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SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Priny Township in the County of Washington State  
 enumerated by me, on the 5th day of Sept 1860. Wm. P. Patton Ass't Marshal.

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Months which he has spent in the year ending on the 1st day of Sept. 1860.				Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
							10	11	12	13	
	Nancy S. Thompson	F	18			Ind					
	Louisa	F	13			Ind					
	Emily	F	11			Ind					
	John	M	9			Ind					
	Levada	F	5			Ind					
	Thomas	M	2			Ind					
	Mary M.	F	4			Ind					
534	Leahy Thomas	M	21	Farmer	800	Ind					
	Pamela	F	29			Ind					
	Nancy	F	18			Ind					
	Ann	F	16			Ind					
	Catharine	F	14			Ind					
	Joseph	M	11			Ind					
	Mary	F	8			Ind					
	Orpha	F	6			Ind					
	Mary	F	3			Ind					
	Lewis	M	1			Ind					
535	John Thomas	M	48	Farmer	800	Ind					
	Louisa	F	27			Ind					
	John M.	M	9			Ind					
	Edward	M	7			Ind					
	Elizabeth	F	5			Ind					
	George	M	1			Ind					
536	Thomas	M	30	Farmer	1500	Ind					
	Mary	F	32			Ind					
	John	M	25	Blacksmith		Ind					
	William	M	17			Ind					
	Harriet	F	13			Ind					
	Lewis	M	11			Ind					
537	George Thomas	M	29	Farmer		Ind					
	Mary	F	25			Ind					
	Thomas	M	6			Ind					
	William	M	4			Ind					
	Mary	F	2			Ind					
	Andrew	M	1			Ind					
538	Blufford Hale	M	39	Farmer	800	Ind					
	Trachel	F	35			Ind					
	Mariada	F	15			Ind					
	Louisa	F	14			Ind					
	Lester	M	12			Ind					
	Daniel	M	11			Ind					
	Lewis	M	9			Ind					

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of Adams enumerated by me, on the 5th day of June 1860. John W. Smith Ass't Marshal.  
Post Office Adams

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Dwelling-house in the number of the street or lot	Family numbered in the order of habitation	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	Value of Estate Owned.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended school within the year.	No. of children under 15 years of age.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	Color.		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	81	Walter W. Harvey	1	M					Indiana				
2		Mary Phillips	10	F					Indiana				
3	82	J. W. Jackson	57	M		Wagoner			Virginia				
4	83	J. K. Slack	31	M		Physician	4000	5000	Pennsylvania				
5		Elizabeth Slack	32	F					Indiana				
6		Walter K. Slack	3	F					Indiana				
7		Ann K. Slack	1	F					Indiana				
8		Walter K. Slack	38	F		Domestic			Indiana				
9	84	David B. Platts	51	M		Living Stock	1000	1000	Connecticut				
10		Ann B. Platts	40	F					Connecticut				
11		Mary J. Platts	14	F					Indiana				
12		Abner Platts	12	M					Indiana				
13		Leah Ann Platts	12	F					Indiana				
14	85	Thomas Simpson	30	M		Labourer		100	North Carolina				
15		Mary Ann Simpson	46	F					North Carolina				
16		William Simpson	23	M		Labourer			Indiana				
17		John Simpson	19	M		Labourer			Indiana				
18		Charles Simpson	15	F					Indiana				
19		Thomas Simpson	13	M					Indiana				
20		Mary K. Simpson	11	F					Indiana				
21		Walter K. Simpson	7	F					Indiana				
22	86	Robert Wright	57	M		Labourer		100	Kentucky				
23		Elizabeth Wright	46	F					Virginia				
24		Mary Ann Wright	15	F					Indiana				
25		John Wright	10	M					Indiana				
26		Mary Ann Wright	10	M					Indiana				
27		Charles Wright	7	F					Indiana				
28	87	Logan Wright	25	M		Miller	6000	5000	North Carolina				
29		Mary Ann Wright	44	F					Virginia				
30		Ann Ann Wright	20	F					Indiana				
31		J. H. Wright	20	M					Indiana				
32		Ann Wright	11	F					North Carolina				
33		Oliver Wright	6	M					Indiana				
34	88	Joseph Burdick	34	M		Boyer		150	Pennsylvania				
35		Mary K. Burdick	32	F					Virginia				
36		John K. Burdick	13	F					Pennsylvania				
37		William K. Burdick	11	F					Pennsylvania				
38		Charles Burdick	7	M					Pennsylvania				
39		Ann Burdick	3	F					Pennsylvania				
40	89	Henry P. Rice	21	M		Farmer		250	Indiana				

No. white males, 17 No. colored males, No. foreign born, 1 No. blind, 18500  
No. white females, 23 No. colored females, No. deaf and dumb, No. insane, 14600  
No. paupers, No. convicts,

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SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Washington Township, in the County of Washington, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Calvin, Ind. R. J. Mason, Asst. Marshal.

