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"JAMES HERRON'S BOOK"

A copy of the following pages of the Herron family record has be placed in the vertical file at the Decatur Genealogical Society Libratur and they are noted here because they seem a bit unusual. The Bible now in the possession of David Withrow of Decatur.

James Herron's Book

price \$3.00

received May 17th A.D. 1838

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FAMILY RECORD

Octr. 1st 1835 James Herron & Eliza Brisbin were married ' 1862 S.A. Herron & Jas. Fathering (?) were married

FAMILY RECORD

Births

April 4 A.D. 1807 James Herron was born February 28 A.D. 1813 Eliza Brisbin was born December 19th A.D. 1835 James Addison Herron was born Septr. 23rd A.D. 1857 Arthur Ambrose Herron was born May 23rd 1839 David Clarke Herron was born February 12th 1841 Sarah Anne Herron was born Nov. 25th 1842 Elizabeth Jane Herron was born May 27th 1845 Daughter born Novr. 24th 1846 Eleanor Denning Herron was born August 27th 1851 Liss (?) was born

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August 1st A.D. 1836 James Addison Herron died half past 7 o'clock in the evening aged 7 months 13 days David Clarke Herron died half past 7 o'clock in

the morning aged 2 years 11 months 29 days May 21st, 1842

Infant daughter died 1 month & 18 days old Lisse (Liss?) departed this life aged 10 months July 15th 1845 July 22nd 1852

Joseph Herron departed this life on July 2nd 1856 at 2 o'clock in the morning

David Herron departed this life on April 17th A.D. 1860

at 9 o'clock in the morning, aged 56 year

August 23rd, 1862 William Hill departed this life at 6 o'clock in

April 11th (?) A.D. 1863 Eliza Herron departed this life aged fifty years one month & eleven days

September 11th A. D. 1866 James Herron departed this life aged 59 years 7 months

FAMILY INCIDENTS

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e : James Herron commenced teaching school Dec. 27th A.D. 188 (4?).

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James Addison & David Clark both died with dropsy on the brain. Addison's disease was brought on by teething. David's from a deranged state of the stomach & bowels. He was first noticed unwell May 3rd. Both the boys wrought in spasoms. David died very hard. He was half an hour in dying. He was an agreeable and very helthful child. Of course sickness and death was not expected. What an unpleasant thing to see, such pleasant flowers cut down just when they begin to unfold them selves to the view.

David Herron Sr. departed this life June 7th, 5 minutes past 7 A.M. A.D. 1833, aged 76 years 1 month 22 days

Sarah Herron departed this life on Janv. 26th A.D. 1834, being the Sabath at 12 o'clock aged 60 year 10 months 17 days

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Mr. P. Means there will be a meeting of the district on Saturday next a l o'clock. The directors will be present in order to have the disturbance which exists in our district settled Octr. 10th 1838.

James Herron

Arthur Ambrose Herron's book May 18th 1838

Arthur Ambrose Herron's book July 30th 1852

James Herron's Book, Sabbath March 21st Day of A.D. 1847

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To Mr. James Herron... Your occupation and Property made taxable by law is assessed Sir: fty at 142 dollars...cents--the rate per cent for County purposes is 3 mills on the dollar; for Starc purposes, 3 mills--on excess of Occupation over \$200, 1 per cent; emoluments of Office 2 per cent on excess over \$200; on Carriages 1 per cent. County Tax \$049; State Tax, \$022; Watch, \$71.Appeal will be held at the House of H. M. Little on the 27 day of March, 1853

Herron was statewide leader

By JOHN BOWERMAN

When the conflict of the Civil War had ended, tragedy and heartbreak lingered on. For the most part those who had given so much to the war returned to their native soil to try to live with the sickening memories and, in so many cases, with broken minds and bodies. Montgomery County, and especially Crawfordsville, gave more than their share of men and leaders in that almost unbelievable ordeal. Only two of the five generals from Crawfordsville came back here to live. Many others did, however, return to serve well in the civilian life for which they had fought in their years of service. For this group, our community is deeply indebted. Perhaps standing above all others would be Capt. William P. Herron, a man whose life would ever be a profile of inspiration.

Except for the service in that, great civil conflict and for a short time recuperating from injuries in the war, our subject spent his entire life in Montgomery County. He was born June 17, 1843, on the Ripley Township farm to which his parents had come in 1826, when the area was largely a vast wilderness. Like so many others, he laid aside his books at Wabash College to join the forces of the North. He returned to become an ente orising citizen, well-known b. ness man, an outstanding banker and a statewide leader in many capacities.

