

EMERINE TURPIN (McKEE) CATTERSON



Emerine T. Catterson Born: 7-8-1834
 Where: Trimble Co., Ky.
 Married: 11-11-1852 to:
 James Patrick Catterson
 (b. 3-20-1827 in Owen Co., Ky.)
 (d. 9-25-1909 near Brownsburg, In.)
 Died: 11-15-1913
 Where: Brown Twsp., Brownsburg, In.
 Cemetery: Greenlawn Cem., Brownsburg, In.

Daughter of: William McKee (b. - -1804)(d. - -) and
 Emerine (Turpin) McKee (b. - -)(d. 9-20-1867: 63 years)

Siblings of Emerine Catterson: (Note: Order of birth not known for sure)

Rebecca Ann McKee (b. - -)(d. - -)
 Married: Giles Emmanuel Hull

John William McKee (b. - -)(d. 10-25-1804)
 Married: Melinda ?

Sarah Jane McKee (b. - -)(d. - -)
 Married: ? Wheatley

Jemima Melvina McKee (b. - -)(d. - -)
 Married: John Lindsay in Henry Co., Ky. in 1850

(NOTE: John W. McKee was born at Madison, In., was a farmer, entered Civil War 8-12-1862, went in as a corporal in Co. F., 79 IVI, discharged 6-7-1865 and was a private when discharged.) (This item was copied from a book loaned to Plainfield Public Library by Brownsburg Public Library. /ec)

Prepared for the CATTERSON REUNION
September 18, 1983

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OBITUARY

Emerine Turpin McKee was born July 8, 1834 in Owen County, Kentucky, died November 15, 1913, making her age at the time of her death 79 years, 4 months and 7 days. She was one of five children being next to the eldest daughter of William and Jane (Turpin) McKee, early settlers of Trimble County, Ky. Her father's and mother's first move from Kentucky in 1846 brought them to Madison, Jefferson Co. Indiana and from there they moved to the old Bethel Neighborhood southeast of Indianapolis in 1848. Just previous to this time she united with the M.F. Church and was ever a faithful member of that church at Traders Point where she and her husband's membership had been transferred but which of late years has had no regular appointed services. She married James P. Catterson Nov. 11, 1852; to this union were born eleven children, nine daughters and two sons. Six daughters and one son are living, They being Mrs. Marion Ballard, James S., Mrs. Martin Clinton, Mrs. Santford Ennis, Mrs. Grant Arbuckle, Mrs. Pearl Laycock and Mrs. Harry Hopkins, all residing in the immediate neighborhood except one sister Mrs. Ennis, who is at Austin, Indiana, and who was prevented from attending the funeral on account of serious illness in her own home, and the brother, James, who lives at Sutton, Neb.

Four children, Alva Robert, Minnie Rocena, Elzena Frances, Elizabeth Jane, preceeded the parents in death. Of these, three died in childhood but Minnie who lived to womanhood and was united in marriage to Dr. Simeon Martin in 1877, removing to Kansas, as their chosen home, where she died March 18, 1881.

Mrs. Catterson's marriage occurred to James P. Catterson shortly after the Mexican War and they lived one year in the old home neighborhood southeast of Indianapolis. They then moved to Pike Township, Marion County, near New Augusta. From there they moved to Indianapolis where they lived seven years, the husband being on the police force during this period of time, leaving the wife and mother practically in entire care of the home during these years and following this came his enlistment in the Civil War in 1861, which again took him from his home for three years as he served until forced to leave the command of his company on account of a gunshot wound, serving thus near the close of the war.

They came to the old homestead five miles northeast of Brownsburg when the farm was first being cleared from thicket and drained from a swamp, where they resided until death separated them after a married life of 57 years. The husband's death occurred Sept. 25, 1909. A strange coincidence in their deaths was that each death occurred on Saturday and they were joined in life on November 11, 1852 and were again joined in the Eternal world only four days after this date - November 15, 1913.

One of the characteristics of her life was her great love for home and loved ones. No where was she known as well as here, and her busy, useful and loving life of devotion and sacrifice to this cause has built a monument unto her memory such as no earthly hand can mar or destroy and here as no where else will her life be remembered, revered and revered.

(NOTE): Last summer Mrs. Harold (Helen) Arbuckle very graciously gave us a little packet of clippings which I'm sure were collected over the years from various newspapers. I feel certain the above article of Grandma Catterson's obituary was from "The Brownsburg Record." Much praise and honor has been given to James P. Catterson over the years. This year I felt we should give many loving thoughts to the accomplishments of this pioneer wife and mother and who was the "other half" of the Catterson team.

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Catterson Reunion
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HENDRICKS COUNTY HISTORY BOOK

This is a partial list of some of the family biographies found in the Hendricks County History Book of 1976 which I think you may find to be quite interesting. Most of these items listed below have some connection with either the Hopkins-Castetter history or the Castetter-Stuart history. This book was published by the Hendricks County Historical Society. The books were received from the publishers in November of 1976.

However, I do want to make the following statement about the Robert Castetter Family history (page 223): The Historical Society History Book Committee had originally asked for a deadline date for biographies to be turned in by October of 1974. This I did. However, the editing committee was to edit all copies for correct punctuation, phrasing and proper English only. In the history book, our history is not at all the way I turned it in. We had been assured it would be printed in its entirety. Many, many, many names, dates of births, marriages, and deaths as well as whole paragraphs and/or sentences have been removed. We were heartbroken and hurt about our family history's printed material in the book. I had made a copy of my written material before I turned it over to the committee. Now, I have made a copy of that first copy and am sending you one of these in order that you might see what our history should have been in the Hendricks County History Book of 1976. If you possess one of these history books, I would ask you to place this history of the Castetter family and the Hopkins family along with the printed history in the book (page 223).

