

WRITERS AND WRITINGS OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

WHEN THE FROST IS ON THE PUNKIN

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,
And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,
And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoe
O, it's then the time a feller is a-feeli-
With the risin' sun to greet him f-
As he leaves the house, barehead
When the frost is on the pu-

...e light of a tallow candle, which had been placed on one n the fence,
...a rough table, a man was reading something written in a best,
...ot, apparently, very legible, for the t-
...close to the flame of the candle
...the shadow of the book would t-
...of the room, darkening a number
...ides the reader, eight other men were p-

THE DAMNED THING

AMEROSE BIERCE

Lili Lilly

THE LOST PHEBE

FREDORE DREISER

They lived together in a part of the coun-
prosperous as it had once been, about three
those small towns that, instead of increas-
steadily decreasing. The territory was not ve-
perhaps a house every other mile or so, with la-
and wheat-land and fallow fields that at odd s-
sown to timothy and clover. Their particular hou-
and part frame, the log portion being the old

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ABBREVIATIONS

comp. - compiler
ed. - editor, edited, edition
est. - established
et. al. - and others
illus. - illustrated
n.d. - no date
n.p. - publisher not given
p. - page; pp. - pages
por(s) - portrait(s)
unp. - unpagged
v. - volume

BMPL - Bell Memorial Public Library
Mentone
KCHM - Kosciusko County Historical Museum
Oswego
MPL - Milford Public Library
PC - Private Collection
PPL - Pierceton Public Library
SPL - Syracuse Public Library
WCPL - Warsaw Community Public Library
LDSGL - Latter Day Saints Genealogical Library, Salt Lake City, Utah

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FRONT COVER designed by Ronald and Joan Sharp and arranged by Sara Robbins. These excerpts are from an American literature textbook adopted by Kosciusko County Schools in the 1940's. Background is the front cover of Early Wawasee Days by Eli Lilly.

BACK COVER map--Margaret Reafsnnyder, Ronald and Joan Sharp.

This book is a Bicentennial gift from the Warsaw Branch of the American Association of University Women to the people of Kosciusko County in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of our nation. The Association has available 400 books free for those persons requesting a copy.

Compiling a bibliography of this nature--listing many different types of writers and writings of our local communities--has never been done previously. As a first venture the committee has attempted to include printed material in many formats: e. g., fiction and nonfiction books, articles published in professional journals and other periodicals, poetry published in books and newspapers, bulletins and some doctoral theses, one cassette tape, some sheet music and song books. Some books are in print, some out-of-print, some in manuscript form; of particular value are those related to local history, people, and communities.

The scope of the materials the committee intends is to be a sampling of what is and has been available in print to represent an important part of our historical, intellectual and cultural heritage.

The committee does not intend for this bibliography to be all-inclusive or to be an evaluative instrument, nor does the committee claim it to be error-free. But rather we hope it will be a starting point for those who can use it profitably for research or as a source of discovering more about their county and local communities. We hope that where a need exists, others will come forward and add information to help complete this undertaking.

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HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

Adams, Waldo.

Biography of Dominique Rousseau.
(Typed manuscript, incomplete)

Rousseau, a Frenchman, was the first white settler in Kosciusko County. He lived in Elkhart County, later moving to a site northeast of Leesburg, where he lived with the Miami Indians. He had a trading post, where the Indians brought their furs. Born in 1795, Rousseau died in 1845 and is buried in the Leesburg cemetery.

--Biography of Henry Ossem (unpublished, incomplete)

Ossem, a contemporary of Rousseau, lived in Oswego. He was also a fur trader among the Potawatomi Indians. He is buried in the Catholic cemetery in Fort Wayne.

--Steam Threshing Machines of Kosciusko County. (unpublished, incomplete)

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Waldo Adams is a former history teacher in Fulton and Kosciusko Counties and Elkhart Co. School Supt. He has also written "A Definitive History of Joaquin Miller," a Fulton Co. writer and "poet of the Westward Movement of the '49'ers." He also had published in the Rochester Ind. newspaper, a list of the Civil War soldiers of Fulton Co. Mr. Adams is a vice-president of the Kosciusko County Historical Society and an active member of its Indian lore section. Formerly of Beaver Dam, he now resides at Tippecanoe Lake.

Banta, R.E., comp.

Indiana Authors and Their Books, 1816-1916. Crawfordsville, Ind.: Wabash College 1949. 352p. WCPL

"Biographical sketches of authors who published during the first century of Indiana statehood with lists of their books." (subtitle) This title includes two authors associated with Kosciusko County, Logan Esarey and Theodore Dreiser.

