

**ATLAS  
OF  
MONROE COUNTY  
INDIANA  
-1856-**

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This atlas of Monroe County 1856  
is dedicated to the Bi-Centennial of the  
American Revolution 1776-1976, and to  
the many Pioneers who established roots  
in Monroe County and surrounding areas.

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with typing, and to Jack Rogers for  
permitting us to reproduce the old  
original map of Monroe County 1856.

Oscar F. Curtis



BUT THEY STILL HAVE  
ROOTS HERE





Marion Township above Beanblossom Creek

Benton Township below Beanblossom Creek



BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP

Land Owners	Section Nos.		Land Owners	Section	Nos.
Anderson, A. B.	9		Gillaspie, Thomas	10,	3
Anderson, William	14		Gorley, Robert		29
Andrews, George	11, 12		Gorley, William		20
Arnold, Edith	34		Gray, David		13
Baltimore, Samuel	36		Gray, Donald		24
Brannam, Jonah	11		Griffith, J. L.	4,	5
Brannam, Jonathan	11, 12, 2		Griffith, John		16
Brannam, J.L.	1, 12		Griffith, William		3
Brannam, Milton	1		Harden, G. W.	32,	34
Blair, John	32		Hardesty, J. S.	10,	11
Blair, T. W.	16		Hinkle, Jonathan		22
Brown, John	17		Houston, A. W.		19
Browning, Ira	30		Houston, J.		6
Browning, N.C.	10, 17, 20, 21, 28		Houston, J. H.		5
Burch, Lyda	13		Huff, Alfred		2
Burch, William	23, 3, 1		Hunter, David		35
Burk, William	14		Jackson, Edward		1
Buskirk, William H.	3		Jackson, John	2,	11
Buskirk, L.S.	25		Johnson, Andrew	5,	8
Byers, Sarah	19		Johnson, P. & S.		8
Campbell, Arch	22		Johnson, William		8
Campbell, Archibald	22, 27		Judah		32
Campbell, James	22, 27		Junkins, David		15
Campbell, John	2		Junkins, James	15,	10
Campbell, M. M.	26		Lentz, Jackson		1
Canal Land	3, 5, 11, 12,	13	Martin, Hugh		16
Canal Land	23, 25,	36	Matlock, G. W.	10,	21
Connerly, J.H.	34		Mulligan, Thomas		33
Cook, Nicholas	23		Murphy Heirs		23
Cox, J.B. & F.M.	23,	24	Mc Caw, Henry		36
Crary, B.F.	23		Mc Collough, William		31
Cree, Sarah	36		Mc Coy, F.B.		21
Curry, W. H.	5		Mc Kinney, Francis	8, 9, 22,	28
Davidson, Joseph	26		Mc Millen, William		34
Delap, W. M.	5		Nanncy, Andrew	9,	15
Dearman, Joseph	36		N.A. & SALEM R.R.	4, 5,	9
Dunn, G. C.	33		Owens, Dorothy		18
Ewing, Robert	22,	28	Owens, Henry		3
Fyffe, John	7		Owens, J. J.		2
Faris, S. R.	28		Owens, J.J. & L. M.		2
Fee, Son	3		Owens, R. C.		2
Fee, William	29		Owens, T.I.	7,	18
Feeter, Carter	13		Orchards, J. & S.M.		30
Fleener, Arch	13,	14	Pairey, Joseph		36
Fleener, John	13		Parey, Joseph		36
Foster,			Parks, Albert	17,	20
Frost, William	29	32	Parks, J.H.		28
Fyffe, John	5,	8	Parks, W. H.		22
Gabbert, Michael			Patton, David		26
Gamble, A.			Paul, Edmund		11
Gillaspie, Alexander	14,	11	Paul, Edward		14
Gillaspie, Elizabeth			Paul, Gilbert		14

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Land Owners      Section Nos.

Pauley, Absolum	1
Payne, Isaiah	16
Payne, G. W.	15
Payne, Thomas	15, 16
Pearson, I.J.	24
Quillen Estate, M.	21
Rawson, Silas	31
Rader, John	26
Rader, Thomas	24
Ridge, Ben	6
Ridge, W. & J.	5
Ritter, G.W.	8, 17
Robertson	33
Robertson, J.D.	28
Robertson, Wesley	29
Robinson, J.D.	21, 22
Rogers, David	34
Rogers, Henry	20
Rogers, J.M.	9
Rogers, Mary	27
Rogers, Philip	25
Seward, J.M.	23
Skirvin, S.S.	36
Smith, John	36
Snyder, Richard	14
Spencer, Daniel	10, 15
Spencer, J. W.	25
Stanley, Elizabeth	16
Stenger, John	7
Stone	32
Story, Harrison	26, 34, 35
Stout, Daniel	19
Sweringen, Charles	31
Tate, W. M.	17
Turner Heirs	4
Turner, G. L.	4
Ward, Ann & J.J.	35
Ward, Rufus	13, 24
Whitesel, J.	23
Whitesel, John	30
Whitesel, R. F.	13
Whisnand, G.W.	31
Whisnand, J. K.	29, 31
Whisnand, Jonathan	6
Whisnand, William	5, 6, 30
Woodall, Perry	18
Woods Estate	5, 6
Wylie, Peter	20
Yoder, George	11

BLOOMINGTON

The town of BLOOMINGTON was platted on April 10th 1818, and the town board gave it its present name.

There are numerous versions of how Bloomington got its name... only one of which a printed reference can be found. In "The Story Key to Geographical Names" by - O.D. Von Englen, published by the Kennicott Press.... an article titled "Bloomington recalls early settler." it is stated that Bloomington was named for William Bloom.

