

Irish numbered among county's early merchants

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coming to Indiana. He is reputed to have built the second steam saw-mill in the county in 1835. Eight years later Fee and his partner, William Millen, added a grist mill, which they operated until 1851.

With the Fees came two other Irish families, the Tates and the Cherrys. William Tate, son of an Irish-born father of the same name, was Bloomington's postmaster from 1861-1865. He also operated a gro-

have been difference from that of Campbell and ran to hardware and groceries. Owen's advertisement in the *Post* can be found in the fall of 1835 editions, which indicates that he had a head start on Campbell.

There was evidence, too, that free enterprise in America was not all that much of a snap for Owens. In a separate column of ads in the *Post*, he ran another, which said, "It is hoped that this (dun) notice will be looked upon as something a little more important than mere newspaper matter; for all who may neglect