Being a member of the Hendricks County Historical Society and because Mrs. Blanche Wean, who headed up the whole endeavor of compiling the Hendricks County History Book, knew I was employed at Indiana Boys' School, I was asked by Mrs. Wean to be responsible to turn in histories of the following: Indiana Boys' School, Indiana Youth Center, Reception Diagnostic Center, and Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (all located near Plainfield, Indiana). I want to state here that all I turned in to the editing committee were published in its entirety - exactly as I had typed it. I and Ms. Paula Haymond wrote the one on Indiana Boys' School (I did the first half to the point where under Mr. Bennett's superintendency, it begins to tell of the Differential Treatment Program. Ms. Haymond did the writing from that point to the end of IBS history. I did the research and compiling and typing of the entire article on Indiana Youth Center. The directors of both Reception Diagnostic Center and Indiana Law Enforcement Academy assured me they would write their respective history and turn it in to me. This they did.

However, I must say in closing that I am most grateful for the amount of the Castetter and Hopkins histories they did print in the book but, also, by the same token, I regret so very, very much that it couldn't have been printed as it was turned in originally.

Eloise Castetter
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Plainfield, Indiana 46168

Below are some of the family biographies and just a few of the pictures in the Hendricks County History Book which I feel would interest some of you. I will try to check the ones that might interest you primarily. I may even look through the book again and write in a few more later.

- | <u>PAGE:</u> | <u>ARTICLES:</u> |
|--------------|--|
| 172: | Milo Aiken Family: Dr. Aiken was our former family doctor for many years. He delivered both our daughters, Marcia ("Marty") and Anita, into the world. |
| 187: | Edwin Arbuckle Family: Edwin's grandmother, Sally (Catterson) Arbuckle, and my mother were sisters. My mother was Indiana ("India") (Catterson) Hopkins. |
| 214: | Ellis Burnell Family: Josephine's mother, Cora (Catterson) Ennis, and my mother were sisters. |
| 216: | Curtis Burns Family: This history gives some of the Nash and Burns history. Edward Burns Family: Edward is an uncle of Curtis. We are kin because of Parthenia Nash's marriage to John Thomas Burns. Parthenia (Nash) Burns was the mother of Mrs. Everett T. (Fannie) Hopkins. |
| 217: | Birchard Butler Family: Birchard ("Birch") Butler's great grandmother, Buena (Catterson) Butler, and my mother were sisters. |
| 218: | E. Howard Cadle Family: He was a nationally known evangelist back years ago on radio. His wife appeared each morning on the radio with him, with the opening song of "Ere you leave your room this morning, have you thought to pray." He had a large tabernacle church in Indianapolis. |
| 223: | Castetter Family: Do check the copy of the original family history I have sent you because the history in the book has left out dozens of names, dates of births, marriages, and deaths, etc. |
| 224: | Alex Chandler Family: Alex's daughter, Marie, married my brother, William. |
| 225: | Jerry Chandler Family and Charles (<u>Elmer</u>) Chandler: Jerry is a nephew of Marie (Chandler) Hopkins and Elmer is Marie's brother. |
| 258: | Marion DeLong Family: Marion married Helen (Edmondson) DeLong, daughter of Mary (Hopkins) Edmondson, who was a sister of Harry Hopkins, my father. |
| 270: | Clarence V. Edmondson Family: He married my father's sister, Mary. |
| 276: | Oscar (<u>Lester</u>) English Family: Lester's wife, Frances, and I are sisters. |
| 279: | John F. Everett: He lived in Brown Township for years. Married a Turpin. |
| 300: | Frank Gladden Family: His grandmother, Cora, and my mother were sisters. |
| 308: | A. Ernest Gray Family: He and Frank, Harry, and Everett Hopkins' families have been good friends for many years. He and I correspond quite regularly; he also writes to Harriet Ender and Frances English. |
| 344: | Howard Hopkins Family: Howard is my older brother. |
| 345: | William Hopkins Family: William ("Bill") and I are sisters <i>& brother.</i> |
| 355: | Ruth Huddleston Family: She was postmistress at Brownsburg for years. |
| 404: | John Lingerman Family: Some interesting history of Brownsburg. |

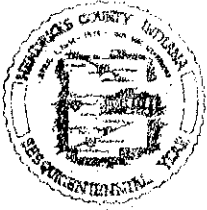
(Continued)

- 435: George Merritt Family: It is such an interesting article the way George wrote it. I'm sure you will enjoy it immensely. My father, Harry Hopkins, in his 60's (thereabout) worked for George in the well drilling business.
- 455: Carl Nash Family: Here is some more of the Nash family history that the Hopkins family is related to (through Mrs. Everett T. Hopkins' side of the house).
- 499: George Reitzel Family: George Reitzel was superintendent of Hendricks County Schools for many years, along with many other things. He, too, was a friend of all.
- 561: William Thomas Stuart: This gentleman was the grandfather of Robert Castetter. Robert ("Bob") mother, Effie (Stuart) Castetter, was the daughter of William Thomas Stuart and Loucilla Rome (Williams) Stuart. (I feel sure this history must have been written by Miss Leona Stuart (Bob's mother's sister) of Danville. It does contain many of the names that should have been included in the Castetter history, but was excluded; however, mine did have dates of births, marriages, and deaths that should have been included.
- 582: Harold (Joe) Trent: Joe's wife is my sister's (Frances) daughter. There is also included a very good picture of Frances and Les in their history.
- 630:) The Wilson Families: These two Wilson gentlemen both have such very interesting histories. I'm sure you will find it interesting reading. By the way, 631:) the inside liners of the Hendricks County History Book is a picture of one of the many coverlets of H. Wilson's own making and pattern. These are found on both the front and back liners of the book.