Biographical and Historical Record of Kosciusko County, Indiana. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1887. 734p., pors.

"...engravings of prominent citizens in Kosciusko County, with personal histories of many of the leading families, and a concise history of Kosciusko Co.," p. 173-634, and "General History," p. 639-734.

Combination Atlas of Kosciusko County, Indiana; compiled, drawn and published from personal examinations and surveys. Kingman Brothers, 1879. 131p., illus., pors., maps.

Contents.- New railroad map of the U.S. -New sectional township map of Indiana. -

Aboriginal History, by J.F. Everhart, p. 13-14. "History of Kosciusko County." p. 15-24, including contest for the county seat and the history of Warsaw, p. 16-24. "Military History"; comp. by J.B. Dodge, p. 25-28. "List of soldiers from Kosciusko County in the War of the Rebellion," p. 29-34. "Township Histories," by L.H. Newton, p. 35-44, including paragraphs on Piercetown, Silver Lake, Leesburg, Atwood, Sevastopol, Palestine (and an article on

"Monoquet Village", by Metcalf Beck), Oswego, Webster, Syracuse, and Milford. "Personal sketches of some of the prominent men and pioneers of Kosciusko County," p.44-71, including "Our First Sheriff," by Metcalf Beck. Col. J.B. Dodge wrote a number of sketches. "Names of County Officers from 1836-1879," p.72. "Members of General Assembly" 1836-1879, p.73. Map of the county, p.75-ff. Pictures of county buildings, homes and farms, township maps. Business directories.

Coplen, Marion Wallace.

History of Kosciusko County, Indiana, to 1875. Submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a degree of Master of Arts in the Department of History, Indiana University, Nov., 1944. 228p. maps, charts. WCPL

This work is divided into three sections: 1. The land of Kosciusko County during the period of the Indian occupation. 2. Kosciusko County during her pioneer period. 3. Kosciusko County during the Civil War and Reconstruction period.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Marion Wallace Coplen, was born in Warsaw, Ind., in 1917 and was graduated from Warsaw High School. He received his AB from Indiana Central and his MA in history and Ph.D. from Indiana University. He began his teaching career in Warsaw High School before becoming principal at Claypool. From there he served as supt. of schools in Rockport, then West Baden Springs, and later Brazil. He is currently connected with the State Board of Education at Indianapolis.

Esarey, Logan, 1873-1942.

A History of Indiana from Its Exploration to 1850. A History of Indiana from 1850 to the Present. Indianapolis: Hoosier Heritage Press, c1970. 1148p. (2v. in 1) maps, tables. (Very readable work, covers the period to 1918) WCPL

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Logan Esarey was born in Perry Co., Indiana, obtained three degrees from Indiana Univ.: A.B. 1905, A.M. 1909, and Ph.D. 1913. He taught in several Indiana high schools until 1909 when he came to Winona Normal, where he taught from 1909-1911. In 1913 he became an instructor in history at Indiana Univ., where he remained until his death in 1942.

Hillis, L.B., comp.

Early History, Biographical Sketches, Kosciusko County, Indiana...Warsaw, Ind. Printed by Reub Williams & Sons, 1911. Unpagged (24) Paperback. WCPL

Publications of the Kosciusko County Historical Society, 1966-1972. The Society. (Bound volume of programs and bulletins) PC

Lilly, Eli.

Prehistoric Antiquities of Indiana. Indianapolis, Ind.: Indiana Historical Society, c1937. 293p. WCPL

A description of the more notable earthworks, mounds, implements, and ceremonial objects left in Indiana by our predecessors, with some information on their origin and antiquity and the

prehistory of Indiana. Much of the information in this volume is taken from a study of archeological surveys made in the state. The material is based on two archeological reports in the files of the Indiana Historical Bureau and Ligonier (Ind.) Banner newspaper, Sept. 25, 1924. (For biographical note on Mr. Lilly, see p.36)

Nelson, Charles F.

Diary of Charles F. Nelson, Company I, 12th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, 1862-1865. Published by Mrs. Ed Alexander. Unpag. (Facsimile of his letters home from a Union soldier during the Civil War. Arranged chronologically.) PC

Plat Book and Directory of Livestock and Poultry Breeders and Horticulturists of Kosciusko County...Rockford, Ill.: W.W. Hixson & Co. n.d. unpag. SPL
(This was probably published in the 1940's)

Progressive Men and Women of Kosciusko County; embellished with portraits of many national characters and well-known residents of Kosciusko County, Ind. Logansport, Ind.: B.F. Bowen, Publisher, 1902. 64lp., photos. WCPL

Royse, Lemuel W., ed.

