

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 9 7:00 PM Executive board meeting. Public Library.
July 13 10:00 AM Cemetery committee. Aspen at The Village.
July 15 POTLUCK AND REGULAR MEETING
5:30 PM Potluck at the Warren County Fair Grounds
near the Historical Building. Bring a
covered dish and table service.
7:00 PM Regular meeting inside the Historical
Building. Bob Davey will present a
sesquicentennial program entitled "This is
Iowa".
August Trip to Historical Library in Des Moines.
More information later.
Sept. 16 7:00 PM Regular Meeting at the Public Library.

Special note-I apologize for the errors in dates in the last
newsletter-both the June and July meeting dates were wrong. Ruth
Ann (I goofed on something else also-read about it later)

Officers 1996:

Pres. Ev Brightman
Vice Pres. John Kern
Treasurer Jane Godwin
Corres. Sec. Thelma Pehrson
Sec. Ruth Ann Hall
Registrar Joann Harvey
Librarian Elaine Bumgarner
Historian Kate Kauzlarich
Newsletter Ruth Ann Hall(Temp.)
Past Pres. Donna Crow

Active Committees:

Cemetery
Newspaper Abstracting
Courthouse Abstracting
Library Acquisitions
Obituary Committee
Research Requests
County Fair Divisions
IGS Representative-
Region 4
Sheryl Gwinn

Genealogy Research Sites

Iowa Genealogical Society, 6000 Douglas Ave., DSM 515/276-0287
T, W, Th 10:00-9:00, Sa, M, F 10:00-4:00. Closed Sunday.

State Historical Library, 600 E. Locust, DSM 515/281-6200
T-Sa 9:00-4:30. Closed Sunday & Monday.

Des Moines Public Library, 100 Locust, DSM 515/283-4152
M, T, W 10:00-9:00, Th & F 10:00-6:00, Sa 10:00-5:00. Closed
Sunday.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History
Center, 3301 Ashworth Road, West DSM 515/225-0416
M, T, W, Sa 10:00-3:00, T, W, Th evenings 6:30-9:00. Closed
Friday & Sunday.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to Jane Godwin and Elaine Bumgarner for assisting the president with the Beginning Genealogical Workshop held June 8. There were seventeen participants, many new to our activities. The newspaper ad paid off. We welcome all new participants.

John Kern reports that fourteen members/prospective members visited the IGS Library on June 19. Eight members took advantage of our scheduled transportation. IGS staff remains helpful.

Remember our upcoming potluck and program by Bob Davey, July 15, 1996, at the Historical Museum. Bring a covered dish and your own service. Potluck 5:30-6:30 PM, program 7:00 PM.

I encourage all members to attend the judging of the genealogical categories during the Warren County Fair whether or not you have entered any items. The judge provides knowledgeable information during the judging on a number of topics including preservation of materials and keepsakes. The judging will take place the afternoon of July 27, 1996 beginning at 1:00 PM. See fair book for more details.

A trip is being planned to the Iowa Historical Library during the later part of August. Further details will be forthcoming. For more information call Ev Brightman, 961-3271.

Our congratulations to long distant member John Paul Butrum and new wife Ada. We wish you the best. Ev Brightman

FROM THE LAST MEETING

There were 18 members present at the May 20th meeting. The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,114.45 in the checking account and \$5,457.50 in the Super Saver Account.

President Ev Brightman reported that the bill to close records at the county level had died in committee in the Iowa legislature.

