

[ Montgomery County, Indiana ]

HISTORY OF YOUNTSVILLE

AND EARLY SETTLERS

1822 - 1968

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Our Yountsville Community is land platted in parts of four Sections, 3-4-9-10, Township 18, Range 5 West.

At the Crawfordsville, Court House we find records of Deeds made to the following, from the United States Government.

- 1-Edmond Nutt; July 4, 1822 (Sect. 10, Twp. 18 Range 5 West)  
The E $\frac{1}{2}$  of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$  80 Acres
- 2-Jonathan Birch: July 4, 1822 (Sect. 10, Twp. 18, Range 5 West)  
The W $\frac{1}{2}$  of S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$  80 Acres
- 3-Joseph Hahn: July 4, 1822 (Sect. 10, Twp. 18, Range 5 West)  
The N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$  160 Acres
- 4-Wilson Claypool: July 4, 1822 (Sect. 9, Twp. 18, Range 5 West)  
The S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$  160 Acres
- 5-William Offield: July 4, 1822 (Sect. 4 Twp. 18, Range 5 West)  
The E $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$  79.81 Acres
- 6-John Gilkey: July 5, 1822 (Sect. 9, Twp. 18 Range 5 West)  
The E $\frac{1}{2}$  of S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$  80 Acres
- 7-Jas Graham: July 13, 1822 (Sect. 10, Twp. 18, Range 5 West)  
E $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.W. $\frac{1}{2}$  80 Acres.
- 8-Wilson Claypool: July 13, 1822 (Sect. 10, Twp. 18 Range 5 West)  
The W $\frac{1}{2}$  of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$  80 Acres
- X 9-Jonas Mann: Sept. 2, 1822 (Sect. 3, Twp. 18 Range 5 West)  
N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$  160 Acres
- 10-Phillip Moore: Oct. 7, 1822 (Sect. 3, Twp. 18, Range 5 West)  
W $\frac{1}{2}$  of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$  80 Acres
- 11-Daniel Hopkins: Oct. 8, 1822 (Sect. 9, Twp. 18, Range 5 West)  
The N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$  160 Acres
- 12-Merrikin Bond: Oct. 8, 1822 (Sect. 4, Twp 18, Range 5 West)  
The S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$  160 Acres  
The E $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$  (Sect. 9, Twp. 18 Range 5 West) 80 Acres  
The W $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.W. $\frac{1}{2}$  (Sect. 10, Twp. 18 Range 5 West) 80 Acres
- 13-George Marquis: Oct. 30, 1822 (Sect. 4 Twp. 18, Range 5 West)  
The W $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$  79.81 Acres
- 14-Solomn B. Gamus: Nov. 4, 1822 (Sect. 10, Twp. 18 Range 5 West)  
The E $\frac{1}{2}$  of S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$  80 Acres

North

Elizabeth Pearce Nov. 2, 1825	Mathias Ottis Dec. 12, 1826	George Marquis Oct. 30, 1822	William Offield July 4, 1822	John Fink Oct. 11, 1824	Jonas Mann Sept. 22, 1822	
Sect. 4			Sect. 3			
Phillip Hornbaker Oct. 9, 1828	Merriken Bond Oct. 9, 1823	Merriken Bond Oct. 8, 1822	Phillip Moore Oct. 7, 1822	Robert Wintons Oct. 28, 1824	Joseph Hahn July 4, 1824	
Charles Martin May 12, 1836	Merriken Bond Oct. 8, 1822	Daniel Hopkins Oct. 8, 1822	Merriken Bond Oct. 8, 1822	Jas. Graham July 13, 1822	Joseph Hahn July 4, 1822	
Sect. 9			Sect. 10			
Charles Swearingen May 30, 1825	John Gilkey July 5, 1822	Wilson Claypool July 4, 1822	Wilson Claypool July 13, 1822	Solomon Gamgus Nov. 4, 1822	Jonathan Birch July 4, 1822	Edmond Nutt July 4, 1822

South

ORIGINAL LAND ENTRIES

RIPLEY TOWNSHIP MONTGOMERY COUNTY INDIANA

SECTION 3-4-9-10

TOWNSHIP 18, RANGE 5 WEST

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execution of the annexed Deed.

