

# THE QUAKER YEOMEN

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THE DESCENDANTS OF WELCOME GARRETT AND PHOEBE SUMNER, DAUGHTER OF ROBERT SUMNER & PHOEBE BEALS. Compiled by Jewell N. Thompson, Rt #3, Box 24, Danville, Indiana 46122.

"...The southern half of our County was settled by people from North Carolina, mostly Quakers who came from Guilford and surrounding counties in N.C. We have a small town of Hadley not far from Danville, settled by the Hadleys from Chatham County in North Carolina. Also, we have a Guilford Township in Hendricks County, which was named for Guilford County, North Carolina. Many of the old families still live here. The Stanley, Osborn, Mendenhall, Coffin, Hayworth and other families, as well as several Friends Churches are still in the County. I suspect my g-g-g-grandfather, James Thompson came from a Quaker family, but have no proof of it.

On page 40 of the book The Quaker Yeomen, paragraph F-15, you show Phoebe Beals as marrying Charles Canaday and after his death she married Robert Sumner. The children of Phoebe and Robert Sumner were: (1) William; (2) Caleb; (3) Joshua; (4) Phoebe; (5) Thomas; (6) Prudence; (7) Abigail; (8) Sarah; (9) Robert. Of the above children, I only have information on the fourth, Phoebe Ann.

PHOEBE ANN SUMNER, born 5-18-1755, died 1-8-1811, daughter of Robert and Phoebe Beals Sumner, was married on August 5, 1777 to Welcome Garrett, son of John Garrett. (In 1881, one of the Garretts had in his possession a Bible which was published in England in 1831. It listed the names of many Garretts, but it is impossible to make out the relationship between them all. There is one entry, "William Garat born 27 August baptised 3d Sept. 1643 and Ann Garratt wife of above William Garat was born 19th of March 1642. These two, William and Ann, came from Darby in the County of Leicester, England in the year 1684 and settled in Darby Township (then) Chester County, Pennsylvania." John Garrett, father of Welcome Garrett was supposed to be a descendant of William and Ann Garrett, but the old Bible was not kept up to date, so it is not known if this is true). Welcome Garrett was a Quaker and a member of the Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends in Surry County, North Carolina. It was there that he raised his large family of sixteen children. When his children were grown, they all left North Carolina, so Welcome Garrett himself, at the age of 76 came to Indiana, settling first in Wayne County, and then in Hamilton County, near Westfield where he spent the rest of his life.

Welcome and Phoebe Sumner Garrett had twelve children. After her death in North Carolina he remarried. His second wife was Margaret Bond. Phoebe and Margaret were related. Phoebe's mother Phoebe Sumner had a brother Thomas Beals, a famous Quaker Preacher. Thomas married Sarah Antrim. One of their children was Elizabeth, also a preacher for over sixty years. Elizabeth married Samuel Bond. One of their daughters, Margaret Bond, was the second wife of Welcome Garrett. They had four children.

By the year 1900, the descendants of Welcome Garrett and his two wives numbered over 900. I am listing only a few. If anyone is interested in specific lines I may be able to help.

The children of Welcome and Phoebe Beals Garrett:

1. Caleb, b. 3-20-1778 (See below).
2. Robert, b. 5-5-1779. Died in childhood.
3. Abigail, b. 10-5-1780. Married Alexander Martin and had nine children.
4. Joshua, b. 1782. Married Mary Cox. Moved to Indiana and later to Illinois.
5. Lewis, b. 2-25-1784. Married Mary Ann Johnson. Moved to Ohio and later to Indiana.
6. Prudence, b. 10-2-1785. Never married.
7. Mary, b. 1-13-1787. Married Joseph Puckett. Moved to Indiana.

8. Sarah, b. 4-12-1789. Died in childhood.
9. Nathan, b. 6-5-1790. Died in childhood.
10. John, b. 4-10-1792. Killed by a falling tree during a storm when he 14.
11. Beulah, b. 3-25-1794. Married John Starbuck. Moved to (now West) Virginia and then to Indiana.
12. Isom, b. 5-10-1796. Married Mary Puckett. Settled in Illinois in Douglas County. The town of Garrett, Illinois was laid out by him. The town and township were both named for him.

