

Switzerland County, Pioneer Association Minutes and Records, 1868–1903

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In the mid- to late-nineteenth century, in an effort to gather the reminiscences of the early settlers, many communities established “old pioneer” or “old settler” societies. An organization in Switzerland County, Indiana, is an example of such an effort. Originally named the Switzerland County Pioneer Association and later known as the Switzerland County Old Settlers’ Association, the organization preserved pioneers’ stories as well as names of individuals in the area. Copies of the secretary’s proceedings and minutes can be found on microfilm at the William Henry Smith Memorial Library at the Indiana Historical Society.¹ The listing for the microfilm has not yet been added to the online catalog, but the record appears in the library’s card catalog. For genealogists with ancestors who lived in Switzerland County during the late nineteenth century, such records can offer a wealth of genealogical information.

The initial attempt to establish a pioneer organization in 1868 resulted in the formation of the Switzerland County Pioneer Association. The group had a formally adopted constitution; its purpose was to “collect such incidents relating to the early settlement of the county as may be interesting and cause the same to be committed to writing in such a manner that they can be preserved.” Members were required to have resided in the county for fifty years or longer. However, after the initial meeting of twenty members, the founding group never met again.

In 1879 Switzerland and Ohio Counties jointly held a meeting of pioneers at a fair in East Enterprise for those who were seventy years old or older and had been living in either county for at least twenty-five years. At this meeting, Perret Dufour, one of the founders of the Switzerland County Pioneer Association—who recalled encountering two or three Indians every day on his way to school at the age of about six years—urged others to form active associations to “be the means of preserving many incidents connected with the early settlement of this part of the State.”

Finally, in 1895 another group of residents formed the Switzerland County Old Settlers Association. In 1896 Aime Morerod, the only remaining member of the original 1868

association, donated to the new organization the book in which the meeting notes and membership information had been kept. This old settler’s association met in 1895, 1896, 1897, and 1899, and then approximately every two years thereafter until 1934.

Listed below is the Switzerland County Old Settlers Association membership information from 1868 through 1903. Occasionally, notes in the records have been extracted to explain the lists more fully. In the early years meetings were lively forums for members to reminisce, for instance, about going barefoot for the first twelve years of life, yet still going ice skating and fishing; or about being chased by wolves and only surviving by throwing the next meal’s bacon to the hungry pack. In the later years, the meetings evolved into more general community reunions. Though these later meeting records from the early twentieth century are still valuable for genealogical purposes, in them many of the original family names begin to disappear and are replaced by more recent arrivals to the state.

Notes

1. Switzerland County Pioneer Association, proceedings, 1868–1879; Switzerland County Old Settlers’ Association, Minutes, 1895–1934, F139N–F149N, William Henry Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society.

Switzerland County Pioneer Association Members, Vevay, Indiana, September 12, 1868

Name	When Came to the County
John Dumont	Spring of 1814
Frederick L. Grisard	Decr. 1818
William Shaw	—
Zadig Rous	1814
Aime Morerod	Born 1815
Henry Rogers	—
Francis S. Lindley	—
John F. Cotton	Born 1803
Perret Dufour	March 1809
Polly Dufour	March 1809

Name	When Came to the County
Eliza M. Dufour	Oct. 1817
Abner Clarkson	Oct. 1817
Thomas Picket	1805
Solomon Washer	Decr. 1818
James Brown	Decr. 1817
Uziel H. Slow/Stow	Decr. 1820
John F. Doan	July 1830
William Stewart	Novr. 1834
Philander S. Sage	June 4, 1837
Samuel Porter	Jany. 1828

Vevay, Indiana, 1879

The following is a list of the names of persons who applied for certificates to entitle them to the benefits of free transportation over the Rail Road, to attend the State Pioneer association at Indianapolis during the State Fair of 1879:

Name	Age	Years in County
Solomon Washer	81	61
James Brown	76	62
Uziel H. Slow/Stow	70	58
Frederick L. Grisard	71	61
Christopher Waltz	79	65
Samuel Butler	77	69
John F. Cotton	75	75
James Kincaid	77	42
Elias Brown	72	42
John Bakes	71	65
David Allen	79	46
James McHenry	70	61

The officers of the Switzerland and Ohio County Agricultural Society made arrangements for the residents of either and both counties who were 70 years of age and upward, and had resided in the counties 25 years to meet on the fairgrounds during the fair of 1879. . . . A committee was named to procure some person to address the “Pioneers” who should be in attendance; the committee obtained the consent of Perret Dufour to make the address.