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11-17							18	19	20
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
1		Parrish, Mary E. 12	f	At home		At home			Indian										
2		Harwood, Susan 13	f	At home		At home			Indian										
3		Harwood, Susan 8	f	At home		At home			Indian										
4		Hagan, Edward 46	m	Farmer		Farmer	2000		Kentucky										
5	674	Quaker, Rachel 47	f	Keeping house		Keeping house	600	300	Indian										
6		B. O. A. 24	m	Painter		Painter			Indian										
7	677	Harwood, David C. 42	m	Attorney		Attorney	1500	2000	Indian										
8		Harwood, J. 36	m	Keeping house		Keeping house			Indian										
9		Harwood, J. 18	m	Chic. bus. off.		Chic. bus. off.			Indian										
10		George H. 13	m	At home		At home			Indian										
11		William S. 5	m	At home		At home			Indian										
12		Walter M. 3	m	At home		At home			Indian										
13		John B. 3	m	At home		At home			Indian										
14		Richard, Mary 34	f	Domestic serv.		Domestic serv.			Indian										
15	678	Harwood, Charles 52	m	Day laborer		Day laborer			Scotland										
16		Ellen 57	f	Keeping house		Keeping house			Scotland										
17		Catherine 13	f	At home		At home			Ohio										
18		John 12	m	At home		At home			Kentucky										
19		James 9	m	At home		At home			Kentucky										
20		Philip 7	m	At home		At home			Kentucky										
21		Richard, Michael 27	m	Day laborer		Day laborer			Scotland										
22		George, William 52	m	Day laborer		Day laborer			Scotland										
23		Mary 57	f	At home		At home			Scotland										
24		Martha 30	f	At home		At home			Scotland										
25	679	Miller, Belda 55	f	Keeping house		Keeping house			Kentucky										
26		McHenry, Susan 15	f	At home		At home			Kentucky										
27		Mary 12	f	At home		At home			Kentucky										
28		William 10	m	At home		At home			Kentucky										
29		Matthew 7	m	At home		At home			Indian										
30		Miller, George 10	m	At home		At home			Indian										
31	680	Johnson, Edward 21	m	Day laborer		Day laborer	1000	100	Indian										
32		Martha 21	f	Keeping house		Keeping house			Indian										
33		Winfield 3	m	At home		At home			Indian										
34	681	Kimberlin, Sarah 37	f	Keeping house		Keeping house	100	100	Indian										
35		William 9	m	At home		At home			Kentucky										
36	682	Leady, Eli 35	m	Blacksmith		Blacksmith	1000		Indian										
37		Leady, John 24	m	Keeping house		Keeping house			Indian										
38		John 3	m	At home		At home			Indian										
39		John 1	m	At home		At home			Indian										
40	683	Simpson, Thomas 60	m	Day laborer		Day laborer			Virginia										

No. of dwelling, 85. No. of white males, 174. No. of males foreign born, 4.  
 " " families, 85. " colored males, " " females, " "  
 " white males, 235. " " females, 15. " blind.



SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Washington Townships, in the County of Washington, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Salmon Ind.

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1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11		13	14	15			18	19	20
			Age at last birthday, or in transition from infancy to childhood, or from childhood to manhood or womanhood.	Sex—Male (M.) or Female (F.)	Color—White (W.) or Colored (C.)		Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.		Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S. or the Country, if of foreign birth.			Parents of foreign birth.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Whether blind, deaf, or idiotic.			
			57	M	W	Working House													
			22	M	W	At home													
			17	F	W	At home													
			1	M	W	At home													
444-484		McIntosh, George	33	M	W	Day laborer													
			17	F	W	Working House	150	100											
			1	F	W	At home													
			14	M	W	At home													
			9	M	W	At home													
			6	M	W	At home													
485-535		McNamara, Edward	55	M	W	Working House													
			25	F	W	At home													
			1	F	W	At home													
			20	F	W	At home													
			2	F	W	At home													
486-496		McNamee, Andrew	29	M	W	Day laborer													
			17	F	W	Working House													
497-547		McNamee, Andrew	29	M	W	Working House	100												
			12	F	W	At home													
			10	M	W	At home													
			8	F	W	At home													
			6	M	W	At home													
			4	M	W	At home													
498-598		Deary, David	52	M	W	Day laborer	100												
			13	F	W	Working House													
			12	F	W	At home													
			11	F	W	At home													
			7	M	W	At home													
			5	F	W	At home													
			23	M	W	Working House													
599-659		Deary, William	36	M	W	Working House	100												
			19	F	W	Working House													
			12	F	W	At home													
			8	M	W	At home													
			6	F	W	At home													
			2	F	W	At home													
			72	F	W	At home													
			29	F	W	At home													
			5	F	W	At home													
			1/2	F	W	At home													

No. of dwellings	6	No. of white females	26	No. of males, foreign born	0
" " families	6	" " colored males	0	" " females	0
" " white males	12	" " females	12	" " blind	0
No. of insane	0				





CENTENNIAL HISTORY  
OF  
**Washington County**  
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## CHAPTER XI.

### CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS HISTORY.

The first preachers in the county, like those in almost every new country, were almost contemporary with the first settlers. None of them were salaried, none were missionaries sent out into the wilderness by church organizations and societies in more densely populated parts of the country. They cultivated the soil for a living and when there was time to spare would visit around through the different neighborhoods, get a few people together in some cabin and exhort them to repentance. The service consisted of a hymn, lined out by the preacher and sung by all present, then prayer, a sermon and another hymn. The preacher usually had the only hymn book among the congregation, hence the necessity of reading two lines, singing them, then reading two more and so on. The old familiar tunes were all of melancholy character, and sermons were delivered in a sing-song tone and the text ~~was~~ followed very closely. Almost everyone who came into this new country had predilections upon religious subjects, and when a few kindred spirits happened to locate together they soon formed a nucleus around which a church organization was afterward formed and a place of worship erected.

The beginning of Christianity in this county was under many unfavorable circumstances, but here and there were a few energetic, God-fearing people who worked for the Master, not for reward in a pecuniary sense, but for the salvation of the people. For many years the work progressed slowly, as there were many difficulties to overcome. In the outset they experienced serious trouble with the Indians, and it was not an uncommon thing to see men accompanying their families to church on Sunday with the bible in one hand and a gun in the other. And while the energies and forces of the nation were being directed against Great Britain in the War of 1812, they were compelled to be on the watch continually or seek refuge in forts to avoid the tomahawk and scalping knife.

#### THE FIRST CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

When peace and safety were once more restored and the Indians were moved further west, the pioneer ministers entered again with increased zeal

into the work of establishing churches. A few had already obtained firm footing and were moving gradually on the road to success. One of these and the first church organized in the county, was called the "Blue River Separate (or Free-Will) Baptists," located about four miles south of where Salem now stands, and some few years before the county seat was established. The organization was perfected in May, 1810, and the master spirit of the same was Elder John Wright. He was born in Rowan county, North Carolina, in 1785. He came to Clark's Grant in 1807. In 1808 he and his wife were immersed in the Ohio river by William Summers, of Kentucky. He found occasion to hear the gospel expounded a few times by Alexander Campbell, and at once decided to become a preacher. In January, 1810, he located in what was then Harrison, but now Washington county, some five miles below Royce's Lick, the then capital of this part of the country. His father and others came into the neighborhood in March and April, and in May they organized the church. This was the beginning of the "Church of Christ," or "Christians."

*Property just north of John Dowel*

Having established a church at Blue River, Elder John Wright, assisted by his father, Amos Wright, and his brother, Peter, who were all good preachers, went out into different parts of the county and organized churches. They were called "Free-Will Baptists," "New Lights or Independent Baptists," and it was only a few years before they had ten church organizations formed into what was termed the Blue River Association. From the very first Elder John Wright was of the opinion that the Bible alone was the only infallible and sufficient rule of faith and practice. He was the first man in Indiana who took this position. He labored to destroy division and promote union among all the children of God. Though at first he tolerated the term Baptist, or whatever term a congregation chose for a name, he afterwards came to the conclusion that it would be better to wear some name authorized in scripture, to designate the entire body of his adherents. In 1819 he presented to the church at Blue River a resolution to this end. As individuals he was willing that they should be called "Friends," "Disciples" or "Christians," but as a body he preferred the "Church of Christ."

#### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The resolution was adopted and the association has since been known as the "Church of Christ at Blue River." Most all the other congregations in the county adopted a similar resolution or styled themselves the "Christian Church." This church, through the efforts of the Wrights, took the

lead in the county and has ever maintained it. Elder Jacob Wright, a son of John Wright, was also a preacher in the county for years, and lived up until 1884. Another branch of the Free-Will Baptists was organized in 1820, about four miles northwest of Salem. The place was called Sluder's meeting house. Henry Sluder and John Custer were the leading members and the church was very prosperous, for a number of years, but its adherents moved away and the place was abandoned, and the house, a log structure, was allowed to rot down. At the present time there is a membership of about four thousand two hundred in the county, the largest church organization in the county. The church in Salem was organized in 1849, with Jacob Wright as pastor, and has always been in a flourishing condition. B. F. Taylor has charge of the church at the present time.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Of the Presbyterian churches of the county, Livonia stands first in the point of organization. In February, 1816, at the house of Alex McKinney, Sr., one mile south of where Livonia now stands, this church was organized by Rev. Samuel Shannon and consisted of thirteen members. It was first called Bethel, but soon after took the present name, Livonia, and erected a commodious house of hewn logs, the first, probably, built after the town was laid off. In April, 1818, Rev. William M. Martin was installed pastor by the presbytery of Louisville, which met there that year. In the relation of pastor he was retained there—with the exception of about six years, which he spent at Bloomington, for the purpose of educating his children—during a period of thirty-two years. He possessed the true missionary spirit and perhaps there was no man in the state who did more in laying the foundations of the church in all this new country than he.