The children of Welcome and Margaret Bond Garrett:

(note: Welcome Garrett married Margaret Bond February 19, 1812. She was born September 11, 1777 and died August 14, 1862).

13. Rachel, b. 4-22-1813. Married David McKinney. Moved to Hamilton County, Indiana.
14. Jonathan, b. 12-12-1814. Married Anna Bond. Lived in Hamilton County, Indiana.
15. Hiram, b. 11-10-1816. Married Mary Reynolds. Lived in Hamilton County, Indiana.
16. Jesse Antrim, b. October 23, 1818, died June 19, 1819.

CALEB GARRETT, the eldest child of Welcome and Phoebe Beals Garrett, was born March 20, 1778 in Surry County, North Carolina, and died July 31, 1831 in Danville, Hendricks County, Indiana. He owned land in Surry County, North Carolina for several years, then in 1807 moved to Guilford County, where he belonged to the Deep River Monthly Meeting. He also owned land in Deep River. By occupation he was a farmer, a preacher and a doctor. He 1813 he stopped attending the Quaker meetings and was disowned by them. He later identified himself with the Christian (Campbelite) Church.

Caleb Garrett married Beulah Jackson, daughter of Curtis and Ruth Beals Jackson. (Ruth Beals was a daughter of Bowater Beals). They had nine children. In 1816 they moved to Washington County, Indiana, where he practiced medicine. In 1829 they moved to Danville, Indiana where he died on July 31, 1831. His (second) wife died the following day, August 1, 1831, leaving several minor children as orphans. A son-in-law, Sam McPheeters was appointed guardian over the orphans. The children of Caleb and Beulah Jackson Garrett:

1. Cyrus, b. 4-12-1804. Married Betsey Hamerly. Lived in Winchester, Indiana.
2. Nathan, b. 11-19-1806. Married Sarah Puckett. Lived in Randolph County, Indiana.
3. Caroline, b. 12-8-1808. Married Joseph Clements. Lived in Hendricks County, Indiana. Ancestors of the Wisheart family of doctors in North Salem, Indiana.
4. Luther, b. 12-9-1810. Married Anna Bower. Lived in Randolph County, Indiana.
5. Eliza Anna. (See below).
6. Julia Ann, b. 10-9-1814. Married Jesse Coffin. Lived in Hendricks County, Indiana.
7. Merlin, b. 1817. Died in an accident in 1822.
8. Emily, b. 12-26-1818. Married John Simmons. Moved to Oregon.
9. Nancy, b. 1820, died 1820.

(Note: the last three children were born in Washington County, Indiana, the others in Surry, Guilford and Rowan Counties, North Carolina).

Beulah Jackson Garrett died in Washington County, Indiana in 1820. Caleb Garrett married (2) Cynthia Paul, born 1803, died 1831. They had four children:

10. Paulina, b. 1824, d. 1908. Married James Lewis. Lived in Danville, Indiana.
11. Caleb, b. 1826, d. 1900. Married Abigail Fudge. Lived in Morgan County, Indiana.
12. William B., b. 1828. Married Tabitha Evans. Lived in Iowa and Nebraska.
13. Lewis, b. 4-16-1831 in Danville, Indiana. Married - - (no record).

(Note: The first log cabin was built in Danville, Indiana in 1824. Caleb Garrett was Danville's first physician.)

ELIZA ANNA GARRETT, fifth child of Caleb and Beulah Jackson Garrett, was born January 15, 1812 in North Carolina and died September 19, 1885 in Danville, Indiana. While she was a small child her family moved to Washington County, Indiana where she was raised. On June 5, 1828 she married Samuel McPheeters, also of Washington County, Indiana. He was the son of John McPheeters, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. The Mc Pheeters family had come from Scotland several generations earlier. About a year after their marriage they

(along with her father Caleb Garrett, step-mother, and family), moved to Danville, Indiana, where they remained for the rest of their lives. They had seven children:

1. Margaret Jane (1829-1879) married William McDaniel. Lived near Danville.
2. Welcome Garrett (1831-1888) married Julia Life. Lived near Danville.
3. Rebecca Julia (1834-1902). See below.
4. Joseph (1838-1861). Lost his life in the Civil War.
5. William (1840-1862). Lost his life in the Civil War.
6. Theophilus (1850-1880) married Matilda Sharp. Lived near Danville.
7. Eliza (1852 - ) married Joel Ousley. Lived in Montgomery County, Indiana.