Pioneers of Switzerland and Ohio Counties

The following are the names of persons ticketed to the Switzerland and Ohio County fair of 1879 as “Pioneers,” also their native states, ages and length of time that they have resided in Indiana:

Born in Switzerland County

Name	Age
Benjamin Picket	75
Constant Cjolay/Czolay	72
Lucy Debraz	73
John F. Cotton	76

Name	Age
William Lock	70
Louisa Cjolay/Czolay	71
John Lock, Sr.	73

Born in Indiana

Name	Age	Name	Age
Nathan Walden	79	Polly Walden	75 [78]
Sarah M. Westcott	70	Ann Ritche	73

Born in the State of Ohio

Name	Age	In State
Samuel Butler	77	69
Samuel Griffin	71	56
Nancy Vanosdol	71	61
David Shull	70	47
Alfred Wade	72	66
Alice Herrick	77	66
James Beckwith	82	66
Samuel Wade	72	66
James Brown	76	61
Carlisle Stout	79	50
Sanford L. Armstrong	70	34
John Larrison	74	54

Born in Kentucky

Name	Age	In State
Perret Dufour	72	70
William Northcott	76	47
Stephen Jones	80	80
Leah Platt	72	37
Ibzan Jackson	74	40
Elizabeth Cole	72	64
Elizabeth Stout	73	50
Preston H. Jack	71	51
Sarah G. Jack	70	51
Elisha Short	81	69
Melinda Lock/Luck	70	55
Margaret Wilson	80	43
Jefferson Hizer	71	71
Irene Aldrich	70	63
Sarah Stewart	71	45
Moses Searcy	84	69
William Stewart	70	66

Name	Age	In State
Eunice Seymour	71	61
Joseph Hutchinson	82	79
Josiah Hurlbert	71	29
Joseph C. Brown	77	65
Eli S. Brown	72	49
John E. Courtney	73	43
Sarah Heath	77	60
William Stewart	79	45

Born in New York State

Name	Age	In State
Polly Gray	73	42
Francis Schoonover	74	62
David Trowbridge	79	42
Bela Herrick	85	61
John Platt	73	34
Betsey Phillips	76	45
Paulina Hyde	82	69
William Oaks	71	60
Deborah Brown	74	61
Fanny Pocock	71	62
Solomon Washer	83	60
Samuel Fisk	73	65
Daniel H. Mix	77	48
David C. Weaver	70	55
Mary A. French	70	55
John Baker Sr.	71	66
Sabra B. North	70	62
Jacob R. Harris	76	63
Gertrude Harris	70	65
Mrs. Vandorin/Vandonn	73	61
Lucippa Vandorin/Vandonn	72	60
William G. Madison	75	34
William Thompson	70	52
Isaac Robbins	76	47
James Fletcher	72	45
Thomas Sutton	79	42
Joseph C. Thompson	73	62
George Palmer	74	55

Born in Massachusetts

Name	Age	In State
Lucy Livings	80	50
D. W. Aldrich	73	39

Born in Maryland

Name	Age	In State
John H. McIntosh	79	49
Salem Pocock	71	60
Mary Hizer	75	31
John W. Wright	70	63

Born in New Hampshire

Name	Age	In State
Euridice Downey	74	64
Martin R. Green	70	56

Born in Maine

Name	Age	In State
Oliver Allen	78	68

Born in Delaware

Name	Age	In State
William Newbold	80	61

Born in North Carolina

Name	Age	In State
Anna Seaver	70	54

Born in South Carolina

Name	Age	In State
Margaret Mitchell	73	60

Born in Tennessee

Name	Age	In State
Eli Nave	73	45

Born in Scotland

Name	Age	In State
George McCulloch	71	49

Born in Ireland

Name	Age	In State
Margaret Buck	74	61
William T. Kincaid	89	35
Rhoda McKim/McKinn	83	40
James Kincaid	77	42

Born in Great Britain

Name	Age	In State
Emanuel Hitchen	77	30

Born in Germany

Name	Age	In State
George Claproot	75	50
Frederick Vinip	83	30
Elizabeth Vinip	74	30
Gehart Blanka	93	50

Born in Switzerland, Europe

Name	Age	In State
Fredrick L. Grisard	71	60
Zolie C. Grisard	72	56
Mathais Madary	79	55