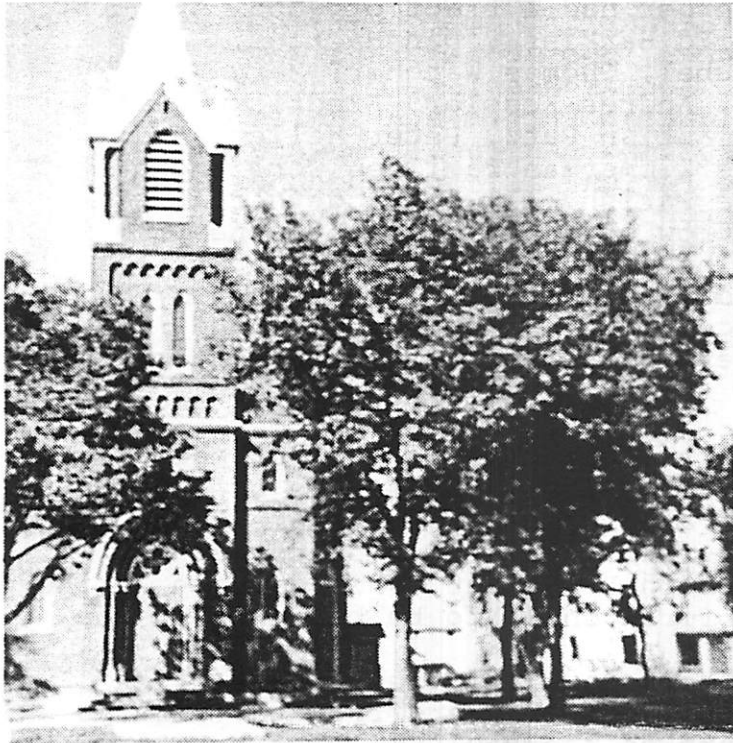
Ev offered to do a yearbook for the group and there was a successful motion that "a yearbook with officers, programs, membership, and other useful information be compiled and printed".

There was a suggestion that the group consider a project for the use of some of the money in the treasury. Ev asked for suggestions from the members.

Ev also asked for volunteers to help with the July potluck. Jane Godwin and Virginia Nelson will help. Others may be needed.

The program was presented by Kay Risser of the Murray schools with the help of 4 of her 8th grade students. They spoke about their field trips and library research to discover the historical trails in Clarke County. Besides the Mormon trail they have found remnants of stage coach and dragoon trails. Of particular interest as a Mormon site is the area at Mt. Pisgah on the farm of Bob Brown, who cares for the site and is very knowledgeable about it. They talked about the two wagon trains that will re-enact the Mormon crossing of the state this summer and about Mormon Trails Day to be held in Murray on June 1.

WARREN COUNTY'S PEOPLE & PLACES
ROSEMOUNT PARISH



Present
Rosemount
Church

Altar
of Church



This summer Rosemount Parish will celebrate its 125th anniversary. The original church (St. Mary's of Perpetual Help) at this location at the junction of Belmont and Whitebreast townships was a frame structure built in 1871. (next page)

Quoting from a history of the parish:

Anthony Keller hauled stone out of the hills for a foundation. Michael Ripperger had a tract of good timber. The John Keller, Ed Harkins , Dan Harkins, Jacob Steger, Paulus Greubel, Thomas Watcher, Mary Stempler, Joseph Dittmer, Andres Kessler, Fredrick Konrad, Andrew Walk, Sebastian Putz, Peter Heller, Andrew Greisbaum, and Joe Zimmerman families were among the early families of the Parish. All got together and built the church on the brow of a hill opposite the Rosemount post office. The community of Rosemount appears on a county map dating before 1870. It consisted of a post office, livery stable, store and now ancient Quaker cemetery a half-mile from the church site.

The oldest stone in the St. Mary's Cemetery is that of Margaret Zimmerman who died on February 12, 1873 at the age of 73. The church originally was operated as a mission but became an independent parish in 1909. The second resident pastor at the independent parish was Rev. Joseph L. Heller, who was born in the community in 1875 and was the first child to be baptized in the mission.

The old frame church was torn down and the present brick church was built at the site in 1916. Pillars from the first church became a part of the barn on the Paul Keller farm. A picture in the church history book of the demolition of the old church identifies people working on it as: Isabelle Endres Huerter, Jose Kuhn Wadle, Frances Endres Dittmer, Martha Endres Hormyer, Francis Putz, George Kuhn, Jake Ripperger, Barney Endres, August Dittmer, Joe Dittmer and Andy Bauer.