Standard History of Kosciusko, Indiana, by Hon. L.W. Royse, supervising ed., assisted by a board of advisory editors. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1919. 2v., illus (pors.) Index in v.2. WCPL

v.1: An authentic narrative of the past, with particular attention to the modern era in the commercial, industrial, educational, civic, and social development.

v.2: "A chronicle of the people with family lineage and memoirs."

This is a standard and valuable historical and biographical account of Kosciusko County and many of its early residents. The history begins with the French and British period in the Northwest and continues with many facets of life and history brought up to 1918-1919.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The author was a native of Kosciusko County, born in 1848 near Pierceton to George W. and Nancy (Chaplin) Royse. A public school teacher and student of law, he was admitted to the Kosciusko County bar in 1874 and practiced law in Warsaw. He subsequently served one term as prosecuting attorney (1876), six years as mayor of Warsaw (1885), Congressman from the 13th District two terms (1894-1898), and was appointed Judge of Kosciusko Circuit Court of Indiana (1904-1908).

Sharp, Ronald C.

Kosciusko County Civil War Fatalities.
(unpublished manuscript) PC

--Kosciusko County Civil War Biographies.
20v. (unpublished) PC

Contains approximately 100 service records of Kosciusko County men who fought in the Civil War. At present, 12 volumes are bound. Entries are arranged alphabetically.

--Military Enrollment of Kosciusko County, 1862. (typed manuscript) Unpag. Also lists those who were eligible for the draft. PC

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ronald Sharp, a lifetime resident of Syracuse, Ind., attended Goshen College and served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II. He served as circulation manager, reporter, photographer, and later city editor of the Warsaw Times-Union. He is former president of the Kosciusko County Historical Society and is presently a Kosciusko County Councilman.

Standard Atlas of Kosciusko County, Indiana; including a Plat Book of the Villages, Cities and Townships of the County... compiled and published by George A Ogle & Co., Chicago, c1914. 101p. illus. WCPL

Subtitle: "...Map of the State, United States and World. Patrons Directory, Reference Business Directory and Departments Devoted to General Information. Analysis of the System of U.S. Land Surveys." pp.7-71: Plates of maps of each township.

ADDENDA

Peddycord, Will F.

History of the 74th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. a Three Years' Organization. Warsaw, Ind.: Smith Printery, 1913. 144p. photos. WCPL

The author, of South Haven, Mich., served during the Civil War with this regiment, which included men from towns in Kosciusko County.

GENEALOGY OF KOSCIUSKO COUNTY FAMILIES

Adams, Mabel (Dickey)

Descendants of Samuel and Sarah Moyer Rickel. Published by the author, 1971. Superior Printing Co., Mentone. 84p., PC photos.

In 1842 the Rickel family moved from Ohio to Beaver Dam, Ind. Here in their home the meeting was held to organize Franklin Township. Rickel family descendants presently reside in the Mentone, Burket, Claypool, and Sevastopol areas. The genealogical account covers 1786-1970. The author currently resides with her husband, Waldo Adams, at Tippecanoe Lake. Baumgartner, Joseph Cornelius.

A Genealogy of the Baumgartner Family; Descendants of Bendicht Baumgartner(1794-1862) and Anna(Hofer) Baumgartner(1797-187-) Milford, Ind.: Mail-Journal Publishing Co., c1971. 233p., illus., pors. MPL

Anna (Hofer) Baumgartner, with her son John's family, immigrated to America in 1869. This book traces the family through six generations in Switzerland and the U.S. to 1970. The author's parents, Emil and Emma(Beer) Baumgartner, settled near Leesburg in 1908, later moving to Milford, where they operated a grain elevator. They raised 12 children. Four Baumgartner brothers are well-known in the Milford community: Wilbur, Joe, Arthur (Ted), and Arch.

Supplement: (typed manuscript) traces the family prior to 1585 to Bendicht Baumgartner (1794) in Switzerland; comp. by a Swiss,

Julius Billeter. Prepared in English by Johanna Palmer, Logan, Utah.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joseph C. Baumgartner, born 1895 in Cissna Park, Ill., and raised at Milford, Ind., attended Goshen Academy, received his A.B. and M.A. degrees from the Univ. of Michigan, did graduate work at Western Reserve Univ., Cleveland, Ohio. He also spent one year at Harvard Univ. He is coauthor of a textbook, The Challenge to Democracy (MPL), first published in 1942 and adopted nationwide. He also coauthored a social studies resource unit, The Nation and was author of Housing the Nation, a monograph, 1936. He and his wife, Gladys, presently live in Cleveland, Ohio.