The home he built still stands on Wabash Avenue. As a resident there, he became one of the many who truly made this street an Avenue of History in the quarter of a century following the Civil War. This is a story which remains for another time; yet in passing it must be said that few cities the size of Crawfordsville had as many truly outstanding individuals living on one

thoroughfare.

Few families have contributed as much to the welfare of this county as the Herron family. We have said the family came here with the very first settlers and because of fine documentation, we know much of the family history. It is a family that has given attention to local history, and rightfully so, because they have been so deeply involved in activities which have contributed to that which is worthwhile.

We have said that our subject was born on the family farm in

Rebecca coming to their land in Ripley Township is a classic story of the Indiana frontier. In October 1825, James had obtained the title to 160 acres. In late February the following spring in wagons loaded with provisions, they returned to occupy their new land. This was "sugar sap" time and to their consternation found a band of Indians were camped for what to them for years had been maple sugar time. James, with rifle in hand, gave warning that they were to be gone by morning. The first night was one without sleep, but at daybreak the Indians had obeyed his order and had disappeared. These were natives who only a decade earlier had perhaps participated in the Battle of Tippecanoe and were gradually seeing their happy hunting grounds go to the new settlers.

It was on this frontier farm that the future captain was born. In: all there were 11 children. Two died in infancy and one died at six years of age. In 1845, a house made of brick and walnut produced on the farm was completed. Then in 1852, they sold the farm and bought one just south of Crawfordsville, which was later to be the residence of Jodie Smith. Our subject was but nine years old when he was sent to put in the winter wheat crop on the new farm.

When the Civil War came on in

1861, William, a student at Wabash, yet to reach his 18th birthday, enrolled in Lincoln's "Hundred Day Volunteers." In 1862, he signed up for three years in the 72nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry but after the battle of Stone's River, Tenn., he was transferred to the cavalry service becoming one of the famous Wilder's brigade, whom the rebels called "Wilder's Hellions." Herron was wounded at Hoover Gap, Rock Springs and at Chickamauga — this last place quite severely. He was with Wilson on his march to the Gulf and with Sherman as he "mar-ched to the sea." His division owned the honor of capturing Jefferson Davis. In an authoratative book entitled "Cicamauga," the vivid story is told of comrades chopping Herron from the ground to which he was frozen in his own blood. The soldier's family relates that this episode was never told by the returned hero. The injury plagued him all the remaining years of his life.

At the time of his discharge from service in 1865, his health was extremely poor. He enrolled again at Wabash, but stayed only a short time. He served as a bookkeeper for a period of time and was County Treasurer for two terms. He served as president of the Crawfordsville Wire & Nail Co., the gas com-

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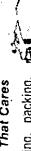
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pany, the theater and a heating company and was director of several local enterprises as well as director of an Indianapolis bank. He was a member of the commission that placed the Indiana monuments on the Chicamauga battlefields. For many years he was trustee of the Indiana State Home for the Deaf. He also served on the executive committee for the erection of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Indianapolis.

In 1868, he went to work at the First National Bank and except for the terms in the county office, he remained for 60 years. In 1895, Herron was elected president of the local bank. The effects of the 1893 panic were wearing off. Banking generally had suffered, but under the guidance of the new president, his bank continued serenely on its way. He continued in the top office until 1927, when, at 84 years of age, he was replaced by Sol Tannenbaum, a clothing merchant. The panic of 1929 hit just two years after our subject had stepped down from the executive position. The bank survived the panic largely because of practices established by President Herron.

In 1875, Herron married Ada Patton of Lafayette. She was an outstanding musician. They made their first and only home at 406 W. Wabash Ave. This was across from Wabash College and when it was built it was outside

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the city limits. In 1890, the frame home was moved to Pike Street and the beautiful building now standing and presently owned by Dr. Tanselle was constructed. Our subject lived there until his death in 1927. Herron was a close friend of Lew Wallace and many pleasant evenings were spent sitting in the front yard viewing the beloved campus across the historic avenue.

Seven children were born to this union. Four of their sons attended Wabash College and all who lived to adulthood served their country and community well. Much of the history of this remarkable family is contained in a small booklet entitled "The Herron Family," written by Charles Herron, who was a Brigadier General in the United States Army. It is written with accuracy and with family pride.

It is from families such as this that our community has been challenged to reach for great plateaus and it is from men such as Capt. William Herron that we will always see a profile of inspiration.