SOME PICTURES OF PEOPLE AND/OR PLACES OF HENDRICKS COUNTY

- 59: Administration Building of Indiana Boys' School. Originally, this was the residence of the first superintendent of Indiana Boys' School. This building was built in 1867. Just this summer, this building was completely remodeled on the inside. It has offices of many different kinds located within its walls.
- 71: George Reitzel and three other men.
- 88: Old Lawler schoolhouse. George Reitzel is standing in front of the building.
- 90: Picture of old Sambo schoolhouse. The men (should I say boys?) on the back row, from left to right and the first three on the left are: Harry Hopkins, George Reitzel, and Frank Hopkins. Mary (Hopkins) Edmondson is standing in the row and is the one from the left.
- 102: Central Normal College at Danville. Notice the dirt streets still.
- 143: This building is located on the property of Walter Edmondson. Walter is the son of Clarence and Mary (Hopkins) Edmondson. Walter's son, David, runs the insurance buisness now.
- 146: Public Service Company: Put your thumb on dark spot in the middle of the left side of the picture - and you have your thumb on where our house is located.

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IN THE HENDRICKS COUNTY HISTORY
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Nothing like this has been done in the last 75 years. Now's the time for you to be part of our bringing Hendricks County up to date with a history of our people.

Check with your aunts and uncles, cousins and grandparents. Look through old letters, the family Bible; look for pictures too. Collect the materials that tell your story. Even if you have lived here only a few years, you're still part of the current history. Get your family story in print now; it may be 75 more years before such a book is attempted again.

Hendricks County is celebrating its Sesquicentennial as America celebrates its Bicentennial. We all want to be part of this.

This book will be the most durable available. It will have a hard cover, printed and bound to exacting specifications. Some pictures will be in natural color. It'll be printed on Permalife paper. It'll be treasured as an heirloom for generations to come.

Remember, this is not an ordinary history book with the few famous and infamous people who settled or passed through Hendricks County. It's about YOU and your family. We want YOUR story. It will be YOUR book.

You may go back as far as you wish and tell how your grandparents or great grandparents came here, how they traveled, what they brought with them, what jobs they had, how many children they reared. Or, you may just tell your story, when you came, why you came, what you have done and are doing, what your children are doing.

There will be no advertising. A few pages will be set aside to pay special tribute to loved ones. These memorials may be purchased in quarter, half and full page sizes. They will appear separate from your story and pictures.

We need your story and pictures, all of which will be printed free, and an order for a book if you would like one. The deadline is September 15, 1974. An envelope and order form are enclosed for your convenience. If there are questions, write or call one of those listed on the enclosure.

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Sincerely,

Floyd Hufford

President
Hendricks County Historical Society, Inc.
249 South Wayne Street, Danville, In 46122

History of the CASTETTER-HOPKINS Family

In preparing your biography and the genealogy of your family, be sure to use full names as well as nicknames and always refer to women by their maiden names. Do not abbreviate any name. Be sure to give the exact dates of birth, marriage, and death, and the places these occurred, as well as you can. If you have to use an approximation, please indicate that it is not exact.

Include information regarding when members of the family became residents of Hendricks County (if not born here), jobs or professions, transportation, membership in civic, social, business, and church organizations, military service, schools and subjects, natural calamities (bad storms, tornadoes, floods, fires, droughts, excessive heat or cold, epidemics, etc.), and ALL other material that will make YOUR STORY complete and interesting. Details and episodes and experiences will make your story come alive for others who read your book.

If possible, type your story beginning on the back of this sheet and using as many additional sheets as you need. Please double space, even if you hand write. Keep the length of the lines the same on all sheets, if possible.

Send as many pictures as needed to illustrate your story. Not all may be used, but all will be returned. One family picture of each family will be used, if submitted. Identify every picture you send by printing your name and address on the back of each and a capital letter (A, B, C, etc.). Then on a separate paper, name the people or things shown in the picture next to the corresponding capital letter.

Please sign the following statement to permit us to publish your story and pictures:

I give my permission for my story and pictures to be edited (not changed) to be included in the History of Hendricks County.

Named: Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Castetter
Address: 312 Raines Street
Phone: 839-4038

If you have other questions or need help in submitting your history, call Mrs. Phyllis Urban, 852-8386, Miss Graco Cox 745-2552, Scott E. Hooper, Jr. 637-0017, or Derald Ailes 253-7905.

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Enclosed is my check for \$ 50.00 to cover the total amount of my order and/or Memorial.

Name: Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Castetter Phone: 839-4038

Address: 312 Raines Street, Plainfield, Ind. Zip Code: 46168

3 mailed envelopes for 1 to send in with your story
check for Memorial of \$25.00 (45.00 each) on 9-3-74
on entry on history will send it over as possible

CATTERSON REUNION - September 19, 1982



JAMES PATRICK CATTERSON:

Born: 3-20-1827
Where: Owen County, Kentucky
Married: 11-11-1852 to Emerine McKee
Died: 9-25-1909 near Brownsburg
Cem.: Greenlawn, Brownsburg

He was the son of James (b. 10-28-1793 d. 4-5-1841) and Sarah (Wyant) Catterson (b. 8-14-1803 d. 1-5-1873). James and Sarah (Wyant) Catterson are buried in New Bethel Cemetery, Wanamaker, Marion County, Indiana.

James Patrick Catterson was the fourth of ten children born to James and Sarah (Wyant) Catterson; the others' names were:

Cyrus Wingate	b. 1-18-1822
Zerelda	b. 10-25-1823
Emerine	b. 5-16-1825
Sarah "Sallie"	b. 6-10-1829
George William	b. 1-1-1831
Elizabeth "Becky"	b. 2-18-1833
Robert Francis	b. 3-22-1835
Mary Ann	b. 5-3-1837
Margaret Jane	b. 8-17-1840

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She was the daughter of William McKee (b. -?- 1804 d. -?-) and Emerine Jane (Turpin? or McDowell?) Catterson (b. -?- d. 9-20-1867, age 63 years).

