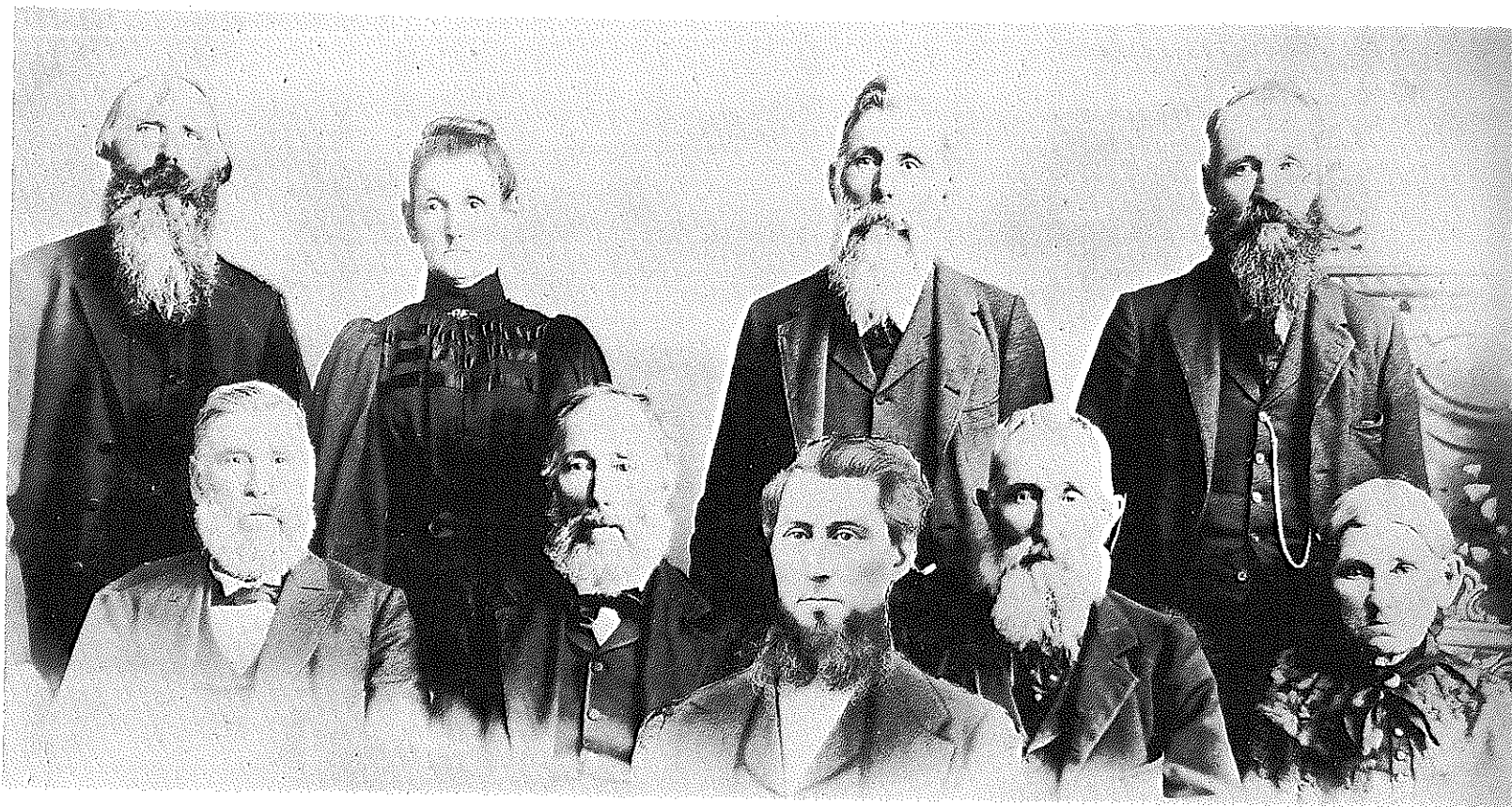


Wickizer Family (Family 111)

**THE**  
**WICKIZERS**  
Arrive In America  
1770 Or Earlier

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Top row, lr: Pulaski, Jennie (Zehner), Jacob and John. Lower row, lr: James M., Jefferson, Andrew, Washington and Melissa (Cavender).

#### The Wickizer Family First Arrive in Marshall County 1843

A widow, with nine children, Mrs. John B. Wickizer made the pioneer move from Fairfield, Ohio in 1843. They settled on a farm in the Poplar Grove neighborhood, southwest of Argos. The ages of the children at the time were from two to eighteen, Pulaski being the youngest. John B. Wickizer, who died the year before Sept. 29, 1842, was born in Hanover Township, Luzerne Co., Pennsylvania, Sept. 14, 1799. He migrated westward with other members of the family and married Ann Brooks of Fairfield County, Ohio, May 23, 1825. Ann Brooks was born May 31, 1803 and died April 2, 1880. The above family picture, made by a Plymouth photographer, was a hurry up attempt to get all of the family together except Andrew who had died at that time. The photographer had intentionally left room to insert Andrew's picture into the group. The writer felt that it would be a good place to start the family history with this picture which includes his grandfather, James M. Wickizer. DJW.