The land upon which the town was built was purchased from Jonathan and David Rogers, and Robert Graham. The Rogers brothers received \$1200 and Robt. Graham \$900 for 150 acres.

This acreage was divided into lots and sold for \$200 each. Jonathan Nichols was employed by the commissioners to oversee the laying out of the town. The town square was established and the streets were named North, East, South, and West Main - now known as 6th, Walnut, Kirkwood, and College.

By the end of 1818 some thirty families lived within the town.. by the end of 1820 there were 300 families... By 1824 there were about 500 families.

About 1820... Austin Seward and Benjamin Noel began manufacturing wagons. William Alexander and James Campbell built Tanneries. Blair and Lowe, and David Tucker had grist mills. Thacker's mill produced about a barrel of whiskey a day. Mr. Garner ran a sawmill... Ellis Stone had a carding mill... 1824 saw Haws Armstrong making gun powder... E. C. Moberly kept a tavern.


There was little hard money... and paper money was worth much less than face value. Transactions were by barter... Farmers traded their products to merchants for the goods they needed. Through necessity the flatboat trade began... goods and produce were shipped down the river to southern markets for sale. Several general stores were established and catered to the family needs.


In 1824 Indiana Seminary was started, it was later to become Indiana University. The county had been named for President Monroe. The Twsp. for Commodore Perry.














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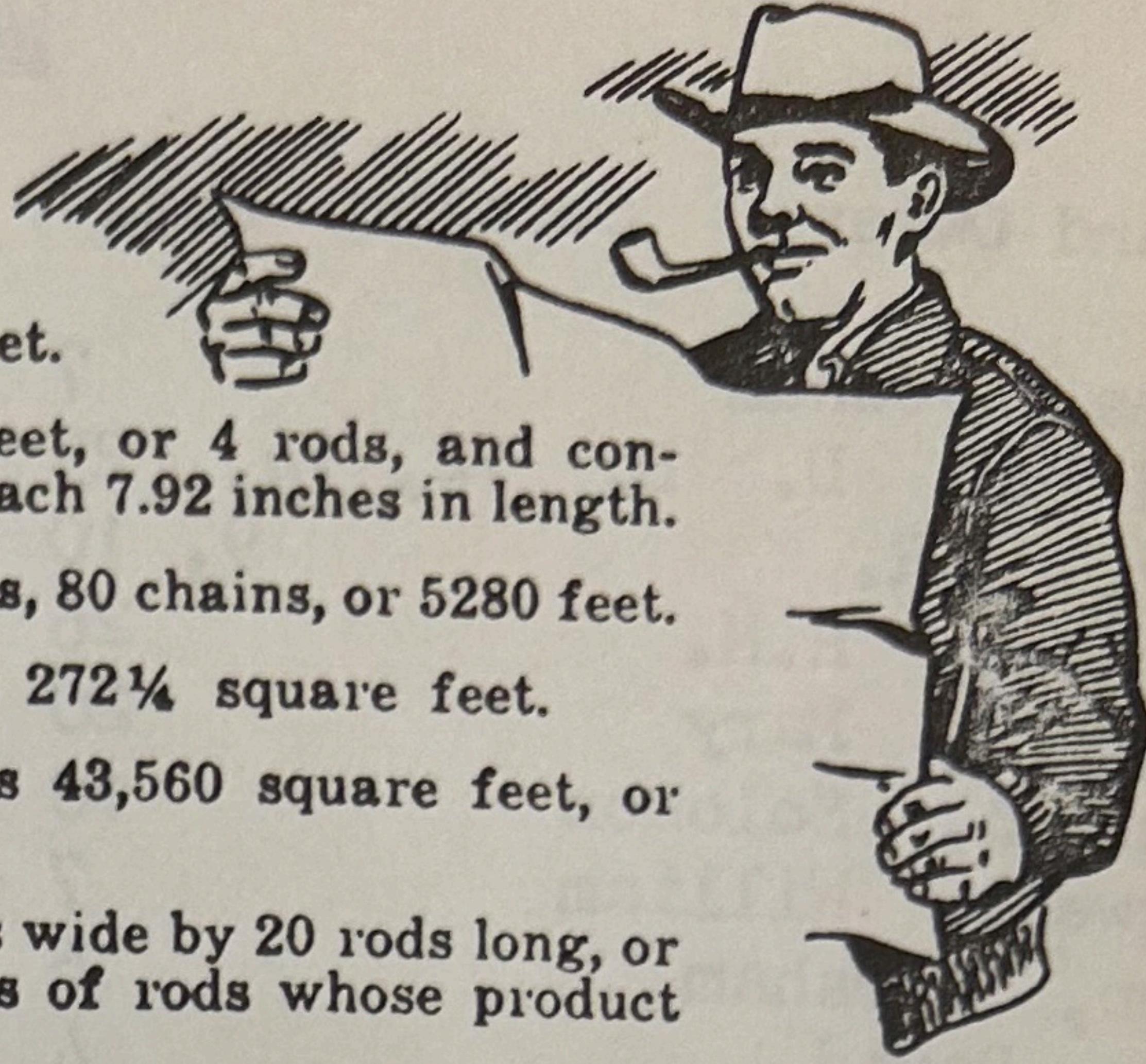
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**ANALYSIS  
OF A  
SECTION  
OF LAND**



A rod is  $16\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

A chain is 66 feet, or 4 rods, and contains 100 links, each 7.92 inches in length.

A mile is 320 rods, 80 chains, or 5280 feet.

A square rod is  $272\frac{1}{4}$  square feet.

An acre contains 43,560 square feet, or 160 square rods.

An acre is 8 rods wide by 20 rods long, or any two numbers of rods whose product is 160.

A township is 36 sections, each a mile square.

**A section is 640 acres.**

The sections in a township are all numbered, beginning in the northeast corner.