The first baptism at the new church is believed to be that of Coletta Ripperger Hock, on September 3, 1916. The stations were donated by the men from the parish who served during the time of World War I. The various buildings at the site have served as school house, convent, and parish house.

The celebration this summer will be on Sunday, August 11, to commemorate the anniversary. Bishop Joseph Charron will officiate at a Mass at 2:00 PM in Rosemont Church. Following Mass there will be a program and picnic open to the public. As part of the program Liz Putz will recount the history of the parish with the help of some of the younger parishioners. Food stands, games and a raffle will all be a part of the festivities. There will also be a tent with family trees!!!

Thanks to Liz Putz for the use of the pictures of the church and for the information on the church history and the August 11th celebration.

WARREN COUNTY'S COVERED BRIDGES REMEMBERED

Last month we had a picture of Owens Covered Bridge and an article about it. Under the picture there was a statement made by the newsletter editor, Ruth Ann Hall, (not the member who wrote the article, Louise Pilmer) that this was the only known covered bridge in Warren County. Well folks, it isn't. There were 2 other covered bridges that we have heard about and maybe there were more. Below you will see pictures of the bridges and a little about them. There are rumors that there may have been one south of Cumming on North River that was alledges to have been haunted. Let us know if you know of any more bridges or if you know something about any we have identified so far.