Diehl, Elias Henry.

Diehl Families of America: History, Genealogy, Reminiscences, Etc... Ipava, Ill. 1915. 229p., index, plate, pors. PC/LDSGL

This book chronicles the descendants of Samuel Diehl, born 1740 in London County, Va., to Bedford County, Pa. Of his progeny Elijah Franklin (Frank) Diehl, born in New Oxford, Pa., in 1841, moved to Leesburg, Ind., where he married Mary Annie Berst in 1867, and lived on the Diehl farm near Leesburg. He farmed, taught school, and wrote articles for farm journals and poetry for The Northern Indianian. Carl Sanford Diehl's family has lived in and near Leesburg for many years, active in community and church affairs.

Hoffer, Giles and Mary (Poor)

The Daniel and Sarah (Heberling) Hoffer Family. North Glen, Colo.: MEGA Publications, c1975. 484p. PC, WCPL

This genealogy covers events in the Hoffer family history beginning in Europe in 1537, when Peter Hoffer was executed as an Anabaptist. Of German Swiss origin, the Hoffers (with many variations in the spelling of the name) came to America, some in 1728 and some in 1729. The Hoffers in Kosciusko Co., lived in Atwood and Etna Green areas and later in Warsaw.

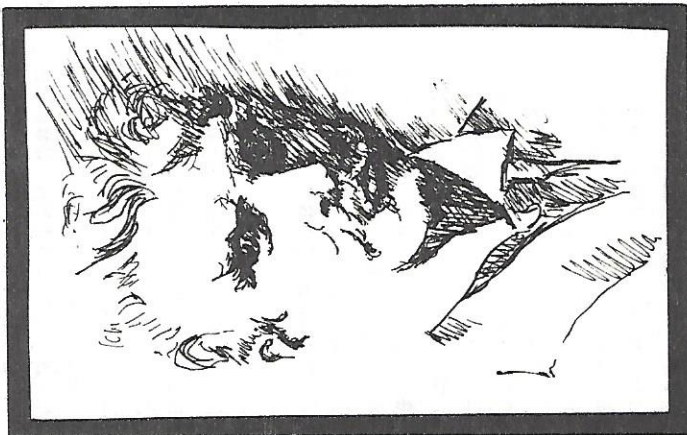
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Giles and Mary Hoffer are well-known in the education field in Kosciusko Co. He is former chairman of the Warsaw High School History Dept., and she taught Home Economics at Leesburg High School and in Warsaw Community School system. He served for years as county chairman of the Republican Party; she served as president of the Warsaw Branch of the American Association of University Women and of the Warsaw Reading Club and was active for many years as a 4-H leader in Warsaw. Both have made substantial contribution in the Kosciusko County Historical Society Project Recovery-- sorting and preserving valuable historical documents from the county courthouse. He has also served as a vice-president of the Society.

Tucker, Mirabel.

Genealogy of the Morris Tucker Family, 1066-1976. n.p., 1976 134p. illus. WCPL

Contains photos. of people, places and things pertaining to the family, including an illus. of the Tucker coat-of-arms, poems by a family member and a letter written during the Civil War. (The compiler is a graduate of Northwestern Univ., taught school for 39 years, and is sister of Dale Tucker, current mayor of Warsaw.)



Ambrose Bierce



Theodore Dreiser

BIERCE, AMBROSE

DeCastro, Adolphe.

Portrait of Ambrose Bierce. New York: The Century Co., c1929. 35lp., photos. WCPL

Fatout, Paul.

Ambrose Bierce and the Black Hills. Norman, Okla.: Univ. of Oklahoma Press, c1956. 180p., illus., photos, maps. WCPL

Covers Bierce's life from 1879 to 1881, which had remained a mystery. He was gold mining in the Black Hills, Dakota Territory.

Grattan, C. Hartley.

Bitter Bierce, a Mystery of American Letters. N.Y.: Doubleday, c1929. 29lp. WCPL

Neale, Walter.

Life of Ambrose Bierce. New York: Walter Neale, c1929. 489p., photo. WCPL (Tells very little of his early life, mainly about his writings and ideas.)

INDIVIDUAL BIOGRAPHY

Two men of American literary note spent part of their youth in the Warsaw area, Ambrose Bierce and Theodore Dreiser.

