

One of the first trains - 1904

Some of the women were afraid of the railroad men, but as far as can be determined, they hurt no one.

The line was completed in 1904 and on Easter Sunday that year, the first run over the track was made from Jefferson City to St. Louis. A large crowd lined the tracks at Hawk Point and a speaker stood on the observation platform, telling about the Burlington Railroad as the train moved through slowly. Ed-Fredde recalls catching the train at Hawk Point to go to the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904.

With the construction of the line came also the building of a fine depot building and a water tower. Water was taken from a reservoir south of the tracks. The depot burned in 1941 and was replaced by the present building.

The railroad at one time was the center of a great deal of Hawk Point's activity.

Most people depended on the passenger trains -- there were four daily at one time -- to get to and from their out-of-town points. Salesmen used the road extensively.

Freight and mail also moved over the line daily.

And the railroad was also a social center of sorts for the town. It was a form of amusement in the early days for Hawk Pointers to line the tracks at train time to see who would alight.

The railroad continued to be important through the first four or five decades of Hawk Point's history. One real milestone in the railroad's history was the introduction of the Zephyr, a high-speed, streamlined silver-colored train whose arrival was



TRAIN WRECK - 1907 - Hawk Point

heralded by an unmistakable shriek. This was about 1938.

Eventually the passenger trains quit stopping at Hawk Point; then passenger trains were discontinued altogether; then freights became shorter and less frequent and now the railroad is used infrequently.

One period of train revival was during the Korean War of the early 1950s when the many troop trains passed through Hawk Point.

The railroad at Hawk Point was not without its accidents. One of the first was sometime between 1907 and 1910 when several cars carrying hogs and cattle derailed. This was near the present Russell Monroe farm.

The stock, including the carcasses of many dead, were scattered up and down the line. A special crew was brought in to bury the dead animals.

A fatal accident occurred on the tracks in 1918 when Clifford Abel, a Hawk Point boy of about 16, fell beneath the wheels of a train while playing.

A number of crossing accidents have taken place over the years, both at Highway 47 and the crossing to the west.

Probably the worst was a three-fatality crash in 1957 when a car passing through Hawk Point rammed into boxcars crossing Highway 47.

The Burlington has always provided employment in Hawk Point. E. D. Hamilton was an early-day ticket agent; a later one was Al Monroe and after him a Mr. King.

A section crew also worked out of Hawk Point. Foreman for this crew for many years was Pete Witt.

The railroad reservoir, incidentally, still exists but has been



CLEARING THE WRECKAGE – 1910 Tall man - Henry Eversmeyer and son, Frank

leased to private individuals.

There was a time when it was a major recreational facility for the community.

In the early days of Hawk Point's existence, young people would congregate at the reservoir during all seasons. It was a favorite spot for fishing, boating and swimming during the summers and for ice skating during the winters.

It was accessible as a fishing spot even into the 1940s and 1950s.

The reservoir also served as a commercial asset. Joe Tomek ran an ice plant at one time, cutting ice cakes from the reservoir.

MARTINEK'S GARAGE

Hawk Point's oldest continuing business is also one that tells much of the story of the evolution of machinery over the best part of three quarters of a century.

The Hawk Point Machine Shop that started in about 1904 has become Martinek's Farm Service and has involved, for four generations, the Martinek family.

The founder of the business was William F. Martinek who probably can legitimately be called Hawk Point's first master mechanic. He also was a craftsman in other areas, including woodworking, watch repair and gunsmithing.

Mr. Martinek came to Hawk Point from Olney to set up shop, apparently seeing opportunity in the construction of the Burlington Railroad line through town.

He built his shop on the corner of Highway 47 and the main entrance to town - where Todd's garage now stands -- with lumber cut at a sawmill operated by his brothers, Stan, Amon and Sam, and reportedly put it together using pegs.

That shop was a landmark on that corner for many years. If Mr. Martinek was looking to the railroad construction as a source of business, he apparently was not disappointed. While the rail line was being built, huge piles of grubbing hoes, picks and other such tools could be seen around the shop waiting to be sharpened or repaired.

The shop and its personnel were very versatile. They built wagons and sold them, made about any kind of part anyone



Vannie Kallash and Bill Martinek - 1908



Martinek Garage - 1906

could want; blacksmithed and repaired farm machinery such as steam engines, grain threshers and mowers.

Not many years after the business was started, Mr. Martinek's brother-in-law John Peterson joined the company as did Vannie Kallash.

The business was expanding into the sale of farm implements and with the coming of more automobiles in about 1912, into a car service business.

The first farm tractor was sold by Martinek's in 1919 to Elmer Howell who farmed east of Hawk Point on property now occupied by Norman Shaw.

The tractor was a kerosene fueled Case.

Other brands of implements sold in those days were Milwaukee, Stationary hay balers, Nichols and Shepard steam engines and threshing machines.

Frank and Harrison Crouch bought one of the latter machines.

In 1929, the second generation of the family joined the business. When Francis Martinek, Bill Martinek's son, bought out John Peterson and Vannie Kallash. The name of the business was changed then to Martinek's Garage and Machine Shop.

The automobile phase of the business had grown throughout the 1920s and at the end of the decade tractors also began to catch on.

The early models had iron wheels, but in 1936, Martinek's sold their first rubber-tired tractor. In 1934, the business had started selling Allis Chalmers equipment, remaining as a dealer for that line until 1943 when they started selling Minneapolis Moline equipment.

The trend in tractors in the early 1930s was toward smaller



Martinek Garage - 1933

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Frank Martinek Garage - 1969

machines which began to replace both the heavier tractors of the 1920s and horses.

Other equipment was changing too, with cornpickers, combines and hay balers coming into prominence. Martinek's sold their first pull-type combine in 1937.

By 1939, the machine shop and automobile service was dropped by the business which concentrated solely on farm tractor service and power tools.

The business vacated its location on the present Todd lot in about 1950 and moved south of town on Highway 47. Later, it moved to Main Street and then to the Martinek farm west of town in about 1975. The name was changed to Martinek Farm Service then.

In the meantime, more Martineks became part of the business. Robert Martinek, Francis' brother, purchased his father's part after World War II and helped operate it until selling out to Francis in 1953.

Later Francis' son Stanley became part of the business and now is active in its management. And his son Stephen, great-grandson of the founder, is following in the family business.

Martinek's has provided employment for many men in Hawk Point. Since 1929, here are some of the employees of the business: Lawrence Kuda, Bob Cope, Gilbert Howell, Bill McCullough, Emil Vondera, Bill Kramer, John Moran, Charles Stanek, Ed Stanek, Gene Tuepker, Emmett Hoffmann, Bill Doll Sr., Joe Doll, Fred Norton Sr., Joe Domazlicky, Ed Martinek, Olin Inlow, Joe Vejvoda, Edward Langenecker, Buck Cregger, Edward Crouch, Walter Crouch, Artie Brown, Bill Howdeshell, William McCarty, Tilford Beck, Glen Winter and Joe Twellman.

BANKS

Pernaps the one development that insured that Hawk Point would be more than a crossroads store along a railroad track, the thing that gave the infant community a financial heartbeat was the institution of a bank.

Almost from the town's inception, there was a bank somewhere on Main Street until the move to Highway 47 a few years ago that was a source of security for savers and capital for investors.

It is a mark of stability in the local banking institution that no more than six men have managed Hawk Point banks since



POST OFFICE - BANK A. K. Schaper

the first one opened 70 years ago. Out of that first Hawk Point bank came the town's most celebrated political figure, an elected state official.

But mainly, the banking history of Hawk Point has been distinctive by its success at a time when failure was all about.

It long has been a source of pride by Hawk Pointers that the bank survived the Great Depression of the 1930s when many in much larger places did not. Except for those precarious years, it was a matter of prospering, not just surviving.

The Bank of Hawk Point was chartered on March 29, 1906, under the leadership of F. A. Ordelheide, president and director.

George H. Middlekamp was cashier and manager, a position he held until his election in 1916 as state treasurer. He was defeated for re-election four years later.

A report of the state bank examiner in 1910 showed the bank's resources at \$92,480.29. Loans amounted to about \$77,000.00 and deposits about \$74,000.00.

It must be remembered that those were the days before government insured deposits. If the bank was robbed, it went broke or suffered from bad management, the depositor lost just



Bank and Post Office - 1945



George Middlekamp State Treasurer 1916-1920

as surely as if a thief had taken the money from under the mattress at home.

So trust was a major element in the banking business.

In 1910, the other directors whom Hawk Pointers entrusted with their hard-earned wealth were W. N. Elliott, W. B. Howell, T. W. Kelly, L. C. Lansche, Frank Knizel and Joe Shramek. Later Ben Borgmann, J. M. Barbee, Herman Sanker, W. W. Giles, H. H. Eversmeyer, Mr. Middlekamp and F. L. Eversmeyer served as directors. After Mr. Middlekamp's election to office, H. H. Eversmeyer took over active management of the bank and was succeeded in 1920 by Frank Eversmeyer who continued in that capacity until the bank closed to give way to the newly-chartered Peoples Bank of Hawk Point, the present institution.

When the new bank was organized, officers of the Bank of Hawk Point decided there was not enough business for two and thus closed on March 9, 1924. The next day, the new bank opened in the present location of the Post Office under the leadership of William Kowazek as president and Richard H. Brown as cashier and manager.

Initial assets were \$157,911.41 and today, by comparison, they are more than \$14 million.

Mr. Brown operated the bank until 1935 when Arthur K. Schaper of Warrenton was appointed. He managed the bank as



BANK – 1948 George Colbert, Betty Shaw, A. K. Schaper



BANK - 1970

Left to right: Virginia Thompson, Don Thompson, Arthur Ray Schaper, Paul Krieg, Estelline Black, Sharon Doll, Linda Shramek, Ann Lawrence, Betty Faye Shaw.

cashier and later as president until his death in 1957.

Under his leadership, the bank took up new quarters in 1940 in the Main Street corner building now occupied by the Marsh Funeral Chapel.

Succeeding Mr. Schaper as managing officer was Donald E. Thompson Sr., who rose later to executive vice-president before assuming his present post as president in 1975.

In 1972, a new bank building was built on Highway 47. Other bank presidents, besides those mentioned were William F. Landwehr who served until 1954, and Joe Tomek Jr., who held that position from 1957 until 1975.

Other board members have included Otho Barley, Charles Eames, Louis Landwehr, Arthur Ray Schaper, John Landwehr, John Knizel, Fred Meine, Joe Tomek, Jr., Henry Windmann, Mildred C. Schaper, Kenneth O. Barley, Albert Stanek, Lawrence Meine, C. Robert Hall and William H. Duncan.

Past and present employees have included Mr. Thompson, Arthur Ray Schaper, Paul Krieg, Estelline Black, Virginia Thompson, Sandra Schultz, Betty Shaw, Alice Amann, Joan Broyles, Lavern Howdeshell, Sharon Doll, Ann Lawrence, Steven Toebben, Linda Shramek, Brenda Logan, Janet Weinrich, Don Von Dash, Mamie Lansche, Audrey Kinion, George Colbert, Linda Petersmeyer, Aldyth Garret, Marcella Harper, Eileen Holmsley, Kenneth Barley, Ruth Logan, Evelyn Witt, Mary Jo Davis, Mildred Schaper, R. H. Schaper, Katheryn Norton, Judy Overkamp, Sharon Hasekamp, Linda Roetemeyer, Judy White, Gail Heimburger, Sharon Siebert and David Thompson.

THE ENTERPRISE AND TOMEKS

The two cornerstones of Hawk Point's general mercantile business anchored the opposite sides and opposite ends of the principal block of Main Street for about as long as the town has existed.

Both were established in 1904, the year the Burlington Railroad line was built through Hawk Point and generally considered the year of Hawk Point's birth.

Though the two stores changed names and ownerships over the years, for most of their lives they have been called by townsfolk simply the Enterprise and Tomek's. In the first blush of prosperity any new and growing town enjoys, there



ALBERT IVES CREAMERY - 1946

Donald Glastetter, Albert Joseph Shramek, Lila Garver, Mary Jane Tripoli, Geraldine Johnson, Jean Johnson, John Boyer, Paul E. Stanek, Jr.

were other general stores opened in Hawk Point, but they sooner or later fell by the wayside and the Enterprise and Tomek's survived.

The businesses mainly sold groceries and dry goods with emphasis on the former but qualified as general stores by offering a variety of goods.

It is the Enterprise that has the more varied history and the individuals connected in some way with that endeavor make up a fair cross-section of the community.

To at least two generations of Hawk Pointers, one name is virtually synonymous with the Enterprise. Miss Vira Eversmeyer whose father H. H. Eversmeyer was one of the early owners, managed the store for many years -- from 1941 until her retirement. To many, Miss Vira was The Enterprise.

The store opened in its present location in November 1904 under the ownership of W. L. Duncan and W. B. Howell as a livestock and retail enterprise. Mr. Howell was the livestock man and Mr. Duncan the merchant.

The business then was simply Duncan and Howell. It didn't become the Enterprise until 1908.

Mr. Duncan sold his interest to Mr. Eversmeyer in February 1906 and two years later Mr. Eversmeyer in turn sold out to three well-known Troy merchants, A. A. Kuhne, O. A. Kuhne and C. S. Trail.

A. W. Howell became manager of the new Enterprise and W. B. Howell continued to run the livestock and fertilizer department.

Early Enterprise employees included Clarence Tucker, D. H. Walton, Mrs. Ella Weaver, Mrs. Willie Howell, Marvin Jones, Burton Lee, Mrs. E. D. Hamilton and J. Z. Raney, who also became a stockholder.

Times were good and the ledgers from the year 1913 showed the Enterprise was a friend of the farmer as well as the consumer. The business that year bought \$17,643 in poultry, eggs and butter and \$67,573 in livestock from farmers.

The Enterprise also won the bid to furnish groceries for men building a pipeline and camping south of Troy.

Customers of the Enterprise received a "Christmas Souvenir" from the Enterprise in 1913. It has this message: "The business has shown an increase every year over the preceding year. We number among our friends and customers many people who were the first customers Duncan and Howell had. These good friends have stayed with this store at all times. They have depended upon it for their supplies. We are grateful to them and to all who have given us whatever part of their trade they saw fit to. The heartiest thanks and best wishes to everybody, whether customers or not, is what every member of this firm extends to you."

The next milestone was reached in 1923 when the store was reorganized and O. F. Drunert and Allie and Johnnie Monroe emerged as leaders.

In 1941, the store closed for a time and then was incorporated later in the year. Members of the board of directors were John Knizel, Albert Peterson, Ray Duncan, Frank Reese, Floyd Hutton and August Mordt.

As checkers, meat counter clerks, truck drivers and in other capacities, many Hawk Pointers were on the payroll at one time or another during that period. They included Frazier Riddle, Lillian Dyer, Robert and Dona Gililland, Pearl Muck, Edith Burgess Gunther, Dorothy Dunard, Wilfred Doll, D'Arline Shaw, Robert Martinek, Bill Crouch, Oliver Steiger, Robert Walton, Jim Howell, Margaret Broz, Audrey Tomik, Velma Collins, Ruby Colbert, Bill Howdeshell, Alle and Druw Allen, Vivian Allen, Doris Helen Heimburger, Frank Elfrank and Mike Mudd, who succeeded Miss Eversmeyer as manager.

Since then, the Enterprise has changed hands three times and has operated under names such as Clover Farm and Tomboy.

In 1960, Charles and Helen Tochtrop bought the business and lived in the building. Their employees included Lena, Fred and George Hasekamp, LaVone Steiger, Clayton Duff, Gail Hoffmann, Ron Cope, Jim Colbert, Buster Striebel, Carl Luckett and Gary Colbert as well as some from previous times.

The Tochtrops sold to Joe and Sherry Shramek in 1969 and they in turn sold to Fred and Velma Beck who in turn reopened it in 1973 after it was closed for renovation.

Employees under the last two owners included Ruby Howdeshell, Delores Boone, Darlene Leek, Steven Barchesky, Alvin Zalabak, Bonnie McCarty, Walter Rook, Gail Shepherd, Albert Stanek and Carolyn Smith.

The recent longevity record for employment belongs to D'Arline Shaw who has worked for the last four owners.

While the Enterprise was holding down the southwest corner of the Main Street block, things were humming at the northeast corner.

The origin of Tomek's store represents a lot of single handed



Joe Tomek's Store - 1947

labor on the part of its founder, Joe Tomek Sr., who as a merchant and miller at Linns Mill in 1904 cut and sawed logs to build the Hawk Point store and his home. That dwelling is now the home of Clifford Colbert, brother-in-law to the last proprietor of the store.

At the rear of the store building was a warehouse used for poultry and feed and along the north side, a hitching rail ran the length of the building which frequently would be lined with teams of horses.

An early-day partner of Mr. Tomek was Frank Knizel and some of the early clerks were Mettie Cunningham, Minnie Knizel, Alex Owens, Joe Brown, John Peterson, Marie Martinek, Anna Downing, Jessie Monroe and Charles Howell.

Joe Tomek Jr. succeeded his father as owner of the store and operated it with his wife Alice until her death in the late 1940s. In 1960, he married Alice Walton and she assisted him until he sold the store to Clayton Duff in 1969. Among the clerks for Joe Tomek Jr. were George Burgess, Freeman Allen, Frazier and Ora Mae Riddle and Joyce Choate.

Misfortune struck Tomek's store in the form of both fire and crime.

In 1953, the original building that Joe Tomek Sr. had labored to build 49 years before was destroyed by fire and was replaced on the same site by the present concrete block building.

Thieves also took their toll. One bold one in about 1963 went in through a window, loaded a shopping cart with goods and fled with food, basket and all.

Tomek's store became Clayton's Market when Mr. Duff took over in 1969. The new owner later expanded his business to include an ice cream parlor at the rear which he kept open during summer months.

Employees in both departments have included Louise Black, Penny Henebry, Terry Stuck, Jim Colbert, Dennis Davis, Curt Amann, Janet Brockmeyer, Steve Barchesky, Keith Shramek, Tim Brockmeyer, Tammy Colbert, Jackie Stuck, Sue Stonebarger, Debbie Ingram, Pauline Martinek and Mary Blacksher. The business was closed in 1977.

THE ELEVATOR

Standing adjacent to the railroad tracks for most of the Hawk Point history has been an institution the farmers hardly could do without - the elevator.





Harrison Dunard - 1945

The original elevator was built in about 1907 and was sold in 1918 by a Mr. Landwehr to a group of farmers who named it Farmers Cooperative Elevator.

The first manager under the new ownership probably was Boss Davis. His assistant was Clarence (Slim) Gibson.

The next manager, 1920-23, was J. Frank Rinaman. Then followed Harrison Dunard who managed the business for the next 38 years, until 1961.

Subsequent managers were James Wood, 1961-68; Manuel Shaw, 1969-72; and Bob Dunard to present.

Salary for the manager in 1933 was \$50 per month and 10 percent of any profits over \$1,800.00.

The function of the elevator is to buy and sell wheat, corn and beans, sell fertilizer, animal health products, pesticides, fencing



Hawk Point Elevator - early 1920's

post, feed and lumber.

Early shareholders were Joe Shilharvey, Joe Norton, William Stanek, Henry Martinek, Tom Mallan, Frank Knizel Sr., John Knizel, Frank Martinek, John A. Brown, Lee Brown, Frank Shilharvey, J. D. Shilharvey, Gus Shilharvey, Jordan Kallash, Pete Kuda, Eugene Powell, Lonzo Crouse, Tony Baker, Fred Crouse, John W. Kerpash, Frank Crouse, Frank Knizel Jr., Frank Baker, Joe J. Martinek, George Domazlicky, Charles Mallan, C. L. Martinek, A. H. Morrison, F. A. Finley, Amos Rinaman and Abe H. Monroe.

Some board members through the years have been John Barbee, Casper Lansche, Louis Meine, Joe Jones, Dee Harper, Henry Windman, Frank Knizel Sr., Allie L. Monroe, John H. Monroe Jr., Henry Martinek, George Winters, G. P. Barley, Harry Norton, John Luelf, Albert Peterson, Carl Detweiler Sr., Frank Reese, Fred Martinek, Albert Peterson, Vannie Vejvoda, Judge Folta, Don Wiss, Arthur K. Schaper, Joe Wing Jr., Leland Witt, John Knizel, Tom Kelly, J. H. Monroe, Frank Martinek, E. H. Casner and Arthur Ray Schaper.

HARDWARE-LUMBER BUSINESS

One of the more thriving businesses in Hawk Point almost from the town's inception has been the sale of hardware, lumber and building supplies, sometimes all from one ownership, sometimes not.

The major hardware-lumber enterprise over much of Hawk Point's history has been the Duncan operation which was under the proprietorship, either in whole or part, of William Duncan or his father W. H. Duncan for 50 years.

But the original business was started by William Elliott, not long after the town began. First he started the lumber yard where the present buildings are and then in about 1908 or 1909 he built the hardware store, the same building long occupied by the Duncan business.

He ran the lumber yard and his son May operated the business. One of this employees, from 1910 to 1913, was Gola Gordon.

The Elliott yard advertised in the 1917 Transcript that they carried a full line of building supplies, such as lumber, shingles, lathes, plaster, cement, brick, windows and doors.

Mr. Elliott did not keep the hardware store long. His sale of it to H. H. Eversmeyer was the first in a number of transactions that led eventually to the sole ownership by the senior Mr. Duncan in 1932.

