

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.