerry Lehman and Terry Bodine looked at information beside the mill and lock exhibit built by Paul Baudendistel in the Whitewater Scenic Byways Pavilion. P- Baudendistel
Below: Paul Baudendistel showed canal artifacts that will be displayed in the new exhibit room toward which CSI has pledged \$3200. Photo - Bob Schmidt



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CANAWLERS AT REST

**JOSEPH C.
HURD**

Find-A-Grave #106477741

b. 1811

d. April 8, 1873

By Carolyn I. Schmidt

Joseph C. Hurd was born in Morris county, New Jersey in 1811 to Uel and Sarah Wiggins Hurd. He had five sisters and brothers.

Joseph moved to Illinois in 1845 where he set up a tanyard after having learned the trade in New Jersey. He was married to Harriet B. Townsend of Mt. Carmel, Illinois. In 1847-48 he moved to Indiana and settled in Knox county, Indiana. There he retailed liquor for about two years. He then began farming and farmed until his death. For sixteen years while cultivating his farm along the Wabash River near Vincennes, Indiana, he tended the lock that allowed boats to bypass the "Grand Rapids" in the river at that point.

David Burr recommended building a lock at Grand Rapids in 1837. The area was surveyed by Thomas S. Hinde. Hinde recommended that the lock and dam be built next to property he owned so that he had access to the water power provided by the dam.

In 1845 Sylvanna Lothrop was employed to make a detailed estimate for a lock and dam at Grand Rapids and reported that this single lock and dam would open four hundred miles of river to navigation by the same class of boats that plied the Upper Ohio. He estimated a lock with a chamber 210 by 50 feet. The dam was to be 1,030 feet long, 57 feet wide, and 10 feet high at the comb, and convex up stream.

On the 13th of January, 1846, an act was passed by the legislature of Indiana, chartering the Wabash Navigation Company, and substantially the same act was passed by the legislature of Illinois on the 30th of January 1847. The subject of this joint act was to improve navigation on the Wabash River, The river was being improved primarily to carry agricultural products to market. The first project was to be a dam and lock at Grand Rapids to overcome all obstructions at that point of the river. They could hold, buy, sell such real and personal estate that was necessary to carry out their projects. They had jurisdiction over the river from fifteen miles below Terre Haute to the south for about two hundred and fifty miles and the land on either side including the timber, rocks, stones, gravel, or earth on it. They could sell water rights. Once the locks and dams were built the company had regulation and control of boats passing through them. They also were required to keep them in good repair.

The lock's dimensions were to be not less than two hundred and ten feet in length and fifty feet in width in the chamber. Work was to start within ten years from the date of the act and the lock and dam at Grand Rapids had to be finished within five years thereafter.

The lock had a lift of ten feet. If it had been built of stone, it and an earthen dam would have cost \$95,000; however, they built it mainly of cypress crib-work filled with soft friable sandstone and it cost about \$70,000. It was to pass boats drawing 3½ feet at lowest water and to lengthen the period of navigation from two to three months. In other words, all boats that could get to the Grand Rapids could pass through.

By 1873 this Grand Rapids lock had proven to have been built too light and was defective. Ice breached the dam in 1871 for about 150 feet and by 1872 more than 250 feet was exposed. It was useless to repair it and a new substantial, lasting lock of the proper dimensions was estimated to cost \$135,000. It was suggested that the State of Indiana remove the lock, pay the Wabash Navigation Company \$8,000 for it and purchase the buildings the company owned on the Indiana shore for less than \$1,500. These buildings included a two-story frame house, a stable, and two



Grand Rapids Dam on the Wabash River—historic photo

small frame buildings, one of which was used as an office for the lock-tender (probably Joseph C. Hurd's office). They thought that while rebuilding the lock the buildings could be used for a superintendent's office and later, when the project was completed, as a residence for the lock-tender.

It was estimated that it would cost \$110,000 to rebuild the lock. The purchase of the navigation company's franchise and property along with current expenses would cost an additional \$40,000. Therefore, it was recommended that the 1874 appropriation for the improvement of the Wabash River be \$150,000 with no other improvements made to the river until the Grand Rapids project was completed.

In 1897 a concrete and stone lock and dam was finally completed. It cost \$260,000. It created a fisherman's paradise in the water below the dam.

Frederick Hinde Zimmerman built the Grand Rapids Hotel in 1922 alongside the dam. It took advantage of the tourist trade. The dam was abandoned in 1931.

While still in Mt. Carmel, Illinois, Joseph C. and Harriet B. Hurd's son James Uel Hurd (1847-1894) was born. Later, while farming and tending the Grand Rapids lock, they had six more children. They were Joseph Critington Hurd (1849-1929), Sarah E. Hurd (1851-?), Mary F. Hurd (1852-1871), Charles M. Hurd (1857-1862), Caroline Hurd (1860-?), and Clara Hurd (1861-1924). There is little information about

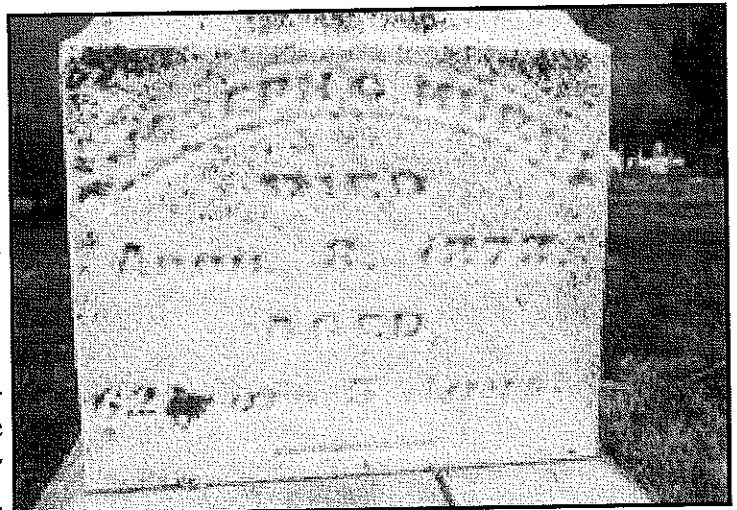
their children except for their following two sons.

James Uel Hurd received a common school education. In 1872 he married Fanny Rees. They had two children, Lelia and Hattie Hurd. Fanny died in March 1882 and James married Emma Orr, daughter of James Orr. He and his brother, Joseph Critington Hurd, owned the home farm in Knox county and the ferry at that place after their parents died. James belonged to the Masonic fraternity and the A.O.U.W.

Joseph Critington Hurd also received a common school education. He married Mary Finger, daughter of John Finger, of Indiana in 1879. They had three children, Carban, Clarence M. and Blanch M. Hurd. He owned 200 acres of land, which he farmed. He was a Republican, a member of the Masonic fraternity and a member of A.O.U.W.

According to the U.S. Federal Census of 1870, Joseph C. and family were living in Decker, Knox county, Indiana. He had real estate valued at \$10,000 and a personal estate of \$2,747.

Joseph C. Hurd passed away on April 5, 1873. He was laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. After his death Joseph Critington Hurd moved his family to the family farm and Harriet Hurd, his mother, lived with them. On February 12, 1883 Harriet B. (Townsend) Hurd passed away.

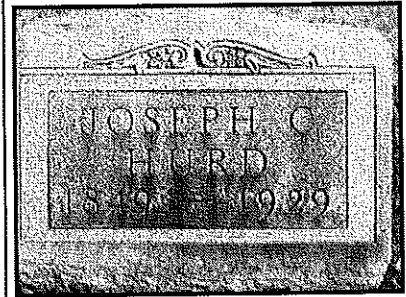
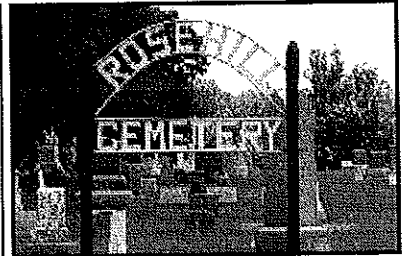


JOSEPH C. HURD
DIED APRIL 3, 1873
AGED 62 YEARS, 5 DAYS

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JOSEPH C. HURD'S FAMILY

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Birth</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Death</u> | <u>Cemetery</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Marriage</u> | <u>Place</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Hurd, Joseph | 1767 | | 1818 | | | | |
| m. Lum, Margaret | 1768 | | 1846 | | | 4-28-1810 | Morristown NJ |
| Hurd, Uel | 3-09-1788 | Morris Co NJ | 4-08-1847 | | Montgomery Co IL | 4-28-2820 | Morristown NJ |
| m. Wiggins, Sarah "Sally" | 1-23-1790 | Mt Hope NJ | bef. 1860 | | Montgomery Co IL | | |
| Hurd, Joseph C. | 1811 | Morris Co NJ | 4-08-1873 | Rose Hill | Mt Carmel IL | | |
| m. Townsend, Harriet B. | | Mt. Carmel IL | 2-12-1883 | | | 1872/1884 | |
| Hurd, James Uel. | 10-03-1847 | Mt. Carmel IL | 10-05-1894 | Rose Hill | Mt Carmel IL | 1872 | |
| m1 Rees, Fannie C. | | | 2-15-1882 | | | | |
| Hurd, Leila | | | 8-08-1876 | | | | |
| Hurd, Hattie | | | | | | | |
| m2 Orr, Emma | 10-16-1864 | | 11-07-1945 | Rose Hill | Mt Carmel IL | 1884 | |
| Hurd, Berite | 2-17-1884 | Knox Co IN | 5-25-1840 | | | | |
| m. Smith, J. Stuart | 1864 IL | | | | | | |
| Hurd, Joseph Critington | 1-31-1849 | Knox Co IN | 6-25-1929 | | Mt Carmel IL | 1878 | |
| m. Finger, Mary Francis | 1860 | | 1955 | Rose Hill | Mt Carmel IL | 1878 | |
| Hurd, Carban | 1879 | | 1949 | Rose Hill | Mt Carmel IL | | |
| m. Hershey, Grace | 1881 | | 1958 | Rose Hill | Mt Carmel IL | | |
| Hurd, Clarence M | 11-12-1881 | | 7-29-1940 | Rose Hill | Mt Carmel IL | | |
| Hurd, Blanch M. | 9-07-1883 | | 9-28-1969 | Rose Hill | Mt Carmel IL | | |
| Hurd, Sarah E. | 1851 | Knox Co IN | | | | | |
| Hurd, Mary F. | 1853 | Knox Co IN | 2-17-1871 | Rose Hill | Mt Carmel IL | | |
| Hurd, Charles M. | 1857 | Knox Co IN | 1862 | | | | |
| Hurd, Caroline "Callie" | 1860 | Knox Co IN | 1946 | | | | |
| Hurd, Clara | 1861 | Knox Co IN | 1924 | | | | |
| Hurd, Edward | 1813 | | 1862 | | | | |
| Hurd, Susan Maria | 1814 | | 1881 | | | | |
| Hurd, William | 1817 | | 1900 | | | | |
| Hurd, James L | 1823 | | 1900 | | | | |
| Hurd, Margaret | 1828 | | 1868 | | | | |



Top: Rose Hill Cemetery, Mount Carmel, Illinois
Bottom: JOSEPH C. (Critington) HURD, 1849-1929

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JOSEPH BOWSHER

AND HIS WABASH & ERIE CANAL CONNECTIONS

By Charles Davis

Joseph Bowsher was born September 6, 1816 in Ohio to Jacob and Margaret (Bloxom) Bowsher. His parents were born in Pennsylvania, probably at Albany, Berks county. They migrated to Pickaway county, Ohio and then to Montgomery county, Ohio residing at the latter for a few years. From there they, with their five children, moved to Liberty township, Parke county, Indiana in 1823 along with William Bloxom and his family.