Bierce, best-remembered for his stories of the Civil War, wrote the haunting fictional account, "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge." Dubbed "Bitter Bierce" because of his cynical outlook, he expressed this philosophy in his book, The Devil's Dictionary.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Bierce, Ambrose Gwinnett, 1842-1914?

Bierce was born June 24, 1842, in Meigs County, Ohio. The family moved to Kosciusko County in 1846, settling on 80 acres of land in section 25, Wayne Twp. Of the 13 children, nine survived, Ambrose being the youngest. The other surviving ones were Abigail, Amelia, Ann (who moved to Cheshire, Ohio), Addison, who was a circus man and died in South Africa, Almada (who married and lived in the Warsaw area), Augustus F. (who is shown in old records as owning the 80

acre farm in the 1880's), Andrew J. (who married and remained in the area), and Albert S. (who worked in the San Francisco mint). The father died in February, 1887, the mother in May, 1878.

Ambrose spent a year in the Kentucky Military Institute, and when the Civil War started, enlisted in the Union Army at Elkhart, Ind., for three months. He was mustered out July 29, 1861, then reenlisted Sept. 5, 1861, in Indiana, Company C, 9th Regiment, for three years, where he is listed as sergeant. However, when he resigned Jan. 25, 1865, he was a first lieutenant and gave his residence as Warsaw, Indiana.

Shortly after the Civil War he moved to San Francisco where he was a night watchman at the Sub-treasury Building. He contributed to various magazines and became editor of one. He married in 1871 and had three children. Of these, one son was killed in 1889 in a shooting brawl and another son died of alcoholism in 1901. His wife divorced him in 1904. He worked for several papers before he went to Mexico in 1913 after the Villa uprising. Since he was not seen again, he is believed to have been murdered by bandits there.

THEODORE DREISER

Dreiser was noted as a realistic novelist, with his best-known work being An American Tragedy. He was the brother of Paul Dresser, who wrote the words and music of the Indiana state song, "On the Banks of the Wabash." (Note: Dresser's work is not included, as he never lived in Kosciusko County.)

Dreiser, Theodore, 1871-1945.

A Book about Myself. N.Y.: Boni and Liveright, c1922. 502p. WCPL

Tells about his years in newspaper work.

--Dawn, a History of Myself. N.Y.: Live-right, c1931. 589p. WCPL

(Includes life in Warsaw-pp. 185-295.)

-- A Hoosier Holiday; illus. by Franklin Booth. N.Y.: John Lane Co., c1916. 513p.

A memory-lane excursion shared with Franklin Booth describing their experiences as they leave New York City, driving through Pennsylvania and Ohio to Indiana. Dreiser had a warm spot in his heart for Warsaw, possibly because he was first introduced to the public school here, attending it from his 12th through his 16th years, and was encouraged by a high school teacher, Miss Mildred Fielding, who also saw that he started at Indiana University. Many of the people and places he remembered in Warsaw and the other towns where he had lived in Indiana are described-- includes Terre Haute, Sullivan and Evansville. Sections on Warsaw, pp. 283-330. WCPL

Dreiser, Helen.

My Life With Dreiser. Cleveland and N.Y.: World, c1951. 328p. pors. WCPL
(Biographical)

Gerber, Philip L.

Theodore Dreiser. New York: Twayne Publishers, c1964. 220p. WCPL
(Tells of life in Warsaw - pp.31-35.)

Moers, Ellen.

Two Dreisers. N.Y.: Viking c1969. 336p.

A work on the dual personality of Theodore Dreiser. WCPL

Roscoe, Burton, 1892-

Theodore Dreiser. New York: Robert M. McBride, c1925. WCPL

Swanberg, W

Dreiser. N.Y: Charles Scribner's c1965. 614p. WCPL

Theodore Dreiser's life in Warsaw.-- pp. 16-22, 23, 69; his 1915 visit, pp. 191-229. (possibly the most comprehensive biography done on Dreiser.)

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dreiser was born August 27, 1871, in Terre Haute, Indiana. The family moved from town to town in Indiana, trying to better their circumstances. Theodore was one of ten children. Their father was a German immigrant, who had at first been doing fairly well in the woolen industry. However, an accident and various other circumstances caused financial reverses for him, so the family had to scramble to survive. They moved from Terre Haute to Sullivan to Evansville, and finally ended in Warsaw.