Spaulding Bridge

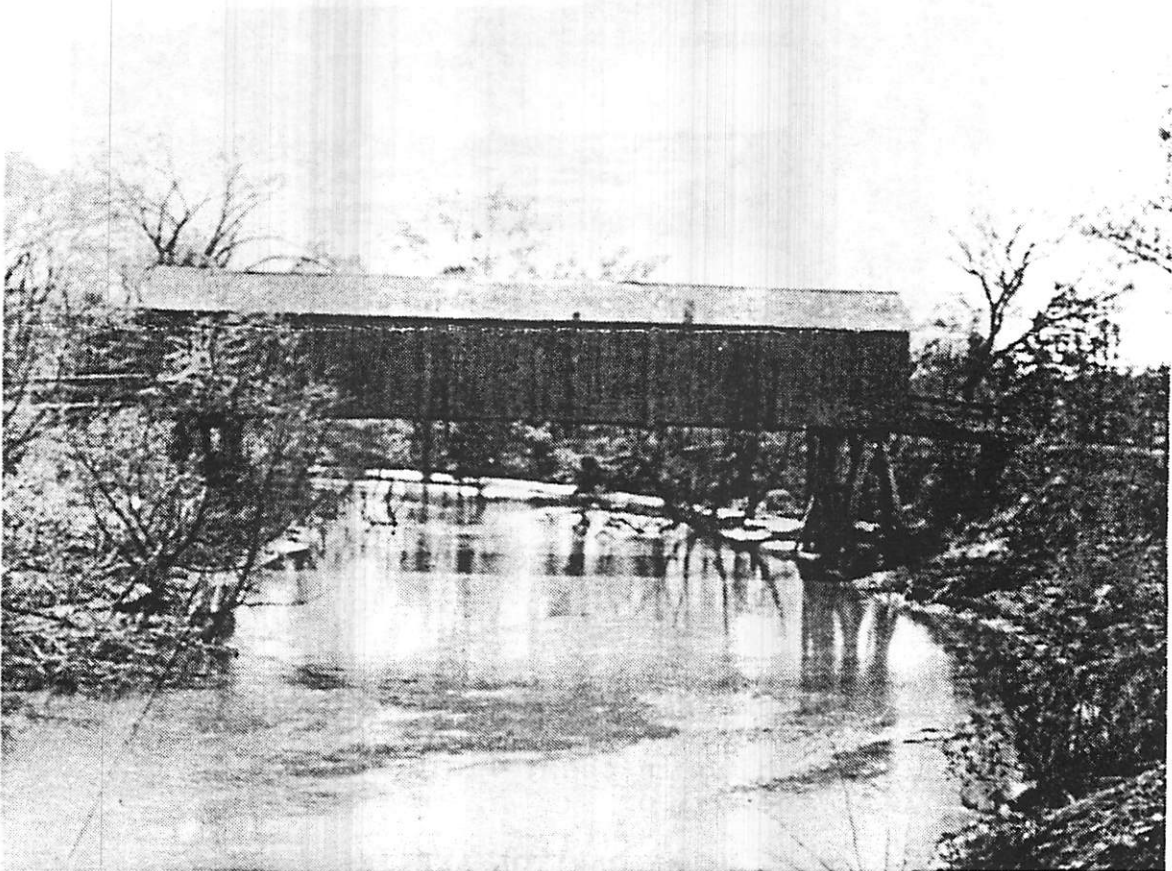


Photo property of Warren County Historical Library

Another photograph of the bridge owned by Steve Hall shows "Spaulding Bridge during high water May, 1896". It crossed South River on the road that snow goes to Lake Ahquabi near the present Water Works lagoon. The lagoon is a remnant of the old river channel that flowed through a corner of Wilson Spaulding's 80 acres as shown on the 1887 Atlas of Warren County. (next page)

Another bridge

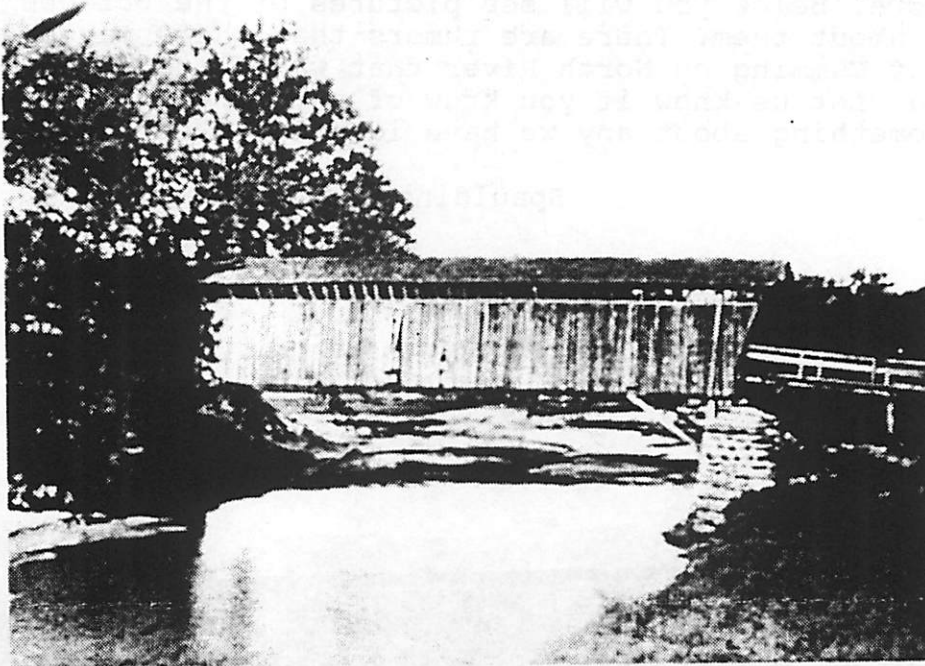


Photo courtesy of Elaine Bumgarner

On the back of this framed photograph there is a note identifying it as crossing South River "on what is Highway 69 now".

Sterl Conn remembers that covered bridges (not necessarily those in Warren County) were approached with caution because robbers might be hiding in them. Timid souls might go through them at night at the gallop.

A CAPITOL AFFAIR

Iowa Genealogical Society Annual Conference, October 10-12, Iowa City. Total package \$75 IGS members, \$90 non-members. Membership is \$20/year. There are programs, workshops, banquets, and lunches. Partial packages are available. Cost does not include lodging. See Ev Brightman or other IGS members for more information.

