

# Stinesville lost its high school in 1963

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nor Henry Schricker and Indianapolis Postmaster Amza Walter Smith, the latter a native Stinesvillian.

ONE OF THE LITTLE known niches for Stinesville in the annals of time is that it, not Bedford, was responsible for the start of limestone quarrying in Indiana.

According to the *Histories of Lawrence and Monroe Counties, Indiana* published in 1917, a General Love opened the first quarry in 1850 near Stinesville. The same county history says: "It was not until 1877, when the Dark Hollow Quarry Company was organized (in Lawrence County) that his (Davis Harrison) efforts met with degree of success, although he was interested in several

enterprises before that date." Harrison, a civil engineer, had had considerable difficulty in finding investors.

DURING THE 1920s and in the campaign to sell the public on the idea of "Bedford" stone paid off. Even the public was somewhat confused by the name "Oolitic," which was a geological term long before that community existed.

It is ironic that there is nothing in the way of a monument or historic marker in Stinesville to indicate that it is the home of the Indiana limestone industry. If there was such a marker, it is not likely that in its present state, Stinesville would be visited by many tourists.