State of Birth Not Given

Name	Age	Number of years spent residing in Indiana
Leonard Cole	78	62
C. M. Walker	72	35
Jackson G. Douglass	74	60
Colonel Dodd	76	—
Samuel Bray	80	61
Solomon Hathaway	86	67
John Hanna	81	—
Joseph Pearce	72	52
Stephen Gerard	—	70
William Pearce	70	42
Joanna Pearce	—	42
John Boyle	70	65
Jean Boyle	—	60

In the above list we have the names of 112 persons who have reached the age of 70 years and upwards, all residents of these two counties. . . . During the past week we have heard that three of the number have been borne to their final resting place; namely, John Latham of Rising Sun; Maria Melick of East Enterprize [*sic*] and Martin R. Green of Patriot. We find the study of this list of names quite interesting. Posey Township, Switzerland County furnished one fourth of the whole number. It would seem that the early settlers in that region maintained a fixed determination to hold the fort. In the list we find no less than twenty-one states and countries represented. To the early settlement of this part of Indiana, New York and Kentucky contributed most largely; Ohio and Pennsylvania come next in rank, while from the “down East” there are comparatively few and yet fewer from the far South while the West is a blank it then being an unsettled region.

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**Old Settlers' Day, Chittenden's Grove Near Bennington, Ind.
September 17, 1895, Old Settlers' Register**

Died	Name	Age	Where Born	Came to County	Where Settled	Now Living
	Jordan Wainscott	76		1820	Jacksonville	Aaron, Ind.
	Betsey Tanner/Vannice	78	Pleasant			Jay, Ind.
	Elizabeth Lewis	81		1835	Aaron	Jay, Ind.
	Mary Bristow	80		1825	Aaron	Pleasant, Ind.
	[?] R. Cole	75	Jacksonville			Bennington, Ind.
	James B. Walden, MD	65	Mt. Sterling			Mt. Sterling, Ind.
	Caroline Fandry	66	Bethel, Ind.			Sugar Branch, Ind.
1902	Mary G. Gardner	68	Quercus Grove			Aaron, Ind.
4-5-1896	John Carnine	62	Pleasant			Jay, Ind.
	Margaret Carnine	60	Allensville			Jay, Ind.
	Mary Voris	66	Pleasant			Jay, Ind.
	Joseph Voris	70	Pleasant			Jay, Ind.
	Philander Morrison	67		1840	Sugar Branch	Sugar Branch, Ind.
	John Jackson	72		1843	Jay	Jay, Ind.
	James Culbertson	74		1850	Moorefield	Moorefield, Ind.
	Henry L. Hydaman	71	Prussia	1871	Cross Plains	Cross Plains, Ind.
	Elizabeth Hydaman	66	Prussia	1871	Cross Plains	Cross Plains, Ind.
	Rodolph Poske	66		1865	Aaron	Aaron, Ind.
1902	Mary E. Poske	62		1865	Aaron	Aaron, Ind.
	Jacob Zinckhon	60		1886	Bennington	Bennington, Ind.
	John L. Shadday	71			Bennington	Bennington, Ind.
	Frances A. Shadday	67	Georgetown, Ky.	1830	Vevay	Bennington, Ind.
	Casper H. Thomas	60		1860	Bear Creek	Jay, Ind.
	Francis Peabody	63	Jacksonville			Sugar Branch, Ind.
10-20- 1896	Nancy M. Dyer	80		1822	Vevay	Jay, Ind.

Died	Name	Age	Where Born	Came to County	Where Settled	Now Living
	Elhan[e]n Leintz	70	Sugar Branch			Sugar Branch, Ind.
	David Lee	78	Sugar Branch			Sugar Branch, Ind.
	Jonathan M. Froman	80	Indiana Territory			Vevay, Ind.
	John Wycoff	71				Cross Plains, Ind.
	Isaac Richards	87	Butler Co., Ohio	1817	Sugar Branch	Sugar Branch, Ind.
	E. S. Richards	74	Switzerland Co., Ind.			Sugar Branch, Ind.
	Wm. M. Wycoff	61	Switzerland Co., Ind.			Cross Plains, Ind.
	Eber Gilbert	78		1817	Sugar Branch	Sugar Branch, Ind.
	Delilah Coledon	76	Switzerland Co., Ind.			Bennington, Ind.
	J. W. Chittenden	72	Ghent, Kentucky	1825	Bennington	Bennington, Ind.
	C. J. Ryan	73			Pleasant	Center Square, Ind.
	Solomon Walden	72			Cotton Township	Mt. Sterling, Ind.
	Elijah Waltz	67			Craig Township	Vevay, Ind.
	Abel Stout	69			Jefferson Township	Aaron, Ind.
	John Paugh	77			Ripley County	Jay, Ind.
	John Bakes Sr.	87			Vevay	Mt. Sterling, Ind.
	Susan Bain	65			Craig Township	Vineyard, Ind.
	Joseph Rodgers	65			Pleasant Township	Pleasant, Ind.
	Mary J. Rodgers	68			Jefferson County	Pleasant, Ind.
	Samuel H. Arnett	74	Cross Plains, Ind.		Ripley County	Cross Plains, Ind.
	Nimrod Hallgarth	73			Pleasant Township	Jay, Ind.
	Abraham Wycoff	63			Pleasant Township	Cross Plains, Ind.