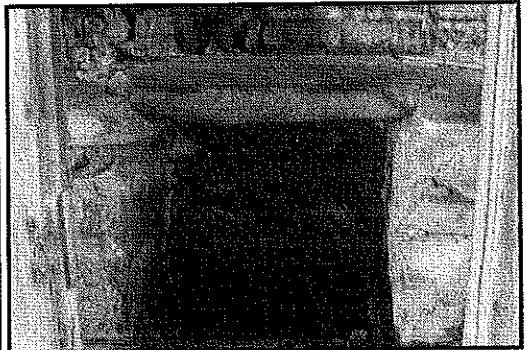
Jacob bought two hundred forty acres in the east and west sections of the south part of section 25 from the government on January 14, 1824. Deed Record 86/33-39 land entry book Upon arrival they found Miami Chief John Cornstalk's village on this land with one hundred fifty wigwams. This village overlooked Sugar Creek and took on the name of "Cornstalk Village."

In June 2004 I, Charles Davis, took the great-great grandson of Chief Christmas "Noel" Dagenet, Kenneth E. Dagenett, and his wife Cathy to see this site. In 2015 this is still an impressive site to see.

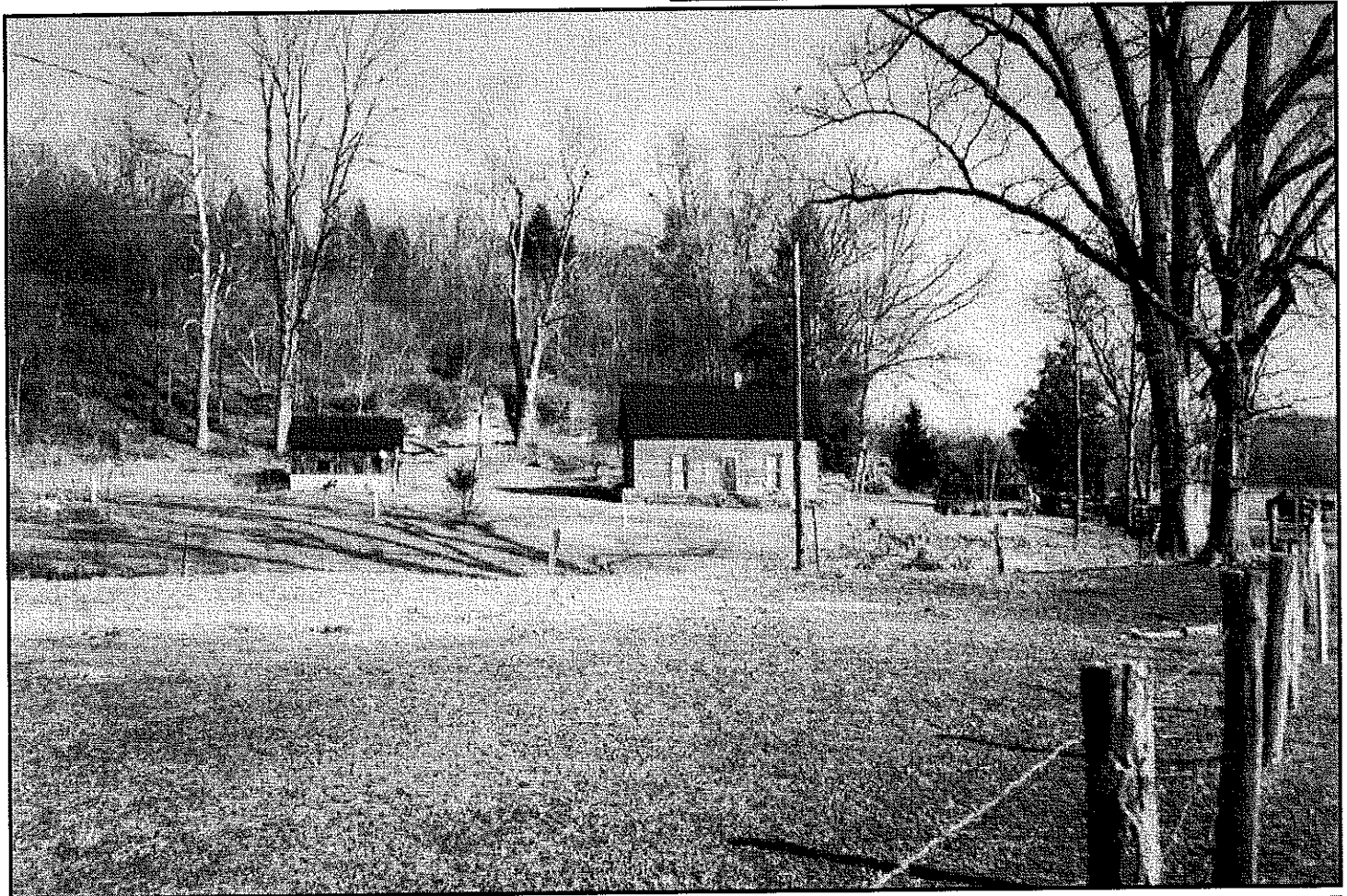
There Jacob built a home for his family. He covered the spring once used by the Miami Indians with a spring house.

Looking through the door of Jacob Bowsher's spring house is seen the spring once used by the Miami Indians.

Photos by Charles Davis



Home site of Jacob Bowsher, who located here in 1824, on the SE¹ of the SW⁴ of Sec. 25, Penn twp., Parke co., Indiana. Cornstalk Village was on his land SW⁴ of SW⁴ of Sec. 25 Liberty twp.



“On one occasion, while the men of Cornstalk Penn township Village were off hunting, a young man named Steever of that township set fire to and burned down their village. On their return they donned war-paint and marched on Jacob Bowsher’s house, demanding to know who had committed the outrage. Jacob in self-defense said it was Steever, but dispatched his son Joseph on horseback to give Steever warning and a head start. The Indians chased him cross-country for sixty miles before giving up the chase. Shortly afterward the Indians removed to the reservation. The Indians’ graveyard was a short distance from the village and contained over one hundred graves. One grave was more elaborate than the others and was thought to be that of a chief. Joseph Bowsher with others opened it up and found a string of gold beads, a butcher knife and other relics.”

Jacob knew the art of husbandry. His great grandson Dr. John P. Heath of Fishers, Indiana visited Jacob’s old homestead in 1930 and described the 108 year old apple tree he found there saying, “He planted an apple orchard, one of those trees is still bearing fruit. The tree is 13 feet 6 inches in circumference at the ground. At the height of seven feet it divides into



east and west forks. The forks have different kinds of apples on them. It stand as a monument to the Bowsher family.” *Noblesville Daily Ledger*, Feb. 13, 1930 and *Rockville Republican* March 20, 1930

Jacob was prominent in the United Brethren church. His house was used as the place for holding the first meeting of the few members of that denomination who resided in Penn township.

In 1854 changes were made on the township lines of Liberty and Penn townships. Jacob’s entry of land on the south side half of section 25 was put into

By 1840 Joseph Bowsher, our subject, was a carpenter and a millwright by trade and also farmed. That year he built a gristmill on Sugar Creek on the Bowsher property. No mention of this mill can be found in any Parke county history, but it shows up in Bowsher deeds and in Jacob’s will in 1843. This mill was mentioned in a story Hugh F. Russell, whose family lived just east of Jacob Bowsher, submitted to the *Rockville Republican* on September 30, 1908 entitled “Reminiscences of Sugar Creek.” He said, “On the tenth day of May, 1845, David Rardin, James Rardin, Daniel Upp, Hamilton Weaver and I, Hugh F. Russell, with some others went fishing with a seine, commencing at the Russell farm and going down the creek to the Bowsher mill. Now the creek had washed around the dam and left a pool of water which may be described as follows: The water falling over the dam had dug out a kettle-shaped pool with no current whatever eight or ten feet deep in the middle with a sandy bottom. About four o’clock we became tired of fishing in the pool and were wallowing on the sand. James Rardin proposed that we wash the sand off of our clothes and then go home. So he ran into the water and began swimming and we supposed he took cramp when he called for help. This frightened his father, who dashed in to help him, but both drowned at once. I can yet see the last ripple in the water as the air passed out of the bodies, and one shoe floating upon the water. Now the head and shoulders were gone and all were in confusion, but in a short time we ran around the pool with the seine but without success. Then we got two poles and held down the lead line of the seine, and caught James Rardin by one leg which was crooked and never straightened. We failed to get the other with the seine, but by this time George Worman had come. He got a canoe and being a very tall man held to the side of it with his hands and felt over the bottom and located the body. After finding it we got a pole with a hook on the end and catching it in the clothes brought it to the top of the water. The first body was in the water half an hour and the other an hour or more. Now it was mere providence that I am living. I went into water up to my neck then turned to come out but the sand slipped under my feet and the current carried me on until Hamilton Weaver caught two of my fingers and stopped me.

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I think the mill dam was never repaired after this catastrophe. Yours truly, Hugh F. Russell.”

Later, in 1867, Joseph abandoned the mill, sold it and the family homestead. He moved to Liberty township in section 28. His home was just a short distance north of the “Depot Church” that he and M. Shoup built in 1854. On April 15, 1867 he bought lots 27 and 28 for \$1,000 from Col. Erastus M. Benson, who owned the Canal Warehouse and Benson’s Basin in Montezuma. D.R. 25/535 These lots faced the Wabash and Erie Canal on Water street. Benson had had a canal warehouse and a cooper shop built on these lots. This was not the Benson warehouse that stood on the basin’s dry dock. Benson’s Basin was the business hub from the late 1840s through the early 1870s until the railroad arrived in 1873.

