

IU moves east after Seminary Square fire

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fession would seem to contradict his new venture.

Amzi Atwater is remembered as one of the "characters" of the IU faculty. A veteran of the Civil War, the professor moonlighted with a pastorate in Bloomington while he was teaching Latin at the university.

Known for his thrift, Atwater started buying land which paralleled Dunn's Woods. Prior to the

1883 fire at Seminary Square, IU faculty were living on North College Avenue and Walnut and Morton Streets.

The 1900 city directory clearly indicates that there was a faculty move eastward to put them within comfortable walking distance from the new classroom-buildings in Dunn's Woods. By the turn of the century, 20 of the 29 professors were living east of Walnut Street. Six of them — Carl Eigenmann, Vernon Marsters, Sherman Davis, Samuel Harding, John Faught and

James Slonaker — were living on the street named for Amzi Atwater.

Eight other faculty — Joseph Swain, Horace Hoffman, Gustaf Karsten, Arthur Foley, David Motter, Albert Kuersteiner, Frank Tilden and Sanford Bell — were living at least five blocks east of Walnut Street on Third Street, one in the 900 block.

In 1900 a minority of the faculty remained or chose to live along the streets leading to the old campus. Among them were William Lowe Bryan, James Woodburn, Martin

Sampson, Amos Hershey, William Clapham and John Clapp. Woodburn, no doubt, remained on North College Avenue because it was the old family homeplace.

The growth of the university and the expansion of Bloomington from a town to a city are so intertwined in history that they cannot be divided into cause and effect. Did it occur to either Banta or Atwater that Bloomington would outrun the university on the east and grow out of the woods beyond Dunn's Woods? Perhaps.

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