REBECCA JULIA ANN MCPHEETERS, the third child of Samuel and Eliza Ann Garrett McPheeters, was born November 6, 1834, about a mile west of Danville, Indiana, on a farm. She was raised near Danville, and on October 2, 1849 married Jesse Thompson of Danville. He was a cabinet maker, was born in Guilford County, North Carolina, and was a son of James Thompson who was also born in Guilford County. His mother was Sarah Hodson, daughter of Robert Hodson, also of Guilford County. Jesse and Rebecca McPheeters Thompson had eleven children:

1. Lawrence (1850-1917) married Nellie Gould. He was a carpenter.
2. Arthur Garrett (1851-1920) married Mary Miles. He was a carpenter.
3. Nathan John (1855-1929). See below.
4. Cyrus (1857-1931) married Lillie Dill. Owned and operated a Drug Store in Danville.
5. Samuel Luther (1860-1922) married Ida Morasha of Detroit, Michigan. He became a baseball player, played for Detroit and Philadelphia in the National League, held the homerun record until Babe Ruth surpassed him in 1921. He played with what was known as a "dead ball" which had no bounce in it. At that time the pitcher was ten feet closer to the batter. He had a life time batting average of .336 and hit over .400 two years. He has been elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.
6. Jesse May (1862-1946) did not marry. Had a millinery store in Danville.
7. William (1866- ) married Hattie Bell. Owned and operated a bakery.
8. Julia (1869-1920) married Fred Warner. Lived in Danville.
9. Charles Ritter (1871-1872).
10. Ethan James (1873-1873).
11. Anna Eliza (1875-1955) married Porter Blair.

Jesse Thompson was in the Civil War. After about two years service he was blinded. He spent the next year in Army hospitals, and was finally discharged, still unable to see. Application for a pension was disapproved. He was born November 7, 1829 and died in Danville, Indiana April 24, 1900. His wife Rebecca died in Danville April 6, 1902.

NATHAN JOHN THOMPSON was born near Danville in 1855 and died there in 1929. He married Alice Ferguson. He was a farmer. His second son

ARTHUR RAYMOND THOMPSON was my father. I am retired from the United States Air Force, and am also retired from General Motors. I now live on and operate a small farm near Danville, Indiana.

The above information has been taken from Danville Courthouse Records, from an old Thompson Family Bible, from old Danville Newspaper obituaries, and from other Thompson family records. About 1875 one of the grandchildren decided to trace the descendants of Welcome Garrett. He spent over twenty five years on this work. Also, about the same time the Garrett family started having a yearly family reunion. Several of these reunions were held at Danville at the home of my great grandfather, Jesse Thompson. I have several newspaper clippings relating to these reunions. I also have a copy of the Garrett family history which goes back to John and Mary (Clayton) of Chester County, Pennsylvania, and on to about the year 1900.

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*We thank Mr. Thompson for his contribution, and for his offer of assistance to those working on this line.*

*Sherelene Thompson*  
 258 Noice Dr.  
 Salinas - Ca 93901

(3) 12-27-74 Pd \$4  
 Row C 719

1. DAVID JESSE THOMPSON B APR 17 - 1934 M June  
 (Name of Applicant)  
 7205 LANGLEY CANYON - SALINAS - CA 93901 Tel. No. 663-3634  
 (Street and No.) (Town) (State) (Zip)

2. DR. CALEB GARRETT B 3-20-1778 M 1803 D 7-31-1831  
 (Pioneer Ancestor's Name) B-birth date; M-marriage date; D-death date;  
 1829 DANVILLE  
 SS-settlement date in Hendricks Co.; (SS Place)