Theodore's father was a strict Catholic and Theodore had always attended parochial schools, but for the first time in Warsaw, he attended the public school which he enjoyed. Here he met a teacher, Miss Mildred Fielding, who encouraged him in reading and composition. After his first year of high school, when he was free for the summer, he went to Chicago, where he worked at odd jobs. Later the teacher was made a principal of a high school there, she looked him up and en-

couraged him to enroll at Indiana Univ. at her expense, which he did, but it did not prove to be the catalytic experience which he had assumed it to be and that she had hoped for.

He worked for several papers after this, moving from Chicago to St. Louis, Toledo, Cleveland, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, and New York, where he edited various magazines. In 1907 he organized the National Child Rescue Association and in 1927 he made an official visit to Russia.

"Dreiser's novels, short stories, and autobiographical writings are naturalistic; they deal frankly with the lusts of men and women; many of his characters are unrepentant sinners. Dreiser believes that biological necessity or environment dominates men; for this reason his writings express for all human beings a profound pity."

MacConnell, Charles E., 1890-

XIT Buck. Drawings by Tom Hill from sketches by Buck and Bonnie McConnell. Tucson; Univ. of Arizona Press, c1968. 284p., photos, sketches, map. WCPL

Buck McConnell was born in Hiawatha, Kan. After his mother's death, his father, a pharmacist, sold his drug company interest and returned with Buck and his baby sister to Warsaw, where the two lived with their grandparents. At age 13, Buck rode the boxcars west to become a cowboy in the New Mexico Territory and Texas. Besides his memories of Warsaw, his autobiography is filled with amusing anecdotes, little-known facts, real personalities, and genuine adventures.

COMMUNITIES: HISTORY AND WRITINGS

Kosciusko County histories and atlases have included historical articles of these 15 communities and their respective townships: Atwood, Beaver Dam, Claypool, Etna Green, Leesburg, Mentone, North Webster, Oswego, Piercetown, Sidney, Silver Lake, Syracuse, Warsaw, and Winona Lake. In this section we have included at least a partial listing of the individual community's history and writings.

ATWOOD: The high school published a yearbook entitled, Greyhounds. The first graduating class was in 1912 and its last year of operation was 1962-63. The yearbook records are an important reflection of the community's life and activities.

Anglin, Anna.

An Anglin Family Tree. Printed by Lakeland Printing Co., Leesburg, Ind., 1968. 58p. PC

Chronicles the genealogy from Adrian Anglin, born in 1762, in present West Virginia, son of William and Jane Anglin, through 1968. Of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the family of eight sons migrated to Kosciusko County, where the descendants located in Plain, Prairie, and Scott Townships. Names include Kinsey, Wallace, McCuen, Witham, et. al. The author is the wife of Floyd Anglin, of R.R. 2, Nappanee.

ETNA GREEN:

Etna Green Centennial Committee.

1853 - The Years Between: Etna Green, Indiana - 1953. Published by the Committee,

RILEY, JAMES WHITCOMB

Dickey, Marcus.

The Maturity of James Whitcomb Riley. Indianapolis, Ind.: Bobbs-Merrill, c1922. 427p., photo. WCPL

-- The Youth of James Whitcomb Riley.

Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, c1919. 425p. (Features a self-portrait of Riley at age 14) WCPL

Nolan, Jeannette Covert.

James Whitcomb Riley, Hoosier Poet. Illus. by Robert S. Robison. New York: J. Messner, c1941. 265p., illus. WCPL

This is a biography for young people.

Phelps, William Lyon, ed.

Letters of James Whitcomb Riley.

Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, c1930. 349p. photos. WCPL

One letter mentions William Allen White will be attending the Western Association of Writers Annual Conference at Warsaw.

1953. 70p. photos.

PC

Stauffer, Florence (Mrs. John)

Mrs. Stauffer has written articles on various topics for the Warsaw Times-Union, including a feature story (in 1975) about Clarence Darrow's being in Warsaw as the defense attorney in the trial of the Culver Bank robbers in the 1920's. The South Bend Tribune has also published various articles she has written. She has completed a children's biography of a famous Hoosier, Levi Coffin, President of the Underground Railroad. The book (to be published) is entitled Levi Coffin, Friend.

LEESBURG:

Armstrong, James W., 1835-

History of Leesburg and Plain Township, Leesburg, Ind.: The Leesburg Journal, 1914. 192p. illus. WCPL

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Born in Toronto, Canada, James Armstrong moved with his parents to Monoquet in 1843. For 20 years he published the Kosciusko County Standard, prohibitionist newspaper, est. 1888, at Leesburg. He was the first town clerk and served as Plain Township trustee for six years. A Civil War veteran, he served as commander of the local GAR. He married in 1857 and had two children, later married again and had seven children.