Joseph with the family moved to town and built the first mill in Montezuma on lot 28. It was considered a show place of the town. It was built at a convenient spot for canal trade and shipping. This large frame mill building stood three and a half stories high and was connected to the warehouse and cooper shop. The heart of the mill was operated by the old burr system. The miller’s name was Captain Kidd. The engineer’s name was Captain Andrew Brown, who was killed on duty when his clothes were caught in the flywheel. This was the first tragedy. Joseph also was a miller and his son, Peter, was a mill hand. The Parke county census of 1870 gives Joseph’s monetary value at \$9,000.

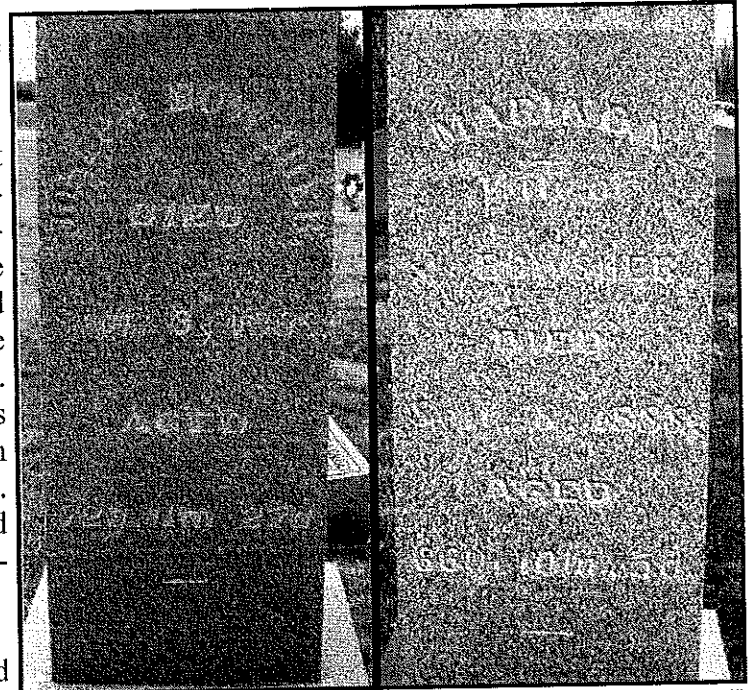
In 1875 when the Wabash & Erie Canal closed in Parke county, Joseph sold the mill and cooper shop to Dr. George McCune on September 14. D.R. 31/496 According to the biography of John N. Bowsher, Joseph’s son, Joseph had operated the mill at a considerable loss financially. Then Joseph moved to the village of West Union where he died in 1888 and was laid to rest in that town’s cemetery.

Under McCune’s management a Mr. Murphy from Paris, Illinois was head miller. Later the burr system was discarded and the roller process was installed. The mill burned down in the 1880s under the management of Frank and Edward Hill. “It was one of the saddest blows the town had, for that old mill was instru-

mental in bringing thousands of dollars to Montezuma, besides a very good payroll was handed out every Saturday night.”

The Bowsher family was Parke county’s earliest pioneers. The county is rich in their history of its improvements. In 2015 the Bowsher home stands as a monument to this family.

Now this land is in the hands of the Nature Conservancy, which is letting the home fall into ruins. The land is open however to the public for walking. It is worth a look to see this natural landscape where the Miami Indians once lived and roamed.



JOSEPH BOWSHER
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MARINDA BOWSHER
WIFE OF
J. BOWSHER
DIED
SEPT. 8, 1883
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Joseph and Marinda Bowsher are buried in West Union Cemetery, Parke county, Indiana. Joseph built the 1st great “steam” mill in Montezuma near Benson’s Basin on the W & E Canal.

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BOWSHER GENEALOGY

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Birth</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Death</u> | <u>Cemetery</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Marriage</u> | <u>Place</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Bowsher, Jacob | 10-31-1763 | PA | 2-21-1842 | Bowsher/DeBaun | Parke Co IN | | |
| m. Bloxom, Margaret B | 11-12-1783 | | 1-22-1859 | Bowsher/DeBaun | Parke Co IN | | |
| <u>Bowsher, John</u> | 12-26-1811 | | 3-17-1871 | Bowsher/DeBaun | Parke Co IN | | |
| m. Kennedy, Sarah | 9-06-1813 | | 12-11-1855 | Bowsher/DeBaun | Parke Co IN | | |
| Bowsher, Elizabeth | 1835 | | 8-19-1836 | Bowsher/DeBaun | Parke Co IN | | |
| Bowsher, Thomas | 1837 | | 9-11-1842 | Bowsher/DeBaun | Parke Co IN | | |
| Bowsher, Tilman | 1841 | | 9-28-1841 | Bowsher/DeBaun | Parke Co IN | | |
| Bowsher, Martha | 1843 | | 6-16-1849 | Bowsher/DeBaun | Parke Co IN | | |
| Bowsher, Charles | 1844 | | 10-03-1846 | Bowsher/DeBaun | Parke Co IN | | |
| Bowsher, Samuel | 1858 | | 12-05-1859 | Bowsher/DeBaun | Parke Co IN | | |
| <u>Bowsher, Mary</u> | 8-08-1812 | Circleville OH | 9-04-1901 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | 12-29-1831 | Parke Co IN |
| m. Heath, Rev. John | 9-15-1811 | | 1-13-1861 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | 12-29-1831 | Parke Co IN |
| Heath, Daniel | 1-08-1833 | | 9-24-1905 | Bethany | Parke Co IN | | |
| m. McPherson, Rachel T | 4-??-1848 | | 5-15-1938 | Bethany | Parke Co IN | 3-29-1864 | Parke Co IN |
| Heath, Andis Elmer | 3-??-1867 | | 2-14-1904 | Bethany | Parke Co IN | 3-29-1864 | Parke Co IN |
| Heath, Bertha Rondola | 6-02-1871 | | 1934 | Bethany | Parke Co IN | | |
| Heath, Odes Daniel | 9-26-1881 | | 1959 | Bethany | Parke Co IN | | |
| Heath, Martin | 1-23-1835 | | 3-08-1854 | Rush Creek | Allen Co KS | 11-06-1866 | |
| Heath, Jacob | 7-13-1837 | | 11-01-1918 | Iola | Allen Co KS | 11-06-1866 | |
| m. Wright, Sarah E | 8-20-1839 | KY | 3-28-1920 | Iola | Allen Co KS | | |
| Heath; Alice | 4-30-1873 | | 10-11-1907 | Iola | Allen Co KS | | |
| m. Colglazier | 1-04-1840 | | 3-26-1916 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | | Montgomery Co |
| Heath, Samuel | 3-21-1835 | | 3-23-1877 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | | |
| m. Marks, Margaret | 2-12-1874 | | 3-18-1938 | Waynetown | Montgomery Co | 9-11-1892 | Parke Co IN |
| Heath, John Goldsburry | 8-22-1874 | | 7-18-1950 | Waynetown | Montgomery Co | 9-11-1892 | Parke Co IN |
| m. Towell, Ellen | 1876 | | 1959 | Waynetown | Montgomery Co | | |
| Heath, Samuel Horace | | | 11-21-1877 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | | |
| Heath, infant | | | 8-12-1933 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | 4-16-1865 | Parke Co IN |
| Heath, Margaret | 5-07-1846 | | 2-05-1913 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | 4-16-1865 | Parke Co IN |
| m. Mendenhall, John C | 8-14-1836 | | 1-15-1884 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | | |
| Mendenhall, Albanus | 12-03-1866 | | 8-??-1950 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | | |
| Mendenhall, John Perley | 1-16-1871 | | 3-07-1952 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | | |
| Mendenhall, William Otterbein | 1-10-1876 | | 11-08-1920 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | 1-12-1871 | |
| Heath, Josiah | 2-04-1848 | | 5-25-1930 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | 1-12-1871 | |
| m. Wright, Lucy J | 3-01-1842 | | 11-15-1907 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | | |
| Heath, Rev. Orris | 12-14-1871 | | | | | | |