FIRST DOCTOR IN DANVILLE

Line of Descent

1. Parents:	H MAURICE H. THOMPSON B 7-12-1905 M 8-14-26 D 3-7-1962 H-husband;
	W SHERELENE JENKINS B 12-9-1906 M 8-14-26 D — W-wife.
2. Grand Parents:	H NATHAN THOMPSON B 8-31-1855 M 6-19-1901 D 12-20-1927
	W EVA HOADLEY (DEPEW) B 4-26-1866 M 6-19-1901 D 1-18-1947
3. Great Grand Parents:	H JESSE THOMPSON B 11-7-1829 M 10-2-1849 D 8-24-1900
	W REBECCA McPHEETERS B 11-4-1834 M 10-2-1849 D 4-6-1902
4. Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H SAM McPHEETERS B 3-3-1807 M 6-5-1828 D 12-4-1890
	W ELIZA GARRETT B 1-15-1812 M 6-5-1828 D 7-19-1885
5. Gr.Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H DR. CALEB GARRETT B 3-20-1778 M 1803 D 7-31-1831
	W BEULAH JACKSON B — M 1803 D 1820
6. Gr.Gr.Gr. Gr. Grand Parents:	H — B — M — D —
	W — B — M — D —
7. Gr.Gr.Gr. Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H — B — M — D —
	W — B — M — D —

*needs family sheets*

The first two items must be completed to obtain a certificate. Additional information helpful is occupation of pioneer, public office held, political party, where educated, church affiliation. If descendency can be traced to more than one ancestor other blanks must be used. Ask for them.

Verification of above may be found (check at least one); County Clerk's office; Old Bible; Church Records; Voting Records; Cemetery records; others

GARRETT BOOK

**IMPORTANT: REGARDING LAND ENTRIES**

1. Do you have a patent for land issued to your ancestors in Hendricks County? Yes. \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many deeds? \_\_\_\_\_ For how many acres? \_\_\_\_\_ To whom issued? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many of these acres have been held continuously in the family? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Indicate line of descent of ownership.

**ANCESTOR - DECENDANT COMMITTEE**

P. O. 154 DANVILLE, INDIANA 46122

Shompson  
 258 Noice Drive  
 Salinas, California 93901

1-18-74

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**MY DESCENT FROM A HENDRICKS CO. PIONEER**

1. DAVID JESSE THOMPSON B 4-17-34 M 6-29-68  
 (Name of Applicant)  
4205 LANGLEY CANYON SALINAS - CA 93901 Tel. No. (408) 663-3634  
 (Street and No.) (Town) (State) (Zip)  
 2. DR. ABRAM HOADLEY B JAN. 13 - 1794 M OCT. 28 - 1824 D AUG 17 - 1865  
 (Pioneer Ancestor's Name) B-birth date; M-marriage date; D-death date;  
1837 FARM NEAR PLAINFIELD  
 (SS-settlement date in Hendricks Co.; (SS Place) *Washington or Guilford.*

*recorded on card 8/27/74*

**Line of Descent**

1. Parents:	H MAURICE THOMPSON	B 1-12-05	M 8-14-26	D 3-7-62
	W SHERELENE JENKINS	B 12-9-06	M 8-14-26	D
2. Grand Parents:	H NATHAN THOMPSON	B 8-31-1855	M 6-19-1901	D 12-20-1927
	W EVA HOADLEY (DePew)	B 4-26-66	M 6-18-1901	D 1-18-1947
3. Great Grand Parents:	H DR. W.J. HOADLEY	B 3-2-31	M 4-11-61	D 5-8-21
	W LOUISA F. SHIRLEY	B 8-23-39	M 4-11-61	D 8-28-89
4. Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H DR. ABRAM HOADLEY	B 1-13-1794	M 10-28-1824	D 8-17-1865
	W SOPHIA STALEY	B 4-28-1806	M 10-25-24	D 1898
5. Gr.Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H ASA HOADLEY	B Dec. 1762	M 4-7-1785	D 2-6-1834
	W ESTHER TYLER	B 1761	M 4-7-1785	D 5-2-1837
6. Gr.Gr.Gr. Gr. Grand Parents:	H NATHANIEL HOADLEY	B 4-11-1721	M 12-12-1745	D 1797
	W ANNA SCARIT	B 5-28-1726	M 12-12-1745	D
7. Gr.Gr.Gr. Gr.Gr. Grand Parents:	H	B	M	D
	W	B	M	D

DR. HOADLEY *practiced medicine - had large practice - Stock raising + farming*  
*one of the best known men in Hendricks Co.*

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*HOADLEY GENEALOGY - and OBITUARY*

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**ANCESTOR - DECENDANT COMMITTEE**