First Mr. Eversmeyer sold half interest to S. M. Davis and the two, with the help of Frank Eversmeyer, sold not only hardware but buggies and farm implements.

H. H. Eversmeyer sold his part to J. C. Giles who in 1919 sold his interest to Mr. Duncan. The store at that time was named D and D Hardware.

In about 1924, W. E. Giles bought out Mr. Davis and then upon Mr. Giles' death in 1932, Mr. Duncan became sole owner.

In the meantime, the lumber yard had come under the ownership of Logan Armstrong, who sold feed there, and operated a truck line to St. Louis where he took eggs, chickens, hog and cattle and brought back groceries and freight.

Among those working for him were Felix Steiger, John Armstrong and Raymond Crouch.

Mr. Armstrong had a contract once to haul gravel for area roads and to accomplish this bought four new Model T trucks, with neither windshields, seat or bed. A wooden box was built to hold about a yard of gravel.

Edward Crouch, Pete Witt, Frank Wing and Henry Wing worked for Mr. Armstrong on that job.

The Armstrong Lumber business was sold to the C. J. Harris Company, a chain with headquarters in Ferguson, in 1947.

The first manager for Harris was Porter Conley. In 1951, Tony Knizel took over as manager until the business was sold to William Duncan sometime in the 1950s.

Martin Leek then became the yard man for Mr. Duncan.

The Duncan business was sold in 1969 to a corporation that included Mr. Duncan, his son Bob, Joe Myrick, Donald Thompson, Mike Murphy and John Eversmeyer, who became the manager.

Then in 1971, the business was sold to Ed Rhodes who ran it until the fall of 1975.

Mr. Duncan's employees over the years were Vannie Kallash, Pat Kliever, Lee Brown, Bob Duncan, Ed Chambers, Earl Miller, Howard Reese, Frank Stanek, Bob Delaloye and Jean Ann Duncan.

R. C. Spires worked both for Mr. Eversmeyer and Mr. Rhodes.

The hardware-lumber business at that location was revived in the spring of 1977 under the ownership of the Dulin-Harrell Lumber Company. The old Duncan hardware building was renovated and a new lumber warehouse, at 97x120 feet, the largest in Lincoln County, was built. The store stocks 33,000 different items.

The building which was the original Armstrong lumber office and shed was torn down to make room for the new building.

Helping to run the business are William Tipton, Bill Phillips, Neva Harrell Rankin and Herman Green.

Two other hardware businesses have operated in Hawk Point and one still is.

One is Davis Paint and Hardware owned by Don Davis since July 1969 until 1977. Mr. Davis opened the store at the rear of Clayton Duff's store and moved to the present building next door, purchased from the estate of Charles Broz in 1971.

Mr. Davis, who came to Hawk Point in 1950 and is married to the former Pearl Duff, also did plumbing and electrical work.

The other store is Hawk Point Hardware, owned by Kathryn Norton since Dec. 19, 1975. She operates a gift shop from the same building and Bill Foster sells Uregas from there.

A forerunner to Mrs. Norton's business at that location was Bill Brown's Hardware Store. He had purchased the property in 1948 from Lawrence Portenheimer and added to the building bit by bit. The following year, he went into the hardware and electrical appliance business with his father, Lee Brown.

Bill's first business was on Main Street next door to the Enterprise where he repaired radios and television sets.

He died on Dec. 17, 1966 of burns he received in a stove explosion and fire. He was 40 years old at his death.

DRUG STORES

Hawk Point had a drug store for most of its history, but as nearly as can be determined, never more than one at a time.

The name most associated with the drug store business in Hawk Point is Thurstin. Aubra Thurstin and George Middlekamp established a drug store in about 1907 across the street to the north from the Clayton Duff store site.



A.E. Thurstin - 1940

In about 1909, Mr. Middlekamp bought out Mr. Thurstin and took in his brother Poodle as a partner. The business was called Purity Pharmacy.

Mr. Thurstin bought out the business in 1915. It had been moved to a location north of the Enterprise on Main Street by that time. Later, a second story was added for living quarters.

Aubra Thurstin and his wife Mollie Monroe Thurstin operated the store at that location until 1948 when their son Everett took over.

In later years, the business continued to be called a drug store, but in actuality was more of a confectionery and convenience store where candy, soda, ice cream and other snacks and miscellaneous items were sold.

The store also was a favorite place for some of the townsmen to gather for cards and small talk.

The business was discontinued in about 1961 and the building torn down.

Operation of a drug store in the early days was substantially different than at present. The druggist did not have to have special training because prescriptions were filled only under the supervision of a physician. In Aubra Thurstin's case, Dr. Butler assisted.

Drug stores also sold patent medicine and in the very early days, the only way alcohol could be sold was by a doctor's prescription.

FUNERAL HOMES

During two periods of Hawk Point history, the town has had a local funeral parlor -- in the very early days and the present. In between, townspeople had to rely on out-of-town funeral service, usually in Troy.

The early-day parlor was owned by F. A. Ordelheide and was located about where the restaurant is now.

The way the business was practiced at that time gives some insight into funeral customs of the day, some of which have not changed much to this time.

The coffins were made by the funeral home carpenter, George Burgess, who also ran the parlor for a number of years.

The undertaker would take the coffin to the home of the

deceased and lay the body out bathing, clothing and closing the eyes by placing nickels on them.

The custom of the day was to keep the body at home for viewing and in some cases to hold the funeral there. Otherwise, the horsedrawn hearse would take the body to the church if that is where the funeral was to be held.

Large crowds would gather at the home of the deceased and sit up until the funeral. Someone would stay awake with the body throughout each night until burial.

One custom that has not changed much from those years is the practice of friends and neighbors taking food to the home of the bereaved.

The hearse that was used looked much like a stagecoach except it was much fancier.

About a block east of the old funeral home site is the new one, on the corner where the bank once stood. Marsh Funeral Chapel is owned by Lois Marsh and her sons Jim and Clay. The Marsh family has owned and operated Kemper Marsh Funeral Home in Troy for many years.

The Hawk Point Chapel was opened in June 1973 and the first funeral there was for Charles Martinek who died in his 90s after falling from a ladder. He had predicted perhaps jokingly, that he would be the first to use the chapel.

W. P. Graham is manager of the chapel and Billy Joe Foster worked as the embalmer and director until 1977.

BLACKSMITHS

The village smithy of poet's lore has been a reality in Hawk Point from the start and is certainly not a lost art even today.

A farming community always has depended heavily on the skill of the blacksmith.

When the railroad came through in 1904, at least two blacksmiths set up shop in town. One was John Kliever who with his son Ed would occupy the same corner in the same business for 52 years.

The location is where Jim Zumwalt's trailer now sits.

The other early blacksmith was a man named Chess Harding who at first had a shop out near Blair town but moved to Hawk Point when the town began to grow.

The other historic blacksmith site in Hawk Point is the present one where Frank Mashek has plied his trade since 1946. Frank, who very much looks the part of the blacksmith, is regarded as a master of his art. Many people feel there is no machine he cannot fix.

The shop had been built by Joe Stransky who ran it from 1930 until 1946. For about three years, Henry Wing was his partner.

HAIR CARE

The trend in the business of making people's hair look better has been decidedly away from barber shops and toward beauty shops in Hawk Point.

Over a period of years, there have been any number of barber shops in Hawk Point, including no fewer than four during one year -- 1925. But there is no barber shop there now.

On the other hand, there was no women's beauty shop in town until some time in the 1950s, but since then there have been seven shops, including four still in business.

Hawk Point's first barber probably was John Withous, who opened his shop in 1910. Rolla Logan was a competitor that

TELEPHONE COMPANIES



Winn Atteberry, Barber - 1961, Ron Hall, Marilym

year and continued in business until 1920.

Tom Elton opened a shop in 1916, which included a confectionery. It was not uncommon in the middle years for a barber to also sell beer and confections in the shop as well as cutting hair.

Elton featured cuts, shampoos, shaves, massages and face bleach. He sold out to Frank Martin in December 1916.

Otho Barley was a barber in Hawk Point at least as early as 1918 and at least as late as 1925. Other barbers in 1925 were Clint Turnbull, Bill Guinn and Slim Gibson.

Later barbers included Dick Henebry, Winn Atterberry, who cut hair in Hawk Point from 1952 to 1965, Don Blechle in 1968 and finally Albert Stanek.

Locations of all the shops is not clear, but the later ones at least were on Main Street in about the middle of the block.

Hawk Point's first beautician was Alida Knizel, wife of Tony Knizel, who opened up her shop after doing her apprenticeship with Alberta Adams of Troy.

Mrs. Knizel closed the shop in 1959.

Two shops were started in 1962 and one of these, Darlyne's is still in operation.

Darlyne Colbert started business in her home at Duncan and Walnut on June 11, 1962, after serving an apprenticeship with Billie's Beauty Shop in Pattonville.

Mrs. Colbert, who incidentally is the only woman ever to be elected to the Hawk Point town board, recalls the difficulty in competing with home permanents when she first opened.

Mrs. Colbert, wife of William Colbert, met her husband to be while in this area to visit a relative.

Also starting in 1962 was Janet Wiss who continued until about 1970. Her shop was where Danny Martinek lives.

Jean Tallent ran a beauty shop behind what is now Marsh Chapel in 1970-71.

This is the location of Shirley Lindemann's shop which opened in 1971. Part-time help in that shop has been Sandy Fraley, Janet Mallory, Elaine Sanderson and Peggy Leedom.

Barbara Heimann's beauty shop located in her home just south and west of the railroad tracks was started in 1965.

The Style Shop is owned and operated by Barbara Allen Smith and opened in Feb. 1975. It is located next door to the Post Office. Barbara went to St. Andrews Beauty College in St. Charles. The evolution of telephone service in Hawk Point undoubtedly has brought about many developments but details of most of them are somewhat sketchy.

The first indication of telephone service for the community comes from the town board minutes of 1912 which stated that H. F. Wilburn was granted a 20 year lease to build a telephone exchange. The rate was to be \$1 for the box and 25 cents per month for a party line.

There is no further word on whether Mr. Wilburn carried through on his franchise.

Nevertheless, a switchboard was established and was first run by Mrs. Leona Allen, followed by Thelma Gunther. Tina Hunter operated the board during World War I, followed by Mrs. Tom Kinion and Myrtle Cregger. Mrs. Cregger's daughters, Helen Hamilton and Petty Drunert, also helped on the switchboard.

Lincoln County Telephone Co. headed by Fred Meade, bought telephone service rights in Hawk Point from Missouri Union Co. in 1942 and continued until selling to Continental Telephone Co. the present operator, in 1960.

Dial telephones were introduced in Hawk Point in 1936.

The telephone book in 1931, which might have been toward the end of the Wilburn franchise, offers some indication of how widely the service was taken and who and what businesses were in Hawk Point at that time. The listings follow:

William Allen, Logan Armstrong, Armstrong Lumber Co., John Barbee, William Barley, Thad Bishop, Ben Borgmann, Richard Brown, Dr. John Butler, Frank Chaney, Omer Colbert, Mrs. P. A. Colbert, Herman Cregger, Mrs. Andrew Crouch.

Dr. Diggs, Albert Drosselmeyer, Oscar Drunert, Duncan and Giles Hardware, W. L. Duncan, C. S. Eames, Elevator, Enterprise, Henry Eversmeyer, Gus Frank, Mrs. Jennie Giles, Alton Gililland, Allie Hall, Ed Hamilton, C. A. Harper office, John Harper, Henry Harbaum.

Hawk Point Garage, Tom Henebry, Fred Henke, Amiel Hesterber, W. B. Howell, Willie Kowazek, Charles Krueger, Pete Kuda, Albert Neumann, August Nieman, Frank Nieman, Florence Nordwald, Sylvester Norton, W. F. Landwehr, Joe Langenecker.

Martin Leek, Will Martinek, Martinek's Garage, W. H. McCullough, Clarence McMahan, John Monroe, Henry Mordt, William Mordt, Alton Morris, Henry Pope, William Pieper, J. W. Powell Garage, Fred Rector, Charles Reynolds, Elmer Rinaman, Everett Rinaman, W. F. Rinaman.

Will Sanker, August Schroer, Albert Shramek, Joe Shramek, William Wilson, Henry Windman, William Windman, George Winters, Charles Zalabak and Frank Zalabak.

AUTOMOBILES

The history of Hawk Point coincides almost exactly with the history of the automobile. In 1904, when the town was in its infancy, the car was still a curiosity, a horseless carriage that many saw as no more than a toy or a passing fad.

Within a decade, Hawk Point had pretty well built up to size and the car was making its presence felt as well.

Those who remember the early years of this century in Hawk Point can recall the excitement that was caused when automobiles first came to town.

Hawk Point was on a main route between Mexico and St.

Louis, so there was opportunity to see some traffic.

A car coming from the west would raise a great cloud of dust on the prairie, which told Hawk Point that a car was coming. The curious youngsters would line the street in anticipation and anxious mothers would wring their hands and shoo their young to safety.

After the car passed, the children would rush out to see the tracks it had made, likening them to traces from a large snake.

One of the first Hawk Pointers to own a car probably was Martin Leek who had a 1913 Krit. Rudolph Holt bought a new 1914 Cadillac which William Martinek reportedly drove from St. Louis for him. Ability to drive in those days was generally confined to mechanics.

After Mr. Holt took his first drive, he parked the car and then couldn't remember how to get it in reverse. Consequently, he had to drive through the barnyard and around the barn twice before getting it back on the road.

J. A. Thompson is reported as buying a new Dodge in 1917.

A Philip Meister showed an uncommon amount of ingenuity by building his own car, one with solid steel tires.

His mechanical ability apparently was better than his powers of prophecy. He predicted that the car of the future would have the kind of tires he put on his car.

There were not many people who could service cars in those days, but Hawk Point had at least two. Mr. Martinek, who ran the machine shop, did some car work and the Kliever brothers claimed they could repair any car.

In 1915, Hawk Point had its first, and one of very few, car dealerships. A physician, Dr. J. J. Devereaux, was the agent for Maxwell cars, which sold for \$695.00. An electric starter was \$55.00 extra. Rol Thompson had a Chevy dealership in about 1919 but details are sketchy.

Gasoline sales outlets began to spring up about that time. Tomek's in 1915 sold gasoline in 50 gallon lots at 11 cents a gallon.

In 1914, the Enterprise asked the town board for permission to dig a hole to put a gasoline tank in. Six years later, two permits were sought for gasoline stations, one by Riley Thompson, the other was Shilharvey-Brown. Locations of both were on the west side of Main in front of their respective garages.

The coming of the automobile also attracted the attention of the town board with respect to traffic regulations.

Hawk Point's first speed ordinance was enacted in 1914. Signs were to be posted prohibiting automobiles from exceeding 8 miles per hour.

In 1918, the board ordained that cars could not operate after dark without lights and must stay on the right hand side of the road.

It wasn't long, of course, before cars, mechanics, traffic laws, and all that go with them would become commonplace.

TRUCKERS-HAULERS

The throaty chug of a powerful truck engine on roads in and near Hawk Point usually means some farmer is getting needed supplies or maybe that his livestock is on the way to market. To a rural community, the hauling business is a critical lifeline.

It has always been in Hawk Point, even during times that pre-date trucks. It started with horses and wagons and the business was called draying, but it meant essentially the same as trucking does today.



Lonzo and Maryln Drunert - 1942

One of the first was John "Boss" Davis who from about 1915 to about 1920 used a team and wagon to haul wood and other freight into town.

Later coal began to come into greater use and another hauler, John F. Witt, hauled much of that commodity during the early 1920s.

During that same period, from about World War I into the 1920s, a commercial livery service doubled as a hauling enterprise, using what many recall as a heavy wagon perhaps 16 feet long.

Managers included Ed Cottle, Lee Tuttle and E. V. Burgess. Hauling during the early years, was largely for family use and consequently nearly everyone was involved to one degree or another.

Among them were Clarence McMahan and Marion Sonner.

The first hauling business in Hawk Point using motor vehicles reportedly was started by twins Fred and Charles Martinek in 1928. They hauled stock and grain to market for farmers.

The business from that beginning can be traced through several owners to 1965 when Robert Kallash sold it and moved to Troy.

The first transfer was in 1938 when Fred Martinek bought his brother out. He then sold to William "Dutch" Drunert five years later.

Drunert had started in the trucking, feed and fertilizer business in 1936 and about a year later started selling Dixie Feed from a shed next to his house. He was heavily involved in hauling livestock and eggs to St. Louis markets. In 1950, Drunert sold his trucks to the Shaw brothers, Manuel and Norman Shaw. They employed Hiram Allen and John Daniels as drivers.

Two years later, Don Wiss bought the trucks and in the meantime Norman Shaw and Bob Shilharvey went into the lime hauling business, Bob until 1953 and Norman until 1955.

Wiss and his wife operated the trucking business, which also included grain and livestock and lime hauling until 1957, when they sold to Kallash and his wife. The Wisses employed as drivers his brother, Neal, and Herbert Grover. The Kallashes operated the trucking business from a building behind the Hawk Point Hardware where they also sold feed and fertilizer.

Later-day truckers include Don Smith who operated from 1965 to 1971 from the old Texaco building. He sold the business to one of his employees, Don Seeger Jr. who sold the trucks in 1973. Two years later, Seeger and his father started hauling stock and lime on a more limited basis.

Current haulers include Gary Shaw and his father Lowell, and Clayton Shaw, who started trucking lime and fertilizer in 1967 even before he left high school.

Clayton during busy seasons has had more than one truck working. His drivers have included: Donald Thompson Jr., Kenny Shaw, Keith Shramek, Jack Jones, Dennis Winter, Larry Henebry, Kevin Leek and Eugene Neumann.

GARAGES

Service stations and garages have cropped up in Hawk Point in different locations and under different proprietorships with some regularity, particularly over the past 50 years the ownership of automobiles became almost universal.

No doubt there were places to buy gasoline in the early days, in the general stores if no place else.

And Martinek's garage also serviced the relatively few cars and trucks beginning in about 1913.

But one of the earliest complete service stations apparently was one operated by Preacher Powell and Olin Morris starting in about 1928.

The location was the old Shell building that previously had been a store. It served as a service station until 1960 under a variety of ownerships. The building recently was torn down.

The proprietor at the location after Powell and Morris probably was Charles Prior who started in about 1933, but a short time later moved to new quarters built for him by Texaco, next to Todd's present garage.

Opal Giles ran a garage at the Shell station after Mr. Prior and before Oscar Beck began his business there in about 1936.

Mr. Beck was there for about 14 years before selling out to Ralph Cunningham who had it for about a year.

In 1952, A. L. Todd bought the business and the building -- it was owned by Mrs. Alton Morris, Olin Morris's mother -- and he ran his business there until 1960 when he moved to his present location at the Highway 47 corner.

Meanwhile, Mr. Prior sold his Texaco business to Al Busch in 1944 and Mr. Busch in turn sold out to Leland Witt in 1946.

Leland had working for him at different times Lowell Cope, John Matustik and Gene See.

Gene See and Bob Walton bought the business in the mid-1950s from Leland Witt and they ran it until selling to Bill Doll Sr. and his son Joe in 1960.

Five years later, the Dolls moved to a new building across Highway 47. In 1967, the Dolls were given an Allis Chalmers dealership and a year later, a third partner went into the business, Bill Doll Jr.

The business moved a second time on July 1, 1970, when new quarters west of town on Highway A were established. The Dolls built the building themselves.

The business also was expanding. The dealership for International trucks was added and a car wash was built.

The business has been and continues to be a family operation, with Joe Doll Jr. and Frank Doll working in the business. Others who have been employed by the Dolls have been Glen Tomek, Donald Thompson Jr., Charles Hager, Lawrence Kuda, Joe Zalabak and Dave Myers.

A. L. Todd, who had moved his business from the Shell building to the highway corner in 1960, also changed to dealing in Mobil products.

Mr. Todd, a native of Americus, had become acquainted in Hawk Point by being in the CCC at Troy before World War II. He married Irma Cunningham in 1936 and they set up housekeeping in Hawk Point.

He worked first for his father-in-law, Bill Cunningham, painting and hanging paper, before buying a truck and operating a general hauling service.

In conjunction with his garage business, Mr. Todd sells used cars, specializing in reclaiming damaged cars. The body shop has been one of the most important phases of his business.

Tilford Beck was a mechanic for Mr. Todd for 22 years. Others who have helped are Richard Henebry, John Howdeshell, Gene Crouch, Charlie Colbert, Don Smith, Erman Alcorn plus his four sons, Gene, Billy, Ralph and George.

Another service station location for a number of years was on Highway 47 on the east edge of town. In 1947, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crouch bought an acre of ground there, put up a building and began selling Phillips 66 products. Later he expanded by selling used cars.

The Crouches sold the business in 1956 to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Steiger who operated it briefly before selling it back to the Crouches.

Then in 1958, Melvin Wright bought the business and he and his son Charles ran it for 10 years before selling it to Bernard O'Hanlon. In 1969, Mr. O'Hanlon sold it to Gene Crouch, son of Raymond.

Gene recently discontinued the business.

One of the three present service stations in Hawk Point belongs to Don Smith who built a metal building on Highway 47 north of the railroad tracks. He opened for business in August 1974.

Earlier, Mr. Smith had operated the Texaco station on Highway 47 previously owned by the Dolls.

Don came to Hawk Point in 1958 to work at the elevator. He later started his own truck business. His wife is the former Barbara Allen.

Those who have worked for Don are Bobby Stanek, Wallace Kersting, Rodney Gibson, Steve Barchesky and Terry Stuck.