Blazer, 1916-1966: Leesburg High School yearbook. Co-editors: Kay Noel and Sue Maierle. Photographer: Jack Stookey. Yearbook advisor: Joan Sharp. 1966 120p., photos.

Presents a 50-year written and pictor-

ial history of Leesburg High School and Oswego School (pp. 82-120). Contributors: Helen Allen, Mary Brubaker, Harold Pound, Wallace Huffman, et. al.

Leesburg Merchants Association.

A Trip down Memory Lane through the History of Leesburg, Indiana, 1833-1976. Printed by Lakeland Printing Co., Leesburg, Ind., 1976. 36p. illus.

Author: Josephine Hopkins. Collaborator: Mildred Randall. This booklet covers history of the town including early merchants, businesses, doctors, churches, school, early settlers, etc. (Mrs. Hopkins has been managing the Town Shop Dept. Store and Mrs. Randall and her husband managed Randall's Garage for many years.)

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Brubaker, Charles William.

Articles: "The Three Generation Neighborhood," in an architectural journal. "The Case for a Small High School," Nation's Schools, Sept., 1970. "Wonder School," This Week magazine, Oct. 23, 1960.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Bill Brubaker, born in South Bend in 1926, is a graduate of Leesburg High School and the University of Texas, School of Architecture. Affiliated with Perkins and Will, architectural firm in Chicago, he has served as president but resigned to work more in the field. He is currently vice-president--with his major interests being schools and area development, particularly around Chicago. He is author of numerous architectural and educational articles.

Flanner, Janet.

Author of An American in Paris (1940) and Paris Journal 1944-65, for which she won the National Book Award in 1966. She won acclaim for her newsletters from Paris under the pen name, "Genet," published in the New Yorker magazine 1925-1939. These letters included profiles of many famous personalities. She also wrote Paris Was Yesterday (1972)--a profile of Phillippe Pétain, Marshal of France--and Cubical City, a novel (1926).

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Born Mar. 13, 1892, Miss Flanner, who grew up in Indianapolis, spent sometime with her family and friends at Tippecanoe Lake. She attended Tudor Hall, Indianapolis, and is a Univ. of Chicago graduate, holding an honorary Litt. D from Smith College (1958). She was awarded the Legion of Honor decoration by the French Gov't. Returning to the U.S. in 1939, she continued work on her book, An American in Paris, composed of the famous profiles with additional pieces. She was written up in Current Biography (1943) and Who's Who in America 1976-77. She is living in New York City.

MENTONE

Mentzer, Mahlon.

"The History of Mentone." 19 articles in the Co-op News weekly in 1960. BMPL

A "homey" history of Mentone, incorporating people and events in Mr. Mentzer's memory with topics researched in the old Tri-County Gazette.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Born in 1877, Mahlon

Mentzer was a lifetime resident of Mentone. He had served on the town board and as executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

MILFORD

"History of Milford, Ind." Mar. 17, 1953. (2 loose sheets) MPL

Relates that Milford was surveyed Apr. 10, 1836, laid out by Judge Aaron M. Perrine. His family is claimed to be the first residents of Milford with four streets named after the children--Emeline, Catherine, Henry, and James. The town was named after the place where it was necessary to ford Turkey Creek at the old grist mill site. Town was incorporated in 1880.

"History of the Methodist Church in Milford, Ind." May 8, 1953. (3 loose sheets) (Quotes a manuscript by S.J. North, who immigrated to Milford, in 1859.) MPL

"Rachel, First White Child Born in Kosciusko County, Becomes 'Indian Princess.'" Warsaw Times-Union, June 21, 1965. MPL

Sketch of Rachel, daughter of William S. and Mary Ann Felkner, born May 1833. Tells of this pioneer family in Van Buren Township and their relations with the Potawatomie Indians. Article was written by a great-granddaughter, Marjorie Felkner Wagner. Includes some genealogy.

Trojanette '68: Milford High School Yearbook. Co-editors: Tom Gunden and Dan

Brown. Sponsor: Maxine Robinson. (pictorial history of the high school 1914-1968 and earlier history of the schools in Milford.)

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Blair, Theodore.

The Challenge of Democracy, by Theodore Blaich and Joseph C. Baumgartner. Rev. ed. New York: Harper and Row, c1947 739p. illus. MPL

(Mr. Baumgartner, co-author, is a native of Milford.)

Gibson, Hattie E., comp.