Though making Livonia his home, pastor Martin went almost everywhere and few men ever had a more extensive acquaintance. There was hardly a Presbyterian church in a dozen counties around Washington at which he did not preach some time or other and if a neighborhood desired to organize a new church "Billy" Martin was always sent for and he seldom failed in his purpose. He delighted to preach in log cabins and was not a stickler for church rules in every instance, but adopted the shortest plans for doing the greatest good, whether they accorded with Presbyterian doctrine or not. He usually preached three discourses on the Sabbath and on communion days began the work with a sunrise prayer meeting. Seeing the need of thorough intellectual culture among the masses in order to make

Lenore. Lola Parker is a well-known teacher in the Salem high school, where she teaches domestic science. Neva Parker in October, 1913, married Benjamin F. Grimes, who is assisting in the management of Mr. Grimes' farms, and the other children are still at home, Clair and Lawrence still being in school.

Mr. Parker was reared a Presbyterian but is not now an active communicant of any of the churches. His wife is a member of the Methodist church and takes an active interest in the affairs of that body. Mr. Parker is a Republican and ever since coming to this county has given considerable attention to political affairs. Besides the term he served as county treasurer, he also served as treasurer of the Salem corporation, having been the first man elected to that office after the incorporation of the city. Mr. Parker is now living retired from the active labors of the farm, but still takes a warm interest in neighborhood affairs. He has a remarkable memory of the olden days and is a most entertaining conversationalist when engaged on such topics. He is often wont to narrate an incident of his youth, when three Indian "braves" marched into his father's home in Ohio one evening while he and his two sisters were eating supper and, calmly taking from them the food that had been set before them, made away with it, leaving the three children without supper. Mr. Parker is a man of the kindest character, particularly devoted to his family, and is held in the highest regard throughout the whole county.

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#### GRANT F. WRIGHT.

Grant F. Wright, of Washington township, Washington county, Indiana, is of pioneer stock and is one of the excellent farmer of this section. He was born on July 3, 1868, on the farm where he now resides with his father, Philbird Marion Wright. Philbird Marion Wright was born in September 17, 1832, and is the youngest of three children born to Eli and Elizabeth (Bower) Wright. Eli Wright was born on September 5, 1795, and was the son of Philbird and Molly (Sears) Wright. Philbird Wright was born on March 29, 1768, and was the son of Richard Wright, who came to America from England in the early days. He had five sons: William, Philbird, Amos, Richard, Jr., and Hugh. Amos had five sons also, who were all ministers and noted for their ability. Their names were John, Peter, Joshua, Levi and Amos, Jr. John Wright was one of the forters at Ft. Hill, and one of his children, Elvira, was born in the fort in 1813, and lived her entire

life within sight of the fort. She had three brothers and one sister: David, Ransom, Jacob and Nancy. Jacob Wright preached the dedication sermon at Ft. Hill on October 1, 1860. Philbird Wright, son of Richard Wright, who was the first of his family to settle in America, married Molly Sears and they located on the farm once owned by Harry Denny but now in the possession of Henry Roberts. Molly (Sears) Wright was born on February 13, 1776. They were the parents of eleven children: Nancy, born on February 13, 1794; Eli, September 5, 1795; Evans, July 18, 1797; Sarah, September 14, 1799; Barbara, November, 1801; Elizabeth, November, 1803; Katherine, January 5, 1805; Delilah, born on February 10, 1809; John, Absalom, Celia (Ratts) and Polly. The mother of these children died on September 10, 1830 and her husband married Elizabeth Beck on November 15, 1832. Philbird Wright immigrated to Indiana from North Carolina about 1809.

Eli Wright and his wife, Elizabeth (Bower) Wright were the parents of three children: Adam H., who died in 1901; Caroline, wife of James Brewer, who died in 1898, and Philbird Marion. Eli Wright built and operated one of the first grist-mills in the township. He died of cholera on June 14, 1833, and his wife, in 1847. Philbird Marion Wright received his education in a log school house, located about two miles south of Salem, Indiana, and later became a school teacher. The school which he attended had a large fireplace and the seats were split logs. His first teacher was Prof. James G. May. Philbird Marion married Elizabeth Wiseman in 1863 and they became the parents of two children, Cora, who died in 1903 and Grant, who now resides with his father. The mother died in 1905. Philbird Marion Wright has lived on his present farm for more than sixty years. His wife was born on August 21, 1831, in Washington county, Indiana, and was the daughter of Jacob and Polly (Ratts) Wiseman. Her marriage was solemnized on May 28, 1863. Jacob Wiseman was a native of North Carolina and it was there that he was married to Mary Magdalene Ratts. He was a music teacher. They became the parents of these children: James, Henry, Newton, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Amanda, Margaret, Malinda and several more who died in infancy.

Grant Wright was reared on the farm where he now lives with his father, Philbird M. Wright, and was educated in the township schools. Also in the graded school at Salem, Indiana, and in May's academy. He is an active Democrat and a member of the Church of Christ at Ft. Hill Chapel. The farm which he cultivates consists of two hundred and sixty-

seven acres, fifty acres of which are in timber. This farm is known as "Riverside Farm" and is situated in an excellent location. Cora, the sister of Grant Wright, who was born on September 22, 1872, and who died on July 2, 1903. During her lifetime she was recognized as a writer of attainment and contributed to many newspapers and magazines. She was a cultured writer and her death interrupted what promised to be a career in field of literature.