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Sarah	(married -?- Wheatley)
John W. McKee	(lived near Mecca, Ind.)
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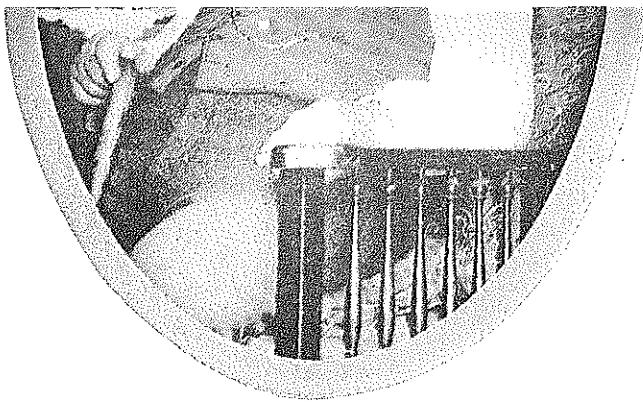
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Minnie Rocenia	b. 6-14-1857	d. 3-18-1881
Elzona Frances	b. 7-23-1859	d. 10-9-1860
James Siegel	b. 9-8-1861	d. 4-15-1933
Louetta	b. 6-14-1866	d. 4-14-1947
Cora May	b. 9-30-1867	d. 12-1-1945
Sallie Wyant	b. 7-1-1870	d. 2-20-1954
Emma Florence	b. 8-6-1872	d. 12-17-1936
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 Cemetery: Greenlawn, Brownsburg, Indiana

HARRY AND INDIA (CATTERSON) HOPKINS' CHILDRENS' NAMES ARE:

Howard Hopkins	b. 12-12-1910
William Hopkins	b. 4-10-1912
Frances (Hopkins) English	b. 1-6-1914
Eloise (Hopkins) Castetter	b. 10-16-1915

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Robert Stuart Castetter

6-9-1917
Plainfield, Ind.
6-26-1938
Browning, Ind.

Eloise Hopkins Castetter

10-16-1915
Browning, Ind. - Hendricks County

Castetter
English

Castetter

Robert
Schuler (Schull)

Castetter

Norman Dudley Castetter

19-7-1880
7-10-1902

3-14-1883
Salem, Ind.
12-3-1982
Barnes, Indiana
1-16-1948 age 64yr 10mo 2 da
Salem, Ind.

Her sister:
Ely Gene King
and Emma L. Little
Charles M.
W. R. Schull

His maternal parents
were Lemuel E. (Grand)
Schuler (Schull) & M.
Mrs. Adeline E. King
They adopted by them
Dudley Castetter & Elmer
Dudley King (Elmer was a sister
of Lemuel E. Schuler & M.
Mrs. Adeline E. King)
Castetter. He was left on
them when they fled the
wood to make a life.

Ellie Mae Stuart
2-3-1884

Barnesville, Ind.
12-29-1967
Barnesville, Ind. (Hospital)
Maple Hill, Plainfield

Edward
Anna (Miles)
Dennis
Ely with
(Shute L)

William Thomas Stuart
2-25-1841
Barnesville, Ind.
4-23-1878
Barnesville
11-12-1929
Barnesville, Ind.
8-1-1858
Barnesville, Ind.

1st husband Mitchell
John is buried in Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania
Buried next to it 1877

James Madison Stuart
3-21-1811
A. Bottom
(Va & Ky)
2-6-1883
Stuart, Ind.
4-23-1875
Stuart, Ind.

Lucy Ann Campbell
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William West Williams
B-2-14-1809
Clark Co., Ky. d. 1882 - 73yr
M. 2-1-1831
W. J. Ayers Co. Ky.
Margaret Bailey
Eloise Stuart King
Lucy Ann Campbell

James Madison Stuart
Daniel Adams
Pleasant Lane
Marionne
William West Williams
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Lucy Ann Campbell

CHART NO. _____
NAME Castetter

Mary Elvise
(Stephens) Castetter

BORN 10-16-1915
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
MARRIED 6-26-1938
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.

6-9-1917
Plainfield, Indiana
6-26-1938
Brownsburg, Indiana

B A E E O 3 C 3

County of
INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

Henry Harding Hopkins

BORN 2-23-1888
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
MARRIED 1-23-1910
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
DIED 5-17-1967
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
Cemetery: Greenlaw Cemetery
Brownsburg, Ind.

(“Baker”)
Indiana Mike Castetter

BORN 3-28-1877
WHERE Brownsburg, Indiana
DIED 11-18-1924
WHERE Brownsburg, Indiana
Cemetery: Greenlaw Cemetery
Brownsburg, Indiana

Everett Willey Hopkins

BORN 1-19-1854
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
MARRIED 3-2-1879
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
DIED 11-22-1937
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
Cemetery: Greenlaw Cemetery
Brownsburg, Ind.

William Hopkins

BORN 1-17-1809
MARRIED 10-16-1841
DIED 12-21-1891
Cemetery: Greenlaw Cem. Brownsburg, Ind.

Ruel Ann Harding

BORN 10-26-1822
DIED 11-24-1907
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
Cemetery: Greenlaw Cem. Brownsburg, Ind.

John Thomas Swanson

BORN 7-18-1833
MARRIED 3-18-1859
DIED 1-22-1885
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
Cemetery: Greenlaw Cem. Brownsburg, Ind.

Maria Frances Burns

BORN 1-27-1860
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
DIED 2-11-1932
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
Cemetery: Greenlaw Cem. Brownsburg, Ind.

John James Swanson

BORN 5-11-1837
DIED 6-12-1920
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
Cemetery: Greenlaw, Brownsburg

James Patrick Castetter

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WHERE Owen Co., Kentucky
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DIED 9-25-1909
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James Catterone

BORN 10-28-1793
MARRIED 4-22-1821
DIED 4-5-1841
WHERE Adams Co., Indiana
Cemetery: New Bethel Cem. Brownsburg, Indiana

William McKee

BORN - - - 1804
MARRIED
DIED

Ernie Jane Jenkins

BORN 7-8-1834
WHERE Judd Co., Kentucky
DIED 11-15-1913
WHERE Brownsburg, Ind.
Cemetery: Greenlaw Cem. Brownsburg, Ind.