THE WICKIZERS ARRIVE IN  
AMERICA *from* GERMANY

FIRST OFFICIAL RECORDS 1772

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*Dedicated to my daughter  
Helen Jean Theis*

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Upper row: Oliver J., Sarah (McFarland, Frances (Yearick), Nora A. (Wickizer). Lower row: Cora (Myers), Margaret Wilhelm and Jacob Warner.

#### THE JACOB WARNER FAMILY

The father, Jacob Warner, was born in Franklin county, Ohio. (The McDonald History lists this as Indiana but I believe it was Ohio.) March 5, 1828, died July 7, 1904, at the age of seventy-six years. He was married in Ohio, in 1852, to Miss Margaret Welheln, who was born in Pennsylvania, August 5, 1830. The year 1861 witnessed their removal to Indiana, at which time they located in Elkhart county, and in 1863 they came to Marshall county, settling in Walnut township, where Mr. Warner spent his remaining years. Nora married Frances Marion Wickizer, November 1891, son of James M. Wickizer.

## Foreword

**T**HIS is not a complete family history. It is being printed as a result of urgings, mainly from my daughter Helen Jean. A complete Wickizer family history would take on a different form, I am sure. But in this issue at Christmastime, 1968, are many personal items of my immediate family which I thought would enliven an otherwise dull listing of dates and place recordings.

Another motive is that this beginning venture can be a means of stimulating other branches of the Wickizer family to make contributions for a more comprehensive printing at a later date.

To those who find their names missing, my humble apologies as there just is not enough time to get all the records completed. You are now requested and encouraged to send any information you may have to complete the book as above mentioned.

Pictures greatly enhance a book of this kind. Younger members of the family with children will enjoy comparing the pictures of their children with other members of the family.

By including a few pictures it may encourage others to make some contributions. Your assistance and cooperation is requested and will be most heartily appreciated. Correspondence may be addressed to me at P. O. Box 196, Shelbyville, Indiana 46176.

Donald J. Wickizer

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The two pictures here were found in an old piece of furniture Delfay Wickizer had and gave to her brother Russell Wickizer but she had failed to list them. Somewhere I had seen the picture of the lady and let it appear here hoping both may be identified. Information appreciated.



#### THE WICKIZER FARMERS USED OXEN

These were not from the Wickizer farm, but illustrate the kind of operation necessary to break into the virgin soil. Much of it was wet and horses could not work the land. My father, Frank Wickizer, tells of using Oxen. As a teenager, his father sent him west of Argos with a load of corn. The oxen became frightened and ran away, spreading the whole load of corn for several miles before he could get them stopped. The cloven hoof of the oxen enables them to work in wet soft ground where a horse would flounder.

## Acknowledgments

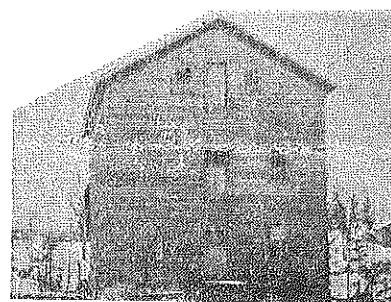
**T**O MARY ALICE ROGERS, daughter of my brother Russell A. and Evelyn Wickizer must go the most credit for the research material in this book. Besides gathering the material from many records, she has a hobby of collecting diaries, letters, and essays of family members and others. This material should be most helpful in a more comprehensive book than this printing in 1968. Her address is Mrs. Floyd Rogers, 6970 Perris Hill Road, San Bernardino, California 92404. Proper credit for her contributions appears under the heading "Wickizer Family."

The day I started working on this family history I received the "Wickizer Family Tree" which was hand drawn and had been distributed at Christmastime, 1953, by Mrs. James A. Wickizer, 339 42nd St., Des Moines, Iowa 50312. With her permission it has been copied to be included. Mrs. Wickizer said in her letter that it is planned to bring it up-to-date soon. We greatly appreciate this timely contribution.

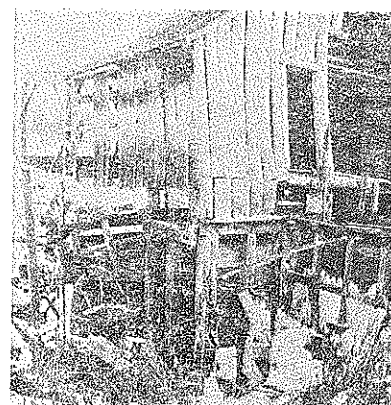
Another contributor I wish to acknowledge is Graham Wickizer, Pueblo, Colorado. Seeing in the Denver paper reference to his recent advancement to manager of the Seamless Tube Mill of Pueblo and suggesting a possible relationship, I received a very nice letter from him. Later he consulted his eighty-year-old father, Samuel O. Wickizer, and the information regarding his branch of the family is included. Graham Wickizer, prior to this appointment, had organized the laboratories and quality control when the Tube Mill was established for the C. F. & I in 1953. His father Samuel Wickizer was born and reared in Missouri.