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### JAMES WILLIAMS.

James Williams is of pioneer stock, his grandparents having moved to Indiana in 1812. He is the son of Thomas and Phoebe (Jones) Williams. Thomas Williams was a native of North Carolina and was born in 1805. He was the son of James and Jane (Laster) Williams. James Williams purchased government land, upon his arrival in this state, located in Monroe township, Washington county, and remained on this place until his death in 1851. He and his wife were the parents of four sons and two daughters. Thomas Williams, son of James Williams, was reared on the home farm, which he operated until his death. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, eleven of whom grew to maturity. Their names were: Mrs. Cleo Payne Wiley, deceased; Mrs. Jane Winslow; William, who died in the Civil War; Mrs. Elizabeth Calloway; Mrs. Sallie Calloway; Mrs. Phoebe Robertson, of Crothersville, Indiana; Mrs. Eliza Winslow, of Belle Plain, Iowa; Mrs. Emily Fleenor, living near Tampico, Jackson county, Indiana; James; Mrs. Mary Hinds, of South Salem, Indiana. Phoebe (Jones) Williams was born in 1812, in North Carolina, and was the daughter of Cadwallader and Chloe (Johnson) Jones. She was a small girl when her parents located in this state, selecting as their first place of residence a home in Monroe township, but later removing to Blue River, in Franklin township. This old farm now constitutes a portion of the county poor farm.

James Williams, son of Thomas Williams, was born on May 25, 1851, in Monroe township, Washington county, Indiana, and remained in that locality until 1873, at which time he purchased a farm located north of Canton, Indiana. This place consisted of one hundred acres. Seven years after the purchase of his first place, he removed to Gibson township, Washington county, and remained there for one year. He then returned to the farm near Canton and in 1883 purchased the present place, which is located

road supervisor, he is conceded to be a man of influence and value to his party in political affairs. In fraternal life, Mr. Williams is a well-known member of the Independent Order of Red Men, at Salem, having been a loyal member of this organization for about fifteen years. Mr. Williams attends the Methodist Episcopal church at West Point, a congregation of which Mrs. Williams is an active member and worker. John A. Williams and his family are among the highly respected and esteemed people of the township and county, their unselfish life and devotion to the interests of others having won for them a host of friends.

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### EVANS H. WRIGHT.

The following is a brief record of the life of Evans H. Wright, one of the prominent and prosperous farmers of this township. Mr. Wright was born on January 6, 1845, on the site of his present home, four and one-half miles south of Salem, and is the son of Evins and Nancy (Hinds) Wright.

Philbird and Molly (Sears) Wright, paternal grandparents of Evans H. Wright, came from North Carolina in 1808 and after living for a short time in Clark county, Indiana, moved to this county, locating in the southern section of Washington township, where they entered government land. They became the parents of eleven children, including Nancy, Eli and Evins, the latter of whom was born in Rowan county, North Carolina, in the year 1797. Evins Wright was twelve years old when his family came here, and with them he lived until his marriage, when he moved to the adjoining farm, the present home of Mr. Schocke. He later bought the farm on which his son, Evans, now lives. Besides his agricultural interests, he built and operated a water-power mill for grist and a saw-mill. He was a Democrat, casting his first vote for Andrew Jackson in 1828, and when his son, Evans, was a boy, served as county commissioner.

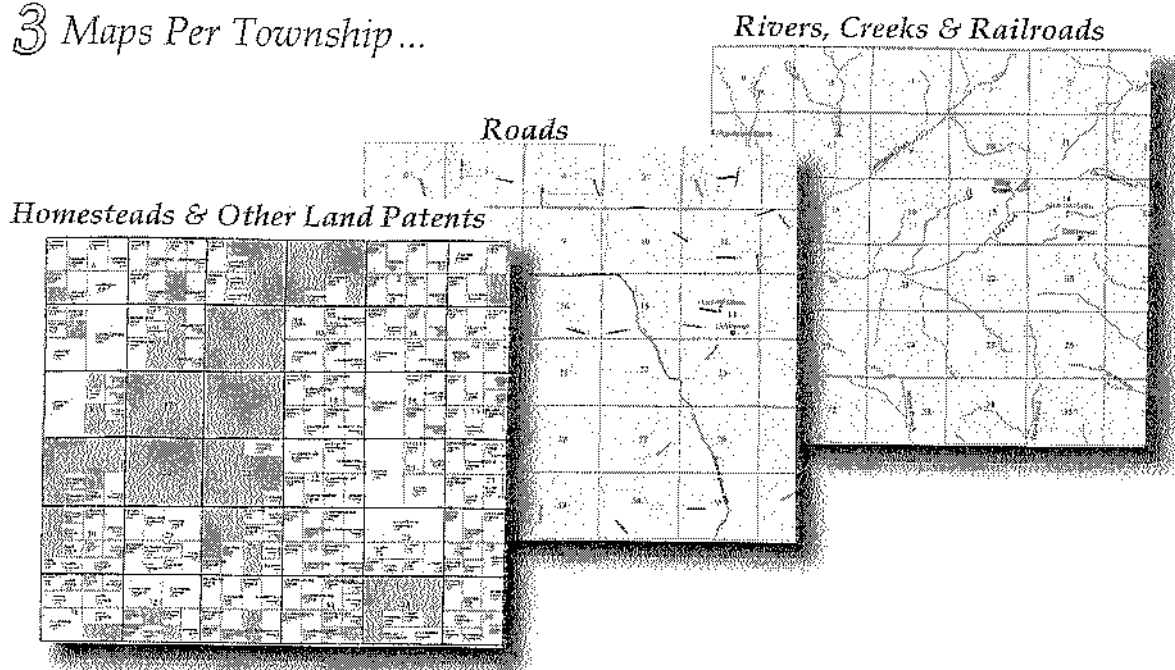
One of the early recollections of Evans H. Wright is the preparing of breakfast at the request of Morgan's raiders, who crossed his father's farm. His mother was born in 1805. Evans H. Wright is one of six children, the others being Sarah Ann, Eli, Peter, Joseph and Emanuel. Their mother passed away on December 14, 1870, and the father died at the home of his son, Evans, on September 5, 1895.