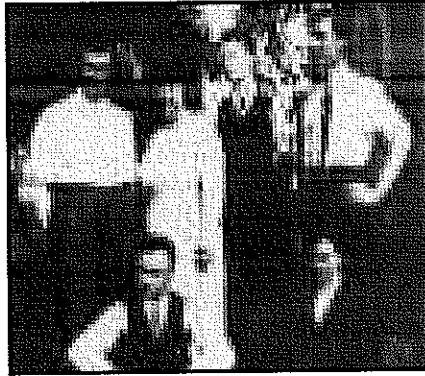
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|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Heath, Hugh F | 1-17-1850 | | 12-06-1894 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | | |
| m. Clark, Jennie | 10-18-1850 | | 5-11-1953 | Rush Creek | Parke Co IN | | |
| Heath, Dr. John P | 2-14-1854 | | 2-??-1938 | | Fishers IN | 10-11-1879 | Oaklandon IN |
| m. Mock, Etta | 2-??-1860 | | | | | 10-11-1879 | Oaklandon IN |
| Heath, Jennie M | 4-??-1886 | | 6-07-1917 | | Fishers IN | | |
| m. Beaver, Alford Glen | 10-29-1886 | | 10-28-1984 | | Hamilton Co IN | 9-29-1909 | Hamilton Co IN |
| Bowsher, Joseph | 9-06-1816 | OH | 9-03-1888 | West Unionj | Parke Co IN | | Parke Co IN |
| m1 Kennedy, Rebecca | 2-28-1819 | OH | 6-03-1840 | Harvey | Parke Co IN | 11-18-1835 | Parke Co IN |
| Bowsher, Russell William | 1-01-1840 | | 3-20-1923 | Harvey | Parke Co IN | 10-27-1859 | Clay Co IN |
| m. McCulloch, Elizabeth C | 1841 | | | | | 10-27-1859 | Clay Co IN |
| Bowsher, Letha | 1868 | | 5-02-1888 | Linebarger | Parke Co IN | | |
| m2 Kennedy, Marinda | 11-23-1822 | | 9-08-1888 | West Unionj | Parke Co IN | 10-04-1842 | Parke Co IN |
| Bowsher, John Nelson | 8-13-1843 | | 12-23-1920 | West Unionj | Parke Co IN | 9-17-1863 | Parke Co IN |
| m. Huxford, Margaret | 8-26-1848 | | 3-31-1906 | West Unionj | Parke Co IN | 9-17-1863 | Parke Co IN |
| Bowsher, Joseph H | 9-??-1864 | | 10-11-1888 | West Unionj | Parke Co IN | | |
| Bowsher, Marinda | 1866 | | 1-07-1946 | West Unionj | Parke Co IN | 12-10-1885 | |
| m. Garrard, Erastus | 1864 | | 1946 | | | | |
| Garrard, Pearl | 2-16-1887 | | 11-18-1897 | | | | |
| Garrard, Zoe | 2-28-1889 | | 12-01-1897 | | | | |
| Garrard, Della | 2-??-1900 | | 8-27-1900 | | | | |
| Garrard, Margaret | 9-30-1906 | | 7-14-1993 | | | | |
| m. Clemenz, George Frederick | 3-03-1902 | | 5-26-1967 | | Hammond IN | 4-26-1925 | Parke Co IN |
| Bowsher, Maggie | 10-20-1870 | | 6-12-1888 | West Unionj | Parke Co IN | 4-26-1925 | Parke Co IN |
| m. Shoup, James Perly | 12-06-1864 | | 10-30-1923 | West Unionj | Parke Co IN | 9-08-1887 | Parke Co IN |
| Shoup, Marrie | 6-10-1888 | | 6-24-1953 | Memory Garden | Rockville IN | 9-08-1887 | Parke Co IN |
| m. Bugg, Lemuel | 1-01-1883 | KY | 2-24-1976 | Memory Garden | Rockville IN | | |
| Bugg, Letha | | | | | | | |
| m. Dotson | | | | | | | |
| Bugg, Alpha | | | | | | | |
| m. Keller | | | | | | | |
| Bugg, Norma | | | | | | | |
| Bugg, Reatha F. | | | | | | | |
| m. Commons | | | | | | | |
| Bowsher, William A | 10-20-1875 | | 1956 | Kingman | Fountain Co IN | 10-14-1897 | Parke Co IN |
| m. Kitchen, Clare E | 10-29-1877 | | 4-09-1942 | Kingman | Fountain Co IN | 10-14-1897 | Parke Co IN |
| Bowsher, William Ward | 7-06-1900 | | 9-13-1986 | Kingman | Fountain Co IN | 9-29-1920 | Fountain Co IN |
| m. Sowers, Ruth Marie | 5-22-1899 | | 4-24-1994 | Kingman | Fountain Co IN | 9-29-1920 | Fountain Co IN |

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|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Bowsher, Lillian | 1-24-1922 | | 6-12-2014 | Kingman | Fountain Co IN | 1940 | |
| m. Commons, Joel B | 7-12-1917 | | 2-21-2001 | Kingman | Fountain Co IN | 1940 | |
| Commons, Michael J | | | | | | | |
| m. ?, Kathleen | | | | | | | |
| Bowsher, Rebecca J | 7-27-1846 | | 12-06-1909 | Edger | Paris IL | 10-22-1865 | Parke Co IN |
| m. Wright, Daniel* | 9-06-1845 | Luck Springs | 5-16-1917 | Edger | Paris IL | 10-22-1865 | Parke Co IN |
| Wright, Salimon B | 7-30-1866 | West Union | 12-12-1941 | Edger | Paris IL | 3-14-1888 | Parke Co IN |
| m. Linebarger, Emma O | 6-12-1867 | | 2-18-1919 | Edger | Paris IL | 3-14-1888 | Parke Co IN |
| Bowsher, Peter A | 9-??-1851 | | 2-03-1928 | Highland Lawn | Terre Haute IN | 9-01-1881 | Vigo Co IN |
| m. Burgan, Josephine R | 10-??-1851 | | 1937 | | | 9-01-1881 | Vigo Co IN |
| Bowsher, May | 4-??-1887 | | 1968 | Highland Lawn | Terre Haute IN | | |
| m. Johnson, John | 1880 | | | | | | |
| Bowsher, Daniel W | 7-16-1859 | | 6-06-1925 | Mt Pleasant | Vigo Co IN | 4-09-1890 | Vigo Co IN |
| m. Thompson, Adah | 1-20-1873 | | 1-30-1958 | Mt Pleasant | Vigo Co IN | 4-09-1890 | Vigo Co IN |
| Bowsher, Russell | 12-03-1892 | | 9-??-1968 | | | 12-07-1917 | Vigo Co IN |
| m. Biven, Mabel Dean | 4-12-1897 | | 3-13-1978 | | | 12-07-1917 | Vigo Co IN |
| Bowsher, Wayne R | 9-03-1918 | | 2-??-1975 | | | | |
| Bowsher, Harold E | 12-26-1919 | | 1-26-1981 | Roselawn | Terre Haute IN | | |
| Bowsher, Sallie | 6-18-1861 | | 12-21-1946 | Edger | Paris IL | 4-19-1881 | Parke Co IN |
| m. Linebarger, Andrew J | 4-??-1846 | | 4-??-1937 | Edger | Paris IL | 4-19-1881 | Parke Co IN |
| Linebarger, Ethel | 4-02-1883 | | 7-01-1970 | Edger | Paris IL | 8-27-1906 | Paris IL |
| m. Holsapple, Guy | 9-14-1880 | | 1-21-1971 | Edger | Paris IL | 8-27-1906 | Paros IL |
| Holsapple, Leslie Levi | 7-07-1921 | | 5-08-1999 | West Union | Parke Co IN | 1944 | |
| m. Garrard, Ruth | | | | | | 1944 | |
| Holsapple, Jerry | | | | | | | |
| Holsapple, Flora | | | | | | | |
| Holsapple, Carl | | | | | | | |
| Holsapple, Jean | | | | | | | |
| m. Gardner, ? | | | | | | | |
| Holsapple, Sandra | | | | | | | |
| m. Roberts, ? | | | | | | | |
| Linebarger, Dr. H. A. | 9-04-1887 | | 1979 | Edger | Paris IL | 11-09-1848 | Fountain Co IN |
| <u>Bowsher, Jacob Jr</u> | 8-09-1818 | OH | 4-23-1883 | Ephlin | Parke Co IN | 11-09-1848 | Fountain Co IN |
| m. Kennedy Melissa Ann | 7-26-1826 | | 7-11-1877 | Ephlin | Parke Co IN | 3-25-1875 | Fountain Co IN |
| Bowsher, William Perry | 1-22-1852 | Bloomington IL | 2-11-1900 | Ephlin | Parke Co IN | | |
| m. Norris, Martha Elizabeth | 1852 | | 1-??-1929 | | | | |
| Bowsher, infant | | | | | | | |
| Bowsher, Sara | 12-16-1856 | | 4-08-1908 | Harveysburg | Kingman IN | 4-15-1875 | Parke Co IN |

4-15-1875 Parke Co IN
 7-26-1896 Fountain Co IH
 7-26-1896 Fountain Co IH



Back row left to right:
 Wm. A. "Willie" Bowsher
 Wife: Clara E. Kitchen Bowsher
 Ward Wm. Bowsher
 Fred Kitchen

Front row left to right:
 Jay Kitchen
 Della Kitchen

1-23-1919 Harveysburg Kingman IN
 after 1919
 1958
 10-14-1926 Ephlin Parke Co IN
 4-12-1843 Bowsher/DeBaun Parke Co IN

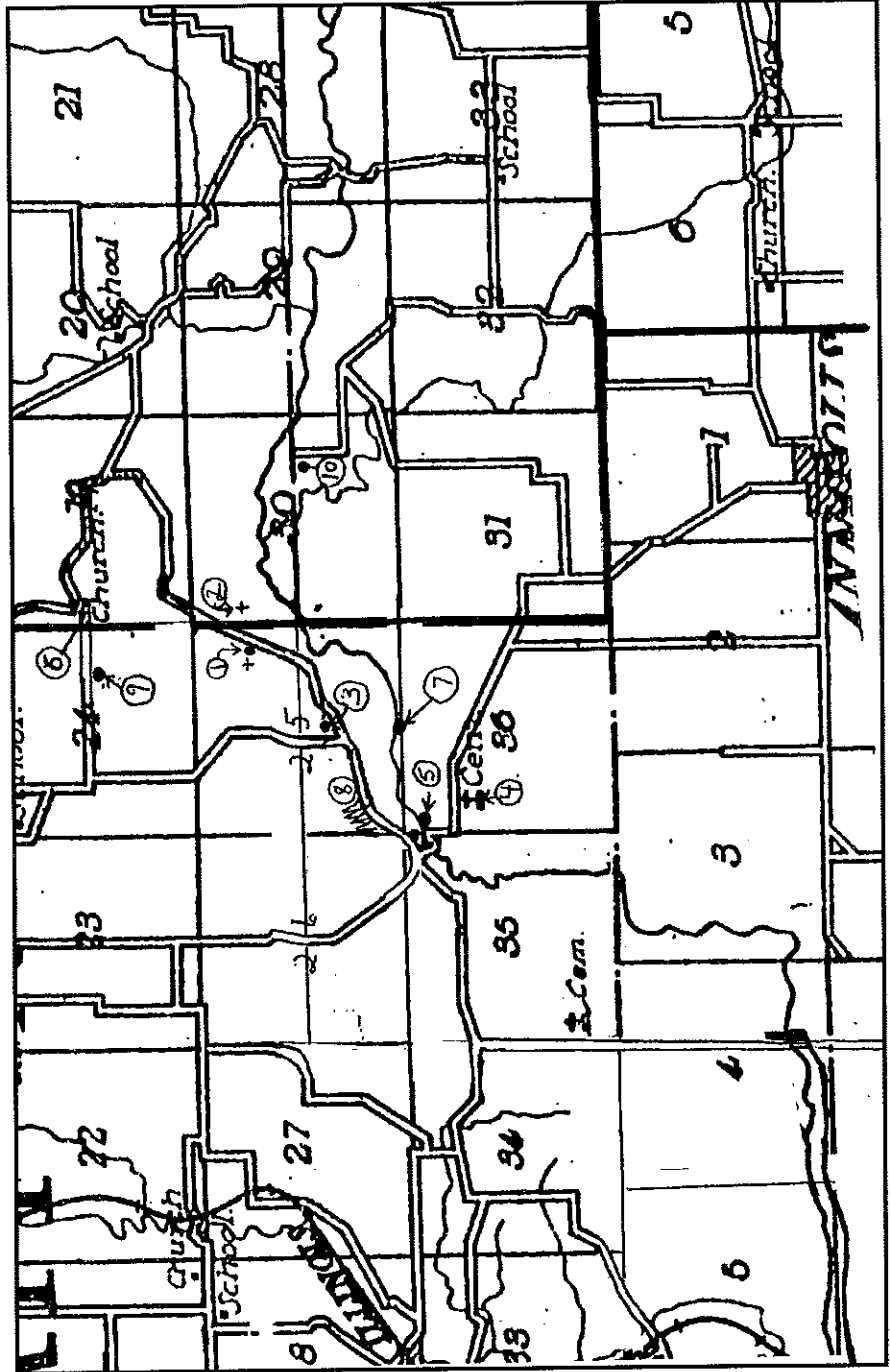
7-08-1856
 1880
 4-25-1878
 1860
 1-23-1822

m. Norris, George S
 Norris, William Hardy
 m. Moore, Josephine
 Bowsher, Ira M
 Bowsher, Peter

* Son of Prior Wright, who owned Rockport Mills/Devils Den

A PORTION OF PARKE COUNTY, INDIANA

1. Hugh Russell homestead—Liberty twp.
2. Miami Indian Cemetery—Sugar Creek twp.
3. Jacob Bowsher home
4. Prior Wright Cemetery—Penn twp.
5. Wrights Mill/Devils Den—Penn twp.
6. Bristleridge Church—Sugar Creek twp.
7. Joseph Bowsher Mill on Sugar Creek—Penn twp.
8. Cornstalk Village site—Penn twp.
9. Rardin homestead — Liberty twp.
10. Kennedy homestead—Penn twp.