Richard Hopkins

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Elizabeth Willey

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Henry J. Swanson

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ROBERT STUART AND MARY ELOISE (HOPKINS) CASTETTER

If spring came but once every 60 years, instead of once a year, and burst forth with the sound of an earthquake, and not in silence, what wonder and expectations we would have. So it is in comparison with the great changes we behold in the history of Hendricks County and its citizens since the "Hadley History" was published 62 years ago. Many of the county's inhabitants' ancestors must have thought the future seemed unsure. But then it has always been; even today they, who have seen great changes, must have great hopes for our future citizens. A community is often judged by the lives of many of its members and citizens. They do share a common interest with others simply by belonging to the same community and county. These are very special because they belong to each of us.

This family history of our subjects (CASTETTER - HOPKINS) is where the past rests so comfortably with the present. Because their family is concerned with preserving the memories of their heritage, this is their printed memorial history for the past generations as well as the current living generations and to carry on unto the future generations of the CASTETTER - HOPKINS families.

Doubtless, there has been a very careful and extensive research to bring life to these records which spans a period of 200 years or more. Generations of the past, like the sturdy oaks, have stood and have passed; while today, there are three and four generations still standing in both the CASTETTER and the HOPKINS families.

Our subject, Robert Stuart Castetter has lived in Plainfield, Guilford Township, all of his life, and he has seen Plainfield grow from near 1,400 at the beginning of his life compared unto today when the population in 1975 has grown to around 9,600. This increased by one when he brought his new bride to

Plainfield following their marriage on 6-26-1938 at Brownsburg. They have continued to live in Plainfield where they own their own home. They have been, during their 36 years of marriage, a devoted couple, loving parents and doting grandparents. He, the son of Robert Schuler and Effie Mae (Stuart) Castetter, was born in Plainfield, Guilford Township, Hendricks County on 6-9-1917. The subject's father was a native of Indianapolis, Marion County, being born on 3-14-1883 to his natural parents, Samuel and Laura (Ficus) Schuler; however, at six weeks of age he was adopted by Hiram Dudley and Amanda Owen (King) Mitchell, Castetter, the latter being the daughter of Enoch West and Lucy Ann (Campbell) King. Mr. and Mrs. Enoch King migrated from Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Kentucky, with Amanda and her two young sisters, Lou Ann and Elizabeth Jane, settling in Lincoln Township in 1854. Hiram Dudley ^{CASTETTER} (b. 4-25-1842) and Amanda Owen King ~~Castetter~~ (b. 5-26-1849) were married 10-7-1880 and continued to live in Indianapolis until his death on 7-10-1902. He was a chemist and pharmacist in Indianapolis many years, making his many prescriptions "from scratch." His book of receipts is still a treasured possession of this family today. After his death, his widow lived in Plainfield with her son and daughter-in-law until Amanda (King) Castetter's death on 12-12-1932. Hiram Dudley Castetter was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted at Edinburg, Indiana, serving with the 93rd Regiment, 1st Division 16".

Robert Stuart Castetter, our subject, spent his boyhood days in Plainfield, fishing and swimming in White Lick Creek and when winters came, he enjoyed tramping with his dogs through the surrounding countryside woods hunting and trapping. He received his early schooling in the grade schools and attended high school in Plainfield, where he also played on the high school's football team. Upon his graduation, he went into the grocery merchandising business with Kroger Company in 1935. Learning and admiring the new business world and the wonderful people he came in contact, both customers and business staff, he decided to make grocery merchandising his career. Our subject, who, in the face of many obstacles that might have discouraged and defeated another, has forged his way to the business front by a strong inherent force with well-directed intelligence, judgment and

honesty shown in his progressive merchandising. Of the thousands of occupations which are open to citizens of this county today, the profession of merchandising is one which helps all of the county's inhabitants. He spent nearly 24 years with being in managerial positions of various Kroger stores in Indianapolis. In 1959, he went into Marsh Supermarkets, Inc., with both companies giving him the privilege of opening many new stores as manager. They are sure there have been others with a similar history in Hendricks County. Notwithstanding all this, they can be justifiably proud of the contribution our subject has given to the grocery merchandising business. His tireless service has played a vital part in his many stores' excellence throughout the years.

Robert Stuart Castetter's mother, Effie Mae (Stuart) Castetter (b. 2-3-1884 d. 12-29-1969), was the third child of William Thomas and Loucilla Rome (Williams) Stuart. William Thomas Stuart (b. 2-25-1841 d. 11-12-1929) was a native of Center Township living northwest of Danville. He was the son of James W. (b. 3-21-1811 d. 3-12-1870) and Nancy Ann (Bonnifield, Bonifield, Bonnefield) Stuart (b. 2-6-1813 d. 4-23-1875). They were both natives of Virginia, then going to Kentucky and migrated up to Hendricks County by 1835, as the Hendricks County 1850 census shows that all their children were born in Hendricks County. Those children were: Susan C. (m. John Tharp), Loucinda (single), William Thomas (m1. Sarah Clark - m2. Loucilla Stuart), Sarah Ellen (m. George Arnold), Rebecca Jane (m. Simian Tinder), Meree (Marine, Meree) (m. Becky Jane Arnold); the eldest of these being born in 1835. Meree (b. about 1789 d. 1849) and Susan (Hardesty) Bonnifield^(d. 8-12-1858 - age 73 years) were the parents of Nancy Ann (Bonnifield) Stuart. Their other children were: William H. (m. Jane Janet Jelf), Thomas H. (m. Martha Jane Gatson), Nancy Ann (m. James W. Stuart (Stewart)), Pacheal M. (m. John W. Brown), Elizabeth (m. -?- Smith), Matilda (m. Caleb V. Embree), Ailsy (Alcey, Aloy, Ailsia) (m. Robinson (Robertson) Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Meree Bonnifield came to Center Township, Hendricks County in 1829.