Another early service station was situated near the current location of the Hawk Pointer Restaurant. Operating it was Bill Logan, from about 1938 to 1940. Bill's brother Joe Logan worked for him.

Bill Logan also had a Pontiac auto dealership for a year or two in Hawk Point before moving to Silex.

Elwood Keeling operated a garage in 1974-75 on the Norton Road east of Hawk Point.

Two garage-service stations started in business in Hawk Point in 1977.

Fred Beck erected a building just south of the Enterprise on the former site of the Diamond Bar. He began with a general garage business in 1976, but in June 1977 put in gasoline pumps. He handles Skelly products.

John Duff in April 1977 opened a garage at the location long operated by Raymond and Gene Crouch on Highway 47. Like the Crouches, Mr. Duff handles Phillips 66 products.

INSURANCE AGENTS

A number of individuals have sold insurance in Hawk Point from its very early days until the present.

Two of the early agents were C. A. Harper, who represented

the Springfield Company, and W. F. Guinn who sold insurance for Hartford of Connecticut.

William Duncan bought the Harper Insurance Agency from Harper's widow in about 1940. Most of the business was fire and auto insurance. Mr. Duncan phased out of the business by the early 1960s.

George Nasser, an early-day Hawk Point entrepreneur, sold Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance from before 1930 into the 1960s.

Manuel Shaw sold Square Deal Hail Insurance for 10 years until 1967 and has sold Capital Reserve Life Insurance from 1957 to the present.

Al Monroe, a Burlington ticket agent in Hawk Point, also sold American Family Casualty Insurance starting in about 1948. When he left Hawk Point, Donald Thompson took over in 1954 and he turned it over to his son Donald, in 1976.

RESTAURANTS

It has been the exception rather than the rule in Hawk Point's history that the town has offered dining out facilities, if the tavern, hamburger or drug store confection can be disregarded.

The present restaurant business has been the town's longest running one and possibly the only one other than a relatively brief stand back in the 1920s.

Harry L. Thurman ran the Hawk Point Restaurant from 1924 to 1927 adjacent to the Enterprise. The restaurant probably had two locations there at different times.

The restaurant served meals three times a day and would serve light lunches anytime. Among those who worked there were Reba Martinek, Flora Claggett, Mary Thurstin and Opha Kinion Norton.

The Thurmans also ran a boarding house in their home for a number of years.

The present Hawk Pointer Restaurant has been in operation since Oct. 13, 1969 at its location where the old town meeting hall once stood.

The building was erected by Leonard Stuck for the first owners, Monte and Darlene Leek.

The first day of business was notable because heavy rains threatened flash flooding and caused cancellation of schools. The first dollar was spent with the new owners by Gene Zlotopolski.

Business started off with a boom, which was not an unmixed blessing, and Darlene soon discovered she needed more help.

The first day, only Vicki Shramek was on duty with Darlene. The next day Barbara Hasty was hired as a waitress.

Then the Saturday night rush caught the owner unprepared for a crowd of that size.

Others who worked for the Leeks before they sold the restaurant on Aug. 1, 1971, were Ruth Beck, Betty Ann Strus, Mary Kerpash, Jeri Long, Joyce Lansche, Kathy Kinion, Jewel Strus, Ann Spires, Brenda Logan, Pauline Martinek, Sharon Brockmeyer, Barbara O'Hanlon, Marilyn Hall, Janet Barchesky, Mary Thurstin (she also worked for Harry Thurman in the 1920s), Doris Heitman, Blanch Striebel, Lois Seeger, Mary Jo Twellman, Karen Rhodes and Evelyn Tompkins.

Bill Vahey bought the Leeks out and hired Mrs. Tompkins as manager. Among those working for her were Jackie Tompkins, Sissy Tuepker, Bonnie Robbins, Pam Christopher, Rose Martinek and Ruby Howdeshell, who became manager Jan. 8, 1973.

Working for her were Jennie Baldwin, Robin Hall, Cheryl Howdeshell, Barbara Twellman, June Stanek, Donna Henebry, Jane Brockmeyer, Tina Eveland, Joan Twellman, Kathi Baue, Janice Todd, Shelly Barchesky, John Howdeshell Sr., Pam Haarmann, Jane Brockmeyer, Theresa Twellman, Becky Domermuth, Bonnie Boster, Phyllis Stanek and Donna Henebry.

AUCTIONS

The fluid rolling chant of the auctioneer surrounded a crowd of buyers, sellers and merely curious is the signal for more than economic transactions -- it is the theme song for one of rural America's great social events -- the country sale.

This is certainly true of Hawk Point and has been for many years.

Household sales, machinery sales, real estate sales, livestock sales - that all have a seemingly irresistible attraction and rarely fail to draw big crowds.

What they witness usually is a trading for used merchandise at prices that might bear little resemblance to real value. Sale goers enjoy telling of unbelievable bargains and exorbitant prices they have just seen.

The typical sale has a general carnival atmosphere with dinner on the grounds and usually some enterprising club, church or young person who sets up a hot dog and soda stand.

Auctioneering has changed some over the years. At one time, buying was done by name; now it is by number. Once the auctioneer relied on his lungpower; today loud speakers are used.

Hawk Point has had a number of auctioneers over the years, though information about some of the early ones is sketchy.

A current auctioneer is Nick Allen who as a lad would go to all the sales he could and then go behind the barn and practice his selling technique.

His first try at the thing came in 1959 when Nick was 17 and

Walter Botkin and Ken LaRue let him sell a kerosene lamp. A couple of years later, Nick had his first sale alone, which was for his grandfather Allie Allen.

After auctioneering for five years, Nick went to the Missouri Auction School in Kansas City and later worked for a couple of years at the Central Missouri Livestock Market at Mexico. He later worked with Botkin and Jim Bethel.



FARM SALE - 1971

Left to right: Bob Monroe, Dell Black, Larry Black, Norman Shaw, Clayton Shaw, Russell Monroe, Lowell Shaw, Donald Seeger. Nick said the biggest sale he ever had grossed nearly \$300,000.00 and on one occasion a common kerosene lamp brought \$310.

He said he sold a famous frontiersmen's gun for \$2,100.00.

Another local auctioneer was Doug Walton who also went to school to help learn the trade. He started about 1920 and worked part-time until about 1936 when he teamed up with King Engle, handling mostly farm and real estate sales. They worked until the early 1950s.

Jack Howell ran a livestock sale barn just south of Hawk Point where Londo Luelf lives for a couple of years in the early 1950s.

Other local auctioneers of times past were J. W. Thompson and L. P. Thurman.

A typical early-day sale bill was one advertising the auction on the Henry Frank farm 2¹/₂ miles west of Hawk Point on Feb. 15, 1909.

It offered for sale a disc cultivator, walking cultivator, mower, binders, 60-tooth harrow, three-horse plow, two-horse plow, stump plow, double shovel, wheat drill, one-horse corn drill, spring wagon, farm wagon, bay horse, bay mare, gray mare, suckling colt, 8 cows fresh in spring, 3 two-year-old steers, one bull and heifer, 300 bushels of corn, 50 bushels of oats, household and kitchen furniture and "other items too numerous to mention".

The terms were credit for six months on sums over \$1,000.00 and without interest if paid on time. Transactions under \$10 were to be in cash. Gus Frank was the guardian and G. L. Thurman the auctioneer. Lunch would be on the grounds.

Country auctions were and are alive with the human quality because there is nearly always a story behind each sale and nearly everyone present knows what it is, whether it be death, retirement, failure or maybe a moving on to better things.

TAVERNS

There was never much chance that Hawk Point would have voted itself dry if ever the opportunity had arisen. At least in the latter part of its history, anywhere from one to four taverns have operated at any given time and for the most part have done an ample business.

This may not have been true at the start. For instance, in 1909 the town government passed an ordinance that no merchant could sell intoxicating liquor. The only exception was by a druggist and by prescription. Whether this prohibited a tavern from the dispensing of beer only is not clear.

However, the merchants license list in 1921 does not reveal a tavern, nor does the telephone directory of 1931.

The first Hawk Point tavern is believed to have been run by John Knizel and a man named Elfrank where the present post office is located. The year is not certain.

In 1938, John Duff bought a tavern from Rolla Logan and sold it in 1943.

The building across the street east of Duncan's Hardware building was long a tavern location under several ownerships.

The first, or one of the first, owners was Ed Shepherd who sold it to Richard Henebry in 1934. The next owner was J. W. Kliever, who bought it about 1940.

Everett Crouch was the next owner, buying the tavern in about 1946 and operating it until he sold it to Frank and Joe Broz and Leonard Horst in 1948.

During the same period of time, Mr. Crouch also operated a

tavern in a building adjacent to the Enterprise.

The next proprietors at that location, taking over in about 1949, were Bill and Wanda Siefert. They sold out to Tom Jost.

Also operating a tavern there for a time was Joe Prior.

Another tavern location of some long standing, and the only present one, is in the middle of the block on the west side of Main Street.

The first owner there was Curt Montrey, who established the business in 1948. He sold the tavern to Ralph Sonner a short time later.

The frame building was destroyed by fire in about 1952 and Mr. Sonner rebuilt the present structure.

The present owner is Clifford and Ella Colbert, who bought the tavern in 1955. The business has been a family affair with the children, Carolyn, Jim, Ricky and Curtis helping along with Clifford's sister, Carrie Earnest.

The location to the south across from the Enterprise was a tavern site for 14 years under the same name, The Diamond Bar, but under a variety of managements.

The first owner was an association consisting of John and Frank Knizel, Petie Peterson, Paul Stanek, Emmett Hoffmann, Fred and Harry Norton. Joe Myrick, Tom Jost and Gladys Nordwald, and perhaps others worked there.

Some of the early managers were Billy Vahey, Sam Tomik, a Mr. Brassell and Frank Foutch. In 1954, Joe and Ann Hoffmann bought the bar and ran it themselves until selling it in 1968 to Ned and Bertie Gentry.

The last owner of the Diamond Bar was Don Smith. The building burned to the ground in 1973.

Another tavern of recent years was the Blue Room, located where Frank Martinek's garage is. It was opened in 1954 by Everett Crouch, but closed within a relatively short time.

Taverns at one time did such a business on weekends that both sides of the streets and along the side streets would be lined with cars.

For a time, Siefert's tavern and the Diamond Bar offered live musical entertainment. Among leaders of these groups were Frank Stanek and Everett Crouch.

The Diamond Bar and Clifford's also featured pool tables and in the case of the former, shuffleboard for a time.

At least one pool tournament was an attraction at the Diamond Bar some years ago.

The taverns provided invitable excitement from time to time.

One major example of this was a wild fist fight that erupted at Sieferts in the spring of 1950 involving some local men and some from a REA Construction crew.

The tavern was jammed with people sitting around tables at the time and in an instant, tables overturned, glasses broke, women screamed and a half dozen or more men were swinging fists and some were knocked to the floor.

What precipitated the brawl is unclear and it ended as suddenly as it started with no major damage reported to any of the participants.

Beer was dispensed from other sources periodically in Hawk Point.

For a time during the 1950s, St. Mary's Hall was the scene of a dance which was customarily well attended.

Then there formerly were at least three summertime picnics -- the Booster's Club, the Firemen's and St. Mary's. The first two used to be held on Main Street and the latter on the church grounds.

Later, the Booster's Picnic became the Homecoming and is now held at the city park.

COAL MINES

Hawk Point was a producer of coal during relatively brief periods of its history when at least two underground mines and some strip operations were running.

The first of these was a mine that opened in about 1900 and closed due to a lawsuit in about 1907.

A strip mine operation that started in 1919 was officially the Hawk Point Coal Mine, but was commonly called the Kumbera mine. Among those who worked there were Glen Barley, Floyd Upson, Bill Archer and Pete Witt. A track was built from the mine to the railroad and a little engine pulled the coal cars to the rail line.

Both of the underground mines, one operated by John McCarty on his land and one leased by Charles Stanek on his land started in the early 1930s and closed down in about 1940.

The mine on the Stanek property was known as the Acme Coal Mine. The mine went 20 feet down before it hit a coal vein five feet by five feet. Rooms went back 50 or 60 feet.

Among those who worked there were Artie Brown, Charles Stanek Jr. and Paul Stanek.

An explosion in 1938 cost Charlie Stanek Jr. an eye.

Mr. McCarty also dug down about 15 to 20 feet and then started forward. A blast would loosen the coal and then it would be scooped into buckets to be pulled out by a mule named Kate.

Mr. McCarty delivered coal, which was especially suitable for use by bakers, to customers around the area.

A cave-in occurred at the mine one day. No one was hurt, but the noise so frightened Kate that she jumped out of her harness and ran home.

Helping at the mine were Johnny Young, Wilb Claggett, Telly Gililland, Clyde McCarty and some of the older McCarty sons.

TIMBER-STAVE BUSINESS

For a relatively brief period of time, a thriving stave bolt and sawmill business was enjoyed in and around Hawk Point, bringing a number of new families into the area and providing employment for many others.

The St. Louis Coperage Co. operated the stave mill north of Hawk Point on Route D on what is now Garner's farm.

The raw material was the pin and white oak plentiful in the area and the finished product was barrel staves which were shipped to St. Louis for use by the breweries.

The stave mill opened in 1944 by the St. Louis company which at first had only a truck and a small tractor to haul the timber out of the woods.

The business grew and soon independent haulers -- among them were Bob Henebry, Dell Black, Harold Leek, Carb and Ben Canaday - used their own trucks to haul stave bolts to the mill.

The company usually had 15 to 20 men working. Some of them were called sawyers, such as Ben Canaday, Jim Cisco and Claude Shrum. They did the sawing when the bolts were brought to the mill.

Most of the tree-cutting was done with two-man crosscut saws. Later a few chainsaws made their appearance. When the ground was soft, horses and mules were used to skid the bolts out of the woods.

At the peak of production, two stave mills and a head mill were operating.

The mill operation was discontinued in 1950.

Many of the permanent timber and stave mill workers came to Hawk Point from Salem.

Some of the timber and stave mill workers included John McCarty, Alonzo Hammett, Syl Hammett, Bill Martinek, Francis Zalabak, Tony Knizel, Buel Witt, Albert Collins, Randall Duff, Roy Canaday, Cecil Radford, Vernon Witt, Roy Phillips, Kenny, Bill and Bob Atchison, Glen, Ralph and Norman Woods, Alonze Light, Joe Zalabak, John Matustik, Gene and Jess Williams, Walter Crouch, Lawrence and Leroy Lansche, George Duff, Henry Quillmann, Gene Tuepker and Dee Perkins.

LIVESTOCK - BUSINESS

Businesses relating in some way to livestock have grown to some importance in the Hawk Point area in recent years.

The largest in relation to its field is Agri-Foods, Inc., a massive egg production and processing operation located on 500 acres four miles north of Hawk Point. This formerly was the Syl Norton farm.

The operation has 500,000 chickens housed in 25 acres of buildings under roof. It consists of laying houses, grading, and cartoning areas, warehouse and shipping area, a feed mill and manure drying plant.

The plant, considered to be the most modern of its type in the United States, is in the top 10 in size in the nation. One of every nine laying hens in Missouri is on the farm.

The operation requires the grain from 15,000 acres per year to feed the chickens. The plant has its own emergency generator, water reservoir and firefighting equipment.

The operation started in July 1975. It is owned by Bill and Herb Steinbrueck.

The manager is Bob Corcoran. Other key personnel are James Wood Jr., maintenance; Don Davis, processing; Bob Hoffmann, production; and Dale Steinbrueck, processing and shipping.

Employees have included Bea Broz, Mary Jane Duff, Alma Stanek, Richard Capestro, Jan Reichart, Carol Martinek, Janet Wippler, Geraldine Keeling, Barbara Free, Barbara Winter, Linda Mills, Linda Eveland, Sherry Garrett, Sue Heitman, Tim



Cattle of Russell Monroe - 1965

Asbridge, Bruce Stanek, Sue Jackson, Bill Kumbera, Martha Eaves and Stan Steinhoff. Many high school youngsters have found part-time employment there also. Among the latest of a long list are Dennis Conder, Pearle Duff, Ron Hall, Cliff Conder, Dennis McCarty, Robbie Howdeshell, Travis Zumwalt, John Duff, Jim Baue and Wayne Scovel to mention only a few.

On Highway 47 east of Hawk Point is the Heinold Hog Market, an affiliate of DeKalb Agriculture research and a large buyer of hogs in the area.

The business opened on Oct. 16, 1972. The first manager was Ken Butler, followed by Steve Mawson and the present manager, Jerry Fox.

Ray Jackson has been assistant manager since the market opened.

A large packing operation, the successor to the one that started south of Hawk Point many years ago, is the Delaloye and Sons Meat Packing Inc.

Robert Delaloye and his sons Richard and Robert Jr. bought the business in 1956 from Ben Borgmann who had a similar operation for a number of years before.

The Delaloye business has grown rapidly from its start. The business remodeled and enlarged its facility in about 1970. And now they operate a wholesale packaged beef and pork route covering an 80-mile radius.

The main features of the business are buying cattle and hogs from farmers, butchering and processing, custom butchering and retail sales of meat.

The business essentially has been a family business enterprise, but as it grew, others went to work for the Delaloyes. Among them are Lowell Cope, Blanch Wolff, Nick Allen, Forest Myers, Ray Wippler, Joe Shramek, Sherry Shramek, Henry Shelton, Harold Cockrell, Steve Barchesky, John Martinek, Darrell Schmidt, Vivian Adkins, Jim White, Janet Wippler, Lavern Bergesch, Kim Shramek, Kathy Kinion, Brenda Leek, Joan Toebben, Anna Withrow, Arnold Thurman, Tom McClure, Mike Brune, Calvin Walkingstick, Wanda Adkins and Jim French.

The fourth current business fitting the livestock label is the Appaloosa horse operation of the Ron Heimann family who started raising the breed in 1960.

At one time, he had 25 head, including 12 brood mares. The business includes breeding and selling the horses and training them for themselves and other people. The Heimanns have shown horses around the nation, winning many prizes.

Ron was instrumental in starting the Missouri Appaloosa Youth Association.

An allied endeavor is the western wear and saddle shop the Heimanns operate in Hawk Point.

SOME RECENT BUSINESSES

Businesses of a variety of types have been established in Hawk Point over the past decade and a half, some to flourish, some to fade away.

At least two small grocery stores were in operation briefly in the area. Mrs. Mary Ford in 1960-61 operated one about three miles north of town on Route D, selling non-perishable items and hunting and fishing licenses. The Northside Grocery operated by Don and Barbara Smith in their home was open in 1963-64. The Smiths had a general weekend grocery supply.

Emil Nothum started Grover Machine Co. in Hawk Point next to the Enterprise in 1961 and kept it open about a year.



BROWN HARDWARE Lee and Billy Brown - 1954

Mr. Nothum invented a machine that made guttering. He had at least one employee, Donald Boone. Mr. Nothum had come from Truxton and moved to Troy after selling out.

At least three builders have been in business in Hawk Point in recent years. Leonard Stuck came to town in 1956 and started his contracting business two years later. Among the buildings he has built are the new bank and the Hawk Point Baptist Church.

Some of his employees had been Ralph Wolff, John Howdeshell, Cecil Jennings, Howard Reese, Herman Stuck, David Wolff, Donald Weinrich, Lou Young and Samuel Moore.

Another contractor was Walter Toothaker who came to Hawk Point in 1961. He did some of the work on the elevator. An employee was Billy Duckett.

Walter Asher established Asher and Sons Roofing in 1961. Working for him have been Donnie Martinek, Charlie Martinek, Junior Colbert, Wayne Krieg, Junior Harrell and Jim Asher.

Ronald Nordwald had a body and paint shop in 1958-61. He bought and repaired damaged cars.

Hawk Point Sheet Metal was started in 1967 by Earl Amann. He was joined the next year by his son Craig. They specialize in heating and cooling.

Chris and Evelyn Davis had a resale shop tor about three months in 1975-76 in the Post Office building.

Two companion businesses have been located in the former Texaco Station across Highway 47 from Todd's Garage since 1973.



LAUNDRYMAT

Opened by Curt Paulus in 1967. Henry and Alma Quillman bought it in 1967.

One is St. Charles Manufacturing Co. owned by Dan and Nancy Guyot. The business specializes in making fence gates and selling them wholesale, mostly in the St. Louis area. An employee is Jack Dunn.

Hawk Point Fencing Center is owned by Bill Schultz and Nancy Guyot and is engaged in manufacture and retail sale of home fencing.

Mary Alice Toothaker operated Merry Ceramics from February 1976 until May 1977. She taught the art of ceramics and had more than 500 items to make or sell.

V. M. K. Kennel was started in 1974 by John and Beverly Broz, who keep 20 dogs for breeding.

A boarding home went into business in 1973 a mile north of Hawk Point under the proprietorship of Melvin and Dorothy Hopkins.

The home can accommodate about six persons at a time. The home is mostly for older people who can still move about.

SPORTS IN AND AROUND HAWK POINT

A large amount of zest is given small town life by sports, spectator and participation, and this has been true of both early-day and modern Hawk Point.

The game with the most continuity in Hawk Point probably has been baseball. For many years, young men have played ball on the field behind the schoolhouse and then have grown to be older men watching the youngsters playing on the same field, a facility now complete with grandstand, lights and an outfield fence.

Hundreds of Hawk Pointers have played baseball or softball on more or less organized teams and quite a number reached a high degree of proficiency.