Evans Wright's home has always been the farm of his nativity, and

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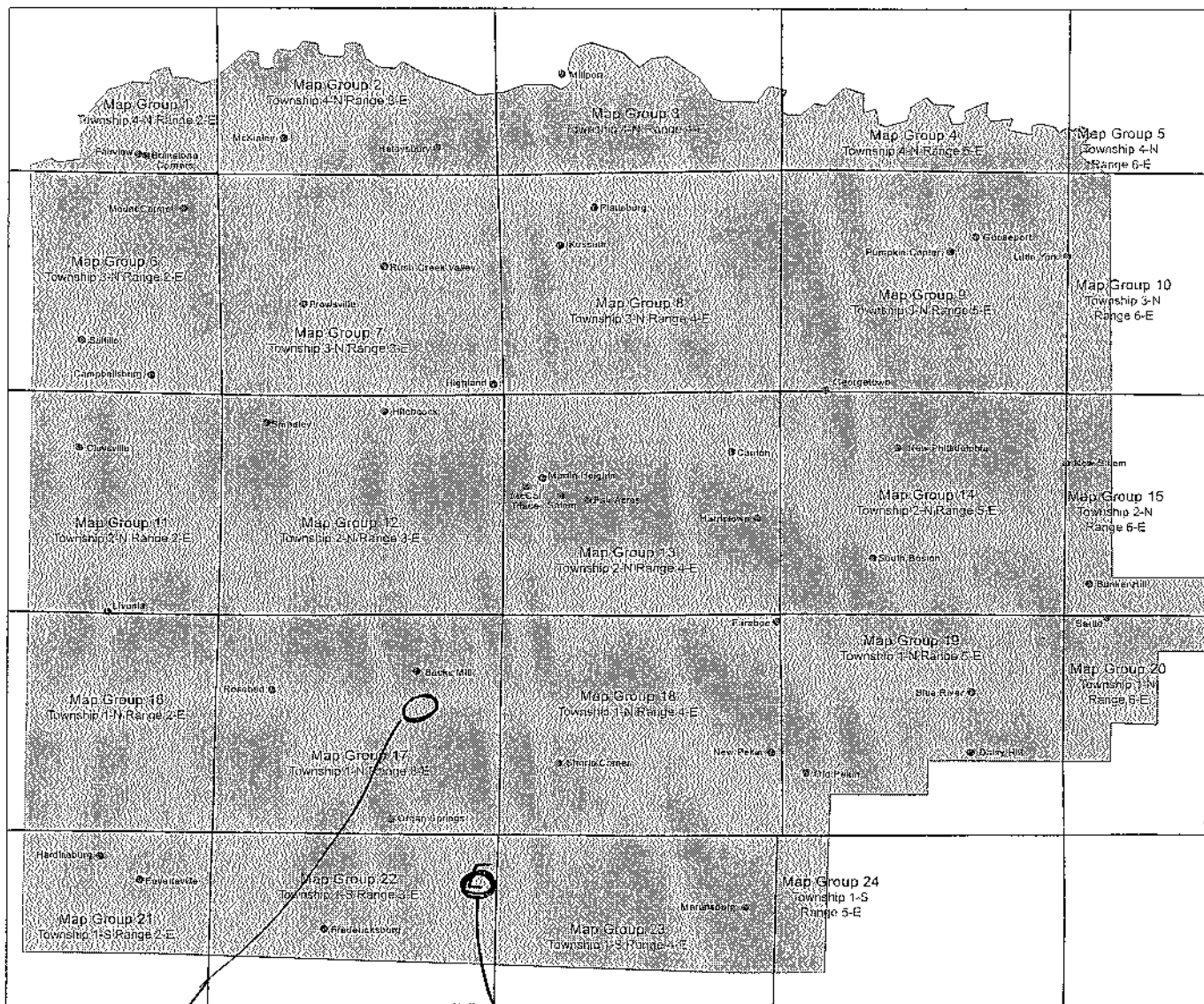
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