The parents of James W. Stuart were John and Sarah (Boone) Stuart (Stewart), who was supposed to be a sister of Daniel Boone. William Thomas, son of James W. and Nancy Ann (Bonnifield) Stuart, married Loucilla Rome (Williams) Stuart on 7-23-1879 and lived near Danville until their deaths on 11-12-1929 and 12-6-1945 respectively. She was the daughter of John Dennis (b. 9-25-1835 d. 11-30-1897) and Elizabeth Jane (King) Williams (b. 7-2-1840 d. 5-27-1914), who were both natives of Kentucky, the former was born in Clark County, Kentucky, and the latter was born in Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Kentucky. The Williams settled in Middle Township in 1837, moving to Brownsburg later in life. William West Williams, the father of John Dennis, was also born in Clark County, Kentucky, (b. 2-14-1809 d. 12-9-1882), while his wife, Margaret (Bradley) Williams (whose mother was supposed to be a Boone and who married William Bradley), was born on 3-16-1812 in Fayette County, Kentucky and died 1-22-1883. William West and Margaret (Bradley) Williams, having been married on 2-1-1831, made the trek to Center Township, Hendricks County in 1837. They were the parents of Samuel (m. Elizabeth (Turpin) Craig), James Thomas (m. Susan Mobelly), John Dennis (m. Elizabeth Jane King), Sarah M. (m. John Clark), Francis Marion (d. as child), Martha Ann (m1. Franklin Fightmaster - m2. William Wells).

The parents of William Thomas Stuart, our subject's grandfather, were still living in Hendricks County when William Thomas enlisted on 9-13-1861 in the Civil War and served in Co. H, 7th Ind. V.I. in the Union Army for a duration of three years. He was honorably mustered out 9-20-1864. Again he answered his country's call and entered the service on 2-17-1865 and honorably mustered out on 9-5-1865. After the death of his first wife, he married Loucilla Rome Williams on 7-23-1879 and became the parents of eight children, four of whom reached adulthood. Those four were Effie Mae (m. Robert Schuler Castetter), Leona (b. 5-13-1888), Gaven (b. 8-10-1890 d. 6-20-1958) m1. Geraldine Butterfill, m2. Ietecia Estes), Elsworth (b. 2-5-1895), whose wife was the late Mable (Searce) Stuart of Danville.

Loucilla Rome (Williams) Stuart's grandparents were Enoch West (b. 6-8-1812 d. 8-1-1872 and whose father came from Wales, to Virginia, then to Kentucky) and Lucy Ann (Cambell) King (b. 4-23-1815 d. 12-21-1877) who made the long trek from Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Kentucky, in 1854 and settled in Brownsburg, Lincoln Township, with their three children, Elizabeth Jane King (b. 7-2-1840 d. 5-27-1914), who later married John Dennis Williams on 2-28-1858, Amanda Owen ^{KING} (b. 5-26-1849 d. 12-12-1832), who became the wife ^{of M^r. JOHN MITCHELL, AND} ~~of M^r. Hiram Dudley~~ Castetter on 10-1-1880, and Lou Ann King (b. 9-6-1853 d. 6-28-1917) whose husband was Washington Arbuckle.

The John Dennis and Elizabeth Jane (King) Williams were also the parents of four children: Loucilla Rome (b. 8-1-1859 d. 12-6-1945) m. William Thomas Stuart on 7-23-1879; Martha O. (b. 9-25-1861) m. Luke Chamness; William West Williams (b. 4-13-1864) m. Mary Cowley; and Dennis Bradley Williams (b. 8-23-1868) m1. Minnie Smith - m2. Lucy Jane Warren.

The subject of this sketch, Robert Stuart Castetter, was the seventh child of eleven children born to Robert Schuler and Effie Mae (Stuart) Castetter. His brothers and sisters being: Clifford Broy (b. 10-14-1903 d. 9-29-1953) m. Elizabeth (Marshall) Woods; Elsie Mae (b. 6-12-1905 and lived one day); Marguerite Leona (b. 10-12-1906) m. Oscar A. Manning; Roy Elmer (b. 7-27-1910 d. 2-7-1972) m. Flora Archer (divorced); Leora Ruth (b. 8-25-1912) m. William Monday; Mary Annette (b. 11-19-1914) m. Paul Fields (divorced); James William (b. 8-9-1919) m1. Dorothy Marie Owens - 2m. Leeberta May Owens; Lucy Arminta (b. 10-10-1921) m. Luther Wilson; Marjorie Dean (b. 2-4-1924 d. 11-11-1928); and Thomas Eugene (b. 8-18-1928) m1. Carolyn Mae Wells ^(divorced as was his second marriage.) ~~m. Charlotte ?~~

Their mother, Mrs. Effie Mae (Stuart) Castetter, was a licensed practical nurse, helping Plainfield doctors deliver dozens and dozens of babies as well as helping alleviate the sufferings of the elderly. Her husband was a painter and decorator.

During this bicentennial year in Hendricks County, the HOPKINS family shows how their ancestry is traced back to the same year that George Washington was born (1732) when Stephen Hopkins was born on 5-8-1732. He was the great, great, great grandfather of Mrs. Robert Stuart Castetter. Stephen's son, Richard Hopkins, a native of Maryland (born 1-18-1774 d. 12-21-1810, both occurring near Quantico, Maryland), was married on 12-21-1796 to Elizabeth Twilley (b. 3-12-1779 d. 8-5-1835) in Somerset County, Maryland. She was the daughter of George (b. 1743 d. 3-13-1801) and who was in the Revolutionary War) and Ann (Bradley) Twilley (b. 5-27-1745 d. 1-7-1812), and whose marriage occurred on 1-2-1766. It was through the lineage of George Twilley that Mrs. Robert Castetter, our subject, became a member of Daughters of American Revolution.

Richard Hopkins' son, William Hopkins, was born near Quantico, Maryland, on 1-17-1809 (d. 12-21-1891 in Indiana) and married Ruah Ann Harding (b. 10-26-1822 in Green County, Kentucky, d. 11-24-1907 in Indiana). They were married 10-26-1841 at Brownsburg where her parents, Aaron (b. 4-7-1780 d. 1-11-1876) and Hannah (Hollett) Harding (b. 11-30-1784 d. 11-9-1853) had migrated from Kentucky in 1833. Aaron and Hannah (Hollett) Harding's parents were Abraham (b. 9-17-1752 d. between 1818-1819) and Sarah (Moore) Harding (dates not known), and Thomas and Catherine (Hardin) Hollett, respectively. Another interesting fact is that Aaron and Hannah (Hollett) Harding were married by the same minister, Rev. Head, who solemnized the wedding of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Castetter, our subjects, have a photostatic copy of the original, listing both couples on the same page of the names and dates of those marriages solemnized by Rev. Head between the dates of June, 1806 and April, 1807.