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	S. H. Morrison	66			Cotton Township	Jay, Ind.
7-28-1896	Wm. Brown	71	Switzerland County			Sugar Branch, Ind.
	Wm. C. Scott	69				Moorefield, Ind.
	Wm. Gallatin	67	Culbertson[?]		Pleasant Township	Moorefield, Ind.
	Richard H. Smith	65	Dillsborough, Ind.	1856	Pleasant Township	Jay, Ind.
	Ann Smith	62		1840	Pleasant Township	Jay, Ind.
	John Ransom	70		1846	Jefferson Township	E. Enterprise, Ind.
	John Dunning	68			Cotton Township	E. Enterprise, Ind.
	Nancy Dunning	61		1850	Jefferson Township	E. Enterprise, Ind.
1-25-1896	Andrew Carnine	74				Jay, Ind.
	John Martin	79	Marshall County, Pa.	1804	Aaron	Aaron, Ind.
	John Archer	81		1865		Moorefield, Ind.
	A. G. Jackson	60				Bennington, Ind.
	Manuel Farward	64	Beaver, Pa.	1831	Fairview	Bennington, Ind.
	B. W. Clark	66		1838		Sugar Branch, Ind.
	Sam'l Small/Krall	60				Aaron, Ind.
	Chas. Wooley	75	Madisonville, Ohio	1832	Mt. Sterling	Cross Plains, Ind.
	Mary Grimes	74		1836	Ripley	Cross Plains, Ind.
	Jane Culbertson	65				Moorefield, Ind.
	Alma Orem	72		1837		Moorefield, Ind.
	Lucinda Vanosdol	60				Cross Plains, Ind.
	Mary Copher	61				Jay, Ind.
	Lydia M. Orley	62	Cleves, Ohio	1859	Pleasant	Sugar Branch, Ind.

Died	Name	Age	Where Born	Came to County	Where Settled	Now Living
	John H. Smith	71	Dillsborough, Ind.	1856	Pleasant	Jay, Ind.
	Elizabeth Smith	63	Cleves, Ohio	1856	Pleasant	Jay, Ind.
	Mary June Carnine	75		1837	Jay	Jay, Ind.
	T. J. McHay	78	Vevay			Moorefield, Ind.
	Daniel Melick	69	Somerset Co., N.J.	1837	E. Enterprise	E. Enterprise, Ind.
	James Orem	73	Bennington			Moorefield, Ind.
	Aaron Hankins	68	Jefferson Co., Ind.	1862	Moorefield	Cross Plains, Ind.
	Mary E. Hankins	60		1862	Moorefield	Cross Plains, Ind.
	Isaac M. Smith	68	Hamilton Co., Ohio	1831	Ridge Tapp's	Aaron, Ind.
	Samuel W. Rochat	65		1835	Vevay	Bennington, Ind.
	Nancy L. Rochat	63	Bennington, Ind.			Bennington, Ind.
	Henry Charlton	76	Sligo, Ireland	1824	Pleasant	Pleasant, Ind.
	James S. Rutherford	60	Moorefield			Mt. Sterling, Ind.
	Fannie Vandever	63		1837	Moorefield	Moorefield, Ind.
	Charlotte Ogle	67		1835	Vevay	Mt. Sterling, Ind.
	Mary N. Brinson	73		1837	Cross Plains	Cross Plains, Ind.
	Wm. R. Brinson	69	Cross Plains			Cross Plains, Ind.
	Hevilla Drake	72	Bennington			Bennington, Ind.
	Nelson Harris	84		1817	Posey Township	Rising Sun, Ind.
	Wesley Harris	77	Quercus Grove			Allisonville, Ind.
	Benjamin F. Rodgers	62	Ohio County, Ind.	1838	Sugar Branch	Bennington, Ind.
	Sarah Ann Miles	71		1863	Aaron	Aaron, Ind.
	James A. Taylor	62	Pendleton Run			Moorefield, Ind.
	Leanna Morrison	65	Aaron			Jay, Ind.
	Luther M. Hotchkiss	80	New York	1818	Vevay	Jay, Ind.