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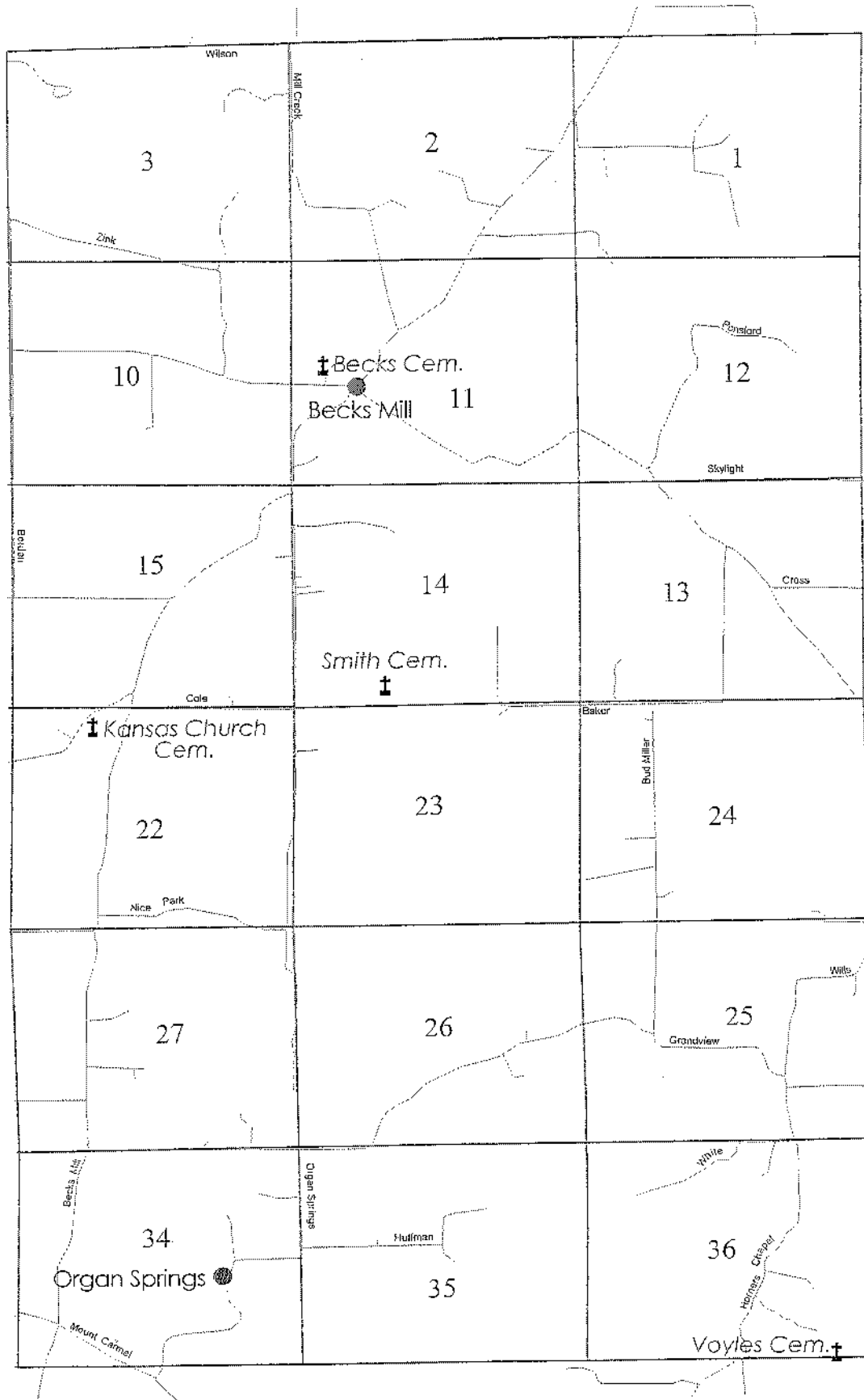
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Helpful Hints

- 1 Cities and towns are marked only at their center-points as published by the USGS and/or NationalAtlas.gov. This often enables us to more closely approximate where these might have existed when first settled.
- 2 To see more specifically where these Cities & Towns are located within the county, refer to both the Road and Historical maps in the Map-Group referred to above. See also, the Map "D" Index on the opposite page.