FROM OTHER NEWSLETTERS

Wayne County Genie News

The second printing of the Lineville/Clio History Books are available. Contact Josephine Johnson, Rt. 2 Box 339, Lineville, IA 50147.

If your ancestor was a Mason, information can be obtained on him and his birthplace by writing the Office of the Grand Secretary, P.O. Box 4147, Springfield, IL 62708

The U.S. Army Military History Institute is looking for photographs of Civil War soldiers-both Union and Confederate. It currently has more than 80,000 photographs and its goal is to be a central repository for historians, genealogists, and other researchers to obtain photographs. If you would like to send the Military History Institute your ancestor's photo, write for information on how to do so to: Department of the Army Military History Institute, Special Collections Branch, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA 17013-5008. The institute will check its card index for no more than ten names if you are looking for a photo of a Civil War soldier. If a photo is found, a photocopy along with ordering information will be sent to you.

Clarke County Roots & Branches

Now available "Clarke County Cemeteries, Vol. 1.--Maple Hill Cemetery, Osceola, IA (approximately 10,000 gravestones). Clarke County Genealogical Society, c/o 300 South Fillmore, Osceola, IA 50213.

The Clarke County Sesquicentennial Committee has had a project of videotaping senior citizens memories of growing up in Clarke County.

KEO-MAH TRACERS, Oskaloosa (Keokuk & Mahaska Counties)

While the public library is under renovation their collection has been moved to the Penn Central Mall near the south door. Hours are Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 -8:00, Fri.-Sat. 10:00-4:00. (They were hoping to expand the hours so they may have changed by now.)

They are selling a Mahaska County afghan very successfully.

WAGS (Welsh-American Genealogical Society)

The cost of death records has been reduced from \$22 to \$5 from the Missouri Bureau of Vital Records, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Several societies are teaming up with township trustees and other service organizations to renovate cemeteries.

FROM THE ADVOCATE-TRIBUNE OF 1903

June 4

Lizzie Picken, sister of the Picken boys who are attending Simpson College, died at Methodist Hospital. She was not only the boys sister, but for several years had acted as mother to them. Her brother Robert is president of the Senior Class. She will be buried at St. Charles.

The Hutt bridge was wrecked by a tree falling on it.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Edith Lucas and Herbert Gibson of Cedar Rapids on June 10th.

Brack Short has purchased half interest in the Shay dray line.

The Randolph Bros. mill, situated about six miles S.W. of Indianola, burned Tuesday afternoon while the men were all away from home.

Real estate transfers: Scott Howard to Susan L. Edwards; Richard H. McCoy to J. Henry McCoy; C. C. Rundall to John S. Hughes; John W. Shoupe to Wm. A. Stewart; W. M. Woods to M. C. Simmons; Hugh Williams to Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co.

Marriage licenses: Lewis E. King, 30, to Dott B. Shawver, 24; Bert Ogle, 22, to Lottie Braught, 18; Barney Lippold, 24, to Lillian Kleyman, 19; W. P. Combs(26) to Effama Cox, 32.

June 11

Marriage licenses: Alva F. Smith, 21, to Etta James, 20; Frank Nicholl, 23, to Ida Williams, 20; Dannie E. Viers, 30, to Alda M. Carpenter, 24.

Carlisle: Born to Mr. & Mrs. C. Beauchamp, May 31, a boy.

Hartford: Nellie Flemming closed her term of school in the Brown district on Friday.

Belle McElroy is home from Sandyville where she was teaching.

Cumming: Dr. Cochran had a soda fountain placed in his drug store last week.

Ackworth: Born to Mr. & Mrs. Gene Reynolds, a boy.

Linn Grove: Born to Hoyt Gates and wife a nine pound boy.

Sandyville: Mrs. T. C. Vansyoc died Sunday evening.

Interment was at the Sandyville Cemetery.

June 18

St. Marys: Born to Mr. & Mrs. Miller a boy.

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Gehringer a girl.

The baby girl of Mrs. Christ Lemkes which was born June 11, died and was buried the day following.