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MAJOR CSI EVENTS/ ACTIONS

Assisted students, authors and genealogists in canal research
Board meeting: October 24 Old Train Depot Metamora
Host: Schmidts, 15 Directors, 5 Guests
On-line: Canal Society of Indiana website: indcanal.org
Canal Society of Indiana Facebook page
Subscribed to Ancestry.com

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COUNTY HISTORIANS

These men receive and answer numerous phone, E-mail and posted messages from persons seeking information that may involve canal business or those who built Indiana's canals.

Allen Co. Thomas Castaldi
Clay Co. Jeffrey Koehler

Carroll Co. Mark Smith
Miami Co. Kreig Adkins

Wells Co. Craig Leonard
Vigo Co. Mike McCormick

IN MEMORIUM

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|--------|---------------|
| Billy J. Draper | Oct. 22, 2014 | age 86 | Delphi, IN |
| Jerry Sargent | Feb. 3, 2015 | age 89 | Greenwood, IN |
| MarySue Meaux | Sept. 14, 2015 | age 82 | Ft. Wayne, IN |
| Robert O. Vonderau | Sept. 15, 2015 | age 98 | New Haven, IN |

NEW MEMBERSHIPS 7 couples 8 individuals

David & Heather Bauer - Fishers, IN
David Berkey - Lafayette, IN
Denny & Debbie Burge - Delphi, IN
Steve Busch - Delphi, IN
Jack & Peggy Enos - Covington, IN
Chris Hankins - Indianapolis, IN
Phyllis Hess - Columbia City, IN
Jean Howell - Delphi, IN

Liza Hyatt - Indianapolis, IN
Ron & Pauline Meyer - North Manchester, IN
Steve & Donna Riethmiller - Ft. Wayne, IN
Edgar Self - Muncie, IN
Art & Nancy Temple - Indianapolis, IN
Brent Tharp - Statesboro, GA
Earl & Marilyn Toops - Ft. Wayne, IN

SPEAKERS BUREAU

| Date | # People | Event | Presenters |
|------------|----------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 11-10-2014 | 17 | Civil War Roundtable, Ft. Wayne | Bob Schmidt |
| 5-13-2015 | 30 | Cambridge City Third Graders | Jerry/Phyllis Mattheis |

BROADCASTS

Tom Castaldi:

"On the Heritage Trail" continues his 15-year plus weekly broadcasts on WBOI 89.3 FM Public Radio. During the calendar year, to date in 2015 at least six (6) episodes have included Wabash & Erie Canal history.

WRFD 106.3 FM interviewed about the "Irish on the Canal." Regular history pieces under the title of "Historia Nostra" covers northeastern Indiana, northwestern Ohio on WRRO 89.9 FM, and sister station on WRFD 95.7 FM South Bend which are periodically aired episodes and include stories of the Wabash & Erie Canal.

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WICR 88.7 FM "Hoosier History Live" Indianapolis, January, 2015.
WSAL AM "Talk of the Town" Logansport, December, 2015.

DOCENTS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES

Terry Bodine: Displayed canal artifacts at steam shows and showed how pulleys helped load things onto canal boats
Tom Castaldi:

- Assisted Cass County Historical Society locating route of Wabash & Erie Canal across the city of Logansport and across Cass County; coordinated Wabash & Erie Canal Towpath Trail directional signs; and participated in publicity as Society Director and Cass County Historian prepare to see signs mounted.
- Contributed materials to Woodburn, Indiana Centennial celebration planners to include Blue Cast Spring story for an exhibit and reprint in souvenir book.
- Interview with Indianapolis writer Liza Hyatt researching and writing a series of poems related to her ancestors and the canal era in Indiana. Meeting (and interviewing included Dan McCain and Terry Lacy). The meeting concluded with an auto tour of the canal line between Delphi and Logansport where Hyatt's great-great grandfather purportedly worked as canal contractor.
- Contributed three (3) articles to Forks of the Wabash, Huntington, Indiana, "Footprints at the Fork"
- Assisted Huntington Historical Society identifying canal-era timbers dug up by Street Department employees along east Park Avenue in near downtown area. One piece donated and hand-delivered to Delphi Canal Park.
- Cooperating with ARCH northeast Indiana's historic preservation organization maintaining Heritage Trail with additional QR codes utilized to bring up the audio of the WBOI "On the Heritage Trail" program appropriate to the site marker.
- "Along the Heritage Trail" regular feature in *Fort Wayne Monthly* magazine has included stories relating to the Wabash Erie Canal specifically a 2015 January Quiz including the Aqueduct Club.
- "Our Stories" Allen County Fort Wayne Historical Society' blog-site which posts each of the past "Along the Heritage Trail" monthly articles.
- Participated with Indiana Bicentennial Commissioners to obtain official use of Legacy symbol for twelve (12) monthly articles in *Fort Wayne Monthly* magazine. Articles feature transportation, living conditions, struggles during Indiana's first days as a state.
- Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center Archives Committee. Continue to serve as chair for a committee evaluating donations for accessioning into the Center's collection.
- Recovered two (2) family genealogies from out-of-state sources to examine for canal relationships and for installation in the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Department. Also, email reply sent in response to a query from Estacada, Oregon searching information about land deeds in Allen County.
- Mailed separate letters in reply to requests from four (4) Binford Elementary School students in Bloomington, Indiana regarding heritage of Allen County.
- E-mails: a regular flow of email/telephone messages requesting information about historical features many including canal queries.
- Answered canal questions at Allen County Fort Wayne Historical Society's summer Saturday Barr Street Market booth.
- Distributed *Hoosier Packet* copies to library branches, interested students, and historical locations when opportunity was presented.
- Assistant to County Historian and critical proofreader Linda, explained source of term "Summit" to interested group.
- Replied, when requested, to Face Book questions about source of canal water for aqueducts. (Note: a great deal of conversation takes place on-line with many questions about the operation and location of canals.)
- Wrote the Foreword for *Two Centuries & West Central House Portraits*, by Diane Allen Groenert, covering the importance of the Wabash & Erie Canal making possible Fort Wayne's West Central Neighborhood a unique neighborhood listed on the Register of Historic Places in Fort Wayne.
- Led groups of school children along the Wabash & Erie Canal for six days at the Historic Forks of the Wabash and told them about the canal.

Jerry & Phyllis Mattheis:

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Spoke to third graders and teachers from Cambridge Elementary School about the Overbeck House and the Over-Art Pottery in the west yard and about the Whitewater Canal on the east porch. Distributed Hoosier Packets, parked cars for Metamora Canal Days.

Dan McCain: spoke to thousands of visitors at Canal Park in Delphi who see the Canal Interpretive Center and walk the trails. Besides promoting the park he attends meetings around the state and elsewhere. Other Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal volunteers are docents in the canal museum and on the trails for thousands of visitors.

Mike Morthorst: Planned fall tour of Ohio & Erie Canal

Cynthia Powers: Checked and paid CSI bills

Bob Schmidt: Planned tours, kept financial records, collected dues, talked with Liza Hyatt for canal poems and provided her with information, put *The Hoosier Packet* into mailers and sorted it, took it to the post office, planned tours, arranged restaurants and hotel, tour route, walkie-talkies

Carolyn Schmidt: Wrote portions of and edited *The Hoosier Packet*, put it in mailers and sorted it, Talked with Liza Hyatt for canal poems, answered letters and E-mails with questions about canals, helped plan tours, refreshments, name tags, goodie bags, etc., wrote thank you notes, composed flyers for tours, wrote a tour guide book, kept membership list up to date

Sue Simerman: Recorded minutes at meetings, found Delphi canal dam post card, nominating chairman

Brian Stirm: gave trolley tours along the Wabash & Erie Canal in the Delphi area, provided trolley transportation at 6 festivals in Canal Park

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CSI AND CSI ARCHIVES

Linn Loomis - Lock artifacts given to Whitewater Canal museums, canal bibliographies, maps, articles and pictures in 11 x 17 inch folios with hand written descriptions

PUBLICATIONS

Tour Guide "Fruehling Kanal Ausflug Mit Freunden" CSI Spring Tour 78 pages Carolyn Schmidt"