A Feast of Good Things: A Cook Book of Home Recipes...Milford, Ind. n.d. 100p. MPL

NORTH WEBSTER

Coverstone, Jean.

"History of the North Webster United Methodist Church." 1974-75. 15p. (manuscript with photos.)

Dialogue history of the North Webster United Methodist Church, 1830's to 1976. Presented on "Heritage Sunday," Nov., 1976. (manuscript) Emphasizes both the local church history and the ministry and unity of the United Methodists.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Mrs. Coverstone grew up near Leesburg and attended school at North Webster. She is a graduate of Goshen College with an AB degree and Univ. of Notre Dame with a Master's Degree in Art History. Her thesis was researched in Nova Scotia on early church architecture. She has been Assoc. Prof. of Art and Department head at Grace College since 1970.

Sullivan, Kip.

"Lakeland Reflections," column published three times weekly in the Warsaw Times-Union, May 20, 1968, through May 1973.

This interesting and unusual column included short news items, social and political philosophy, historical episodes, events and accounts of people and places, particularly of the Barbee Lakes and North Webster area.

--North Webster, Boydston's Mill to Camelot Square...Lakeland Printing Co., Leesburg, Ind. (1977) approx. 100p., illus. (In press)

"...fragments from the way we were." Collected from primary sources. Pen and ink sketches by Mary Sullivan.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Kip Sullivan--Hoosier contractor, developer, historian, columnist--was born in Gas City, Ind. He has been a part-time resident in the Barbee Lakes area all his life and a permanent resident since 1947. He has developed two attractive areas there--the Sechrist Lake Park and the Sullivan Park. He has been collecting historical material of North Webster and Tippecanoe Township for many years. He has compiled many notes and records of primary sources, e.g.: one-room schools in the township and merchants, 1893 register of Mid-Lakes Hotel; 1866 map of township, histories of families in N. Webster area 1835-36 from the records of the original tracts in the township through land grants. Also, copies of cemetery, abstract, tax

assessors' and census records. He has the history of Boydston (original name of N. Webster) and Webster Lake--also, the diary of Jasper Angel, trustee of Tippecanoe Twp. 1889 (daily notes of a politician and jack-of-all-trades) reflecting the workaday world in rural Indiana of that period.

Troy 1968: North Webster High School yearbook. Sponsor: Paul Royer. 149p. photos. (Pictorial history of N. Webster and Tippecanoe Twp. schools, 1913-1968, pp.111-149) NWJH

PIERCETON

Maggart, Eva.
"A History of Pierceton." ...published in The Pierceton Record, Jan. 9, 1924.

Nye, George.
A History of Pierceton, Indiana, from Beginning to 1952. PPL

Includes remarks about Wooster, also early township history, district schools, and Civil War veterans, etc. Excerpts of the book were reprinted in the Kosciusko County Historical Bulletin, v.1, no.1. summer 1966, pp. 3-11. This was the 100th anniversary of the town's incorporation, 1866-1966.

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Brosnahan, Kate, see Sister M. Eleanore.

Dohner, Donald, 1892-1943.
"Modern Technique of Designing."
Modern Plastics, Mar. 1937 (v.14 no.7)
pp.22-25 ff.

--"When a Thing Looks Right, It Probably Is Right."
Industrial Arts, v.1, no.2, 1936

PC

One of the leading industrial designers in the U.S., Donald Dohner was the author of numerous articles in trade magazines and contributor to Fortune magazine. His obituary appeared in Interiors magazine (publ. by the Whitney Co., New York), Jan. 1944. He served on the staff of the magazine as Industrial Design Editor from 1941 till the time of his death.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Donald Dohner was born in Pierceton, Ind., June 22, 1892, where he was graduated from high school. A graduate of Indiana Univ., he studied painting at Chicago Art Institute, Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, and John Herron Institute in Pittsburgh. He taught art at Carnegie and Pratt Institutes. He was a designer of products for numerous national companies, including four years as Director of Industrial Design at Westinghouse Electric. He established his own firm, Dohner and Lippincott, shortly before his death, Dec. 24, 1943.

Leifer, Bert.

Author of column, "Seein' Stars" published weekly in the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette as a public service feature of the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society. This column, originally entitled "The Backyard Astronomer" began in April, 1959.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Bert Leifer was born in 1892 at Pierceton, where he graduated from high school. A charter member of the Ft. Wayne Astronomical Society, his interests encompass astronomy, archeology, photography, and nature study. He has lectured before many groups including St. Francis and Purdue science students.