June 25

Marriage licenses: Charles Ray McCoy, 26, to Myrta E. Clammer, 30; A. B. Cashman, 31, to Agnes Armstrong, 21; Roy Harlan McCormick, 21, to Bessie O. Van Scoy, 21.

Mrs. Samuel P. Spear died at her home five miles south of Indianola. Susan Craig was born near Pittsburg on Sept. 13, 1842, she married S. P. Spear in 1870. Four of their children are Elmer, Byron, Clara, and Clayton. (Collected by Joann Harvey while abstracting old newspapers at the Historical Museum.)

QUERIES

-Seeking information on family of Johan REWERTS married Tetta BOEDEKER. Came to Warren Co. in 1870. Need birth dates of children Jerry b 1871 and Elizabeth b 1872 but said to be twins.

Aeilt Al Ter Fehn; 2700 E. Allred B-20; Mesa, AZ 85205

-Any information on Henry and Sarah KENOYER came from Indiana to Warren Co. in 1864/65-9 children. The youngest Emma, 1868-1952, married David B. FRAZIER, 1869-1914.

Janice Walker; 717 E. 4th; Scammon, KS 66773

-Need information children of Hannah L. McNURLIN m George R. MOORE and Ellen McNurlen m Thomas DECKER. Both married in 1870's.

Paul J. Keating; 1705 S. 41st St.; Tacoma, WA 98408-1610

-Need information on Henry L. UTTER and his wife Emeline PALMER Utter who lived near Spring Hill from 1874-1880.

Kim Des Planques; 70 Meadow Plains Rd.; Laramie, WY 82070

-Interested in Warren Co. publications: "The Glasscocks of England Mid America" and "The Glasscock-Glassco Sage" by Lawrence A. Glasco. Also any other publications on surnames GLASSCOCK, GAVEN, GEISZ, or HALL.

Kim Whitehead; 50 April Village; Montgomery, TX 77356

-Looking for family members by the last name SUMNER. 515/466-3538
Ann Gerlach; 2202 160th; Liberty Center, IA 50145

-From Hawkeye Heritage: Seek anc/desc Henry DOOLEY, (1799-1856) m Sarah COPHER (1795-1859 bur Davis Co, IA). George DAUGHERTY, (b 1830) m Louise Jane MAXLEY (1836-1877, bur Warren Co, IA). Exchange info.

Loran Koettel, 6 Michelle Drive, Ottumwa, IA 52501

From "GRAVE NEWS"

Newsletter of the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries. Vol. I Issue 1. See Ruth Hall for more information.

At the first annual meeting the board voted to sponsor 2 awards to be known as the ROBERT L. CARTER AWARDS, one as a service award to an individual and one to be given for cemetery education.

The second annual meeting will be on October 12, 1996, at the annual meeting of the Iowa Genealogical Society.

The Iowa Legislature has enacted a bill protecting Pioneer Cemeteries. Part of its contents are:

1. A pioneer cemetery is one where there have been six or fewer burials in the preceding fifty years.
2. Each county board of supervisors may adopt an ordinance assuming jurisdiction and control of pioneer cemeteries in the county. The board shall exercise the powers and duties of township trustees relating to the maintenance and repair of cemeteries in the county.....
3. In lieu of management of the cemeteries, the board of supervisors may create, by ordinance, a cemetery commission to assume jurisdiction and management of the pioneer cemeteries.....
4. the costs of management, repair, and maintenance of pioneer cemeteries shall be paid from the general fund.

FROM THE IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

A new 10-part series on genealogy is scheduled for national release on PBS in January 1997. Episodes are: 1) Getting Started; 2) Looking At Home; 3) Gathering Family Stories; 4) The Paper Trail; 5) Libraries and Archives; 6) Military and Census Records; 7) African American Families; 8) Your Medical Heritage; 9) High Tech Help; 10) Leaving a Legacy.

Several Genealogy web sites are listed. The IGS is now on the World Wide Web thanks to IGS member Pat Hackenschmidt. Home page at <http://digiserve.com/ladyhawk/IPL/igs/igs.html>

Aug. 2-3 Missouri State Genealogical Association conference, Fulton, Missouri.