Tour Guide "The Ohio & Erie Canal: Newark & Buckeye Lake" 36 pages Andy Hite

The Hoosier Packet Vol. 14, No. 1-12 Carolyn I. Schmidt, Editor

ARTICLES

Canawlers At Rest Columns by Carolyn and/or Bob Schmidt

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Peter Myers | B. 10-20-1825 | D. ?-?-18?? | Helped construct W&E Canal Gibson county |
| Samuel Forrer | B. 1-06-1793 | D. 3-25-1874 | Survey of potential route of Miami & Erie Canal, Board of Canal Commissioners Ohio, Principal engineer Miami Canal, Engineer of Richmond & Brookville Canal Indiana, Contractor for Evansville Division W&E Canal |
| Charles Bechtol | B. 9-03-1841 | D. ?-?-1932 | Employed on W&E Canal from Huntington to Junction, Ohio and down the Miami & Erie Canal to Cincinnati |
| Jirah Barlow | B. ?-?-1811 | D. 5-08-1873 | Toll collector W&E Canal |
| Henry Stuenkel | B. 12-12-1822 | D. ?-?-19?? | Helped construct New York's Erie Canal, moved to Gibson county Indiana when W&E Canal was being built |
| John Claus Peters | B. 6-12-1848 | D. 12-01-1922 | Shipped finished products from saw mill by W&E Canal, manufactured first mechanical washing machine, managed Ft. Wayne's Wayne Hotel, president of Indiana Machine Works, grandfather of Carole Lombard |
| Henry J. Cook | B. ?-?-1822 | D. 9-24-1899 | Canal boat driver Miami & Erie Canal Dayton-Cincinnati |
| Benjamin Conklin | B. 5-29-1811 | D. 8-16-1883 | Board of directors of White Water Valley Canal Company, built mill on Hagerstown Extension, completed last two canal locks |
| John Minesinger | B. 3-17-1803 | D. 9-01-1870 | Involved with Beaver Division of the Erie Extension Canal in Pennsylvania, assisted Jesse L. Williams survey Whitewater Canal Hagerstown to Lawrenceburg, engineer on Hagerstown Canal, built railroad trestle across Mississippi river at St. Louis |
| David Kilgore (by Andrew Olson) | B. 2-03-1804 | D. 1-23-1879 | Politician, Indiana Constitutional Convention tabled a bill in order to craft a well digested system of internal improvements, wanted Senate bill amended, in House in 1835-36 when Mammoth Internal Improvement Bill was passed, presiding judge of 11th Judicial circuit, stump speaker for William Henry Harrison, organized militia to serve in Mexican War, president of Indianapolis & Bellefontaine railroad board, etc. |
| Itha Meril Thompson | B. 2-10-1845 | D. 3-22-1932 | Worked on canal grain boat |
| George Washington Bolinger | B. 12-21-1828 | D. 2-17-1882 | Built canal boats in Monroe county, Ohio/ Huntington county, Indiana |

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Wabash & Erie Canal Connections Columns by Charles Davis

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|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A Murder in Parke County | | | Body thrown in water adjacent to Sugar Creek aqueduct |
| William Rowland Nofsinger | B. 2-15-1815 | D. 3-16-1880 | Indiana Constitutional Convention, W&E Canal trustee |
| William Gaston Coffin | B. 2-26-1811 | D. 1-09-1904 | Built foundry, two steam saw mills, made plows, chains, kettles and shipped them and coke by canal boat, had flat boat yard, shipped pork, served Indiana House (2) and in Senate (3), Superintendent of Indian Affairs in Kansas, in charge of copper mining on Lake Superior |
| Franklin Rayl | B. 6-26-1813 | D. 8-07-1889 | Molder at Coffin's foundry, bought foundry, boat yard and pork house from Coffin, made wickets for aqueduct, locks, feeder dam and other fixtures, went to gold fields |
| Nelson Adolph McClure | B. 7-14-1813 | D. 1-26-1908 | Cut timber at his steam powered saw mill for Sugar Creek Feeder Dam for W&E Canal, house painter in Annapolis, Indiana, Penn township constable |
| Frances (Frank) Redford | B. 1-01-1830 | D. 7-04-1899 | Erected Eagle & Lion tavern in Terre Haute, hack driver/mail carrier at Annapolis, Indiana, killed Jonathan Curtis in self defense, started Stumptown pottery shop and shipped by canal boat |
| John Newlin Carter | B. 3-17-1819 | D. 9-27-1912 | Rolled logs, quarried sand stone and shipped by W&E Canal boat to Terre Haute |
| Samuel Conner | B. 11-06-1819 | D. 10-02-1863 | Carpenter, contractor on W&E Canal, lock tender, paid to board canal workers, Sergeant of Indiana 9th Light Artillery Battery and injured/died |
| Samuel Denny Hill | B. 5-08-1829 | D. 10-01-1913 | Clerked for Erastus Benson and John Davis in canal warehouses at Benson's Basin, fell into canal many times |
| Andrew Baker & | B. ?-?-1817 | D. 10-26-1862 | W&E Canal contractor, later owned Morlan's Mill, built large warehouse and hotel and platted Bellaire on canal |
| James Mushett | B. ?-?-1822 | D. 6-11-1909 | Bought furs from Indians, Captain of the "Julia Dean" on W&E Canal between Toledo, Ohio and Evansville, IN. |

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Phyllis Mattheis: Thanks from Western Wayne Heritage
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Frank Timmers: Dismal Swamp Canal
Mick Wilz: Whitewater Canal Trails, WCT New Years Day Hike, Brookville Trail

Canals Visited In Indiana

Wabash & Erie Canal, Gibson & Pike Co., IN: Tour Attendees: 45 Illinois 2, Indiana 36, Ohio 5, Canada 2
Carl & Barbara Bauer, Leon & Sandy Billing, Clayton Bodine, Don Bodine, Terry Bodine, Tom & Linda Castaldi, Guy Filchak, Tom & Diane Fledderjohann, Gerald & Jean Hulslander, Dave & Bernie Krieg, Jerry & Barbara Lehman, Sam & JoAnn Liggett, Linn Loomis, Dan McCain, Wayne & Judy Miller, Mike Morthorst, Tom Morthorst, Ed & Cynthia Powers, Bob & Carolyn Schmidt, Bob Sears, Steve & Sue Simerman, Ellsworth Smith, Sherry Spark, Brian & Judy Stirm, Michael Thrall, Frank & Mary Timmers, Jamie Walter, Chuck & Anne Whiting, Dick & Linda Winchell
Banquet only: Earl & Marilyn Toops
Hagerstown Extension: Bob & Carolyn Schmidt
Whitewater Canal: Terry & Ann Bodine, Tom & Linda Castaldi, Don Haack, Jeff Koehler, Jerry & Barbara Lehman, Dan McCain, Jerry & Phyllis Mattheis, Mike Morthorst, Ed & Cynthia Powers, Bob & Carolyn Schmidt, Steve and Sue Simerman, Ellsworth Smith, Brian Stirm,

Canals Visited Elsewhere

Dismal Swamp Canal: Frank & Mary Timmers, Bob & Carolyn Schmidt
Ohio & Erie Canal Newark, OH: Dave & Marilyn Badger, Laurence & Elizabeth Bicking, Dave Bohla, Jim & Lisa Campbell, Tom & Diane Fledderjohann, Don & Betty Haack, Andy Hite, Gerry & Jean Hulslander, Don Hutzler, Jerry & Barbara Lehman, Jim Madden, Jerry & Phyllis Mattheis, Dave Meyer, Mike & Tom Morthorst, Barbara Pettit, Martha Rittinger & Guest, Bob & Carolyn Schmidt, Dan Schuster, Bruce & Kay Sheldon, Steve & Sue Simerman, Mary Starbuck, Priscilla Steele, Dee Stevenson, Steve & Pat Summers, Michael Thrall, Larry Turner, Dan & Judy Warkentien, Dave Wright
Canal at Brunswick, GA: Jerry & Phyllis Mattheis

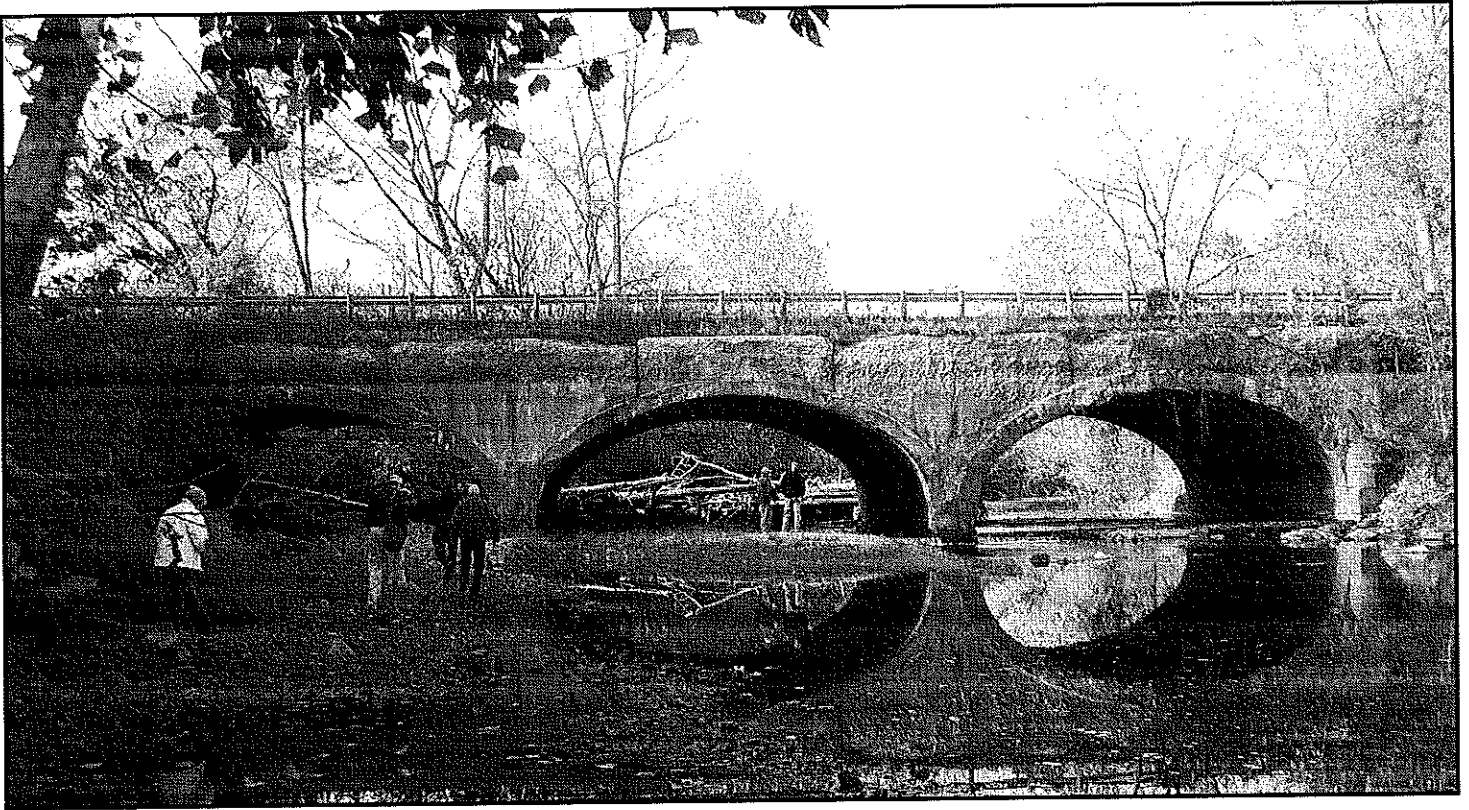
Tours:

Spring: April 10-12, 2015 "Fruehling Kanal Ausflug Mit Freunden" Wabash & Erie Canal in Gibson & Pike Counties, Indiana
Hotel: Comfort Inn, 19622 Elpers Rd., Evansville, Indiana
Tour of Dewig's Meats, 100 Maple St., Haubstadt, Indiana, docent Darla Kiesel
Friday night: CSI Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday: Car caravan to W&E Canal sites, then to Jasper Mill and Dubois County Museum, Restrooms: Oakland City University
Caravan Route Planners & Docents: Bob & Carolyn Schmidt
Lunch: The Schnitzelbank Restaurant, 393 Third Ave., Jasper, Indiana Entertainment: Sandra Chastain sing-a-long/accordion and history of Jasper
CSI Annual Meeting, Election of Directors
Tours of Jasper County Mill and Dubois County Museum arranged by Dubois County Visitors Center & Tourism Commission
Tour Dinner: Nisbet Inn, 6701 Nisbet Station Road
Tour Book, Registration/Confirmation, Goodie bags, Name tags: Carolyn Schmidt
Saturday Refreshments, Budget, Hotel Arrangements, Walkie-Talkies: Bob Schmidt
Tour Attendees: 45 Illinois 2, Indiana 36, Ohio 5, Canada 2

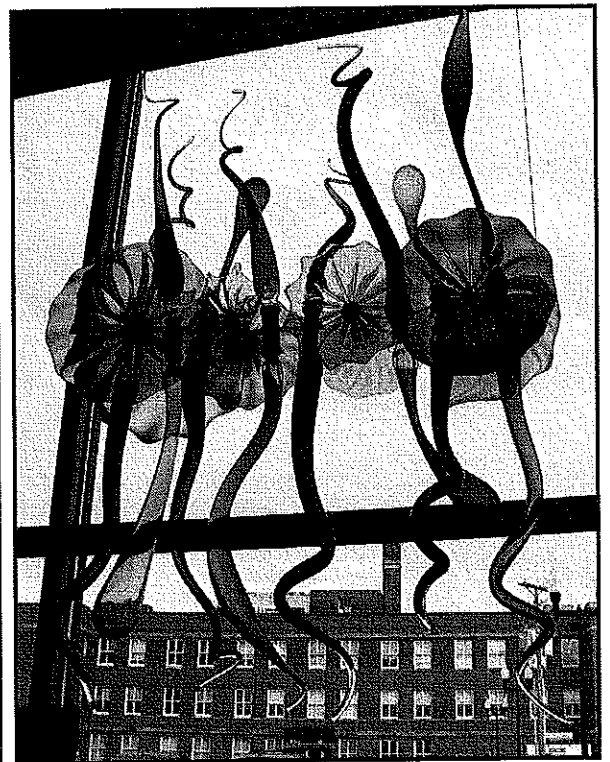
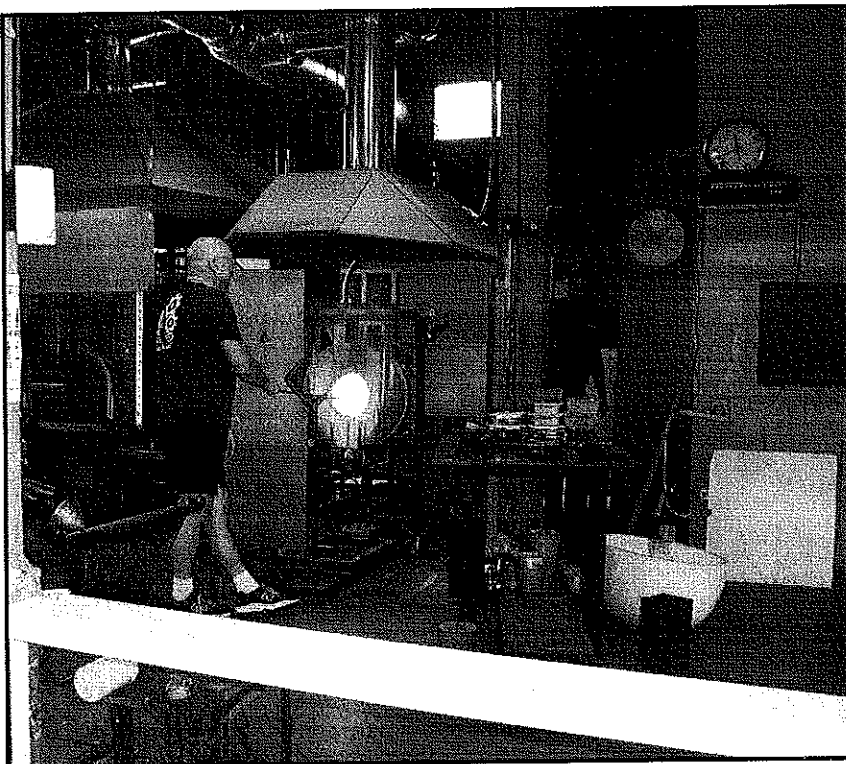
Fall: October 16-18, 2015 "The Ohio & Erie Canal: Newark & Buckeye Lake," Joint tour with Canal Society of Ohio
Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, 773 Hebron Road, Heath, Ohio
Friday night: Registration at Buckingham House/Licking County Historical Society, Preview of next day
Saturday: Car caravan to Newark, see Newark architecture, visit Midland Theatre, see Works Museum, Caravan to Hupman residence on Buckeye Lake, Lunch: At Hupman residence, Caravan to Buckeye Lake Museum
Dinner Buffet: Buckingham House, Speaker: J-me Braid, Buckeye Lake Museum
Sunday: Visit Showman's Arch, an aqueduct over Raccoon Creek on Granville Feeder Canal
Tour Book: Andy Hite, 36 pages, Driving Route: Mike Morthorst, Docents: Andy Hite, Mike Morthorst, Registration, Name Tags: Kay Sheldon
Restaurants/refreshments: Andy Hite, Mike Morthorst
Tour Attendees: 44 Illinois 2, Indiana 13, Michigan 2 Ohio 26, Pennsylvania 1

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CSI MEMBERS' OCTOBER TOUR PHOTOS



This bridge over Raccoon Creek, which once was the Granville Feeder Aqueduct, is in jeopardy. Photo-Sue Simerman



The glass blower's studio at The Works museum has a sample of its work in the gift shop. Photos by Sue Simerman



This fountain was placed in a corner of the Newark courthouse square in 2013. Photo by Sue Simerman
Newark's Buckingham House was the venue for the Saturday night banquet. Photo by Jerry Lehman

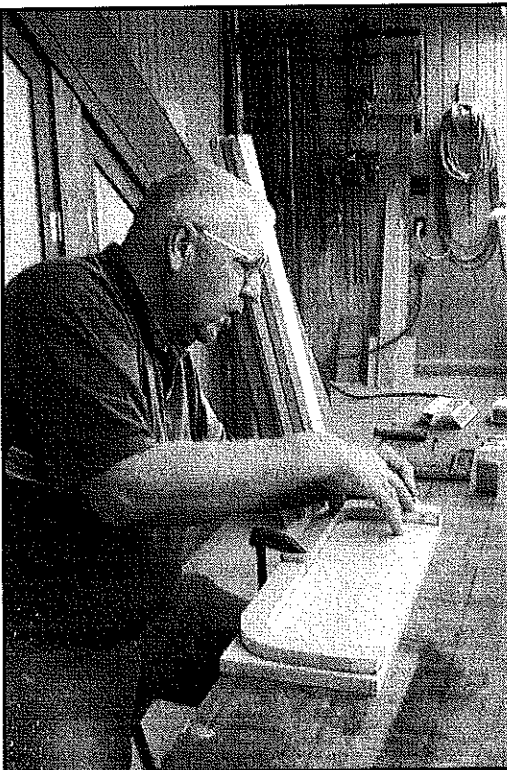


Midland Theatre has been restored. Photo by Sue Simerman



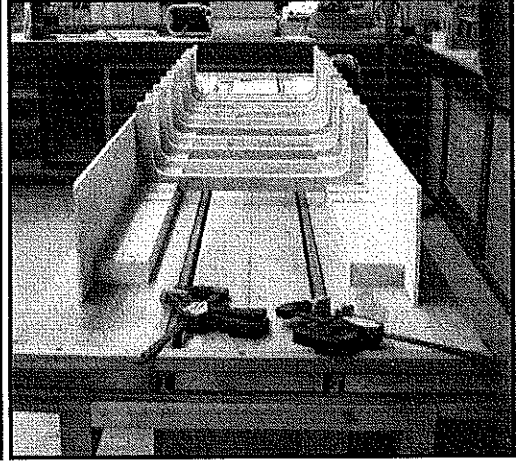
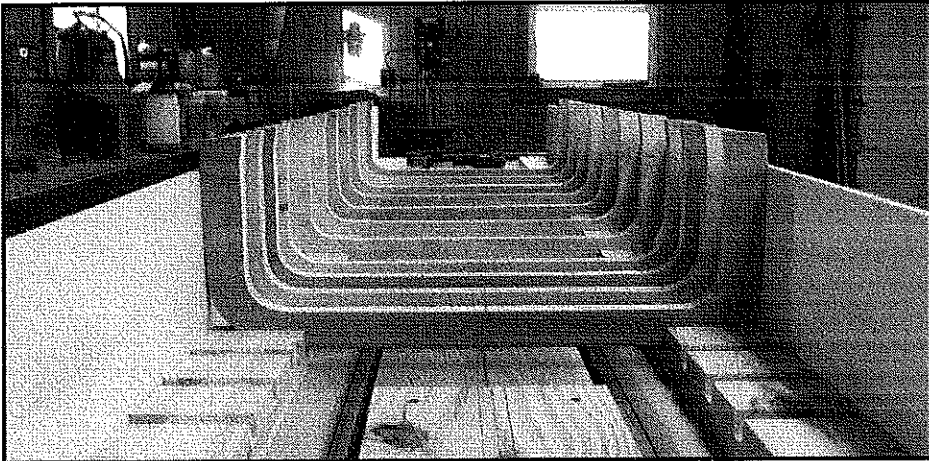
BODINE BUILDS BOAT

Terry Bodine, CSI director from Covington, Indiana, has come up with unique ways to advertise CSI. He takes exhibits he has made about the Wabash & Erie Canal to the Illiana Antique Power & Steam Show and to History Day in Covington. He explains the exhibits to both adults and children, and, with the help of his wife Anne, passes out CSI brochures and encourages them to join CSI. He is currently building a scale model canal boat in his workshop and hopes to have it completed for the Steam Show in July and History Day in September. Anne has taken these pictures of him at work on the project.