William and Ruah Ann (Harding) Hopkins were the parents of one daughter and five sons. The following information was obtained: Sarah Catherine Hopkins (b. 7-27-1842 c. 9-6-1826) was married two times, the first to John H. May and the second marriage was to Phillip S. Lawhead; Erastus Edgar Hopkins (b. 4-24-1844 in Indiana d. 2-20-1923) lived most of his adult years in Kansas after he married Belle Jane Hazard; Wyatt Step Hopkins (b. 3-3-1846 d. 9-26-1901, both occurring in Indiana) was married to Eliza Ann Houk; Liston Pinkney Hopkins (b. in Indiana on 1-30-1848 d. 1-2-) and his wife was Alice M. Cook; Everett Twilley Hopkins, our subject's grandfather was born on 1-19-1854 in the old Hopkins homestead a few miles north of Brownsburg and his death occurred on 11-22-1937 with interment in the Greenlawn Cemetery at Brownsburg; and Murat Warder Hopkins (b. 10-20-1857 at Brownsburg d. 12-18-1955) married Allie Montgomery.

Everett Twilley Hopkins chose as his bride on 3-2-1879 Maria Frances Burns (b. 1-27-1860 in Brownsburg d. 2-11-1932 also in Brownsburg) whose parents were John Thomas Burns (7-18-1833 d. 1-22-1885) and Parthenia Ann (Nash) Burns (b. 5-11-1837 d. 6-12-1920). Mr. and Mrs. Burns' parents were Henry F. and Sarah (Thomas) Burns and Richard and Frances (Smith) Nash, respectively.

Mrs. Maria Frances (Burns) Hopkins had two younger sisters named Dora Jane who married Charles Walker, and Lucretia Clay ~~Burns~~ whose second husband's name was William Brumfield.

Everett Twilley Hopkins' father, William, was a farmer as was his son, Everett, during the majority of their lives. Everett T. Hopkins served as trustee in Brown Township and was one of the trustees of the Brownsburg Christian Church for many years.

Harry Harding Hopkins, the subject's father; Frank Burns Hopkins (b. 7-15-1881 d. 4-12-1968), whose wife was Laura Amick of Brownsburg; and Mary Ludora Hopkins (b. 1-31-1886 d. 10-26-1972), who later married Clarence Virgil Edmondson of Clayton, were the three children born to Everett Twilley and Maria Frances (Burns) Hopkins. On 1-23-1910, Harry Harding Hopkins (b. 2-23-1880 d. 5-17-1967), who lived his entire life in Brown and Lincoln Townships, married Indiana (called "India" throughout her life) McKee Catterson (b. 8-28-1877 d. 11-18-1924), the youngest daughter of James Patrick (b. 3-20-1827 in Owen County, Kentucky, d. 9-25-1909 in Brown Township) and Emerine Turpin (McKee) Catterson (b. in Trimble County, Kentucky on 7-8-1834, and passed away in Brown Township on 11-15-1913). James Patrick Catterson's grandfather, James Catterson, born in County Donegal, Ireland in 1764 and died before July, 1822, came to the United States about 1794 with his wife, Mary (Henry) Catterson (born before 1775 and died between 1822 and 1830) and their four children who were born in County Donegal, Ireland. (Mary (Henry) Catterson was supposed to be sister of Patrick Henry, one of our early U.S. patriots.) One of these four children, also named James Catterson (b. 10-28-1793 d. 4-5-1841) married Sarah Wyant (b. 8-14-1803 d. 1-5-1873), who was the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Wyant. James Patrick Catterson was the fourth child of the ten sons and daughters born to James and Sarah (Wyant) Catterson who emigrated to Indiana from Owen County, Kentucky, when this particular son was four years old. They settled in Indianapolis where, years later, this son was on the Indianapolis police force and was a teacher also. James Patrick Catterson enlisted in the Mexican War in 1847 with the 5th Indiana Volunteers. In 1861, he again enlisted in giving aid to his beloved country by enlisting in the Civil War as a soldier in the 79th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. He was wounded by a shot through his right foot. He had attained the rank of captain at the time he was honorably mustered out in 1864. He had on 11-11-1852 married Emerine Turpin McKee, daughter of William and Jane (Turpin) McKee, who later deeded their property in Brown Township, Hendricks County, to this daughter in 1860.

Patrick and Emerine Turpin (McKee) Catterson and three of their five children (two died in infancy) moved to Hendricks County in 1865 and began farming, after which six other children were born. Those children who became adults were: Mrs. Marion (Buena Zerelda) Ballard (b. 9-4-1853 d. 1-10-1941); Mrs. Simeon (Minnie Rocenia) Martin (b. 6-14-1857 d. 2-18-1881); James Siegel (b. 9-8-1861 d. 2-26-1884, whose wife was Rosa Jane Clark); Mrs. Martin (Lou Etta) Clinton (b. 6-14-1866 d. 4-14-1947); Mrs. Santford (Cora May) Ennis (b. 9-30-1867 d. 12-1-1945); Mrs. Grant (Sallie Wyant) Arbuckle (b. 7-1-1870 d. 2-20-1954); Mrs. Clarence Pearl (Emma Florence) Laycock (b. 8-6-1872 d. 12-17-1936); and Mrs. Harry Harding (Indiana "India" McKee) Hopkins (b. 8-28-1877 d. 11-18-1924).

