



RAY SMITH is shown with more products of his handicraft. The pattern of the pair of lamps is "Thousand Eye", a hard to produce item that required stretching of the glass. Similar lamps can no longer be produced because of the lack of brass frames and the glass itself.

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If Ray Smith used different lamp every day, it would take him almost a year to light them all.

For the past 40 years Smith, a retired employee of an area church furniture firm, has collected lamp parts--art glass and painted china shades and bases, etched brass frames and crystal prisms. With patience, skill and love of his craft, he has used these parts to create electrified works of art, each wired so that the base or the top can be lighted separately or together.



SCENES FROM THE BIBLE are painted on this china lamp that stands on a poker table that is over 100 years old. Taken from an old Mississippi River paddle boat, the table is constructed with a hinged top that can be turned to convert the table for card playing, a process that reveals hidden compartments for four decks of cards, poker chips and a whiskey bottle. Now used in its flip-top position, the table was refinished by Smith who also refinished and reupholstered the chair. Lamp, table and chair all reflect his strict attention to detail and adherence to period.

RAY SMITH HOUSE

The land was sold from the United States
to William Blue Sept. 2, 1839
to Benjamin Blue 1844
to John VanTreese March 18, 1848
to John Morgan Aug. 17, 1850
to Catherine Morgan 1879
to Albert Tucker April 6, 1882

VanTreese was a relative of the Blue's. John and Catherine Morgan were great-grandparents of Ray Smith. When John's estate was settled, the widow received this portion.

John Morgan was the son of Griffith and Jane (Longmore) Morgan who came to the United States from Wales. Catherine Morgan was the daughter of George and Lydia (Anderick) Sarber. Both the Sarbers and were pioneer settlers on farms southwest of Mentone.

Albert Tucker, George Myers, and William Hackedorn laid out the lots in Mentone on land purchased from Catherine Morgan and others. Mentone grew like a mushroom. In three years the population increased to 600.

George Myers was an ancestor of Terry Hammer.

A Frenchman named Doane is credited with building the house, and records show Clarence and Maey Doane owned the property in 1891. There were several owners and mortgages in this period.

Correction: Under the window it says "Albert Tucker A.D. 1898", instead of on the cornerstone.

This Albert Tucker was born in Richland Co., O. in 1831 and came to Indiana as a young man. By the 1880's he had acquired considerable rich land near the present Tippecanoe Valley High School.

Among the businesses in the new town of Mentone was an elevator built by Albert Tucker.

Widower Albert Tucker married Mary Odel Baker, Dec. 28, 1897.

We are told that in the old gable houses, that's the way they told the wealth of people: Five was just ordinary plain people, seven was middle class people and nine gables was rich people. Some people call this a nine gable house.

The high ceilings, transoms, wide wooden trim and brick are typical of houses of the late 19th Century.

The front window of the parlor has some colored glass. Tucker added the kitchen and small room at the back to replace the lean-to. The bricks came from Akron.

An 1898 newspaper reported the sinking of the battleship Maine which started the Spanish American War. The coke that was advertised was to burn, not to drink. New suits for men cost approximately \$20. Ladies outfits probably came from the dressmakers, and were long skirts with

a pouched blouse trimmed with ruffles, lace or embroidery. The millinery shops had an assortment of hats, decorated with feathers, ribbons or flowers. Parasols, muffs and lorgnettes were used in this period.

Present Mentone residents remember that Mrs. Tucker used the side porch, ~~had~~ had green blinds in the parlor which she kept pulled. Perhaps she used it for a bedroom. She had ferns and some flowers in the back yard.

Ray and Iris Smith moved to this house more than thirty years ago. They bought it from Mrs. Tucker's heirs.

Ray is the son of Ora and Pearl (Morgan) Smith. His paternal grandfather, John C. Smith came to Indiana from Union Co., Pa. when he was seven. After he returned from the Civil War, he married and lived south of Mentone. Ray's grandmother, Silcece (Raber) Smith cooked for some of the men who were building the Nickle Plate Railroad. The railroad was finished in Kosciusko County in July 1882.

Iris is the daughter of Chester and Winnie (Smith) Shamp of Akron. Her Grandfather Smith was a blacksmith. Her Grandfather Shamp was a carpenter and cabinet maker.

Ray and Iris opened the stairway and removed doors to eliminate the boxed-in feeling.

Even before you enter their house you can see their love of beauty and color in the bright flower beds, and the lamps in the window.

Ray makes the lamps. He buys art glass and painted china lamp parts and attaches the brass frames and crystal prisms. He also does the ~~lighting~~ and often the base or top can be lighted separately or together. **Wiring**

Ray and Iris started collecting glass 40 or 45 years ago.

HUSBAND Ray SmithBorn Jan. 16, 1926 Place _____

Chr. _____ Place _____

Marr. _____ Place _____

Died _____ Place _____

Bur. _____ Place _____

HUSBAND'S FATHER Gra A. SmithHUSBAND'S MOTHER Pearl Morgan

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE Iris Shamp

Born _____ Place _____

Chr. _____ Place _____

Died _____ Place _____

Bur. _____ Place _____

WIFE'S FATHER Chester ShampWIFE'S MOTHER Winnie Smith

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	M SMITH, Kent Eugene	23	Mar.	1933			1.	Joanne Queenan			
2	F SMITH, Jolane	11	Mar.	1936			1.	Richard Posey			
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

different members of the family

OTHER MARRIAGES

Lynn Phillips, a relative of Iris' grew up in their home.