P. O. 154 DANVILLE, INDIANA 46122

# HENDRICKS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**HUSBAND**

*David Leece Thompson*

*San Jose, Calif*

*Please complete card  
return these forms*

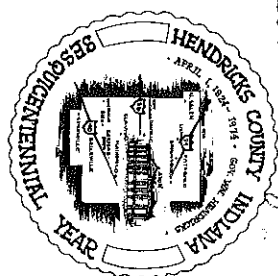
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 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. Janice 29 1968 Place CASTRO VALLEY, California  
 Died X Place X  
 Bur. X Place X  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER Maurice Keeley Thompson HUSBAND'S MOTHER Beatrice Perkins Thompson  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES X

**WIFE**

Sharon Louise McElroy  
 Born MARCH 12, 1942 Place ORLANDO, CALIFORNIA

WIFE'S FATHER FRANK McELROY WIFE'S MOTHER HELEN PETERSON McELROY  
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names	SURNAME	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED	
			DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		DAY	MONTH
M	DAVID ALAN	THOMPSON	19	AUGUST	1932	SAN JUAN	MONTREY	CALIF.			
F	BETH ANN	THOMPSON	15	NOVEMBER	1933	SAN JUAN	MONTREY	CALIF.			



# HENDRICKS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## HUSBAND

*Maunel*

*Shompson*

Born *January 12 - 1905* Place *Danville - Indiana*

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Marr. *August 14 - 1926* Place *Danville - Indiana*

Died *March 9 - 1962* Place *Danville - Indiana*

Bur. *March 14 - 1962* Place *Danville - Indiana*

HUSBAND'S FATHER *Thomas John Shompson*

HUSBAND'S MOTHER *Emma Hordley (Deans)*

## WIFE

*Shelene*

*Shelene*

Born *December 9 - 1906* Place *Danville - Indiana*

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER *Herbert E. Shompson*

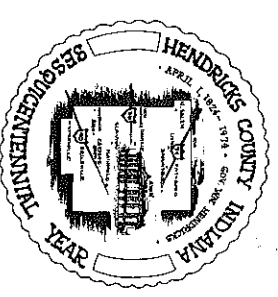
WIFE'S MOTHER *Mary Emily Johnson*

HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS \_\_\_\_\_

## CHILDREN

SEX M F	List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth GIVEN NAMES	SURNAME	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	DAY	WHEN DIED MONTH YEAR
			DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY			
M	<i>Keith Hordley Shompson</i>		<i>12</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>1930</i>	<i>Danville</i>	<i>Hendrick Ind.</i>				
M	<i>David Isaac Shompson</i>		<i>17</i>	<i>Apr.</i>	<i>1934</i>	<i>Danville</i>	<i>Hendrick Ind.</i>				



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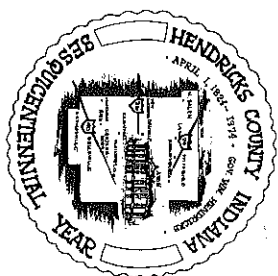
**HUSBAND** William John Hompson

Born August 31 - 1855 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. June 19 - 1901 Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died December 20 - 1917 Place Danville Indiana  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place Danville Indiana  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER Deac Hompson  
 HUSBANDS' OTHER WIVES all foreign  
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER Rebecca Mulberry

**WIFE** Est Headley DePier

Born April 16 - 1866 Place Danville Indiana  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died Jan 19 - 1947 Place Danville Indiana  
 Bur. Jan 21 - 1947 Place Danville Indiana  
 WIFE'S FATHER Dr. William Headley  
 WIFE'S MOTHER Louisa E. Shirley  
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS Maria Lee DePier

SEX M F	List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth GIVEN NAMES	SURNAME	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED DAY MONTH YEAR
			DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY		
M	<u>Charles</u>	<u>Mulberry</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>1903</u>	<u>Danville</u>	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>13 - June - 1926</u>	<u>22 - Aug. 1953</u>
M	<u>Mauiac</u>	<u>Headley</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>1905</u>	<u>Danville</u>	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>14 - Aug - 1926</u>	<u>21 - Mar. 1960</u>
F	<u>June</u>	<u>Headley</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>1907</u>	<u>Danville</u>	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ind.</u>	<u>17 - Aug - 1959</u>	













## Hendricks Co

When April 12-1861 Sumpter was fired upon and two days later Pres Lincoln's proclamation was issued calling for 75000 Indiana's quota under the law was six regts,

The first company raised in the county was one of the first to be accepted by the U.S. and in all nearly 2500 enlistments were credited to Hendricks.