A few even attained such extraordinary skill as to be remembered for it many years later and to have flirted with professional ball.

One of these was Ben Borgmann, a pitcher with a blazing fastball who sometimes earned \$10 a game. He once went to a St. Louis Cardinal tryout camp and was sent off with what may



BOYS - GIRLS BASKETBALL - 1923-24

Back row: Russell Monroe, Frank Martinek, Burton Kinion, Everett Thurstin, Ray Butler, Leslie Davis, Bob Tomek, Albert Peterson, Coach Charles Juergensmeyer.

Front row: Petty Cregger Drunert, ? Hammett, Elsie Thurstin, Butler, Beulah Kinion, Esabell Monroe Petersmeyer, Mary Leek Thurstin, Opha Kinion Norton, Alice Cregger.

or may not have been considered a compliment: that he had a million dollar arm and a 10-cent head.

Another early-day pitcher who took a shot at the big time was Joe Tomek who performed for about 16 years around Hawk Point. In 1927 he went to a Cardinal tryout camp in Burlington, Iowa, and stayed two weeks at the team's expense.

But his father wanted him to come home to take over the family business and thus ended the budding pro career.

In later years, Neal Leek won a chance at a professional contract with the Cleveland Indians.

Other Hawk Point baseball pitchers, though perhaps not considered professional timber, were noted for other things. For instance, Roy Carl could pitch with either hand and Pete Hunter would wet the catcher's mitt when he pitched, better to make the ball do strange tricks.

Early-day history of Hawk Point baseball is somewhat sketchy, but there is a team picture in existence showing



BANTAMS – 1958 Front row - Bill Doll Jr., Lee Hart, Bobby Martinek, John Howdeshell, Jr.

Row two: Bernie Hoffmann, Johnnie Zalabak, Bob Dunard, George Hasekamp, Johnnie Martinek.



LINCOLN CO. CHAMPS IN 1927

Row one: Frank Martinek, Wilbur Claggett, Adrain Hamilton.

Second row: Albert Peterson, William 'Dutch' Drunert, Lawrence Kuda.

Third row: Hal Walton, Henry Winters, Tony Knizel, Gib Howell, Harold Leek, Coach Rev. Matler.



BALL TEAM - 1969 Back row, left to right: Syl Stanek, Butch Dunard, Roger Stanek, Ned Gentry, Bob Grateke.

Front row: Bob Dunard, Bernie Hoffmann, Nick Hoffmann, Larry Duff.

Sandford Howdeshell, Allie Morrison, David Chappell, Paul Diggs, Joe Diggs, Eddie Boyse, Willie Kowazek, Harry Brown. Eddie Capps, Mascot Bobby Lee Prewitt and coaches Doug Walton and Burton Lee.

Then a team picture taken in 1922 showed Mr. Capps as manager, Jack Eversmeyer, Albert Thurstin, Joe Tomek, Ed Kliever, Roy Butler, Arthur Tomek, Pete Hunter, Fred Norton and Jack Thompson.

The smaller youngsters got into the act in an organized way in about 1955 with the institution of the Khoury League program. Harold Leek, who was the first president, Donald Thompson Sr., the treasurer, and Bill Graham were among the many who helped get the program started.

Mr. Leek served as president until his death in 1966 and was followed by Ralph Wolff, Monte Leek and Wayne Krieg.

The Khoury program supports baseball for boys as young as eight through adults in the Hard Road League. There also is a girls program in a wide range of ages.

A survey among Hawk Pointers to identify the best ballplayers ever to play from Hawk Point was taken in 1976 and it turned up a long list of names, some already have been



GIRL'S BASKETBALL - 1927

Top row: Petty Cregger, Lois Claggett, Mrs. H. Estes coach. Vallie Monroe, Madge Thurstin.

Bottom row: Marie Martinek, Ada Davis, Anna Jane Peterson, Rose Himmel, Alice Wing.

mentioned.

In no particular order they are Ben Borgmann, Harry Norton, Albert Peterson, Bill Dunard Sr., Bob Dunard, Bernie Hoffmann, George Hasekamp, Bill Dunard Jr., J. D. Hunter, Johnny Howdeshell Jr., Don Gordon, Bob Grateke, Homer Stepanek, Jim Kuda, Joe Lansche, Harrison Dunard, Fred Norton Jr., Neal Leek, Mitch Luckett, Ralph Grooms Jr., Syl Reggie Stanek, Dennis Percy, Ronnie Koder, Ronnie Grooms, Paul Cope, Robbie Howdeshell, Jim and Charles Mispagel, Roger Stanek, Larry Black, Ralph Wolff, David Wolff, Web Claggett, Frank Martinek, Bob Tomek, Joe Tomek, Ray Butler, Jack Thompson, Fred Norton, Sr., Ed Kliever, Tony Knizel, Peter Hunter, John Carl and Roy Carl.

One of the major social events of summertime Hawk Point has long been to crowd into the grandstand behind homeplate or line the foul lines either standing or in cars and to root the home team on whether it be little girls, little boys or the men of the town.



BASKETBALL - 1940

Left to right: George S. Knight, Samolene Fasse, Betty Walton, Irene Broz, Marjorie Earnest, Betty Sutton, Dorothy Steiger, Dorothy Witt, Juanita Himmel, Isabelle Monroe.



BASKETBALL-1940

Left to right: Coach George S. Knight, Walter Nichols, Gilbert Shelton, Tom Baker, Junior Van Delta, Reavis Howell, Monte Hunter.



ATOMS ABOUT 1956

Fred Hasekamp - manager, Bernie Hoffmann, George Hasekamp, Billy Doll, Anthony Knizel, Johnnie Howdeshell Jr., ?, ?, Dale Spires, George Todd, Steve Witt, Billy Graham, Tony Knizel - coach, Emmett Hoffmann - coach.

The second major spectator sport prominent in Hawk Point's past has been basketball. During the years when Hawk Point had its own high school, there were no doubt a number of good teams representing it. One such was the squad of 1927-28.

There were just about 20 or 30 students attending the three-year high school in town but from among them was a team good enough to be crowned county champs and go through the season with just three losses. Among the teams Hawk Point defeated were Silex, Truxton, Mexico Military, Elsberry, Winfield and Troy. The local team lost to Warrenton, Bellflower and in a Tri-State tournament at Canton.

Members of that team were Lawrence Kuda, Dutch Drunert, Albert Peterson, Frank Martinek, Wilbur Claggett, Adrian Hamilton, Harold Leek, Hal Walton, Tony Knizel and Harry Winters.

Besides those 10 from the 1927-28 team, some of Hawk Point's best basketball players down through the years have been Ben Borgmann, John K. Young, Kenneth Barley, Barley



GIRLS BASKETBALL – 1929 Beatrice Schmidt, Dorothy Leek, Anne Jane Peterson, Florence Mordt, Lois Claggett, Cleo Logan, Marie Martinek, Helen Broz, Lucille Dunard, Eva Monroe.



BASEBALL - 1939

Bill Dunard, Emmett Hoffmann, Albert Peterson, Harry Norton, James Mispagel, Charles Mispagel, Fred Hasekamp, Cham Fasse, Monte Hunter, Wendell Bremmer, Wayne Schromberg, Ben Borgmann.



GIRLS BASKETBALL - 1927

Standing: Valley Monroe Petersmeyer, Mag Thurstin Bierbaum, Lois Claggett Leek, Memoie Crouch. Seated: Petty Cregger Drunert, Esabell Brown, Marie Davis, Sturgis Coach.



BASEBALL - 1935

Back row: Fred Norton, Jack Thompson, Pete Hunter, Jesse Holmes, Jack Eversmeyer.

Front: Arthur Tomek, Ed Capps, Harrison Dunard, Eddie Kliever, Ed Love.



HAWK POINT ATOMS – 1958 Front row, left to right: Dickey Spires, Leon Stanek, Albert Stanek, David Stanek, Billy Graham, Dale Spires. Back row, left to right: Butch Proffitt, Clayton Shaw, Donald Thompson Jr., Larry Kinion, Jim White, Mike Shelharvey.

Members of team not in picture: Steve Witt, George Todd.

Borgmann, George Witt, Charles Stanek, Mitch Luckett, George Hasekamp, Johnny Howdeshell Jr., Wayne Scovel, David Thompson, David McCarty and Larry Shramek.

In later years, Hawk Point boys who made their mark in basketball usually did so as part of the Troy High School team.

Girls also played basketball in Hawk Point and in 1931-32 their team lost only one game. Players included V. Monroe, V. Reynolds, Erma Cunningham (Todd), R. Himmel and N. Howell. The Coach was Fred Rector.

Anyone who has lived around Hawk Point can attest to the fact that not all sports are played with a ball.

Traditionally there have been the field and stream sports that about every country boy and man enjoys and then in later years new competition comes under the heading of sports.

Principal among these is tractor pulling which in the past 10



DISTRICT CHAMPS - 1972

Standing: Jerry Folta, John Howdeshell, Kenny Stanek, Kenny Martinek, Steve Barchesky, Frank Martinek, Dennis Percy.

Kneeling: Lee Thompson, Robbie Howdeshell, Wayne Scovel, Keith Witt.



BASEBALL — About 1910

Left to right: Sanford Howdeshell, Allie Morrison, David Chappell, Paul Diggs, Joe Diggs, Eddie Boyse, Willie Kowazek, Harry Brown, Ed Capps, Bobby Pruitt.

On porch: Doug Walton, Burton Lee.

or 15 years has become a big event in Hawk Point and elsewhere.

The undisputed leader in tractor pulling among Hawk Point residents is Don Wiss who has taken his Minneapolis Moline all over the Midwest and has come home with enough trophies and ribbons to about fill his basement.

Most men with tractors compete in the tractor pulls and a number of them have been quite successful. Kenneth Shaw won the Illinois and Missouri state championships for garden tractors in 1970, for instance.

Hawk Point has an annual pull that attracts tractors from several states.

For those who can get by without much sleep (or sleep during the day) coon hunting and fox hunting offer good night time sports and Hawk Point always has had plenty of men who were good at it.

In both cases, it really is the dog who is the star and the hunter's pleasure seems to be less in the catching of the quarry than in his pride in his dog's ability.



1941 BASEBALL TEAM

Seated: Albert Peterson, Harry Norton, Ed Kliever - umpire, John Mispagel, Monte Hunter, Charlie Mispagel, Leland Witt. Standing: Jim Mispagel, Bill Dunard, Wendell Bremmer, Cam Fasse, Frank Martinek, Tony Knizel, Ben Borgmann.



TUESDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL CLUB – Old Gym First row: Jim Twellman, Roger Phillips, Bob Grateke, David Wolff.

Second row: Bill Lawrence, Jim Hall, Dale Roettger, Rick Kavanagh, Steve Barchesky, Billy Rook, Jerry Folta.

During the Depression coon hunting was done for its profits as well as sport, and coon skins are still salable commodities.

Some of Hawk Point's good coon hunters were and are Dell Black, Leroy Lansche, Lowell Shaw, Gilford Zumwalt, Albert Ives, Floyd Howdeshell, Owen Choate, Fred Sauer, Burton and Howard Glear, Bill Shramek Jr. and Sr., George Hammond, Hugh Thomas and Bill Collins. More recently are Ray Phelps, Ira Thornhill, Kenny Henebry, Gary Shaw and Larry and Chuck Henebry.

Fox hunting has a long history in Hawk Point, dating at least to 1919 when the Blair Town Fox Hunters Club was formed with such members as William Kowazek, Willie Kowazek, Andrew Crouch, Frank Sauers and Ben Kowazek.

Other fox hunters through the years have been Frazier Riddle, Lawrence Riddle, Ralph Collins, Lavern Collins, Fred



BASEBALL - 1918

Front row: Willie Kowazek, Julius Hunter, Buz Holmes, Tom Elton, Jack Gunthry.

Back row: Harry Brown, Paul Diggs, Poodle Middlekamp, Joe Diggs, Harrison Dunard.



1931-32 GIRLS BASKETBALL Seated: V. Monroe, V. Reynolds, E. Cunningham. Standing: M. Walton, M. Armstrong, R. Himmel, N. Howell, Coach Fred Rector.



BASEBALL – 1975 Standing: Rick Kavanagh, Dale Roettger, Allen Haarmann, Bob Grateke, Bob Dunard, Neal Leek. Kneeling: Rick Eisenbath, John Howdeshell, Jr., Roger Stanek, Bill Dunard, Jr.



BASEBALL - 1972

First row: Butch Dunard, Roger Stanek, Bob Grateke, Neil Leek.

Middle row: Roy Sauer, Bob Chronister, Rich Ponder, Jim White, Bob Dunard, Rick Eisenbath.

Back row: Dale Roettger, Wayne Dyer, John Howdeshell, Jr.

Beck, Jack Plybon and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Strus.

Technology has changed fox hunting to a degree. In former days, the hunters would sit around a campfire and listen to their dogs, each owner always able to identify the yipp of his own dog.

Today CB radios have come into play and the hunters follow the dogs in their trucks and talk to each other by radio.

Fox and coon hunters know that dogs for each sport are different. A fox hound is more even tempered and less likely to bite than a coon dog.

Dogs also are vital to another sport, bird hunting, which has been popular around Hawk Point. Some of the names which come to mind as bird hunters are Emmett Hoffmann Sr. and Jr., Donald Thompson Sr., Joe Tomek, Larry Black and Albert Stanek.

Some of the good fishermen in the community are Monroe Strus, Bob Monroe, Monte Leek, John Schieffer, Bill Colbert,



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION – 1965 Standing: George Hasekamp, Larry Shepard, Ronald Cope, Jack Jones, Bob Dunard, Harry Norton - manager. Front: Bill Dunard, Bernie Hoffmann, Billy Graham, Bob Grateke, Dale Cope - bat boy.

Alva Ballwin, Dutch Drunert and Ed and Jewell Fredde.

Hawk Point was the host for a major sports event last year and not many citizens apparently were aware of it.

On May 2, 1976, top bicycle riders raced to help determine who would ride in the 1976 Olympics. The 38-mile course went from Hawk Point to Olney to near Bellflower to Truxton and back to Hawk Point. Each rider made the circuit three times.

People from 14 states watched or participated in the event and of about 100 spectators, only one or two were from Hawk Point.

CLUBS

Hawk Pointers with something in common have tended to organize themselves for amusement, edification or civic improvement.

One of the first clubs was a men's club which engaged in debates. Also included were speeches by children and debates by women.

One debate between Allie Monroe and Dr. Joe Diggs considered this question: "Should the South have withdrawn from the Union?"

The year 1917 was an active one for civic endeavors. A local drama club put on plays for the town. A farmer's club was organized with Leslie Harper, president, and Allie Monroe vice-president. Others were Ray Duncan, J. M. Barbee and Casper Lansche.

Hawk Point has had at least two brass bands, before World War I and during the 1920s. Leader of the earlier one, called the Sunday School band, was Leslie Harper. Other musicians were William Duncan, Arthur Tomek, Ernest Eversmeyer, Ernest Thompson, Billy Thompson and Riley Thompson.

The second band was headed by Joe Tomek Sr. and included Alfred Gililland, Ray Butler, Mr. Harper, the Thompsons, Francis Martinek, Cullie Gililland, Albert Peterson and Everett Thurstin.

The band played at picnics and suppers and, one member confesses, was not very good.

A latter-day club and one that still is active in community betterment is the Booster Club which received its charter in



HAWK POINT 4-H CLUB GIRLS AND LEADERS – 1939 Miss Nelson, Ruby Prior, Rosie Duff, Darline Gililland, Betty Belle Walton, Doris Helen Colbert, Samolene Fasse, Miss Isabelle Petersmeyer, Mary Katherine Duncan, Dorothy Earnest, Sarah Howell, Marjorie Ann Gililland, Ella Margaret Duff, Mary Jo Schaper, Ruth Thurstin.



BOOSTER CLUB MEETING - 1958

Foreground: Rev. Koenen, Martha Dyer, Donald Thompson Background: Virginia Tuepker, Agnes Stanek, Carol Tuepker.

1947.

The first project of the club was the paving of five miles of city streets. The club later helped get the fire department started and established a park in 1954.

In 1959, the building that had belonged to the American Legion was turned over to the club. Now the organization provides a park and a meeting place for various clubs, groups and individuals.

The annual Homecoming picnic is sponsored by the Booster Club.

Charter members were Ray Duncan, John Mispagel, Mr. and Mrs. Joe King, Joe Tomek, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Walton, Rev. Leo Oligschager, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Thurstin, Felix Steiger, Mr. and Mrs. William Doll Sr., A. K. Schaper, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Graham, Gilbert Howell, Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan, Doug Ossenberg, Richard Henebry, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beck, Lee Brown, William Brown, Vira Eversmeyer, Leland Witt, Tena Hunter and Mrs. Charles Prior.

Presidents have been Ray Duncan, 1946; W. P. Graham, 1953; A. K. Schaper, 1954; Donald Thompson Sr., 1955 and 1960; William Doll Sr., 1957; Bill Howdeshell Sr., 1958; Robert Walton, 1959; Joe Doll, 1961; LeRoy Steiger, 1962; Bob



EDDIE WON A CALF – 1954 Paul, Dorothy and Eddie Stanek, A. K. Schaper, Mrs. Doug Walton, Jesse Clonts.



ST. MARY'S HALL

COOKS FOR BANQUET – PEOPLES BANK First row: Mrs. Simon Huber, Christiana Martinek, Dorothy Mashek, Norma Zalabak, Lillie Stanek, Agnes Stanek, Mary

Matustik. Second row: ? Minnie Farmest Ann Wilson Fichth G

Second row: ?, Minnie Earnest, Ann Wilson, Estelle Stapp, Mary Tomik, Sylvia Shilharvey, Anna Knizel.

Monroe, 1963 and 1969; Martin Thurstin, 1964; Russell Monroe, 1965; Manuel Shaw, 1967; James R. Hall, 1971; Cornelius Shaw, 1972; Betty Scovel, 1974; and Fred Hasekamp, 1977.

Extension work got its start in Hawk Point, possibly in the 1940s or at least by 1951. One such extension club was the Willing Workers, which organized for educational purposes and for social enjoyment.

Membership reached 20 to 25 at one time before the Evening Extension Club was formed with mostly younger women.

The clubs concerned themselves with canning, repairing of furniture, sewing and other homemaking skills.

The presidents of the Day Extension Club were Della Hall, 1950-51; Tina Hunter, 1952; Lula Frank, 1953; Mrs. Al Monroe, 1955; Mrs. Harold McCarty, 1956; Joyce Monroe, 1957 and 1968; Mary Alice Toothaker, 1963; Frances Colbert, 1965; Mary Lou Crouch, 1966; Mrs. Gene Zlotopolski, 1969; Alta Mae Weinrich, 1970; Barbara Free, 1973; and Mary Ann Christopher, 1977. Dorothy Stanek is slated to be president in 1978.



PLAY, ST. MARY'S CYC-1950

Seated: Don Vahey, Veronica Martinek, Betty Martinek, Rev. Leo Oligschlaneger.

Standing: Roy Shilharvey, Marcella Harper, Stanley Martinek, Ethel Jean Martinek, Jo Ann Shramek, Martha Johnson, Alberta Vahey, George Vahey. An Evening Extension Club was organized in 1965. The presidents in order have been Barbara Stanek, Bea Broz, Karen Wolff, Linda Grateke, Judy Dunard, Sharon Hasekamp, Jackie Howdeshell and Kathy Boessen.

The Hawk Point Lions Club was formed in 1968 with these charter members: Earl Amann, Larry Black, Don Blechle, Ben Borgmann, Wendell Bremmer, Robert Delaloye Sr., Clayton Duff, Bob Duncan, R. K. Duncan, Robert Flinn, W. P. Graham, Rev. George Haar, Fred Hasekamp, John Howdeshell Sr., Rev. James Huffman, David Kern, Roger Laughlin, Joe Myrick, William Rook Sr., Bernard Schonhoff Jr., Herman Stuck, Earl Tompkins, Walter Toothaker, Donald Thompson, Leland Witt and James Wood, David Wolff and E. W. Zlotopolski.

David Wolff was the first president, Mr. Zlotopolski, secretary and Mr. Bremmer, treasurer.

Other presidents have been Mr. Zlotopolski, Mr. Borgmann and Jim Kuda.

A Hawk Point Senior Citizens Club organized on March 15, 1973 to allow citizens over 55 to get together, enjoy various activities and take trips on a special bus. The club meets monthly at St. Mary's Hall.

The first president was Bertha Sonner; vice-president, Jewell Strus and secretary-treasurer, Florence Hughes. Other presidents have been Carmenita Zalabak, and William Robertson.

Hawk Point has had two veterans organizations. The first, organized in 1946, was the American Legion, which built part of the community building at a cost of \$1,750.00. Later it was given to the Booster Club.

The first two commanders were Bob Martinek and Aubrey Todd. The post was discontinued in 1954.

A Veteran of Foreign Wars post was organized in 1976 with 67 members. The commander was George Heimburger.

DOCTORS AND DENTISTS

There once was a time when it was not unusual for Hawk Point to have as many as three or four physicians at a given time. Now there is just one and most towns Hawk Point's size don't have any.

Some of the early doctors included Dr. Joseph Diggs, whose house at the northeast corner of town has long been a landmark. He also was Hawk Point's first mayor.

A Dr. Foreman set up shop in Hawk Point in 1904 in a



DR. JOSEPH DIGGS FAMILY Florence, Joe, Forrest, Paul, Pearl, Dr. Diggs, Earl, Mary Margaret.

building that still is part of the Clayton Duff house.