Died	Name	Age	Where Born	Came to County	Where Settled	Now Living
	Ann [Ami] Hotchkiss	60	Jefferson Co.	1862	Jay	Jay, Ind.
	Thos. Edmonson	64		1830[?]		Center Square, Ind.
	Rachel Rodgers	73	Pleasant			Pleasant, Ind.
	Laura Vandever	66	Aaron, Ind.			Jay, Ind.
	Cynthia Vandever	62	Aaron, Ind.			Jay, Ind.
	James Paulley	66		1852	Pleasant	Jay, Ind.
	T. N. Carnine	60	Bennington, Ind.			Pleasant, Ind.
	Wm. Whitten	62	Delaware Co., Pa.	1862	Pleasant	Pleasant, Ind.
	Sarah Whitten	62				Pleasant, Ind.
	Rebecca J. Adams	76	Whitfield, Me.	1846	Pleasant	Aaron, Ind.
	Eliza Ann Billings	78	Aberdeen, Ind.			Aaron, Ind.
	F. W. Thomas	65	Prussia	1865	Bennington	Jay, Ind.
	George Link		Hesse, Germany	1852	Pleasant	Jay, Ind.
	Permelia J. Jackson	65				Aaron, Ind.
7-7-1906	Wm. Harper	76		1835	Pleasant	Jay, Ind.
	Alexander Harper	67		1835	Pleasant	Vinton, Iowa
	Mariah Charlton	63		1832	Pleasant	Pleasant, Ind.
	D. C. Valentine	62		1834	Bennington	Bennington, Ind.
	Lucy A. Valentine	63	Bennington			Bennington, Ind.
	Andrew Kettle	72	Rising Sun	1881	Cross Plains	Cross Plains, Ind.
	Margaret Kettle	73	Owen Co., Ky.			Cross Plains, Ind.
	Wm. J. Gibbs	73				Sugar Branch, Ind.
	James Cole	81	Warren Co., Pa.	1816	Vevay	Mt. Sterling, Ind.
	Martha Wycoff	72				Cross Plains, Ind.
	Perry A. [K?] Cotton	61				Moorefield, Ind.
5-18-1902	Asa Newton	76	Mt. Sterling, Ky.	1833		Sugar Branch, Ind.
1-6-1896	Elizabeth Newton	73	Cincinnati, Ohio	1836		Sugar Branch, Ind.

Switzerland County Old Settlers Meeting, August 22, 1896: Deaths 1895–1896

Name	Date of Death	Place	Age	Where Buried	Cause of Death
Elizabeth Newton	1-6-1896	Sugar Branch	73	Union Chapel	Heart Failure
Andrew Carnine	1-25-1896	Avonburg	74	Pleasant	Pneumonia
John Carnine	4-5-1896	Jay	62	Elk Grove[?]	Consumption
William Harper	7-7-1896	Jay	77	Salem	Heart Failure
William Brown	7-28-1896	Fairview	72	—	—

Name	Age	Where Born	Came to County	Where Settled	Present Address
James P. Marsh	73	Oxford, Ohio		Vevay	Bennington, Ind.
Joseph G. Melick	64	Somerset Co., N.J.	1837	E. Enterprise	E. Enterprise, Ind.
H. W. Demaree	62	Monroe Co., Ind.	1875	Pleasant	Jay, Ind.
Mary E. Richards	66	Lawrenceburg, Ind.	1862	Sugar Branch	Sugar Branch, Ind.
Elizabeth Jaynes	68	Rising Sun, Ind.	1852	Bennington	Allensville, Ind.
Jacob S. Cole	61	Mt. Sterling, Ind.			Vevay, Ind.
A. J. Leap	70	Parks Ridge			Vevay, Ind.
Montgomery Patton	67	Ireland	1838	Vevay	Vevay, Ind.
Sarah A. Patton	63	Switzerland Co., Ind.			Vevay, Ind.
J. W. Buchanan	62	Pleasant Twp.			Aaron, Ind.
Elias Scudder	63	York Township			E. Enterprise, Ind.
Silas Ward	63	Ripley, Ohio	1876	Sugar Branch	Sugar Branch, Ind.
James Anderson	72	Hamilton Co., Ohio	1833	Braytown	Vevay, Ind.
Flora Belle/Beths Morrison	69	Florence, Ind.			Vevay, Ind.
Joseph S. Lazenby	77	Ontario Co., N.Y.	1837	Vevay	Vevay, Ind.
Josiah Orem	65	Switzerland Co., Ind.			Bennington, Ind.
James P. Cole	61	Bennington			Bennington, Ind.
R. R. Stout	68	Vevay, Ind.			Aaron, Ind.
Darius Stevens	69	Jacksonville, Ind.			Center Square, Ind.