Witness my hand and official (Seal)  
(L.S.)

Witness for Record July 3rd 1893 at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  oclock P.M.  
and recorded same day

Thomas T. Munhall, R.M. Co.

#### HISTORY OF YOUNTSVILLE SCHOOL

On October 8, 1822 Daniel Hopkins entered land from the United States Government in section 9 township 18 range 5 west 160 acres in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Ripley township, Montgomery county, Indiana (Found in deed book 1 page 14) at the Crawfordsville,

Court house. July 2, 1827 we find Daniel Hopkins and wife

X Hester selling their land to Jonas Mann (Deed book 4 page 398)

X December 29, 1828 Jonas Mann and wife Agnes sold the same land

X to William Mann (Deed book 4, page 399). William then sold to

X Samuel Mann on September 20, 1832 (Deed book 3 page 104).

X Samuel Mann and wife Nancy sold on February 4, 1835 (Deed book 4, page 347), to Abijah O'Neall and wife Eleanor (Hall) O'Neall.

In 1893 Yountsville was in need of a new school, as the little one room school houses where the children were attending was in need of repair. On July 1, 1893 Benton Snyder trustee of Ripley Township bought from Edgar O'Neall and wife Ida (Trourman) O'Neall land in Section 9 Township 18 Range 5 west, for the purpose of building a new school house. (Edgar H. O'Neall was the son of Abijah and Eleanor (Hall) O'Neall)

On August 12, 1893 in Crawfordsville Journal: we find A.H. Ramey as foreman on the job with 14 men employed.

The township building a two room school with Yountsville

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in July 28, 1846, Book 12 page 232 at Crawfordsv. 10 (Court house)  
"Dumont Kennedy" said the Guntle Mill stood just three miles  
directly west of the northeast corner of the Odd Fellows cem-  
etery in the South part of Crawfordsville, and exactly in the  
center of section three. This point is just across the little  
stream at the south side of the swimming pool at the Country  
Club and opposite the southeast corner of the pool.

I remember it quite well as it stood for many years after  
it ceased operation as a mill. I can find no available evidence  
that is trustworthy as to the year that it was built. But I  
do find an old deed record in Deed Book No. 1 page 29 of the  
records of this county, one hundred and three years ago. Jonas  
Mann and wife, Agnes, convey this ground and over two hundred  
acres around it to Ezekiel McConnell of Butler County Ohio, in  
which is this language: "Reserving and expecting the use and  
privilege of conveying the water in a south direction and one  
rod of ground in width from the head of a spring situated in  
the Southwest corner of the said section.

Of course this spring is the large spring that furnishes  
the water for the Country Club grounds. This same deed speaks  
of a little stream running east and west at the south end of  
the swimming pool "Millers Run" now this expression in the deed  
as to the reservation of the water from the spring and down to  
"Millers Run" is some evidence that some one wanted to use  
such water and conclusion is that it could be used for no  
other purpose other than for a mill on "Millers Run" So we can

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The Yountsville Church has undergone some remodeling along through the years. In the fall of 1939 a basement was put under the church. In 1953 a new roof was added, new floors, new doors and the pews were refinished. Later the basement was remodeled and painted. In 1967 the ceiling in the sanctuary was lowered and indirect lighting was installed.

This little white church by the side of the road is a place where the people of the community can come to worship and feel welcome.

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WILLIAM OFFIELD

In February of 1821 William Offield, with his wife and child, moved from near what is now Martinsville, Indiana to a spot a few rods from where Offield Creek flows into Sugar Creek. There he built a cabin twelve by fifteen feet. On July 4, 1822 he entered the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$  section 4, Township 18 north, Range 5 west, eighty acres lying one half mile north of Yountsville and about three miles north of his original home. For this land he paid one hundred dollars. He then moved his cabin to his new land and made considerable improvements, consisting probably of clearing some of the land, building rail fences and erecting some buildings. On December 31, 1823 he and his wife Jane (Laughlin) Offield conveyed the land to Jonas Mann for three hundred seven dollars and fifty cents. Three and a half years later on July 3, 1827 Andrew Shanklin bought the land from Jonas Mann for five hundred dollars. Thus Andrew's new home was William Offield's cabin, probably the first cabin built in Montgomery county.