Another early doctor was Dr. John Butler who set up his office in May 1917, coming to Hawk Point from Bowling Green.

Dr. J. J. Devereaux practiced in Hawk Point in 1915 and after doubling as a dealer of Maxwell cars, he later joined the Army and became a captain in World War I.

A Dr. Smith is mentioned in connection with a flu epidemic in 1918.

Later on at least two physicians either resided in Hawk Point or practiced there. One was Dr. V. E. Altholz, who had an office in Hawk Point in 1940 and perhaps before and after.

Dr. White had a farm west of Hawk Point during the 1950s and very early 1960s and practiced medicine in Troy.

Hawk Point has had at least two dentists. Dr. Paul Diggs opened his office in the years before World War I. Dr. H. L. Steinmesch had a dental office in the J. E. Cottle building in 1914 and before. He continued practice, specializing in making and fitting of dentures, well into the 1940s and 1950s.

Hawk Point's present doctor, an osteopath is Dr. John Shuman, who came to Hawk Point in about 1950. He has practiced in several locations, once in the middle of Main Street on the west side, once above the Enterprise and later in a house east of Mashek's blacksmith shop.

Dr. Shuman dispenses his own medicine and something else that's not in the medical books -- a philosophy about life and observations about the world around him.



FIRST MASS - Rev. Colbert

Seated: Albert Peterson, Donald Vahey, Rev. Colbert, Frank Knizel.

Back: ?, Frank Martinek, Vina Martinek, Dr. Shuman, ?, Agnes Stanek, Annie Knizel, Laura Zalabak. He is the epitomy of the personal doctor. He takes his patients into his confidence in a way few doctors do.

Doc also was just independent enough to fold up his tent some summers and head for the wheat harvest in Colorado.

LONG LIVES

A number of Hawk Point residents lived to start a second century of life and one more nearly did.

The record for longevity of life may for all intents have been shared by Mrs. Mollie Duncan, mother of William, and William Kowazek. Both lived to be 101 years old. Another centenarian was Mrs. Alice Richards.

A Hawk Point woman who nearly made it to 100, and in a sense had the whole town pulling for her to make it was Mrs. Lida Shelton. She was born Oct. 5, 1866 and died in Sept. 1966, one month short of her goal. When Mrs. Shelton celebrated her 99th birthday, she was honored with three parties, one hosted by Mrs. Minnie Earnest on Oct. 5.

Mrs. Shelton was twice widowed. Her first husband was Chat Nichols, her second William Shelton who died in 1938.

Mrs. Helen Stanek Martinek, who was born and reared around Hawk Point, but is now living near Olney is 99.

TWINS

If people living in or passing through Hawk Point thought they were seeing double occasionally, there was good reason for it besides spiked punch.

There have been no fewer than 23 sets of twins one or both of whom have lived in Hawk Point at one time or another.

Among the more remarkable cases involving twins was that of the Barley twins, Clint and Osie, who also married twins. Then one family had two sets, Kenneth Conley and his twin



William and Molly Duncan





Mr. and Mrs. Kowazek - 1888 William, wife Mary and son William

THREE WARS — 1943 World War I Joe Langenecker, Civil War, William Kowazek, World War II, Dene Langenecker.



BILLY HOWELL FAMILY

Back row: John Howell, Ruby Howell, Elmer Howell, Alma Howell, Willie Howell, Dona Howell, Albert Howell, Belle Birkhead Howell.

Front row: Clark Howell, Ruth Howell, Robert Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Howell, Mary Howell.

sister Kay VanDanHaute, and William Conley and his twin sister Betty Coats.

Other Hawk Point twins have included: Emmett and Edwin Hoffmann, Mary Martinek Knizel and John Martinek; Ruth Howell Duncan and Bob Howell; Fred and Charles Martinek; Buford and Buel Witt; Ben and Barley Borgmann; Oscar and Everett Beck; Nina and Neva Upson; Jim and Charles Mispagel; Roger Eveland and a brother who died before birth; Joe Shramek and Jo Ann Shramek Anderson; Rose Mary Martinek and Mary Rose Brandywein; Sharon Nichols Jameson and Cheryl Nichols Jameson; Millie Mashek Stanek and Rosie Mashek Lenk; Margaret Lenk Grothaus and Martin Lenk; Mary Grothaus Wommack and Margie Grothaus Luedloff; Marlene Lenk and Charlene Thomsen; Harold and Gerald Stonebarger; Hiram and Freeman Allen, Bill and Bob Miller and Heather and Cynthia Amann, the latter did not live.

FIRES AND FIREFIGHTERS

Hawk Point businesses and homes have from time to time fallen victim to fire and beginning in the mid-1940s, the town began to fight back in an organized way.

Probably the worst fire ever experienced in Hawk Point occurred on an extremely windy day in 1941. The blaze originated under the floor of the railroad depot probably from a spark from a passing train.

Before the fire was over, it had leveled the depot and the nearby home of Felix Steiger, a building that once had been a hotel. The family lost everything.

The wind blew fire as far as a quarter mile away and many people got onto their roofs to watch for sparks. There was fear for a time that the whole town would burn.

The only known fatality from a fire was one long ago, when a man named Williams died in a livery stable fire. Some horses also were burned. Mr. Williams had a small room at the stable.

Three business fires of major consequence have occurred within the past 25 years.

Tomek's store was leveled by fire in about 1952 and Ralph Sonner's tavern was destroyed in about the same year. Both businesses rebuilt on the same site.



DUNCAN HOME House is burning - 1938



1ST FIRE TRUCK - 1948

Left to right: Bill Doll Sr., Bill Graham. Ground: Leland Witt, Lee Brown, Richard Henebry, Mr. Prior, Everett Thurstin, Gib Howell, Mr. Mispagel, Ray Duncan.

Then in 1973, the Diamond Bar was razed by flames. It was not rebuilt but another building was erected on the site.

Before about 1946, Hawk Point's only defense against fire apparently was some type of pickup bucket brigade or help from neighboring towns.

A volunteer fire department was organized through donations from anyone who cared to give. The first fire chief was Charlie Prior and the first president was William Graham. Others instrumental in the start and subsequent operation included Bill Doll, Donald Wiss, Manuel Shaw, Felix Steiger, Everett Thurstin, Sanford McMahan, Richard Henebry, Oliver Steiger and many others. The department has added considerable equipment as money has become available. Also a fire station was erected.

WEATHER

Weather conditions experienced in Hawk Point over the years were naturally shared with the entire region for the most part.

By reaching back into the memory and by consulting records, some isolated weather patterns have been gleaned. For instance, 1915 was a wet year, 1930 was hot and dry. Also hot and dry and difficult years for Hawk Point farmers were 1934



FIRE DEPARTMENT - 1965

Wimpie Steiger, Sanford McMahan, Gene Crouch, Roger Laughlin, Sonny Thurstin, Dave Hart, Harold Leek, Joe Zalabak, Bob Bohmer, Art Schaper, Earl Amann, Evermont Cope, Bill Graham, Charlie Prior. and 1936.

The hottest year of all might have been 1954 when grasshoppers sailed in great waves across fields and corn stalks turned white where they stood.

Two days temperatures of 115 degrees were recorded. Floods were recorded in 1941, 1969 and 1970.

Remembered as the year of the great March snow was 1960.

Of course the recent winter will long live in memory as one of Hawk Point's most severe, both from the standpoint of temperature and snow volume.

An ice storm that hit Hawk Point over the New Year's period of 1948-49 also will long be remembered. A heavy coating of ice virtually immobilized the town for a week. Electricity was off for about that long causing residents to dust off long idle kerosene lamps. Streets and roads were impassable. Nights were an eerie quiet which only magnified the sound of limbs and trees cracking and collapsing under the weight of ice.

TRAGIC DEATHS

Hawk Point, like any community, has been struck by tragedy from time to time. Wars, traffic accidents, water accidents and other misfortune have all taken their toll.

Hawk Point men lost their lives in three wars. The first was William Upson who died in the Argonne Forest in France during World War I and was buried there.

During World War II, two Hawk Point men were killed, Paul Frank on Aug. 23, 1944 in Europe at the age of 25, and Buford Witt, Dec. 1, 1944 in Europe at the age of 36.

The Vietnam War claimed four Hawk Point men: Dale North 1968; Gary Glear, 21, on Feb. 3, 1969; Glenn D. Tomek, 22, April 18, 1969; and Mark Amann, 21, Aug. 12, 1969.

Traffic accidents have cost the lives of a number of Hawk Point residents over the years. Some of them follow: Josephine Martinek, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martinek, died in a crash near Chesterfield in 1951.

Ashel Hunter, Jr., 29, was killed in a one-car accident on Highway 61 in Troy on Oct. 24, 1953.

Kenny Busch, 7, lost his life when he fell from a pickup truck driven by his father Jim Busch and was run over on Oct. 19, 1963.

Two brothers, John and George Mehler, were killed in August 1966 when their car hit a tree north of Hawk Point.

Ronald Grooms, 25, died in a two-car accident between Troy and Wentzville on March 9, 1967.

The most recent traffic victim was that of Dennis Winter who died Feb. 27, 1976, in a one-car crash west of Hawk Point. He was 23.

Diane Johnson, 15 years old, was killed on July 6, 1974 in a two-car accident in front of Ed Wehmeyer's home.

Charles Joseph Lagana died in a one-car crash on Dec. 25, 1975. He was 19 years old.

A fatal accident in a day when they were much less frequent than in recent years claimed the life of Edward Henry, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Henry who lived on a farm near Fairview Church at the time.

This accident happened on Dec. 18, 1932 when his car left the road on the first curve south of Hawk Point on Highway 47.

Another accident of that same period was fatal to Clyde Colbert near Silex. This was in 1935.

Clarence W. Jones died in a one-car accident on Feb. 15, 1967

between Hawk Point and Warrenton.

Fred Norton, Jr., 26, was killed Jan. 8, 1969 in the collision of his pickup truck and a car on Highway 47 between Hawk Point and Troy.

William L. Howdeshell Jr., 29, died March 26, 1972, of injuries suffered in a one-car accident in Florida.

Timothy R. Brockmeyer, 18, was killed June 14, 1973, in a one-car accident between Troy and Hawk Point.

Joseph Charles Huber, 18, died in a one-car accident between Hawk Point and Warrenton on March 3, 1974.

Larry Norman Keeling, 30, was killed July 22, 1975, in a one-car accident north of Troy.

Drowning victims in recent years included Edward P. Shramek, 44, who lost his life above Martinek's crossing in West Cuivre on Aug. 7, 1969, and Dennis A. Glear, 14, who drowned in the same area only two weeks before.

Albert Eugene Neumann drowned March 8, 1976 in a creek north of Hawk Point. He was 63.

Other types of fatal accidents in Hawk Point have been less common.

One example was the death of Ruth Cropper Morrison on March 5, 1925 from injuries suffered when a saw blade came loose and cut her almost in half.

A fire victim was William Lee Brown, 40, who died Dec. 17, 1966 several weeks after a stove explosion and fire in a shed where he and several other men were playing musical instruments. Another man from Truxton died in that same fire.

A scalding accident in 1934 was fatal to Joseph Adison Tomek, one year old. The infant had pulled boiling milk onto himself and died eight weeks later.

A seven month old daughter of Joseph Nichols, Rosaline, died on Oct. 14, 1898 after eating poison.

A bolt of lightning took the life of a teenage girl from St. Louis in March 1972 near Hawk Point. The girl was holding a baby at the time but the infant survived.

One of the more bizarre tragedies in the Hawk Point area was the death of Lawrence Colbert from rabies in 1920. He was 8 years old at the time.

The child, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Colbert, living near New Truxton, had been bitten on the cheek by a pet dog on Oct. 6, causing only a slight wound.

When the father tried to pet the dog, he was bitten on the leg.

It wasn't until Nov. 16 that Lawrence began to develop symptoms of the disease, that doctors later diagnosed as hydrophobia, as it was called then.

He died 11 days later. The child's mother and a neighbor who helped care for him during the illness both were bitten by Lawrence.

A Dr. Drunert administered the Pasteur treatment to them and others who might have been infected and no symptoms of the disease appeared. Some of the tragic events reach far back into the community's history. For instance, a 7 year old son of William and Mary Kowazek drowned in a farm pond in 1887 and a daughter, Mary Veronica, was dragged to death by a horse in 1891 at the age of 10. Two other Kowazeks died violent deaths.

FISTICUFFS

A man of almost legendary reputation in Hawk Point was a butcher and horse-raiser named Ed Cottle. The stories of his bar room exploits border on the incredible but are told on good authority.

They said many things about the ham handed Cottle as a fighter. First, it is said he was the best ever to live in Hawk Point. Second, it is said he never started a fight but frequently finished them. Third, it is said you could kill Ed Cottle, but you couldn't whip him.

Two incidents might illustrate the point. Cottle, John Monroe and his son Charlie were drinking whiskey that had been transported into dry Lincoln County by train from St. Charles County, when a dispute arose over how the liquor was to be divided. Charlie Monroe apparently did not feel he had gotten his share. The story has it that he drew a knife and cut Cottle's stomach, whereupon Cottle knocked him across a bed and against the wall, putting Charlie out for a good while. Then Cottle slapped John Monroe around and dragged him to Marshal Bill Earnest with one hand while holding his intestines with the other.

Bill Earnest himself may have been no piker in the fighting department. He, Cottle and four other supposedly were involved in one of the worst fights on record in Troy on one occasion. The story has it that blood was running out the door when Cottle walked out.

Cottle and Earnest did not bother each other in Hawk Point and only spoke politely when they met, according to legend.

Another famous Hawk Point fight, but one that is sparse in detail, involved members of the Barley and Bryant families. The accepted story is that the men 'fought all over town' for most of the day. The exact place or year of this fight is not established and as far as is known, no major casualties resulted.

The participants included Clint Barley and George Bryant. There was a side note to that fight. Someone called the sheriff from Troy to Hawk Point to break it up, but on his way, his car overturned and he fractured a leg.

CRIME

Serious crime has visited Hawk Point infrequently, which serves to magnify shock waves when violence does break upon the town.

For the most part, misbehavior in Hawk Point has come under the heading of an occasional fist-fight, a boisterous drunk, a show-off driver and maybe even petty burglary.

Except for those few times: about a half dozen would fit the major category. The first of these was in about 1866, before Hawk Point was a town. It involved a physician named Joe Bouland who lived where Dona Lynch later made her home on the west edge of town.

Dr. Bouland supposedly kept a large sum of money on the property and was the target of a robbery attempt by three bushwhackers. When he would not tell them where the money was hidden, they shot and mortally wounded the doctor. One of the men reportedly told the dying doctor that they regretted shooting him. Dr. Bouland's last words were said to have been "I know you", referring to one of the men. He then lay back and died.

The bushwnackers turned and ran without the money, leaving the doctor's wife who was hidden in another part of the house and heard everything that was said.

The first of two bank robberies in Hawk Point occurred in April 21, 1931. Three men pulled up during the morning hours in a green Ford Roadster and one of them went into the bank. This man, later identified as Lynn Clark, 22, asked the cashier, Richard Brown, to cash a check. About this time, a second man, later identified as Edward Bloebaum, 21, charged into the bank, exclaiming that he was a detective and was looking for Clark, a forger. Mr. Brown evidently did not believe this story, so the two pulled out pistols, demanded money and were given about \$2,200.00.

The third man, identified as Sylvester Ziegemeier, 21, came in and bound and gagged Mr. and Mrs. Brown and five customers.

The three, all from the St. Charles area, escaped in the green Ford but abandoned it near Jack Mudd's farm and continued to St. Louis by way of Illinois in a second car.

The three were arrested two days later and implicated a Troy man, Jasper Holmes. Holmes, they later testified, was the master mind behind the crime and that the plan was for him to be in Mr. Guinn's office during the robbery and keep as many people busy as possible.

Clark, Bloebaum and Ziegemeier were given 15 years each for their part in the holdup. The record shows Holmes was arrested, but it is not clear how his case was resolved.

A second Hawk Point bank robbery 12 years later involved the notorious Frank Earnest, who was convicted of robbery at least three times, who escaped at least three times and who once was on the FBI's 10 most wanted list.

The accounts of the crimes that follow are those of Mr. Earnest himself, as told to James R. Hall.

On Aug. 10, 1943, two men, Chester Skiba and Jack Stroemple, both of Cleveland, Ohio, went into the Peoples Bank of Hawk Point and held it up.

Waiting for them on the road that goes north from the road leading west from Hawk Point was Frank Earnest, who had planned the holdup. The three drove through Millwood in a 1942 Pontiac and planned to enter Illinois by crossing the Mississippi on a ferry.

But the ferry did not come, so the three bandits decided to wait for nightfall and try to make a break for Chicago. They ran into a roadblock at Clarksville and in the ensuing gunfire, 72 bullet holes were put in the Pontiac before a tire was shot out and the men captured.

The men pleaded guilty at Troy. Frank was sentenced to 50 years and the other two, whom Earnest had met in Federal prison in Leavenworth, Ka., got 30 years. Frank was in Leavenworth for bank and postal robbery.

After the three had been in the Missouri state prison at Jefferson City only 60 days, Earnest and Skiba went over the wall, Frank breaking his ankle and Skiba fracturing both legs and jaws. Earnest was captured three days later near Bonnet's Mill.

In 1945, the trio was given a new trial and John Howell of Hawk Point was foreman of the jury. However, the men broke out of the Lincoln County jail by cutting through the floor. They were caught in Cleveland a few days later.

The second trial resulted in a lighter sentence for Frank, 30 years. In 1948, Frank made his second escape from Jefferson City, this time by going under the wall through ducts. He wrecked two cars and was caught in a road block in Arkansas.

After being returned to prison, Earnest was put in solitary confinement for 32 months, meaning he was given no work and little contact with other prisoners. He was released in 1958, but had to return to Leavenworth to finish an 18-month sentence. Frank became a free man in 1959. However, in 1964, he was convicted again for bank robbery in Chicago and returned to Leavenworth where he remained until 1972.

While there, Frank met his brother Raymond whom he had not seen for 20 years. Raymond had been convicted a number of times, including once in the 1930s for robbing Tomek's store and the post office.

He was convicted in Tennessee in about 1940 and was sent to the Federal prison in Atlanta. Raymond was transferred to Leavenworth in 1970 and died in 1975 after being released in 1972.

Frank, who may have been an authority on the subject, made the comment that he doubted there was one innocent man in prison.

A crime and tragedy that stunned the Hawk Point community occurred on June 26, 1949. When it was over, three persons were dead and another seriously wounded.

In the early morning hours of June 26, a Sunday, a car slowed to a near stop in order to make a sharp turn into the road that led to the farm home of Florence Zumwalt. Driving the car was William Mordt, 31, of Hawk Point. Passengers were Miss Zumwalt, 32, and Henry Grober, 21, of High Hill.

A flashlight shined into the car; Mordt threw up his hand to ward off the glare and three blasts from the 12 gauge double barrel shotgun exploded through the windows on the right side of the car. One hit Mordt, costing him an eye and three fingers on his right hand. The other two occupants took the full force of the blasts and were fatally wounded.

Later, nearby, searchers found the body of George Hammonds, 50, of Olney, who was described as a rejected suitor of Miss Zumwalt. He had died of poison.

The two page letter found with him had been started about 10:30 on Saturday evening. He told of having swallowed poison while waiting for Miss Zumwalt's return. After the shooting, he added this postscript: "Don't ever do this. I shot all three, now myself, 1:20 Sunday morning."

A killing in Hawk Point many years earlier contained an element of mystery that persists to this day.

The victim was Charles Fine, who was shot to death on Aug. 30, 1891 at the age of 37.

William Nicklin, who lived where Walter Asher now makes his home, has told of hearing loud voices and the noise of brawling the night of the shooting, which occurred about a half mile southeast of his home.

After daybreak, Mr. Nicklin heard a shot, and so headed in that direction. He found a few men standing along a fence row and Charles Fine lying on the ground, a bullet hole through one eyelid.

Chat Nichols went on trial for murder in the case, but was acquitted. Later he was gunned down and killed in the streets of Troy, an incident his son Beverly once said he thought was related to the murder trial.

The story is told that a man who was present the night of the Fine killing made a death bed confession.

The most recent major crime to strike the Hawk Point community was a slaying in 1974. A teenage girl, Debbie Heitman, was stabbed to death in her own car after school one spring afternoon in a private driveway near the home of a 14 year old boy who later was arrested in the case. David Adkins, of Hawk Point, went on trial, was convicted of murder and in 1976 was sentenced to 75 years in prison.

ALLIE ALTON ALLEN

Farmer, born 2-12-1888, Hawk Point, died 7-23-1964, Married -Druecilla Jane Young, born 2-15-1893, Hawk Point, died 7-10-1948. Children: William Samuel 1912; Clifford Perry 1914; Muriel Laverne Reynolds Booher 1917; George Young 1922-1971.

CLIFFORD PERRY ALLEN

Farmer, born 7-23-1914, Hawk Point, Married - 8-14-1939, Helen Maime Gabbard, born 6-4-1915, Arkansas. Children: Helen Louise Black 1941; Nicholas Perry 1942; Kathy Elaine Kinion 1953.

GEORGE YOUNG ALLEN

Carpenter, born 8-6-1922, Hawk Point, died 5-12-1971, Married 7-11-1942, Dorothy F. Burgess, born 12-30-1921, Hawk Point, Factory Worker. Children: Barbara Ann Smith 1943; Brian Steven 1947.

