

Shuffle Creek's name linked to dancing feet

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citizen of Benton Township or at least one qualified to know the origin of Shuffle? Perhaps. A Martin Brock (probably an ancestor of Squire G.N.) can be found in the 1856 Atlas of Monroe County as a sizeable landowner in the area northeast of Unionville.

There is no hint in the newspaper article about whether the traffic between Bloomington and Unionville had been a boon to the latter community. But the *Courier* noted that "Last Sunday more than a hundred Bloomington people went sight-seeing to

Shuffle Creek. The rails on the new railroad are laid from Morgantown to Shuffle Creek and the concrete formations for the steel bridge over this stream have been completed. The bridge will be about fifteen-hundred feet long and at its highest point will be eighty feet above the now well-known stream of Shuffle Creek."

Today Shuffle Creek Road winds down the hill from Unionville and dead ends at Lake Lemon. The dancers and the sightseers in buggies are gone, but the origin of the name remains, thanks to a curious reporter and G.N. Brock.