Oct. 10-12 Iowa's Genealogical society conference, Iowa City. The schedule is in the newsletter.

Saturday, July 20, 10:00 to Noon. Research in England and Wales. Vickie Montgomery, Instructor. Pre-registion. \$6.00.

Saturday, September 21, 9:30 to Noon. Research in Sweden. Vera Dahlstrom Sweeney, Instructor. Pre-registration. \$6:00.

Among the new libray accessions are:

Key to the Ancient Parish Registers of England & Wales

Parish Maps of the Counties of England & Wales

A Preservation Guide-Saving the Past & the Present for the Future

The Order of the Founders & Patriots of America; Register &

Lineages of Associates 1896-1993

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MORE ON BRIDGES

While working at the Historical Museum Joann Harvey found a list of bridge repair work from the county engineer's office for the years 1897-1902. The article from the Advocate Tribune of April 9, 1903, includes information on the length of each bridge and sometimes the cost of repairs. For instance, it cost \$20.75 to set 8 pilings on the Coon Bridge in Palmyra Township in 1902 and \$54.20 to build the 47 1/2 foot long Spoo Bridge in Belmont Township in 1899. Below are the names of the bridges by township. This includes only those that were built or repaired during those years.

Allen: Randleman, Cemetery, Butcher, Petrie, Petrie #2, Stumbo, Miller, Huff, Britton.

Belmont: Flank Creek, Duncan, Horr, Flynn, Spurgeon, Sutton, Ford, Locust Grove, Oldaker, Schee, Trueblood, Monroe, Felix, Trotter, H. Williams, Thos. Fellows, Hornady, Flinn, Spoo, Hardscrabble, Lyon, Bowles, Bowles #2, Griffin, Homes.

Greenfield: Jones, Byar, Raper, Dillard, Dillard south, Malone, Thos. Sheriff, Fassette, Thos. Dillard, Brasher, Ash, Ashworth, District, Martin, Boyd, Hafner, Farbert.

Union: Prairie Creek, Coalcreek Reed Place, Willie New West, Willie New South, Hicks, Lamar, N. Reed, Reeves, Daly, S. C. Lukenbill, Newman, Carpenter, Wilber, Wilber North, R. Hodson, Wm. Reed, John Reeves, Reeves Bro. S. A. Goss, Wilber Joseph, Ferguson, Anthony, Wilber South, Heiney Twin, Wright on Coal Creek, Buzzee, Pearson, Fenton, Sinnard, Sinnard #2.

Lincoln: Maxwell West, Maxwell North, Summerset, Pennington, Daly, Haworth, Hammondsburg, Starbuck, Charles Hodson, T. Pennington, Coffman, Trumble, Bundy, Sillcott, H. T. Metcalf, Snider, Wiley Brown, Plug Run, Miles, Malone Slough, Hanly, McDale, Thornburg, Koffman, Howe, McClelland, Fisher.

Palmyra: Hates, Stump, Thompson East, Thompson North, Butcher(iron), Beem, Wade, Palmyra, Gildow, Ellson, Farmer School, Burton, Morris West, Morris East, Clark, Miam on Butcher Creek, Nichols, Dixon, Gildow East, Canada, Barnette, Morris, Hayes, Brown, Shetterly, Long, Jane Wade, Sweetie, Coon, Prall.

Richland: Shumier, Shumier on Butcher, Parsons, Rogers West, Rogers East, Shauck, Halderman, Slough, Roberts, Brown, Brown Lake, Rawson, Butcher west of Ford, Smith, Shumire(?Shumier), Watts, Jenkensville, Carpenter, Green.

This may help locate families that lived in the area at the time the article was written. With the exception of a couple odd ones like Plug Run and Hardscrabble they seemed to be named after the families whose property they touched or who lived on the road close to the bridge. Some of the names may be alternate names for 1 bridge.

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