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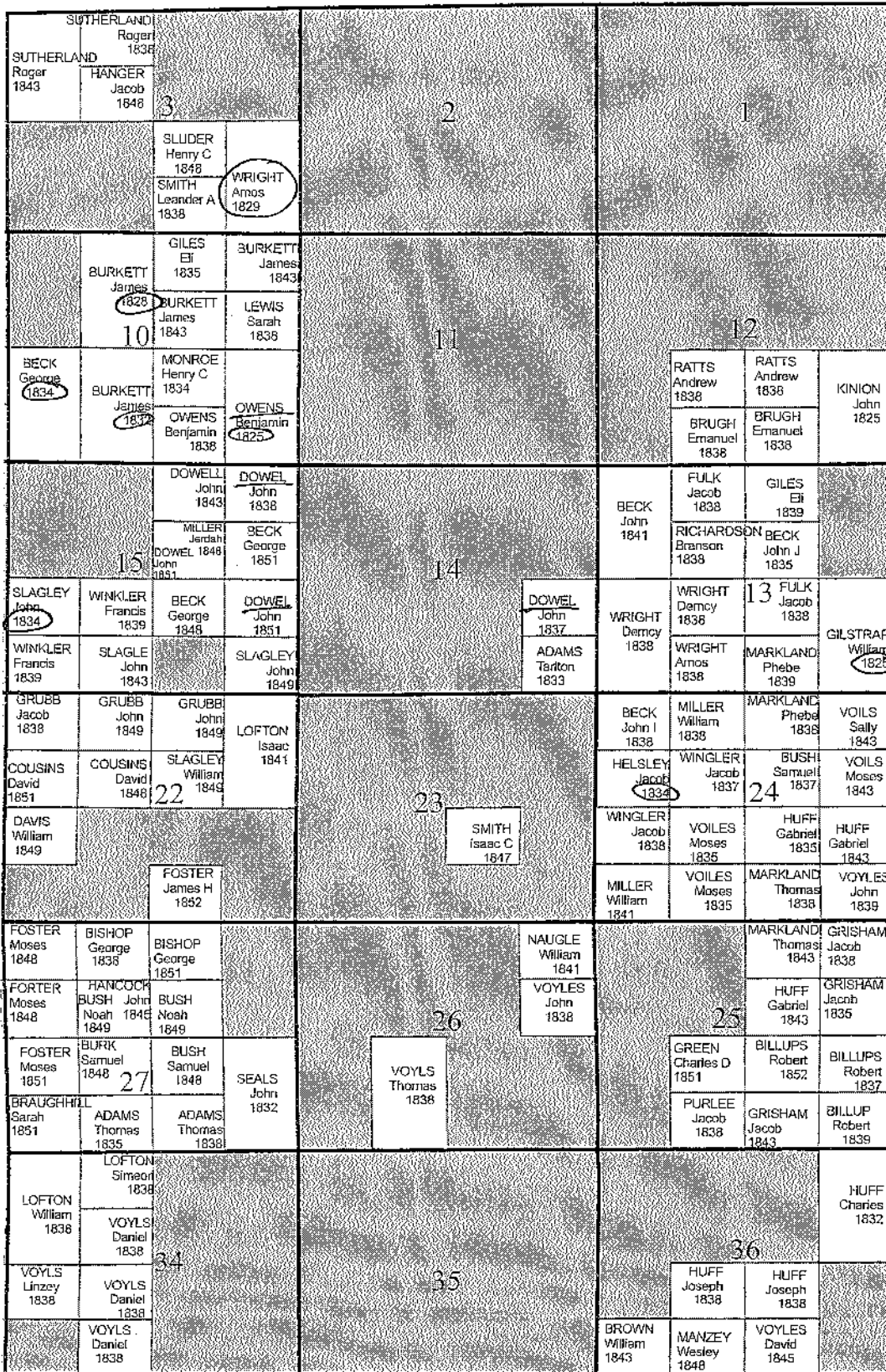
1. This road map has a number of uses, but primarily it is to help you: a) find the present location of land owned by your ancestors (at least the general area), b) find cemeteries and city-centers, and c) estimate the route/roads used by Census-takers & tax-assessors.
2. If you plan to travel to Washington County to locate cemeteries or land parcels, please pick up a modern travel map for the area before you do. Mapping old land parcels on modern maps is not as exact a science as you might think. Just the slightest variations in public land survey coordinates, estimates of parcel boundaries, or road-map deviations can greatly alter a map's representation of how a road either does or doesn't cross a particular parcel of land.

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### Legend

- Section Lines
- Interstates
- Highways
- Other Roads
- Cities/Towns
- Cemeteries

Scale: Section = 1 mile X 1 mile (generally, with some exceptions)



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### Helpful Hints

1. This Map's INDEX can be found on the preceding pages.
2. Refer to Map "C" to see where this Township lies within Washington County, Indiana.
3. Numbers within square brackets [ ] denote a multi-patentee land parcel (multi-owner). Refer to Appendix "C" for a full list of members in this group.
4. Areas that look to be crowded with Patentees usually indicate multiple sales of the same parcel (Re-issues) or Overlapping parcels. See this Township's Index for an explanation of these and other circumstances that might explain "odd" groupings of Patentees on this map.

### Legend

- Patent Boundary
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**Patent Map**

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Map Group 22

**Township Statistics**

Parcels Mapped	114
Number of Patents	107
Number of Individuals	73
Patentees Identified	73
Number of Surnames	56
Multi-Patentee Parcels	0
Oldest Patent Date	12/17/1821
Most Recent Patent	12/6/1916
Block/Lot Parcels	0
Parcels Re-Issued	2
Parcels that Overlap	3
Cities and Towns	1
Cemeteries	0

Note: the area contained in this map amounts to far less than a full Township. Therefore, its contents are completely on this single page (instead of a "normal" 2-page spread).

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