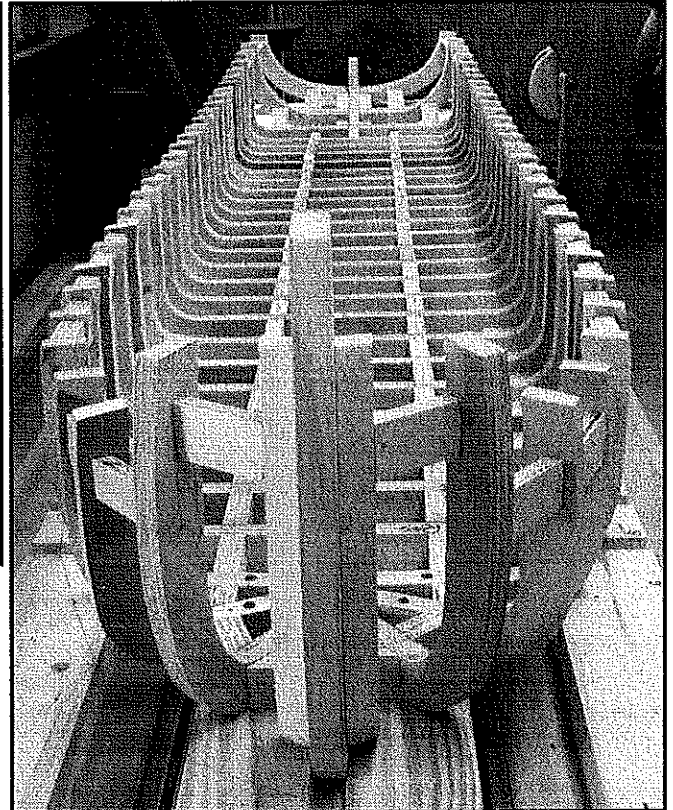
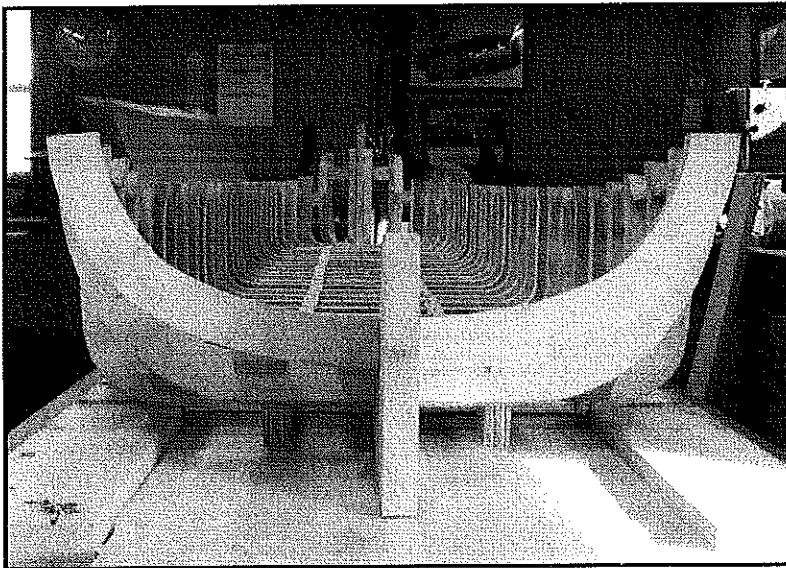
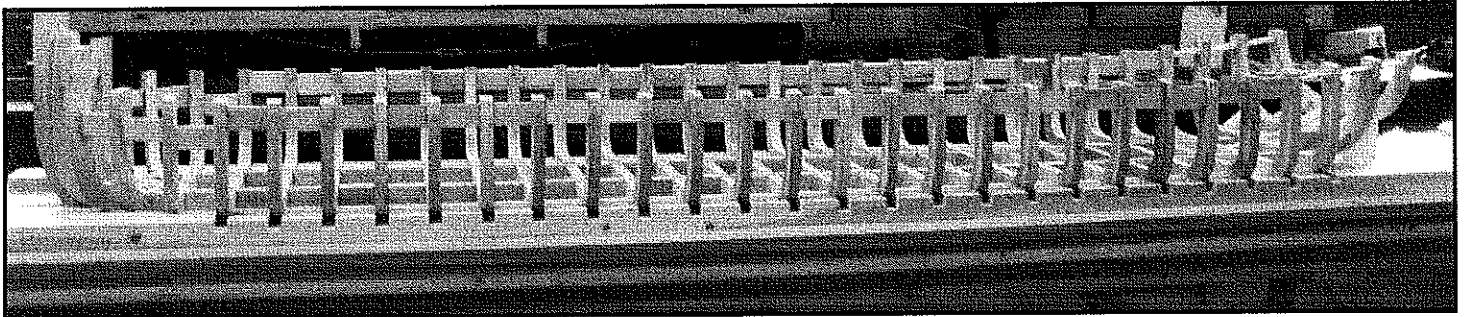


Earlier Terry built a stand that holds a section of timber from the Gronauer Lock and has a picture above it by Terry Lacy explaining how a lock works. He displayed it the past two years. This year, along with the Lock display, he took an exhibit of a rope with one pulley and a rope with four pulleys to demonstrate how through the use of more pulleys even 4th graders could lift cargo onto a canal boat. This hands-on type of demonstration was very popular with the children. We're sure the canal boat will be as well.

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Terry Bodine has lined up the ribs for the scale model canal boat he is building in his home workshop. Whether working on steam engines, a small scale passenger train, or exhibits about canals, Terry always has one, two or more projects going at a time.



One day in November, CSI member Guy “Finny” Filchak from Clinton, Indiana stopped by Terry’s shop to help build the model. Work on it went faster with the help of a friend while enjoying the company of one another.

Photos by Ann Bodine

CANAL COLLAPSED DURING FLOOD

Columbia, South Carolina had historic rain fall in a short period of time in October 2015. The Columbia Canal, built in 1824 that now is used to generate hydro-electric power and supplies 375,000 gallons of water to Columbia's residents, collapsed in two sections during the extreme conditions.

Normally water from the canal flows directly into a reservoir that supplies Columbia's water treatment plant. However the water fell so rapidly due to the breach that orange pumps were placed on the canal banks to pump water directly into the reservoir. Meanwhile contractors scrambled to build a rock dam and plug the holes. National Guard helicopters dropped huge sandbags into the rushing water. Many people had to be evacuated by military trucks to shelters. The public was warned to boil water at least one minute before consuming it. Restaurants served bottled water and meals on paper plates.

Not only did the canal collapse, so did 18 dams across the state. The National Guard is working to repair the dams. When some of the dams burst, homes became inundated even in areas of higher elevation due to the fast rush of water.

LIBERTY PASS CANAL

A new, one-block-long, decorative canal has been built in Muncie, Indiana to carry storm water from its downtown to the White River. The \$10 million project near Washington and Liberty Street will be called Liberty Pass according to the Muncie Sanitary District.

Muncie's underground storm sewer opens up into the canal. They plan to remove some old buildings along the riverfront and build new commercial and residential buildings in the area between it and the canal. A pedestrian bridge over the river to connect this area with the downtown is proposed. The name "Liberty Pass" comes from this bridge's passage and the proximity to Liberty Street.

The project's architects designed the canal in such a way that the water in it will never be stagnant. It is equipped with a pump that circulates storm water through it.

Liberty Pass Canal was dedicated at 10 a.m. on October 22, 2015. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Washington and Liberty streets in Muncie. Sue Burger, CSI member, Muncie, IN

LAGRO MAN-TRAP SEQUEL

The November 2015 issue of *The Hoosier Packet* carried an article entitled "Lagro Man-Trap" about James Kerr falling into the Kerr Lock in Lagro, Indiana and dying. Information for the article was sent to CSI headquarters by Pete Jones, CSI member from Wabash, Indiana. Since then Pete has found a blurb in the *Wabash Plain Dealer* of October 23, 1885, that was about two weeks after Kerr's death, which stated:

"Preaching in the Christian church of Silver Creek next Lord's day morning, and in the evening at LaGro. Subject at night "Death in the Lock."

Pete writes, "Apparently the manner in which Kerr died made good fodder for the preacher."

PROJECT CLOSES TOWPATH SECTION

The Hamilton, Ohio *Journal-News* of November 3, 2015 was sent by John Geyer, CSI member from Hamilton, Ohio. It said that a one-mile section of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath in Akron, Ohio, will be closed for four years so that crews can dig a 6,200 foot Ohio Interceptor Tunnel that, when completed, will store up to 25 million gallons of raw sewage and storm water from nine overflows. This \$184 million dollar project should curb sewer overflows and keep sewage runoff from contaminating nearby waterways.

The very popular Towpath Trail will be re-routed to Hickory Street for the duration of the project. This short bypass should not keep walkers, runners and bicyclists from enjoying the rest of the trail along the Ohio & Erie Canal prism.

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NEWS FROM DELPHI

FUNDING RECEIVED FOR TWO PROJECTS

Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal, Inc. has received a grant for two projects from North Central Health Services in cooperation with Tippecanoe Arts Foundation of Lafayette. At an October 2015 awards luncheon Dan McCain, President of CCWECI, received the check covering the first portion of the \$55,600 that was totally granted.

The money will support the work on two major projects at Canal Park in Delphi: 1) installing signs to identify the historic building facades of the Canal Interpretive Center, and 2) moving a small historic frame church to an undeveloped portion of the park.

When the former late-1880s German Lutheran Church became available last spring, its owner, Carl Treese, agreed to give the unoccupied 20 foot by 30 foot structure to Canal Park if they would move it off his property, restore the grounds and build a wall to protect his garage.

Immediately after receiving the grant, canal construction volunteers prepared a foundation to receive the church building and removed its roof to fit under utility lines during its move. In mid-November 2015 it was moved across from the Gray Bridge in Canal Park. Once completed it will serve well for small weddings, lectures, programs, plays, musical engagements, meetings, craft demonstrations, etc.

Meanwhile, work began on duplicating, as nearly as possible, the proper business signs, that were originally on the fronts of 1850s buildings in downtown Delphi. Skyline Designs of Delphi will make the signs this winter to install in the spring.



Signage will be placed on these historic business facades of Delphi that surround the Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center.

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