

Map of Hamilton County Found By Gilkey Family Dated 1866

It rarely happens, but when it does it's the find of a lifetime.

This is the way former Hamilton County 2d District Commissioner Robert Gilkey feels about the "find" he made in a home his father owned on Stringtown Road.

Gilkey and other family members were assessing the personal effects of his late father, Charles Gilkey who died Sept. 23, 1965. Here in the home where "Bob's" mother was born an 1866 map of Hamilton County was found wrapped in old newspapers and stored in one corner of the attic. It had been the property of N. W. Webster, a Civil War Veteran, and grandfather of Charles Gilkey.

Although it is 100 years old, the original "points of interest" printed in color faded and discolored by time and water marks, the canvas is in excellent condition.

The map, because of its historical significance, probably will be placed in the Hamilton County archives of the Historical Society.

Compiled from "actual surveys and drawn by C. S. Warner," the 51x51-inch map is scaled 1½-inches to the mile. The map was recorded in 1866 in

the Clerk's Office of Indiana's District Court.

Aunt Fanny Fisher of Noblesville will observe her 104th birthday next April. She has lived through many changes in this community, but it is doubtful if even she recalls some of these events:

Maple Avenue was Wiltshire; Cherry St. was Emmuas; Hannibal was still the same name, but it was spelled "Hanibal"; Jack St., is now N. 16th and G. H. Voss farmed where Crownland Cemetery is now located.

South 8th St. was Polk Avenue; S. 9th was Catharine; 10th St. was Anderson; 11th was Emmons; Grant and Sherman Streets are now 13th and 14th Streets.

The "seminary" still stands known for more than a half century as Second Ward School. Railroad yards, marshalling area, engine house and water tower of Indianapolis - Peru Railroad have vanished. All that remains is the depot station.

The large hotel occupying a city block between Conner, 9th and Maple is gone. So, too, has the stove factory at Division and S. 9th.

Bethlehem is no more: bustling, building, expanding Carmel has taken its place.

Germantown, in Fall Creek Twp., Buenavista (now Atlanta) Shieldsville, Boxleytown (now Boxley), Millersburg, Poplar Ridge, Pleasant View, New Britain, are just a few of the "booming" communities familiar to county citizens in 1866.

Who were the elected officials 100 years ago?

J. W. Pfaff was county auditor; J. Pontious, treasurer; J. Trissal, clerk; J. B. Jackson sheriff; G. D. Wall recorder; D. R. Brown state senator; William Garver Judge of Common Pleas Court; S. K. Christy was editor of the White River Clipper; J. W. Brown proprietor of Brown House.

What were the principal industries in the county?

Giger, Wheeler and Stoops owned the stove factory; Shaw-Kline & Co. were woolen manufacturers; W. Hare was carriage maker. Saw and grain mills were an important economic factor; boot and shoe business thrived in each community; blacksmiths were in every populated area; coffin makers,

harness makers, furniture builders, the Masons, shop keeper, druggists, physicians, silversmiths and tavern owners, furnished services or material needs to the community.

Those of you who come into possession of an old home would do well to examine every nook and cranny — an "American Exploration" as it were — so as not to overlook the possibility of finding rare books, manucraipsts, prints, maps, pertinent to Indiana's 150th sesquicentennial exhibit.

Many historical "finds" will form part of the state's anniversary program this year. Some of it will emanate from Hamilton County.

Home Demonstration Clubs

Mon-Ce-Grant

"Peace throughout the World" echoed from nearly every member's lips as they each told their wish for 1966. The Mon-Ce-Grant Home Demonstration Club met January 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Oscar Lunsford, with Mrs. John Shanks assisting.

Mrs. Wayne Hilton, president, presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Robert Goodwin, a member of the committee making the programs, told the committee's plans to have each member bring an 8-inch plain or pieced quilt block to each meeting during the year. The blocks will be joined into a quilt and quilted at the end of the year. When the quilt is completed, it will be sold and the money added to the club's treasury.

Mrs. Wayne Moser gave an interesting demonstration on tailoring the jacket of a suit. She gave pressing tips that would be helpful. She showed wool materials that would be easy to tailor.

Mrs. Shanks assisted Mrs. Lunsford in serving dessert. Mesdames: Mahlon Schaller, Edgar Lees, Robert Goodwin, Wayne Hilton, Margaret Ford, Wayne Moser, Warrick Hoffman, Monte Jessup and Maynard Wolf.

Hi Neighbor

The Hi Neighbor meeting was



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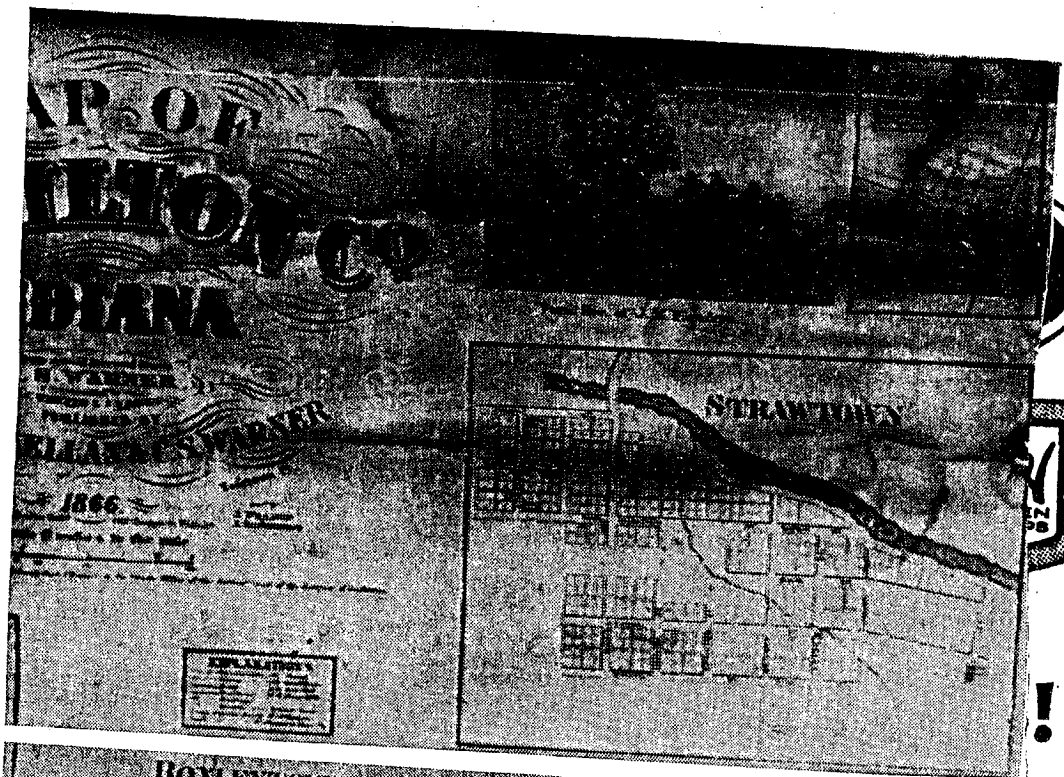
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8:30 p.m.

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12:30 to 5:30

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Clarity Undimmed by Time

Yellowed and stained by time, the 100-year-old map held by "Bob" Gilley, right, is almost as durable as when it was issued by C. S. Warner, whose name is prominently visible on the original at top left.

Portions of the exceptionally fine craftsmanship may be seen in the individual maps of Cicero, Boxleytown and Strawtown. The long column in the center contains the names of prominent citizens and the community in which they reside. (Ledger Photo)

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