Co. A. 7-Regt Ind Vol was made up entirely of Hendricks Co men.

James Burgess was Capt. Peter S. Kennedy 1-Lieutenant. Joseph S. Miller 2-Lieutenant all Commissions being dated April 20-1861 - only eight days after the first gun was fired.

The company first contained 100 men about 3/4 of them being received and mustered in. And when in Aug they came home there was an immense homecoming picnic held in Aunt Polly Crawford's woods. Now woods no longer.

This is only one of the many

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Hendricks County was first surveyed  
in 1819, and occupies a central position  
in the State.

Though the Indians were to move beyond  
the Mississippi in 1821 it was 1826 before  
they were all gone from the County.

Not one drop of blood was shed in  
Hendricks in warfare between whites  
and the red men.

When the first settlers first came a great  
Indians were living on White Lick and  
Cell river, and an arrow head or  
<sup>stone</sup> battle ax found, is all that is left  
to tell us of this race.

The first settlers came from North  
Carolina, and settled on Government  
land before entry.

The first entries being made in 1821 -  
At that time there were not more  
than half doz families in Centre  
township.

No better class of immigrants ever  
settled a new country than those  
of Hendricks County.

In 1824 the population was about 1000. Then came a great monetary crisis. One man waited six months to get 25 cts to send a letter to North Carolina. Another went to Owen County to get corn it was not to be had so he bought a little flour, which his mother mixed with something else to make it go further, and made bread.

The family lived on this and milk while the young man walked four miles each way a day and deadend trees at 3 1/2 a day. So that he might pay 26 per cent interest on money that paid for 80 acres.

So lived the first settlers of Hendricks Co. As time passed with the sweat of their toil, wealth grew out of the ground.

The little corn patch grew to immense fields

And to the single cow and calf were added new members until they covered hills and valleys.

With higher aspirations came greater duties and more care. And well may the old pioneer men and women of Hendricks look back on days gone by with pleasure and regret that they were gone forever.

The act organizing the County of Hendricks, named in honor of William Hendricks (Father of Thomas) Gov of the State, was approved Dec 20 1823. And after the next April was to enjoy all the privileges that belong to separate counties.

A board of Commissioners was appointed, to select a place for a county seat. They investigated several localities, one of which was two miles east of Belleville where a town had been laid out named Hillsboro.

But they preferred a more central locality, and on July 2 - located the County Seat on what is



considered the most beautiful location of the county, and is nearly in exact centre from north to south and twenty miles ~~west~~ west of centre on an east and west line. The general elevation of the land is much higher than the surrounding country, and owing to its location few valuable springs are found. Originally it was covered with dense forest but after the Indians were gone and the annual burning ceased, a dense undergrowth grew up -

A location for a court-house was next considered.

A stake was driven in a beautiful mound upon which the court house now stands. The court house was built of peeled logs and cost \$147.<sup>00</sup> The first court was held in 1826.

The jail was built of the same material.

Four men donated 20 acres on which Danville was laid out. On Oct-24-1824 there was placed on file the plat of Danville. Lots were sold as low as

8<sup>00</sup> and as high as \$115 which was paid for the one where the James McCann store stands.

Of the early schools and school houses many interesting things are told. The houses were of log, sometimes without floors. Huge fireplaces in one end in which were kept a burning log heap. The windows were made by sawing out a log, and placing in the opening a red sash. Oiled paper was used instead of glass.

The seats were made of puncheon with the legs too long for a child to reach the floor with its feet.

Such school houses disappeared years ago.

A school day there was not five hours but from sun up to sun down.

To day the old rough benches without backs, have given place to desks and good seats.

From that day to this the development of the country with its educational interests have moved forward, until it may be said over

That our school system is the greatest  
success of any public enterprise

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Was interested in the article appearing in "Republican" concerning the Ancestor-Descendants - noting that it applies to County residents - also stating that applicants do not have to reside in the county.

As an out-of-State resident, ( if eligible ), please mail to me the application forms (2). I have two members of my family who are descendants of early settlers.

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If not eligible - O.K. - anyhow you have a good idea going. Good Luck.