HUSBAND Kent Eugene SmithBorn March 23, 1933 Place _____
Chr. _____ Place _____
Marr. _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
Bur. _____ Place _____HUSBAND'S
FATHERRay SmithHUSBAND'S
MOTHERTris ShampHUSBAND'S
OTHER WIVES2. Roberta (Small) Huff**WIFE** Joann QueenanBorn Oct. 28, 1936 (?) Place _____
Chr. _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
Bur. _____ Place _____WIFE'S
FATHER2.(?)SpaldingWIFE'S
MOTHERMiriam (?)WIFE'S
OTHER

HUSBANDS

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN DAY MONTH YEAR	WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR		
			TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY				
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F	SMITH, Teresa Michele	24 Mar. 1956				28 June 1975 Jerry R. Byrer			
2						1977			
F	SMITH, Mindy Sue	12 Sept. 1957							
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

Roberta "Bobbie" was widow of Wayne Huff
Bell Memorial Public Library

HUSBAND Richard Posey

Birth _____ Place _____
Chr _____ Place _____
Death _____ Place _____
Burial _____ Place _____
Father _____ Mother (Maiden Name) _____
Mar _____ Place _____
Other Wives (if any) _____

WIFE Jolane Smith

Birth March 11, 1936 Place _____
Chr _____ Place _____
Death _____ Place _____
Burial _____ Place _____
Father Ray Smith Mother (Maiden Name) Iris Shamp
Other Husb. (if any) 2. Al Lowe

Male or Female	CHILDREN	When Born			Where Born		State or Country	Died			Married
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.	
M	1 POSEY, Rocky Dean	21 July 1958									Date
											To
M	2 POSEY, Rusty	about 1960									Date
											To
	3										Date
											To
	4										Date
											To
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HUSBAND Ora A. Smith

Birth Sept. 6, 1884 Place _____

Chr _____ Place _____

Death Sept. 3, 1969 Place _____

Burial Mentone Cemetery Place _____

Father John C. Smith Mother (Maiden Name) Silence Baber

Mar _____ Place _____

Other Wives (if any) _____

WIFE Pearl Morgan

Birth May 1, 1883 Place _____

Chr _____ Place _____

Death April 29, 1949 Place _____

Burial _____ Place _____

Father William Morgan Mother (Maiden Name) Martha Emmons

Other Husb. (if any) _____

Male or Female	CHILDREN	When Born			Where Born		State or Country	Died			Married
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.	
M	¹ Morgan John	31	Jan	1904		Kos	Ind	June 1961			Date To <u>No</u>
M	² Ray	16	Jan	1906		Kos	Ind				Date To <u>Iris Schamp</u>
M	³ Max	28	Nov	1908		Kos	Ind	1975			Date To <u>Winnifred Tucker</u>
M	⁴ Paul Wayne	2	Feb	1910		Kos	Ind				Date To <u>Esther Priser</u>
F	⁵ Blanch Olive	20	Jan	1912		KOs	Ind				Date To
M	⁶ Oliver	20	Sept.	1916		Kos	Ind				Date To
M	⁷ Chester C.	2	Dec.	1917		Kos	Ind				Date To <u>Eula Romaine Smith</u>
	⁸										Date To
	⁹										Date To
	¹⁰										Date To
	¹¹										Date To
	¹²										Date To

HUSBAND William Morgan

Birth August 23, 1858 Place Kosciusko Co., Ind.

Chr. _____ Place _____

Death Dec. 28, 1932 Place _____

Burial _____ Place Mentone, Cemetery

Father John Morgan Mother (Maiden Name) Catherine Sarber

Mar. 1882 Place Kos. Co.

Other Wives (if any) _____

WIFE Martha A. Emmons

Birth 1856 Place _____

Chr. _____ Place _____

Death 1933 Place _____

Burial _____ Place Mentone Cemetery

Father Erastus H. Emmons Mother (Maiden Name) Sarah Ann Lewis

Other Husb. (if any) _____

Male or Female	CHILDREN	When Born			Where Born		State or Country	Died			Married	
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Date	To
F	1 MORGAN, Pearl	1	May	1883				29	Apr.	1949	1903 Ora A. Smith	
M	2 MORGAN, John H.	28	May	1885				28	Dec	1889		
	3										Date	To
	4										Date	To
	5										Date	To
	6										Date	To
	7										Date	To
	8										Date	To
	9										Date	To
	10										Date	To
	11 Dates for Johnnie are taken from newspaper. Tombstone dates are: a										Date	To
	12 little different										Date	To

HUSBAND John C. Smith (C. for Curtiss perhaps)Birth November 12, 1841 Place Union County, Pennsylvania

Chr _____ Place _____

Death February 10, 1904 Place _____

Burial _____ Place _____

Father _____ Mother (Maiden Name) _____

Mar December 29, 1867 Place _____

Other Wives (if any) _____

WIFE Silence BaberBirth Oct 17, 1846 Place Marshall County, Indiana

Chr _____ Place _____

Death December 5, 1926 Place _____

Burial _____ Place _____

Father Jacob Baber Mother (Maiden Name) Eliza Turner

Other Husb. (if any) _____

Male or Female	CHILDREN	When Born			Where Born		State or Country	Died			Married
		Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County		Day	Mo.	Yr.	
M	1 Cleantus W.	12	Oct	1868						1909	Date To Rebecca Martin
M	2 William O.	4	Aug	1870							Date To Emma Jeffries
M	3 Aloheus R	30	Mar	1879						1941	Date To Mirtie Brown
F	4 Bertha A.	20	May	1882		Kos. Ind.					Date To Lucy Sarber
M	5 Ora	6	Sept.	1884		Kos. Ind					Date To Pearl Morgan
F	6 Rosella			1876						1900	Date To
M	7 Oscar O	29	Nov.	1872						1874	Date To
M	8 ? Adam									23 Sept. 1872	Date To
	9 ? Infant (twin of Aloheus)										Date To
	10										Date To
	11										Date To
	12										Date To