Another contributor of the material, especially pictures, was Lottie Bowell Sweeney, deceased. Lottie had a great desire to see the Wickizer family history written and printed. Unfortunately this did not take place during her life. But some of the items are credited to her. We are most grateful, especially for the pictures and clippings, which she sent to me.

Regretfully, reproductions from old newspaper prints are of poor quality. However, these pictures may bring forth better pictures to replace them from someone else.



The Old Sligo Mill, known as the Zehner Mill, built about 1836 at the lower Twin Lake. This was also location of the Crocker Bog Iron operation.



The old water wheel and flume were good fishing spots. A friendly miller, Mr. Zehner kept plenty of fishing tackle and cane poles on hand. You could fish while you waited for the grinding to be finished.

Newspaper clippings furnished by Lottie Bowell Sweeney.



A fire on January 3, 1887, swept through the west side of Michigan street in Argos. Some of the places of business: the Lewis Bose Saloon, John Zehner harness shop, and Zehner-Bock Mill at the north end of the street.



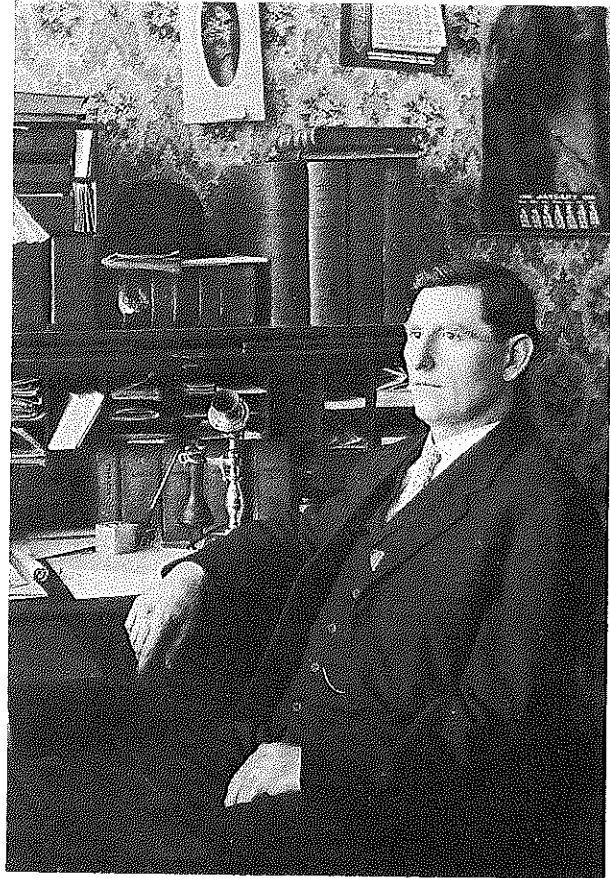
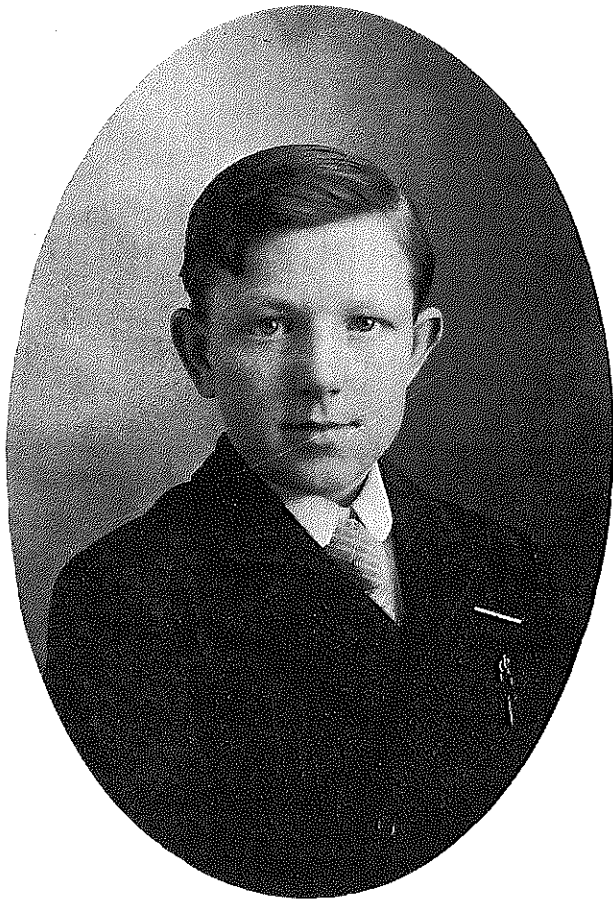
Helen Jean Wickizer  
and her mother

1924





Father and Son Enter  
The Newspaper Business



From the McDonald Marshall County History: "In September 1907, he (Francis M. Wickizer) purchased the newspaper and printing plant of the Argos Reflector, and, with his son Donald J. as partner, is now operating it." The Marshall County History was published in 1908.