

# Whisnand, Young roads named for early settlers

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1850 at the age of 43, he left behind a wife and six children. Among them was a son, born in 1829.

The eldest of Abraham's children, David, was 20 when his father died. Having been an apprentice farmer in his growing-up years, David wanted some land of his own. Since he had no

money, he rented acreage. He also married. His wife was Elizabeth McClung, whose parents were among the first settlers in the county.

It took David Young some eight years to save enough money to buy a farm. The saving must have been difficult, since there were 12 children to feed and clothe. In 1858, he bought his

father's homestead farm of 112 acres.

SEVERAL ROADS in Benton Township bear the names of members of the Young family. To avoid confusion, they also go by the Christian names, too, with the exception of just plain Young Road. There is a family cemetery near Unionville.

History buffs who are interested in

locating roads named for early settlers can find them by using the county censuses for 1820-50 and comparing the names with ones listed in the ~~Atlas of Monroe County, Indiana~~ 1856. It was published by the Monroe County Historical Society and may be purchased at the society's museum in the Old Library.