Robert Stuart Castetter, the main subject of this article, married Mary Eloise Hopkins (b. 10-16-1915) of Brownsburg on 6-26-1938 and established their home in Plainfield, later buying a new home there. She is the youngest of of the children born to Harry Harding and Indiana McKee (Catterson) Hopkins. Her siblings are Dr. Howard Twilley Hopkins, now living in Lexington, Kentucky, (b. 12-12-1910) m. Elizabeth Leachman, daughter of Margaret (Dillon) Leachman Walls and the late W. E. Leachman of Lizton, Indiana, on 6-4-1937; William Everett Hopkins (b. 4-10-1912) m¹. Eunice Clodfelter, daughter of George and Nancy Clodfelter of Avon; m². Ethel Marie Chandler, daughter of Alex and Clara (Glendenning) Chandler of Plainfield, being married on 1-1-1947; and with the progeny being Mrs. James (Nancy Sue) Copeland, Mrs. Robert (Hazel Elaine) Schultz, and Miss Anna Hopkins; Frances Parthenia (b. 1-6-1914) married Oscar Lester English, son of Cecil and Minnie (Brown) English of Lizton, on 2-10-1935, with their daughters being Mrs. Henry (Ruth) Wagley and Mrs. Harold Joe (Mildred) Trent.

Robert Stuart and Mary Eloise (Hopkins) are the parents of two daughters: Marcia Gay Castetter (b. 10-3-1942) who on 6-25-1961 married James Arnold McCarter (b. 2-28-1941, son of Graydon and Jane (Nelson) McCarter of Indianapolis. James and Marcia (Castetter) McCarter own their home where they live in the northwest side of Indianapolis; the younger daughter, Anita Jean Castetter (b. 5-15-1947) was married on 6-23-1968 to Donald Ray Abplanalp (b. 3-8-1947), son of Elmer and Dorothy (Rohlfing) Abplanalp who lived southeast of Plainfield at the time of Anita and Don's wedding in the Plainfield Friends Church as was Marcia and Jim's wedding. Anita and Don Abplanalp bought the property where they now reside in Washington Township southeast of Avon. Marty and Jim McCarter also own some small acreage southwest of Lizton, Indiana.

Our subjects, Robert and Eloise (Hopkins) Castetter, are the proud and fortunate grandparents of five grandchildren. Robert Dale McCarter (b. 6-4-1962), Francine Deanne McCarter (b. 7-26-1964), and James Arnold McCarter, Jr. (b. 5-2-1967) are the children of James and Marcia (Castetter) McCarter. The children of Donald and Anita (Castetter) Abplanalp are Dana Lynn Abplanalp (b. 11-14-1972) and Daniel Scott Abplanalp (b. 3-4-1975).

In her early years, Mrs. Robert Stuart Castetter, a native of Brownsburg, began her schooling in a one-room school house in Brown Township which contained all eight grades. She attended this school until the death of her mother in 1924, after which she attended the grade school and high school where she graduated from Brownsburg High School in 1934. She and her husband have a few hobbies they enjoy such as travel, yard work, collecting old books, genealogy, oil painting, etc. Mrs. Castetter has been a member of various clubs, Hendricks County Art League, Gamma Chapter of Delta Alpha Gamma Sorority, Daughters of American Revolution, and for several years has been an employee in the Social Service Department of Indiana Boys' School. Her church membership is with the Friends Church in Plainfield.

As a soldier in World War II, Robert Stuart Castetter proved his loyalty to his government and United States which he admired and loved. Under Harry S. Truman's presidency, he was commended for demonstration of fortitude, resourcefulness and calm judgment to carry out the tasks he was called upon to perform. He was inducted into the U.S. Army at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis on March 15, 1944. He took his training at Camp North Hood and Camp Swift, both in the state of Texas. He was sent overseas to the Pacific Theater of War with Co. B, 80th Chemical Mortar Battalion, to the Phillipine Islands. During his service, he received the American Theater Ribbon; Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon; Phillipine Liberation Ribbon with Bronze Stars; and Victory Medal World War II. He participated in all the engagements in which his regiment participated, and with the rank of T-4 Sargeant, he received an honorable discharge on March 16, 1946, at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and was welcomed home by his wife and daughter, Marcia. Politically Mr. Castetter is a Republican but has not taken an active part in the game of politics. He has been a member of Knights of Pythias, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Optimist Club, and he also is a member of Plainfield Friends Church.

His career over the years shows what may be accomplished by the exercise of tireless energy and upright dealings. His career has been a very busy and useful one and during all of his career, no action of his has ever brought upon him the censure of his fellow citizens and has won the respect of a large circle of friends.

Written by: Mrs. Eloise (Hopkins) Castetter
November 11, 1975

"THE TREE OF LIBERTY"

Traitor, spare that tree,
Touch not a single bough!
In youth it sheltered me,
And I'll protect it now.

On the attached sheet, I'm giving you a replica of this "Tree of Liberty" symbol and stern statement in protection of our glorious and beloved American flag.

This emblem was on the left-hand side of an old and very yellowed, small envelope. This envelope was given to me by Mrs. Bill (Marie) Hopkins who had found it in an old book which had belonged to her mother's cousin, Mr. Park Allen.

Later, I took it to our yearly post card show show at Glendale Shopping Center, Indianapolis, where I made several inquiries from those more knowledgeable than I. I was informed this is called "The Freedom Tree" and became very popular around the Civil War era. If you look closely at the base of the tree (it shows more plainly on the original), it has the date 1776, when our courageous forefathers' freedom was fought for and valiantly gained.

One hundred years later, our own beloved ancestor, James Patrick Catterson, heroically served in the Civil War, as did his brother, Robert Francis Catterson, where they and many thousands of other men helped to protect what our United States and our American flag stood for.

Fifty years later, several grandsons of James Patrick Catterson were involved and served courageously in World War I.

Also, after another 25 years, other young men of our Catterson clan heroically served our glorious United States under the stars and stripes of our illustrious American flag.

May all of us forever honor, love and protect what this "Tree of Liberty" stands for.

Love to all,

Eloise (Hopkins) Castetter

September - 1980

of Robert Castetter

Castetter Family



The Tree of Liberty.

TRAITOR, spare that tree,
Touch not a single bough!
In youth it sheltered me,
And I'll protect it now.