HENRY PERRY ALLEN

Farmer, born 12-25-1819, died 3-9-1892, Married - Jennett Mosely, born 6-30-1832, died 12-2-1904. Children: William Franklin 1861-1936; George W. 1853-1912; Charles P. 1856-1930; John 1856-1914; Mary Frances Leek 1864-1889.

NICK ALLEN

Auctioneer, born 7-25-1942, Married - Kathy Seeger, born 1-10-1951. Children: Richard Floyd 1961; Robin 1963; Nick Jr. 1969; Scott 1973.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN ALLEN

Farmer, born 10-8-1861, Hawk Point, died 7-24-1936, Married -7-2-1884 Maggie Viola Rush, born 8-12-1867, died 12-15-1945. Children: Price Pearl 1884-1947; Jeanette E. Lansche 1889; Lillie M. Colbert 1896-1920; Allie A. 1888-1964; Lorene D. 1900-1931.

WALTER BURR ASHER

Born 8-28-1907, St. Louis, Roofer, Married 5-9-1926, Gertrude Lou Grugett, born 9-3-1906, Ky., died 7-30-1976. Children: Robert Walter 1927; Johnnie Allen 1929-1930; James Oliver 1931; Linda Lou Krieg 1945; James Albert 1961.

ALVA THOMAS BALDWIN

American Car Co., born 9-1-1901, Winfield, Married -10-30-1922, Jennie Grace Turnbull, 6-7-1904, Moscow Mills. Children: Doris Elizabeth 1923-1940; Ruby Howdeshell 1929.

GEORGE W. BARLEY

Born 4-20-1853, died 4-11-1912, Married - Fannie Dee Elmore, born 10-18-1862, died 6-4-1920. Children: William Otmer 1893-1938; Otha 1888-1954; Mary Francis "Mollie" Borgmann 1884-1952; Clim Capps; George.

JOHN BARLEY

Married Frances Bryant Burgess, born 1816, died 1-7-1905 (was married to Thomas Burgess). Children: Mat Burgess; Volley Burgess Harper; George Barley; William Barley; Mildred Barley Giles.

WILLIAM O. 'DOCK' BARLEY

Born 8-13-1856, died 4-6-1928, Married - Dazerine Elmore, born 1-3-1875, died 11-5-1906. Children: Cliffie Otmer Nichols 1896-1975; Glen D. 1897-; Garrie Elmore 1900-1921; Irene C. Ernest 1902-1976; Mary Bernice Ficher 1903-1967; Deslie William 1905-1970.

WILLIAM OTMER BARLEY

Born 4-23-1893, Hawk Point, died 9-24-1938, Farmer-Stock Dealer, Married - 6-30-1913, Stella H. Sonner, born 3-1-1894, died 10-31-1964. Children: Estelline Black 1914; Evelyn M. Witt 1927.

FRED N. BECK

Mechanic, 6-6-1933, Ellington, Married - 10-20-1956, Velma J. Barton, 8-4-1936. Children: Karen 1958; Rebecca 1969-1969; Paula 1970.

CLARENCE JOHN BECKER

Born 9-19-1941, Calif. Air Craft 'Smar', Married - 6-4-1966, Nancy S. Davison, Ia., born 12-13-1946, Case Worker. Children: Michael Edward 1967; Andrew John 1969.

ADOMIRUM JUDSON 'JERRY' BLACK

Farmer, born 10-5-1873, died 8-28-1949, Married - 7-29-1902, Trecie Francis Bender Hutton, born 2-25-1876, died 8-9-1952. Children: Opal Irene 1907-1928; Delmar Earl 1912; Capitola 1903-1976; Carl Robert 1905-1975; Hilda Muriel 1910; Florence Ina 1914; Murry Dean 1916; Mildred Fern 1918.

DELMER E. 'DELL' BLACK

10-22-1912, Hawk Point, Farmer, Married - 7-13-1932, Estelline W. Barley, born 6-23-1914, Bank Clerk. Children: Larry Dale 1934.

LARRY DALE BLACK

Farmer, born 2-23-1934, Hawk Point, Married - 8-1-1959, Helen Louise Allen 3-19-1941, Calif. Children: Carmen Lynette 1960; Dale Lyndon 1961.

ROBERT BLACK

Farmer, born 1820, Va., Married - Mary Ann Grant. Children: Adomirum J. 'Jerry' 1873-1949; Minnie Brown 1871-1902; Susan Ella 1868; Cinca Moody 1875-1954.

WENDELL A. BREMMER

Born 11-1-1918, Oklahoma, Farmer, Married - 12-27-1951, Marie A. Stanek, born 6-2-1921, Hawk Point. Children: Mary Alice Booher 1942; Robert Eugene 1944.

JAMES W. BROWN

Farmer, born 8-13-1875, Troy, died 2-27-1963, Married -5-3-1903, Lillie Esther Welch, born 5-3-1888, Davis, died 4-30-1958. Children: Artie H. 1904; Mable Emmerick 1906; Omer D. 1908; Isabelle Shelker Cox; Lillian Fay 1922.

JESSE F. BROWN

Farmer, born 8-29-1902, Troy, died 10-23-1949, Married -2-19-1926, Henrietta Martinek, born 9-2-1904, Troy. Children: Robert H. 1938; Kenneth N. 1940; Jessie Florence Elder 1942.

OMER DELBERT BROWN

Sinclair Pipe Line, born 3-5-1908, Hawk Point, died 7-7-1975, Married - 5-12-1935, Sallie Mae Groshong, born 12-13-1906, Troy, School Teacher. Children: Marion Groshong 1940.

THOMAS LEALON 'LEE' BROWN

Born 9-11-1890, Troy, Farmer, died 5-9-1959, Married - Rose Catherine Shramek, born 7-14-1897, Hawk Point. Children: William Lee 1926-1966.

WILLIAM H. BROWN

Born 11-2-1839, Troy, died 12-28-1919, Farmer, Married - Sarah Jane Hartley, born 7-1-1850, Troy, died 12-8-1928. Children: Sarah Ann 1869; Joseph E. 1870; Cubert C. 1873; James W. 1875; William P. 1879; Velena Burgess 1883; Lillard H. 1885; Harry C. 1887; Lealon T. 1890; Robert D. 1893; John A. 1895.

JOHNNY BROZ

Born 5-21-1939, Hawk Point, Truck Driver, Married - 3-6-1965, Beverly S. Purdy, born 5-18-1940, Unionville. Children: Valerie K. 1966; Mark A. 1969; Kent L. 1970.

CALVIN O. H. BUSSE

Laborer, born 6-12-1925, Holstein, died 2-1-1960, Married -7-1954, Kathryn F. McCarty, born 1-1932, Hawk Point. Children: Homer Calvin 1955; Tracie L. 1959.

CLIFFORD LEVERN COLBERT

Tavern Owner - Construction, born 8-31-1919, Silex, Married -10-7-1946, Ella Margaret Duff, born 1-17-1929, Corso. Children: Carolyn Fay 1949; James Levern 1953; Rickie Duwayne 1953; Curtis Dwight 1954; Dixie Lynn 1956; Princess Gail 1959; Tammy Marie 1960; John Elton 1963.

FOUNTAIN PLEASANT COLBERT

Farmer, born 6-1-1887, Troy, died 8-26-1954, Married -2-23-1910, Ida Murl Hiler, born 5-14-1889, Hawk Point. Children: Melvin Earl 1912; Gary Clayton 1916; George Phillip 1919; Evelyn Mardelle Kinion 1922.

GEORGE PHILIP COLBERT

Farmer, born 11-23-1919, Hawk Point, Married - 10-2-1949, Frances Edna Frost, born 9-24-1925, Calif., Teacher. Children: Keith Alan 1951-51; Doretta Frances Whitcraft 1952; Kenneth Burton 1953; Philip Wayne 1959; Kathleen Ann 1961.

OMAR DYER COLBERT

Farmer, born 2-14-1890, Hawk Point, died 6-30-1951, Married -Anna Vea Nicklin, born 12-1892, Hawk Point, died 5-19-1960. Children: William Phillip 1914; Hubert Dyer 1916; Doris Helen Heimburger 1926.

PHILLIP AUGUSTA COLBERT

Farmer, born 1-28-1856, Bates County, died 2-12-1927, Married -9-14-1881, Sarah Elizabeth Wombles, born 10-28-1860, died 4-14-1950. Children: Everett A. 1882-1961; Arthur Elton 1884-1954; Fountain P. 1887-1954; Omar Dyer 1890-1951; Gertrude Lansche 1893-1972; Elsie May Taylor 1896-1966; Baby Boy 1900-1900.

REUBEN WASHINGTON COLBERT II

Rural Mail Carrier, born 1-1-1878, Hawk Point area, Married 1898, Cora Lee Crouch, born 10-10-1879, Lincoln Co. Children: Ruby Lee Pitts 1900-1929; Nellie Mae 1901-1903; Wilma Cecilia Kemmber 1903; Maude Evelyn Bossung 1906; Paul Joseph 1908-1920; Christine Bernice Hill 1910; Pleasant Alphonsis 1913-1969; Bernard 1916-1972; Bernardine Wadsack 1916; Mary Elaine 1918-1919; Mary Ethel Fisher, married 1920, born 10-17-1895, Ark. Children: Elvira E. 1922; Reuben R. 1923-1942; Robert C. 1925-1945; James F. 1926; Dora Faye Engles 1929; Phillip L. 1932; Ruby Gilbert Tucker, married 3-6-1951, born 5-27-1907, Montana.

WILLIAM P. COLBERT

Construction, born 8-29-1914, Hawk Point, Married - 10-16-1947, Darlyne Flook, born 6-17-1923, Ind., Occupation - Beauty Operator. Children: Gary Wayne 1949; Betzinda 1953; Mala Bartholomew 1954.

CECIL R. COPE

Plater-McDonnell, born 8-8-1919, New Truxton, Married -7-1-1947, Ruth M. Thompson, born 2-11-1926, Ill. Children: David Joe 1948; Jackie Lee 1949.

BOB CORCORAN

Complex Farm Manager, born 2-1-1940, Iowa, Married -1-18-1969, Carol B. Henson, born 11-12-1942, Pineville. Children: Jeff P. 1963; Eric L. 1964; Lindsay E. 1971.

HURLEY LEVI CREECH

Heavy Machinery Operator, Farmer, born 1-23-1912, Troy area, Married - 5-22-1937, Marjorie Irene Fredde, born 8-2-1915, Troy area, Teacher. Children: Eugene Arnold 1942; George Edward 1945.

WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM

Carpenter, born 6-23-1883, Snow Hill, died 9-23-1965, Married -3-1910, Mary Jane 'Maydee' Nicklin, born 8-26-1887, died 5-22-1955. Children: Erma Grace Todd 1917; William Ralph 1922.

HARRY WILLIAM DAVIDSON

Salesman, born 12-16-1928, Iowa, Married - 2-19-1951, Mable Marie Kennedy, born 3-8-1928, Crocker. Children: Beverly Jean 1952; Theresa Lynn Riggs 1954; Harry William Jr. 1956; Jodi Marie 1969.

CHRISTOPHER FORREST DAVIS

Chauffeur, born 8-15-1919, St. Louis, Married - 12-2-1944, Evelyn Mary Lang, born 4-14-1926, St. Louis. Children: Sharon Mary Ponder 1945; Denise A. 1960; Christopher George 1961.

CARL R. DETWEILER

Farmer, born 7-25-1899, Fulton, Married - 2-11-1923, Mabel A. Eversmeyer, born 3-17-1901, Troy. Children: Glen Russell 1923; Carl R. Jr. 1926; Doris E. Armentrout 1928; Kenneth Neil 1931; Joyce Helen Monroe 1933; Norma Lea Hagenhoff 1941.

JOSEPH DIGGS, M.D.

Born 1-31-1840, High Hill, died 6-28-1931, Married - Mary Margaret Cannon, born 10-23-1852, Hawk Point, died 10-12-1933. Children: Forest Vivian 1879-1943; Florence Sylvia Begeman 1883; Murray Joe 1885-1970; Paul Semor 1888-1956; Pearl Mildred 1890-1974; Stanford Earl 1895-1967.

WILLIAM WHITE DOWNING

Stock Breeding Farmer, born 3-1860, Olney, died 11-1934, Married - 11-1889, Mary Jane McMahan, born 1-1867, Williamsburg, died 7-1917. Children: John H. 1894; Baby; Anna V. Tomek 1894; Rebecca D. McCarty 1896-1974; George I. 1899. Ralph.

WILLIAM W. 'DUTCH' DRUNERT

Farmer-Trucker, born 3-2-1910, Hawk Point, Married -12-31-1938, Florence 'Petty' Cregger, born 7-18-1909, Hawk Point. Children: Maryln Williams, 1940.

JOHN J. DUFF

Mechanic, born 12-5-1939, Hawk Point, Married - 10-8-1960, Mary Jane Ivicsics, born 9-26-1940, St. Louis. Children: Pearle R. 1959; John A. 1960; Charles T. 1961; Terry L. 1962.

JOHN R. DUFF

Farmer, born 4-4-1898, Silex, died 12-19-1966, Married -10-6-1920, Ella Marie McDannold, born 11-19-1903, Corso. Children: Dorothy M. Kelsick 1922; Charles Randal 1924; Rosie M. Canady 1926; Ella Margaret Colbert 1929; George T. 1931; J. Pearl Davis 1933; Barbara J. Mudd 1938; John J. 1939; Clayton W. 1943; Larry D. 1945; Judy Kay Royster 1948.

HENRY DUNARD

Born 1-31-1859, Linn's Mill, died 1-26-1941, Married - 6-2-1882, Emma Creech, born 12-9-1864, Married - 6-1922, Lizzie Gains, died 1936. Children: Atline Williams 1883-1930; Dora 1884-1963; Pursilla Mendenhall 1886-1950; William Harrison 1889-1961; Vurmey Kliever 1899-1963; Edna 1904-1904; Bertha 1891-1891.

HARRISON DUNARD

Manager-Elevator, born 5-7-1889, Jonesburg, died 12-17-1961, Married - 7-2-1912, Mildred Gallagher, born 8-20-1894, Kansas, died 1-1928. Children: Lucille Kuhne 1914; William H. 1919; Aileen McKenna 1921; James 1927.

WILLIAM H. DUNARD

Furniture Mover, born 7-2-1919, Hawk Point, Married -2-13-1945, Dorothy E. Knizel, born 6-19-1919, Hawk Point. Children: William Knizel 'Butch' 1946; Robert Dale 1947; John Harrison 1950.

WILLIAM KNIZEL 'BUTCH' DUNARD

Industrial Engineer, born 11-14-1946, St. Charles, Married -5-4-1968, Barbara J. Wegener, born 7-25-1948, St. Charles, Medical Secretary. Children: Sean Dale 1969.

ROBERT DALE DUNARD

Manager-Elevator, born 12-1-1947, Hawk Point, Married -2-24-1968, Judith A. Krygiel of St. Louis, born 7-18-1948. Children: Angela Marie 1969; James Edward 1970; Kristina Marie 1975.

JOHN H. DUNARD

Factory Worker, born 5-26-1950, St. Charles, Married -8-18-1971, Betty A. Henebry, born 2-2-1950, St. Charles, Nurse. Children: Jill Ann 1972; Brian Keith 1974; Kenneth Eugene 1975.

WILLIAM L. DUNCAN

Farmer-Merchant-Postmaster, born 1866, Louisville, died 11-26-1932, Married - Mollie Jane Kennedy, 6-3-1891, born 4-30-1872, died 1972. Children: Ruth A. Harper 1892-1975; Ray Kennedy 1893-1968; William Henry 1898; Lloyd 1902.

WILLIAM HENRY DUNCAN

Hardware-Lumber, born 3-10-1898, Linn's Mill, Married -2-27-1923, Ruth Howell, born 6-7-1898, Hawk Point. Children: William Robert 1924; Mary Kathryn Bresee 1926-1973.

WILLIAM ROBERT DUNCAN

F.B.I.-Farmer, born 5-7-1924, Hawk Point. Married - 9-11-1948, Jean Ann Wilson, born 7-26-1929, Troy. Children: Ruth Ann 1957; William Edward 1958.

CHARLES STEVEN EAMES

Farmer - stock buyer, born 3-4-1855, Hawk Point, died 11-29-1941, Married - 12-5-1883, Martha Kelly, born 9-1-1857, Hawk Point, died 12-28-1932. Children: Della Hall.

WILLIAM E. FASSE

Lumber-Thrasher, born 1-12-1866, Steinhagen, died 11-4-1950, Married - Susie W. Krueger, born 3-3-1872, Linn's Mill, died 10-27-1958. Children: William August 1894; Ameliea Stewart Driscoll 1897; Samuel Carl 1900-1963; Martha Parks 1902-1970; Frank W. 1905-1970; Bertha Sonner 1909; Robert J. 1913.

FRANCIS JEROME 'JUDGE' FOLTA

Farmer, born 2-7-1926, Martinsburg, Married - 10-16-1954, Ethel Jean Martinek, born 3-28-1932, Troy area. Children: Lee Ann Henebry 1955; Jerome Wayne 1959.

JAMES BARR GALLAGHER

Newspaper, born 3-28-1871, died 1-27-1936, Married - Lillian Van De Vere. Children: Berl 1905; Glen 1906-1960; Sarah Eversmeyer 1896; Mildred Dunard 1895-1928.

ROBERT F. GAPSCH

Farmer, born 3-13-1910, Affton, Married - 1-14-1934, Louise C. Heimburger, born 7-11-1911, Affton.

LOUIS O. GRATEKE

Farmer, born 3-5-1909, Affton, Married - 4-12-1931, Helen F. Heimburger, born 10-8-1912, Affton. Children: Renee F. Fanger 1940; Robert L. 1946.

ROBERT L. GRATEKE

Farmer, born 2-26-1946, St. Louis, Married - 4-24-1965, Linda S. Mudd, born 6-4-1946, Corso. Children: Susan Lynn 1966; Dena Lee 1971; Neal Robert 1976.

RICHARD GILES

Farmer, born 1851, Hawk Point, died 1917, Married - Mildred Barley, born 1855, died 1941. Children: Emma Gordon Russell 1875-1959; Willie Abigale Able-Holcomb; Pearley; Captola Evans; Neoma Giles; Raymond.

CHARLES F. GLEAR

Farmer, born 10-22-1875, Silex, died 10-7-1958, Married -9-26-1900, Lola May Crouse, born 1-19-1886, Troy, died 10-16-1959. Children: Theodore Roosevelt 1901; Daisie Blanche Schuster 1904; Lucy Francis 1907-1914; Mattie Lena Marvin 1910; Burton Lee 1912-1973; Howard Haddley 1914-1972.

BURTON LEE GLEAR

Farmer, born 9-2-1912, Silex, died 10-15-1973, Married -12-24-1938, Leola M. Ives, born 5-14-1912. Children: Gary 1948-1969.

HOWARD HADLEY GLEAR

Aircraft, born 8-31-1914, Hawk Point, died 1-15-1972, Married -9-15-1955, Merle I. Wallace, born 2-2-1922, Sikeston. Children: Edward Leroy Dunn 1952; Dennis Allen 1955-1969; Wayne Hadley 1959.

GEORGE M. GORDON

Farmer, born 4-23-1875, died 1897, Married - Emma Giles, born 4-23-1875, died 6-4-1959. Children: Viola McMahan 1893; Gola H. 1895; Richard Y. Russell 1900-1970; Lillie Russell Landrum.

JAMES R. HALL

Minister, born 8-9-1935, Kennett, Married - 9-4-1955, Marilyn Maupin, born 3-8-1934, Middletown. Children: James Robert 'Robin' 1957; Ronald Wayne 1960.

DAVID A. HART

Mail Carrier, born 5-27-1915, Ill., Married - 8-31-1933, Catherine E. Frangen, born 10-19-1914, Ill. Children: Lee Richard 1947.

FREDERICK GEORGE HASEKAMP

Phone Co., born 8-1-1947, St. Charles, Married - 8-22-1970, Sharon Shaw, born 5-28-1950, Hawk Point. Children: Scott Frederick 1974; Baby 1977.

GEORGE F. HEIMBURGER

District Director of Agriculture, born 5-29-1924, Affton, Married - 10-29-1950, Doris Helen Colbert, born 10-14-1926, Hawk Point. Children: Gail Ann 1953; Sharon Kay 1958.

ROBERT W. HENEBRY

Farmer-Construction, born 8-3-1921, Troy, Married -10-11-1947, Gladus Geneva Ethington, born 3-12-1922, Ky. Children: Richard William 1948; Betty Anne Dunard 1950; Kenneth Eugene 1951; Alice Faye Amann 1953; Donna Maria 1958; Roberta Elaine 1962.

JAMES B. HENEBRY

Meat Cutter, born 5-16-1918, Troy, Married 5-10-1947, Genevieve A. Hurt, born 12-25-1923, Millwood. Children: Charles T. 1950; Larry J. 1951; Donald J. 1956.

LARRY HENEBRY

Construction Worker, born 10-26-1951, St. Louis, Married -9-18-1976, Lee Ann Folta, born 7-17-1955, Troy, Occupation: Registered Nurse.

WILLIAM J. HEPBURN

Electrician, born 1-31-1939, St. Louis, Married - 10-28-1961, Susan C. Bohringer, born 7-6-1942, St. Louis. Children: Donna L. 1962; Robert C. 1964; Scott J. 1976.

