

Whisnand, Young roads named for early settlers

As settlers arrived in Monroe County and bought land, their names came to be associated with roads in the area.

WHISNAND ROAD, connecting the old and new Ind. 37s north of Bloomington, is in the locality where the family of that name settled. Natives of Washington County, Va., the Whisnands — George, Isaac and William — came to the county in 1819, 1829 and 1830, respectively.

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and Brown Counties, Indiana gives George's occupation as a "hatter." Upon his arrival in Bloomington, he opened a tavern, bought land to

operate a farm and with his son, Jonathan, he operated a woolen mill at Ellettsville.

Isaac purchased a farm, too, but his primary business was as a teamster on the Bloomington to Louisville run. He hauled such products as wheat (37½ cents per bushel) and bacon (1½ cents a pound).

The father of William Whisnand had been a spy during the Revolutionary War. William's 115-acre Monroe County farm cost him \$1,100

in 1848. He moonlighted by making wagons.

MEMBERS of the Young family bought about two-thirds of Section 8 of Benton Township. Abraham, who was born in Kentucky in 1807 and came to the county with his father, married Susan Whisnand. Starting from scratch financially, he eventually amassed enough money to buy 120 acres.

When Abraham died in the year

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