RONALD E. HEIMANN

Electrician, born 2-12-1933, Overland, Married - 9-3-1953, Barbara F. Lautermilch, born 11-15-1935, Kirkwood, Beautician. Children: Edward D. 1955; Janet F. Harrell 1956; Susan K. 1957; John R. 1958.

GEORGE THOMAS HILER

Farmer-Sexton, born 1-24-1860, Troy area, died 12-4-1948, Married - 10-19-1882, Rhoda Early, born 4-4-1855, Hawk Point area, died 7-15-1941. Children: Arnold 1883-1959; Viola 1885-1886; Ida Murl Colbert 1889.

JERRY W. HILL

Mechanic, born 12-14-1941, Okla., Married - 4-16-1966, Jo Ann Patton, born 3-29-1944, St. Louis. Children: Jason Edward 1969; Julie Ann 1973.

JOSEPH A. HOFFMANN

Aircraft, born 8-16-1906, St. Louis, died 8-25-1975, Married -5-4-1942, Anna E. Polston, born 3-6-1910, Warren Co. Occupation: Aircraft.

DULIN HARRELL

Lumber-Hardware, born 12-24-1922, Married - 1-4-1944, Pearl L. Braungardt, born 10-19-1924, Owens Station. Children: Linda Frank 1946; Kay Edmiston 1948; Ray 1952; Neva Rankin 1954; Kevin 1958.

ASAHEL W. 'PETE' HUNTER

Construction Worker, born 2-12-1901, Troy, died 4-10-1974, Married - 1-23-1922, Lela C. 'Tina' Holmes, born 1-29-1922. Children: Monty E. 1923; Asahel Jr. 1924-1953; Jason D. 1929; Norman G. 1934.

MELVIN E. HOPKINS

Boarding Home - Carpenter, born 3-22-1937, Ark. Married 10-24-1958, Doris J. Gau, born 9-24-1942, St. Louis. Children: Jeffery Ted 1964.

PETER HUNT JR.

Hoisting engineer, born 3-3-1930, Miss., Married - 5-3-1970, Nellie Z. Goins, born 10-15-1934, Miss., Clerical Worker. Children: Deborah E. Robinson; Russell Q.; Pamela; Joyce.

WILLIAM FLOYD HOWDESHELL

Farmer, born 5-13-1888, Olney, died 3-5-1958, Married -2-23-1910, Freida Lydia Brinkman, born 6-24-1890, Warren Co. Children: Freida Willena Bracht, 1911-1962; Floy Mildred Allen 1913; William Ernest 1918; Johnnie Lee 1925; Lloyd Lavern 1930; Robert Harris 1932.

WILLIAM E. HOWDESHELL

Farmer-Trucker, born, Hawk Point 1-16-1918, Married -7-5-1941, Alberta V. Busch, born 7-4-1924, Ill., Teacher's Aide. Children: William Lee 1942-1972; Richard D. 1955; Cheryl L. 1957.

JOHNNIE L. HOWDESHELL SR.

Interior-Exterior Painter, born 8-26-1925, Hawk Point, Married - 7-5-1947, Ruby Lee Baldwin, born 11-28-1928, St. Charles, Restaurant Manager. Children: Wanda Lapetta Schultz 1945; Johnnie Lee Jr. 1948; Judy E. Wilson 1949; Robert T. 'Robbie' 1957.

D. SHERIDAN HOWELL

Carpenter, born 8-9-1890, Hawk Point, Married - 8-6-1913, Susie E. Douglas, born 6-8-1897, Troy, Shoe Factory, Practical Nurse. Children: Earl Dudley 1914.

WILLIAM B. HOWELL

Farmer-Stock Dealer, born 5-31-1858, died 10-25-1944, Married -3-19-1884, Kate Nichols, born 1-5-1862, Troy, died 4-21-1933. Children: Albert W. 1885-1957; Willie G. Overfelt 1887-1938; Elmer C. 1888-1948; John 1890; Almarinda 1892-1958; Ruby L. Thurman 1894; Caldonia 'Dona' Lynch 1896; Ruth Duncan 1898; Robert 1898; C. Clark 1901; Mary D. Baker 1904-1966.

SIMON M. HUBER

Farmer, born 4-17-1917, Glennonville, Married 11-23-1939. Josephine M. Hubach, born 2-2-1918, Malden. Children: Theodore F. 1941; Donald J. 1943; Mary Ruth Jaspering 1945; Thomas S. 1951; Joseph C. 'Joey' 1956-1974.

JOSEPH E. LANGENECKER

Mechanic-Farmer, born, Troy, died 5-19-1955, Married -6-9-1920, Leona Kowazek, born 5-16-1895. Children: Edward 1921-1970; Devault 1923-1923; Dene 1925; Garmley 1927; Arnelda Knaus 1932.

JOSEPH DENE LANGENECKER

Navy - McDonnell Aircraft, born 1-13-1924, Ill., Married -4-17-1948, Gladys E. Gilbert, born 1-31-1927, Bellflower. Occupation: Factory Worker. Children: Joseph Borne 'J. B.' 1949; Lawrence Gilbert 'Larry' 1950.

LEROY H. LANSCHE

Farmer, born 6-26-1911, Hawk Point, Married - 2-6-1937, Caroline M. Podhorsky, born 12-28-1918, St. Charles. Children: Leroy Joseph 1942; Carol Jean Todd 1948.

MARTIN HENRY LEEK

Farmer, born 2-3-1884, Hawk Point, died 2-6-1960, Married -10-18-1905, Sadie Lena Hoech, born 7-19-1882, Warren Co., died 12-16-1959. Children: Mary Georgie Thurstin 1907; Lawrence Frederick: Martin Harold 1912-1966; Dorothy Irene Giles 1916.

BEN GORDON

Farmer, born 1826, Hawk Point, died 1902, Married - Lou Harper, born 1848, Hawk Point, died 1927. Children: Oscar A. 1870-1951; George M. 1872-1897; Ella 1877-1904; Roy 1875-1943; Tom 1881.

GOLA H. GORDON

Paper Hanger - Painter, born 11-22-1895, Hawk Point, Married 7-4-1925, Mariam E. Hopkins, born 1-7-1903, Iowa. Children: Lavone Stieger, 1927-1970; Donald E. 1932.

DANIEL H. GUYOT

Fence Manufacturer, born 12-8-1934, Ferguson, Married -6-30-1956, Nancy A. Viviano, born 1-2-1938, Ill. Children: Christina S. 1956; Gregory J. 1958; Patrick D. 1960; Karen M. 1961: Paul A. 1971.

LARRY NORMAN KEELING

Truck Driver, born 11-18-1944, Ark., died 7-22-1975, Married -6-22-1963, Jean Cavin, born 12-12-1944, Ky. Children: Larry Wayne 1964; Jeff 1966; Kimberly 1972.

BENJAMIN KELLY

Farmer, born 1832, died 1886, Married - 7-3-1855, Amelia Carrico, Children: Martha Eames; Caroline Witt; Virginia Giles: Frances Jones: Jim; John; Tom. 1845

ALEXANDER KENNEDY

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Farmer-Merchant-Postmaster, born 9-13-1824, Lincoln Co., Married - 1848, Sarah Howell, born 1828, died 1866, Married -1868 Mary Howell, died 1882. Married - Rhoda Devis Williams. Seven children by Sarah Howell, three by Mary Howell.

ARMSTRONG KENNEDY

Farmer-Gunsmith, born 1786, Tenn., died 1856, Married - Mary Rickey, died 1853. Children: 10. Alexander 1824.

WALTER OWEN KINION

Farmer, born 4-24-1890, Davis, died 12-2-1961, Married -3-29-1912. Bessie Helen Kinion, born 3-1-1885, Davis. Children: Richard 1912; Walter Owen Jr. 1915-1923; Leek Lester 1919.

LEEK LESTER KINION

Truck Driver, born 2-13-1919, Blairtown, Married - 4-24-1943, Evelyn Mardelle Colbert, born 6-12-1922, Hawk Point. Children: Raymond 1944; Betty Faye Leek 1945; Gloria Jean Swoboda 1949.

RAYMOND LESTER KINION

Farmer, born 5-3-1944, Silex, Married - 5-20-1972, Kathy Elaine Allen, born 7-16-1953. Children: Kurt Lee 1974.

RICHARD B. KINION

Farmer, born 11-17-1912, Hawk Point, Married - 4-12-1941, Audrey Boyse, born 7-20-1921. Children: Larry Richard 1949.

CARSON KING

Born 1808, Fairview, died 1863, Married - Nancy Humphrey, born 1814, Fairview, died 1909. Children: Mary Elizabeth Mosely, 1845-1929.

FRANK KNIZEL SR.

Farmer, born 8-19-1859, Prague, Czechoslovakia, died 1-8-1941, Married - Mary Martinek, born 4-23-1859, Mashek, died 3-1-1945. Children: Emma Peterson 1881-194-; Rosy Martinek 1887-1966; Frank Jr. 1890-1975; Minnie Folta 1893-1945; John G. 1896-1966.

JOHN GEORGE KNIZEL

Farmer, born 6-28-1896, Hawk Point, died 2-24-1966, Married -10-3-1917, Ada Norton, born 9-19-1897, Hawk Point, died 5-17-1972. Children: Dorothy E. Dunard 1919.

WILLIAM KOWAZEK

Farmer, born 12-15-1847, Austria-Hungary, died 12-1948, Married - 1-21-1870, Mary Novatna (Norton), born 1858, Austria-Hungary, died 1926. Children: Benedict 1871-1928; Mary F. 1873; Eudena Hammett 1876; Felix 1878-1924; Andrew 1880-1887; Mary Veronica 1881-1891; Frances Fines 1883-; William 1885; Minnie Earnest 1887; Annie Monroe-Elton 1889; Gertrude 1891-1915; Leona Langenecker 1894.

LAWRENCE JOHN KUDA

Farmer-Mechanic, born 8-2-1907, Hawk Point, Married -8-19-1939, Florence Sonner, born 9-18-1907, Fairview. Children: Darlene See Walls 1928: Gene See 1930; James D. Kuda 1941.

ROBERT A. KUMBERA

Salesman-Truck Driver, born 9-2-1910, Silex, Married - 5-1938, Marie W. Martinek, born 5-15-1913, Hawk Point. Children: Robert Joseph 1942; William Ray.

MARTIN HAROLD LEEK

Martin Harold Leek, farmer, born 4-18-1912, Hawk Point, died 12-9-1966, Married - 4-18-1930, Lois Claggett born 7-22-1912, Hawk Point, occupation garment factory, Children: Monte Harold 1931; Wilbur Neal 1942; Judith Overkamp 1944.

MONTY HAROLD LEEK

Monty Harold Leek, gas service, born 1-8-1931, Hawk Point, Married 3-11-1950 M. Darline Luckett, born 2-18-1930, Corso, factory worker, Children: Brenda G. Logan 1950; Kevin D. 1953; Jeffery N. 1957; Kent R. 1959.

WILBUR NEAL LEEK

Wilbur Neal Leek, truck driver, born 3-5-1941, Hawk Point, Married 6-8-1963 Betty Faye Kinion born 11-6-1945, Hawk Point, Children: Barry Dean 1964; Kris Noel 1967.

RICHARD T. MARGEDANT

Richard T. Margedant, salesman, born 11-30-1925, St. Louis, Married - 2-8-1947, Jean Sieber, born 2-25-1925, St. Louis, Children: Richard Thomas Jr. 1949; Timothy 1958.

JOSEPH J. MARSH SR.

Joseph J. Marsh Sr. 1908-1963, funeral director, Married -7-20-1937, Lois Reid, born 1915, Children: Joseph J. Jr.; Clay E.

CHARLES F. MARTINEK

Charles F. Martinek, farmer, born 1-1-1901, Mashek, Married - 6-16-1934 Pauline P. Martinek, born 12-29-1911, Hawk Point. Children: Donald Eugene 1938; Ronald Duane 1944; John Francis 1947.

DANIEL JOSEPH MARTINEK

Daniel Joseph Martinek, Auto-factory, born 8-27-1946, Married - Noreta G. Todd, Born 12-24-1946, Postal Clerk. Children: Brian Joseph 1965; Natalie Grace 1969.

FRED WILLIAM MARTINEK

Fred William Martinek, farmer, born 1-1-1901, Mashek. Married 5-14-1930, Lockie Sitton born 7-2-1903, Winfield area. Children: Ethel Jean Folta 1932; Frank Wayne 1935; Mary Jane Thompson 1940.

HENRY MARTINEK

Henry Martinek, farmer, born 1-19-1872, Mashek, died 12-2-1956. Married - 11-25-1903, Helen Stanek, born 11-3-1877, Mashek. Children: Henrietta Brown 1904.

PAUL ED MARTINEK

Paul Ed Martinek, railroad, 12-23-1902, Hawk Point, died 11-8-1968. Married 5-1-1943, Reba Jane Claggett, 10-29-1903, garment factory.

JOHN WILLIAM McCARTY

John William McCarty, farmer-coal miner, born 4-1896, Ill. Married - 7-20-1919, Rebecca Dorcas Downing, born 11-1896, New Florence, died 12-1974. Children: Marguerite A. Wood; William T.; John F. 1925-25; Daniel 1926; Robert C.; Mary L. Moeller, Kathryn F. Busse; Harold R.; Norma Jane, Jimmie F.

DANIEL L. McCARTY

Daniel L. McCarty, retired Navy, born 6-14-1926, Hawk Point. Married 2-23-1952, Dona Marie Smith, born 12-25-1927, Wright City. Children: David L. 1952; John D. 1955.

ROBERT C. McCARTY

Robert C. McCarty, factory, trailer court, born 6-24-1928, Hawk Point. Married Marilyn Jean Choate-Nichols, born 6-2-1929, died 7-22-1966. Married - 8-3-1967 Sylvia H. Potthast Barchesky, born 6-11-1926, Warrenton. Children: Sharon Nichols Striebel 1948; Bonnie Stanek 1952; Dennis McCarty 1957; Janet Barchesky Caldwell 1956; Steven Barchesky 1957; Michele Barchesky 1961.

CLARENCE R. McMAHAN

Clarence R. McMahan, farmer, born 8-14-1891, Neb. Died 11-10-1956. Married - 11-11-1911, Viola M. Gordon, born 10-20-1893. Children: Fay Bell Skinner 1912; Clareen Rinaman 1922; Lowell 1926-1970.

ALLIE LEE MONROE

Allie Lee Monroe, farmer, born 3-4-1878, Hawk Point area, died 9-16-1959. Married - 10-30-1901, Vina Trail, born 5-29-1880, Davis, died 2-11-1974. Children: Cleopatra Ryan 1902; Russell Lee 1905; Isabelle Petersmeyer 1908; Vallea Petersmeyer 1911; Eva Hoffmann 1914; Veda Lansche 1917-1968.

RUSSELL LEE MONROE

Russell Lee Monroe, farmer, born 7-30-1905, Hawk Point. Married - 9-1-1929, Jessie Lorene Neumann, born 8-17-1910 Silex. Children: Robert Eugene 1930.

ROBERT E. MONROE

Robert E. Monroe, farmer-carpenter, born 5-21-1930, Hawk Point. Married - 8-4-1951, Joyce H. Detweiler, born 3-22-1933 Hawk Point, office worker. Children: William Russell 1952; Larry E. 1955.

WILLIAM RUSSELL MONROE

William Russell Monroe, factory, born 9-4-1952, Hawk Point. Married - 10-18-1975, Barbara Jean Van Barneveld, born 9-1-1957, St. Charles.

WILLIAM FRANCIS MARTINEK M.D.

William Francis Martinek, M.D., born 9-7-1844, died 2-27-1908. Married - 5-12-1874, Barbara Rose Baumbruck, born 10-3-1851, died 10-21-1921. Children: Anastosia Genevieve Svoboda 1875; William Francis 1876-1957; Rose Matilda Bracht 1876; Joseph 1879; Barbara Rose 1880; Stanislaus August 1881; Mary Ann Baier Beck 1882; Emma Yester 1884; Emanuel 1886; Pauline Folta 1891; Antoine 1893.

WILLIAM FRANCIS 'BILL' MARTINEK

William Francis 'Bill' Martinek, mechanic, born 9-14-1876, Truxton, died 11-21-1957. Married 6-5-1907, Rose Knizel, born 8-28-1887, Hawk Point, died 7-16-1966. Children: William Francis III 1908; Adelia Kadlec 1910; Pauline Martinek 1911; Marie W. Kumbera 1913; Roselea Podhorsky 1915; Robert S. 1921.

W. FRANCIS MARTINEK

W. Francis Martinek, mechanic, born 6-22-1908, Hawk Point, Married - 2-17-1930, Veronica H. Shramek 'Vina', born 2-4-1903. Children: Veronica M. Twellman 1931; Stanley E. 1932; Elizabeth 'Betty' Aubuchon 1934; Frances A. 1936-48; Margaret R. Vaughn 1938; Josephine K. 1940-51; Barbara Eggering 1942.

STANLEY EUGENE MARTINEK

Stanley Eugene Martinek, mechanic, born 12-22-1932, Hawk Point, Married - Verla Mae Schieffer, born 10-16-1937, Troy. Children: Stephan Lester, 1953; Rose Marie Blair 1955; Kenneth Eugene 1958; Kathryn Ann 1960; Beverly Sue 1962; Theodore Francis 1964; Eugenia Mae 1968.

STEPHAN L. MARTINEK

Stephan L. Martinek, mechanic, born 9-3-1953, Hawk Point, Married 5-8-1976, Lana K. Peecher, born 9-21-1951, Illinois. Children: Jason P. 1977.

JOHN MATUSTIK

John Matustik, truck driver, born 1-5-1925, Kansas, Married 10-27-1951, Sarah J. Luelf, born 10-9-1934, Corso, factory worker. Children: Doris E. Margedant 1955; Carol J. 1961.

THOMAS D. McCARTY

Thomas D. McCarty, farmer, born 1-1853, Ohio, died 5-1923, Married - 1877, Katharine Frances Griffith, born 1-1856, Illinois, died 1926. Children: Charles, Clyde, Richard, H. Don 1891-1975; Nellie, Helen LaBare; John William 1896.

SAMUEL LETTON MOORE

Samuel Letton Moore, mechanic, born 5-22-1903, Macon Co., died 5-8-1975, Married - 1921, Opal Bell Moxley, born 3-31-1903, Macon Co., died 7-17-1970. Children: Russell William; Margaret Bauer; Marian Durwood; Dorothy; Bonnie Hughes; Joyce Stuck 1931; Samuel H. 1932; Ruby E. Derbozen; Marcella Field.

SAMUEL H. MOORE

Samuel H. Moore, Retired Army, 12-22-1932, Huntsville, Married - 6-5-1958, Hedwig H. Hinterholzinger, born 12-21-1936, Allevsberg, Germany, office worker. Children: Marcella Ann 1959; Samuel L. 1960; Ernest Frederic 1963.

T. M. MOSELY SR.

T. M. Mosely Sr., born 6-11-1801, died 12-17-1870, Married -A. H., born 11-1810, died 2-1892. Children: Phillip Maxie 1841-1920.

PHILLIP MAXIE MOSLEY

Phillip Maxie Mosley, farmer, born 9-29-1841, Fairview, died 2-21-1920, Married - Mary Elizabeth King, born 12-22-1849, Fairview, died 3-21-1929. Children: Emma Sonner Younger 1874-1939; Phillip; Jessie; Nannie Sydnor; Mannie Ingram.

LAWRENCE FAYETTE MUDD

Lawrence Fayette Mudd, farmer, born 8-17-1901, Corso, Married - 3-15-1927, Lillie Mae Neumann, born 6-7-1904, Hawk Point area. Children: Elizabeth Fay 'Betty' Shaw 1927; Lawrence Fayette Jr. 1929; Nicholas Dale; Lillian Jo Ann Cunningham; William Eugene.

JOSEPH H. MYRICK

Joseph H. Myrick, Street Car Operator, born 10-21-1891, Ark., Married - 7-11-1912, Kathryn E. Lansche, born 11-28-1898, Hawk Point, died 6-17-1943. Children: Joseph Louis 1919.

ALBERT F. NEUMANN

Albert F. Neumann, Married - 1871, Friederika Marie Karaline. Children: Lousie 'Lizzie' 1872-1940; Albert 1874-1964; Emilie Van Winkle 1877; Ida Grapenthin-Broekmann, 1879-1943; Friederike 1882-1887; Minnie Ernest 1886-1965; Annie Dieckmann; Gussie Monroe 1888-1965; Alvine Augusta; Heneritta Ella 1890; Hulda Dorman.

ALBERT NEUMANN

Albert Neumann, farmer, born 11-13-1874, Hawk Point, died 3-17-1964, Married - 12-31-1900, Elizabeth Frank, born 6-7-1979, died 11-22-1960. Children: Dena Hutton; Lillie Mudd; Mamie Norton; Jessie Monroe; Albert Eugene; D'Arline Elizabeth Shaw.

WILLIAM FRAZIER NICKLIN

William Frazier Nicklin, farmer-fertilizer dealer, born 11-13-1859, Hamburg Landing, died 6-16-1950, Married - 11-10-1886, Mary Emily Fine, born 11-3-1866, Truxton area, died 5-11-1943. Children: Mary Jane 'Maydee' Cunningham 1887-1955; Maggie Myrtle Burgess 1889-1972; Howard Dee 1892-1960; Orum C. 1894; Elbert Earl 1897; Infant son 1899; Florence Jewell Janes 1901-1972; Grace Trail 1903-1969.

FRED L. NORTON

Fred L. Norton, farmer, born 10-20-1897, Hawk Point, Married - 8-9-1933, Helen B. Broz, born 10-11-1915, Hawk Point, died 6-7-1967. Children: Fred Lee Jr. 1942-1969; Joyce Albart 1945.

HARRY W. NORTON

Harry W. Norton, farmer, born 10-13-1914, Hawk Point, Married - 11-11-1933, Anne Jane Peterson, born 1-1-1914, Hawk Point.

JOHN EDWARD PETERSON

John Edward Peterson, blacksmith, born 3-20;1881, Czechoslovakia, died 5-16-1965, Married - Emma Knizel, born 12-12-1882, Hawk Point, died 11-28-1940. Children: Albert Francis 1909; Anne Jane Norton 1914.

ALBERT FRANCIS 'PETIE' PETERSON

Albert Francis 'Petie' Peterson, farmer-truck driver, born 7-1-1909, Married 5-10-1933, Laura Veronica Norton born 10-24-1905, Millwood.

RAYFORD L. PHELPS

Rayford L. Phelps, Aircraft, born 2-12-1937, Ky. Married -4-27-1957, Dorothy L. Nail, born 8-8-1935, Malden, factory worker. Children: Patricia P. 1959; Laurie A. 1960; Charles Ray 1969.

JACKIE E. PLYBON

Jackie E. Plybon, soil conservationist, born 10-25-1945, Aurora, Married 1-18-1969, Marilyn R. Gillock, born 6-23-1946, Carthage, teacher. Children: Christopher Michael 1972; Curtis David 1975.

GARRETT JOHN SCHROER

Garrett John Schroer, farmer, born 8-27-1885, Linn's Mill, died 10-10-1964, Married 11-25-1914, Luvena Emma Witte, born 1-11-1896, Jonesburg, died 12-11-1972. Children: Elmer John 1915; Lillian Anna Boulanger 1916; Alta Mae Weinrich 1929.

DONALD H. SEEGER

Donald H. Seeger, farmer, 12-7-1924, St. Louis Co., Married -7-2-1947, Blanche Dauster, born 2-23-1929, St. Louis Co. Children: Donald H. Jr. 1948; Janet Freymuth 1951; Lois Hilton 1955; Christi 1967.

DONALD H. SEEGER JR.

Donald H. Seeger Jr., farmer, born 9-7-1948, St. Louis, Married - 3-22-1969, Linda Kaye Shaw, born 11-14-1948, Washington, Secretary. Children: Lisa Ann 1970.

JOHN SCHMIDT

John Schmidt, born in Germany, Married - Eliza, born in Germany. Children: Kate Weitkamp 1869-1966.

ARTHUR K. SCHAPER

Arthur K. Schaper, banker, born 8-22-1890, Wright City, died 10-1-1957, Married - 9-5-1928, Mildred C. Mische, born 9-3-1904, Washington. Children: Mary Jo Davis 1929; Arthur Ray 1939.

ARTHUR RAY SCHAPER

Arthur Ray Schaper, banking, born 10-30-1939, Warrenton, Married - 12-8-1963, Carrol Garner, born 7-9-1944, Overland. Children: Michael R. 1966; Deborah Lyn 1968.

JOHN T. SCHIEFFER

John T. Schieffer, construction worker, 1-18-1915, Troy, Married - 8-4-1934, Ida Bell Lester, born 7-4-1918, Snow Hill, factory worker. Children: Verla Mae Martinek, 1937; Margie Lee Fry 1938; Mary Lou Jones 1940; Tommy Dean 1949.

ERNEST VALENTINE SHAW

Ernest Valentine Shaw, farmer, born 8-8-1890, Louisville, died 12-26-1969, Married - 8-18-1911, Leola Priscilla Jurgesmeyer, born 9-28-1888, Bellflower, died 8-23-1965, Children: Henry August 1912; Richard Leroy 1913-1915; Manuel Ernest 1916; Jaunita Ruth Hemphill 1918; Lowell Edward 1925; Norman Eugene 1928.

MANUEL ERNEST SHAW

Manuel Ernest Shaw, farmer, born 9-13-1916, Hawk Point, Married - 9-2-1938 D'Arline E. Neumann, born 2-9-1921, Hawk Point, Store Clerk. Children: Cornelius Manuel 1942.

CORNELIUS M. SHAW

Cornelius M. Shaw, phone company, born 8-20-1942, St. Charles, Married - 4-2-1966, June F. Good, born 6-28-1942, Warrenton, teacher. Children: Albert Cornelius 1976.

LOWELL EDWARD SHAW

Lowell Edward Shaw, farmer, born 12-17-1925, Hawk Point, Married - 2-7-1948, Elizabeth Fay 'Betty' Mudd, born 11-8-1927, Corso, Bank bookkeeper. Children: Linda Kaye Seeger 1948; Sharon Ann Hasekamp 1950; Gary Edward 1953.

GARY E. SHAW

Gary E. Shaw, farmer, born 3-27-1953, Washington, Married -3-4-1972, Nancy L. Cunningham, born 8-4-1949, Warrenton. Children: Bradley Edward 1972; Diana Jo 1976.

NORMAN SHAW

Norman Shaw, farmer, born 1-30-1928, Hawk Point, Married-6-3-1950, Deloris Miller, born 1-27-1931, Colorado. Children: Clayton Wayne 1950; Ernest E. 1951-52; Calvin E. 1953; Kenneth D. 1955; Marilynn F. 1968.

CLAYTON WAYNE SHAW

Clayton Wayne Shaw, farmer-trucker, born 12-27-1950, Washington, Married - 9-9-1972, Betty Kay Schlote, born 5-19-1953, Troy. Children: Michael Wayne 1977.

CALVIN EUGENE SHAW

Calvin Eugene Shaw, meat cutter, born 12-22-1953, Washington, Married - 11-3-1973; Vicki Lin Shramek, born 6-21-1951, Troy.

WILLIAM SKURLOCK

William Skurlock died in 1851, Married - Chaney Barley who died in 1856.

JOHN WILLIAM SKURLOCK

John William Skurlock, farmer, born 1-1-1848, Chain of Rocks area, died 5-17-1917, Married - 1869, Mary Edna Bryant, born Lincoln Co. Children: W. S. or Joseph W. died 1900; Maggie O. Thompson 1880-1973.

DONALD L. SMITH

Donald L. Smith, mechanic, born 7-4-1938, Arlington, Married - 9-15-1959, Barbara Ann Allen, born 3-11-1943, Hawk Point, Beautician. Children: Jeffery Dean 1950; Janine Lynn 1962; Mark Travis 1964.

MARIAN E. SONNER

Marian E. Sonner, born 1874, Fairview, died 1932, Married -11-1892, Emma Gertrude Mosely, born 5-30-1874, Fairview, died 6-15-1939, Married - 12-29-1915, Samuel H. Young. Children: Stella H. Sonner-Barley-Howell 1894-1964; Henry M. 1895; Jesse James 1897-1963; Marian Calvin 1899-1968; Hurd Reed 1901-1953; Mary E. Beorcher 1903; Infant 1905; Florence Darline See Kuda 1907; Ralph Diggs 1909-1969; Eugene 1911; Ruth G. Young Logan 1917.

HENRY SONNER

Henry Sonner, born in Kentucky, Married - Martha Palmer. Children: Marian E. 1874-1932; Alonzo 1876-1932; Mary Jane.

ALBERT W. STANEK

Albert W. Stanek, farmer, born 7-6-1925, Millwood, Married -8-7-1948, Levera Vejvoda, born 6-11-1925, Hawk Point. Children: June Marie 1957.

PAUL E. STANEK SR.

Paul E. Stanek Sr., farmer, born 1-9-1917, Hawk Point, Married - 5-27-1939, Dorothy Dieckman, born 9-17-1918, Warren Co. Tupperware dealer. Children: Paul E. Jr. 1939; Charles Franklin 1941; Ida R. Hartmann 1945; Mary L. Wisely 1946; Dorothy P. Caldwell 1949; Audrey Roth 1950; Patricia E. Mottert 1952; William A. 1953; Robert F. 1955; John P. 1957; Joseph C. 1959.

SYLVESTER H. STANEK

Sylvester H. Stanek, Aircraft, born 3-13-1919, Hawk Point, Married - 9-1943 to Alma M. Spires, born 2-3-1925, Bellflower. Children: Sylvester Reginald 1944; Roger Dean 1945; Roxlyn A. Smith 1947; David Henry 1949; Lawrence Steven 1952; Mary Phyllis 1956; Bruce Thomas 1959; Starla Marcellus 1961; Ricky Matthew 1964; Mia Cecilia 1968.

LYNDELL E. STAPP

Lyndell E. Stapp, Accountant, born 7-23-1894, Hawk Point Married - 5-7-1927, Estelle Mohrman, born 8-25-1908, St. Louis. Children: Lyndell Gene 1928; Sandra Cottle 1936.

RUSSELL D. STEWART

Russell D. Stewart, Accountant, born 7-23-1948, Ferguson, Married - 6-7-1971, Janet D. Rinaman, born 7-16-1949, St. Charles, Teacher. Children: Scott Bradley 1972; Timothy Brian 1973.

WILLIAM C. SHRAMEK

William C. Shramek, farmer, born 7-26-1894, Hawk Point area, Married - 9-8-1919, Alice Pauline Choate, born 10-29-1898, Hawk Point area, died 10-2-1968. Children: Isabelle Catherine Myers 1920; William Charles 1921; Edward Pendleton 1925-1969.

WILLIAM CHARLES SHRAMEK

William Charles Shramek, farmer, born 10-3-1921, Hawk Point, Married - 5-5-1945, Wilhelmine Jan Turnbull, born 5-11-1925, Troy. Children: Dennis Dale 1950; Linda Kaye 1953; Larry Dean 1958.

ALBERT L. SHRAMEK

Albert L. Shramek, Farmer, born 8-30-1905, Hawk Point, Married - 2-8-1936, Helen G. Sedlacek, born 10-19-1903, St. Louis. Children: Albert Joseph 1939; Robert Louis 1941; Barbara H. Huber, 1943.

LEONARD E. STUCK

Leonard E. Stuck, Building Contractor, born 7-29-1923, Jacksonville, Married - 5-31-1947, Joyce Moore, born 3-14-1931, Macon Co. Children: Karen L. Konys 1951; Steven Earl 1956; Teresa Ann 1967-75.

HERMAN L. STUCK

Herman L. Stuck, Carpenter, born 3-28-1928, Cairo, Married -11-9-1952, Twila J. Volle, born 6-29-1933, Kansas, Harper-Row Publishers. Children: Jackolin Maria 1953; Terry L. 1954; Randall Kay 1955; Douglas Wayne 1958; Jolene Fay 1959; Brenda Lee 1960; Lori Beth 1962.

EUGENE MONROE STRUS

Eugene Monroe Strus, Missouri Edison, born 9-16-1927, St. Charles, Married - 6-5-1948, Anna C. Johnson, born 3-8-1931, Kirkwood. Children: Eugenia Ann Junge-Harris 1950; Virginia Kay Gibson 1952; Kenneth Monroe 1954; Richard Wayne 1958; Robert Dale 1961.

PETER RINAMAN

Peter Rinaman, Farmer-Stone Mason, born 1-30-1815. Maryland, died 12-16-1900, Married - 7-4-1846, Sophia Wilson, born 3-7-1892, Maryland, died 8-17-1904. Children: Amos, 1862.

AMOS RINAMAN

Amos Rinaman, Farmer and Judge County Clerk, born 12-30-1862, Silex, died 7-29-1943, Married - 9-13-1888, Maggie Gililland, born 10-3-1869, died 3-27-1919. Children: Elmer; Everett 1893-1972, Goldie Thompson.

EVERETT RINAMAN

Everett Rinaman, Farmer, born 9-22-1893, Silex, Married -12-24-1916, Della Janes, born 7-26-1895, Davis. Children: Marvin E. 1918-1918; Derwood 1919.

DERWOOD J. RINAMAN

Derwood J. Rinaman, born 3-25-1919, Silex, farmer, Married -10-5-1945, Clareen McMahan, 3-16-1922, Hawk Point. Children: Janet D. Stewart 1948.

JESSIE ADLIA THOMPSON

Jessie Adlia Thompson, Farmer, born 9-21-1874, Elsberry, died 6-21-1957, Married - 3-9-1898, Maggie O. Skurlock, born 3-3-1880, Hawk Point, died 2-23-1973. Children: John Riley 1898; Ernest Adlia 'Jack' 1902; Maude Edna Logan 1905.

ERNEST ADLIA 'JACK' THOMPSON

Ernest Adlia 'Jack' Thompson, Highway Department, born 7-18-1902, Hawk Point, Married - Ruby Eversmeyer, born 11-13-1900, Linn's Mill. Children: J. W. 1924; David 1926; Mary Robertson 1928; Alice Mudd 1933; Jacklyn Jay 1937.

DONALD ERNEST THOMPSON

Donald Ernest Thompson, Banker, born 3-28-1930, Hawk Point, Married - 1-27-51, Virginia Bufford, Bank Clerk, born 2-11-29. Children: Donald Edward 1951; David Wayne 1954; Lee Bufford 1958.

DAVID WAYNE THOMPSON

David Wayne Thompson, born 3-23-1954, Troy, Married -6-9-1973, Peggy L. Patient, born 5-21-1956, St. Charles, Secretary. Children: Joshua David 1975.

WARREN A. THOMPSON

Warren A. Thompson, Administrator-Director Mo. Inst. of Psych., born 6-27-1927, Oklahoma, Married - 6-12-1965, Mary Jane Martinek, born 7-24-1940, Troy area, teacher. Children: Russell 1966; Sara 1967; Wyatt 1970.

HARRY L. THURMAN

Harry L. Thurman, Farmer-Construction, born 9-27-1889, Hawk Point, died 4-15-1942, Married - 11-26-1916, Ruby L. Howell, born 3-8-1894, Hawk Point, Clerking, Nurse's Aide. Children: Baby boy 1918-1918; William Warren 1920.

AUBRA EARL THURSTIN

Aubra Earl Thurstin, Druggist, born 3-2-1876, O'Fallon, died 1-18-1957, Married - 12-3-1902, Mary 'Molly' Francis Monroe, born 10-12-1883, died 8-16-1965. Children: Albert Howell; Everett Earl; Elsie Bell Butler; Madge Bierbaum.

ALBREY LEONARD TODD

Albrey Leonard Todd, Auto Sales and Service, born 8-2-1917, Americus, Married - 12-14-1936, Erma G. Cunningham, born 2-3-1917, Hawk Point. Children: Harold Eugene 1939; William D. 1942; Albrey Ralph 1944; Noreta Grace Martinek 1946; George Leonard 1949.

JOSEPH TOMEK

Joseph Tomek, Merchant, born 12-28-1870, Ohio, died 9-25-1936, Married - 2-6-1901, Mary Himmel, born 1-10-1879, Ohio, died 5-13-1963. Children: Arthur; Joseph Jr.; Marie; Robert.

WILLIAM B. VAHEY

William B. Vahey, Farmer-Welder, born 6-10-1896, DeSoto, died 2-10-1966, Married - 6-1-1922, Alberta E. Fritze, born 3-8-1902, St. Louis. Children: William B. Jr. 1923; Marion Topp 1926; Thomas J. 1928; Donald J. 1930; George P. 1932; Alberta E. 1934; Betty Ann Koterba 1936; Timothy D. 1938; Daniel A. 1941; Richard J. 1946.

JOSEPH W. VEJVODA

Joseph W. Vejvoda, born 12-1-1893, St. Louis, died 6-3-1925, Farmer, Married - 10-21-1914, Lucy M. Broz, born 12-3-1893. Children: Mathilda M. Schnider 1916; Joseph William 1918; Frank Charles 1920; William August 1921; Vera Stanek 1924.

WILLIAM A. 'VANNIE' VEJVODA

William A. 'Vannie' Vejvoda, Farmer, born 2-7-1922, Hawk Point, Married - 6-14-1950, Dolores D. Holba, born 11-7-1928, St. Louis. Children: Ann M. Lawrence 1952; Joanne E. Stone 1953; Shirley A. 1963.

JOHN H. WEITKAMP

John H. Weitkamp, born 11-20-1854, died 2-27-1931, Married -Kate Schmidt, born 9-10-1869, died 12-25-1966. Children: Caroline Witt 1890-1972; Gussie; Laura; Mary Eckstine; Oscar, Freddie; John.

RAYMOND G. WEINRICH

Raymond G. Weinrich, born 7-30-1925, St. Louis, Farmer, Married - 5-1-1948, Alta Mae Schroer, born 10-15-1929, Hawk Point. Children: Dennis Ray 1949; Phyllis Mae Stolle 1950.

JEWELL GEORGE WHITE

Jewell George White, Doctor, born 8-31-1912, Richmond, died 10-17-1961, Married - 6-26-194-, Carole A. Davis, born 7-25-1900, Nurse. Children: Carole A. Huber 1940; Paul J. 1943; James I. 1949.

PAUL WHITE

Paul White, born 4-22-1943, St. Louis Co., Farmer, Married 6-19-1960, Carolyn Stanek, born 5-23-1943, Hawk Point. Children: Annette M. 1962; Paula R. 1968.

CHARLES F. WILLIAMS

Charles F. Williams, born 1-17-1939, Illinois, Farmer, Married - Maryln Louise Drunert, born 2-9-1940, Hawk Point, Office Manager. Children: Cheryl D. 1970.

DONALD L. WISS

Donald L. Wiss, Farmer, born 3-10-1930, Warren Co., Married - 6-3-195-, Geneva Noble, born 11-23-1925, Illinois. Children: Muriel A. Martin 1951; Albert L. 1961.

ALVA S. WITT

Alva S. Witt, Farmer, born 1-22-1869, Troy, died 2-17-1950, Married - Alberta A. Upson, died 8-15-1957. Children: Nelson 'Pete'; Ruth Crouch, died 1976; Buford; Buell.

RICHARD D. WITT

Richard D. Witt, Farmer, born 7-2-1891, Hawk Point, died 7-10-1953, Married 10-11-1911, Caroline C. Weitkamp, born 8-29-1890, Moscow Mills, died 8-21-1972. Children: Mildred Kallash 1912-1967; Anna Mae Donnelly 1917; Leland W. 1921; Dorothea Cope 1923; Reed 1926; Vernon 1928; Delores 1936-1958; Ruth O'Hanlon 1934.

JOSEPH C. ZALABAK

Joseph C. Zalabak, Farmer-Schoolbus Driver, born 7-26-1920, Hawk Point, died 5-5-1976, Married - 6-19-1943, Norma E. Norton, born 12-13-1924, Silex. Children: Alvin J. 1953; Charles N. 1956; Larry R. 1958.

ALFORD E. ZALABAK

Alford E. Zalabak, Railroader, born 8-17-1910, Mashek, Married - 8-6-1932, Carminetta B. Womble, born 7-10-1913, Truxton, Cook. Children: Betty Lou Schieffer 1933; William Charles 1934; Donna J. Henningfeld 1938; Leon Ray 1942.

CHARLES ZALABAK

Charles Zalabak, born 9-24-1884, Wright City, died 12-14-1954, Married - 5-8-1912, Anna Martinek, born 2-7-1886, died 3-10-1973. Children: Joseph Charles 1920-1976.

LELAND W. WITT

Leland W. Witt, born 9-12-1921, Hawk Point, Farmer, Married - 12-12-1948, Evelyn Marie Barley, born 10-7-1927, Hawk point. Children: Steven Craig 1949; Renee Lynn Hancock 1952; Keith Michael 1958.

DAVID E. WOLFF

David E. Wolff, born 9-27-1943, Hawk Point, Teacher-Factory Worker, Married - 4-26-1969, Barbara J. Rook, born 8-20-1949, Washington. Children: Dawn J. 1972; Dwayne E. 1975.

CHARLES H. WOMBLES

Charles H. Wombles, Teacher-Banker, born 11-18-1873, Davis, died 6-4-1964, Married - 10-1-1909, Mamie Broyles, born 8-3-1882, Benton City, died 6-11-1961. Children: Valley Henebry 1910; Luella Phillips 1915.

JAMES MUNROW WOOD

James Munrow Wood, Elevator Manager, born 4-20-1919, Iowa, Married - 4-29-1942, Marguerite McCarty, born 7-2-1920. Children: James Munrow Jr. 1943; Linda Louise Krieg 1945; Karen Ann Vierck 1952; Janette Kay 1954; Pamla Lea 1956.

JAMES MUNROW WOOD JR.

James Munrow Wood Jr., Electrician, born 8-25-1943, Washington, Married - 11-10-1962, Carolyn Alice Toothaker, born 9-9-1944, St. Louis, Bus Driver. Children: Paul Andrew 1967; Jeremy Michael 1970.

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ALBREY RALPH TODD

Albrey Ralph Todd, Car Body Man, born 2-22-1944, Hawk Point, Married -9-18-1965, Carol Jean Lansche, born 2-11-1948, Hawk Point. Children: Angela Jean 1966; Andrew Ralph 1976.

WILLIAM DALE TODD

William Dale Todd, Car Body Man, born 4-28-1942, Hawk Point, Married - 11-22-1975, Janet Leigh Chilcutt, Clerical Worker, born 10-2-1950, Arkansas. Children: Micheal Dale Todd 1965.