Name	Age	Where Born	Came to County	Where Settled	Present Address
Mary E. Myers	61	Lawrenceburg	1858	Allisonville	Sugar Branch, Ind.
Thos. McCrary	71	Florence, Ind.			Cross Plains, Ind.
T. H. Downey	64	Sugar Branch, Ind.			Vevay, Ind.
Margaret Downey	63	Bear Branch, Ind.	1833		Vevay, Ind.
Louise McCulloch	78	Vevay			Vevay, Ind.
A. S./D. Downey	73	Fairview, Ind.			Taylorville, Ind.
Thomas Anderson	77	Trenton, N.J.	1821	Vevay	Vevay, Ind.
S. Stow/Slow	77	Cuyahoga Co., NY	1820	Vevay	E. Enterprise, Ind.
Augustus Welch	85	Ontario Co., NY	1820	Bennington	Bennington, Ind.
Matilda Welch		Bennington			Bennington, Ind.
Cornelius Hizer	64	Quercus Grove			Allisonville, Ind.
Eliza Clevenger	67	Rising Sun	1837[?]	Allisonville	Center Square, Ind.
Wm. Foulk	71	Georgetown, Ohio	1834	Rising Sun	Sugar Branch, Ind.
Matilda Luntz	63	Bennington, Ind.			Sugar Branch, Ind.
Sarah Morrison	66	Vevay			Sugar Branch, Ind.
Henry H. Cole	60	Switzerland Co., Ind.			Sugar Branch, Ind.
Alexander McKenzie	72	Moorefield, Ind.			Mt. Sterling, Ind.
Hannah O./P. Jackson	66	Clermont Co., Ohio	1886	Jay	Jay, Ind.
Margard Ford	71	Rising Sun	1829	Fairview	Dillsborough, Ind.
James P. Mullen/Mellen	64	Switzerland Co., Ind.			Bennington, Ind.
Elizabeth J. Mullen/Mellen	62	Cynthiana, Ky.	1837	[—] Landing	Bennington, Ind.
Barney Alenburg/Klenburg	61	Vorden, Prussia[?]	1856	Vevay	Vevay, Ind.
Martha J. Fleming	61	Hamilton Co., Ohio			Dillsborough, Ind.
Sarah Elliott	71	Dillsborough, Ind.			Dillsborough, Ind.

Name	Age	Where Born	Came to County	Where Settled	Present Address
Wesley Fleming	69	Hamilton Co., Ohio			Dillsborough, Ind.
Horace Stow/Slow	91	New Hampshire	1820	Vevay	E. Enterprise, Ind.
Charity Rodgers	68	Pleasant, Ind.			Pleasant, Ind.
John T. Larue	72				Jay, Ind.
Mary Larue	68	Pleasant			Jay, Ind.
Angeline Graham	74	Aurora, Ind.	1822	Allisonville	Bennington, Ind.
Jane Cole	65	West Union, Ohio	1856	Sugar Branch	Sugar Branch, Ind.
Mary Stewart	70	New Pleasant			Pleasant, Ind.
Mary Glenn	61	Guernsey Co., Ohio	1889	Pleasant	Pleasant, Ind.
Mary Peters	70	Pleasant			Pleasant, Ind.
Simpson Spencer	63	Jefferson Co., Ind.	1884	Pleasant	Pleasant, Ind.
Margaret Ward	63	Napoleon, Ind.	1876	Sugar Branch	Sugar Branch, Ind.
Elias R. Harris	66	Pleasant Township			Moorefield, Ind.
John O. Smith	72	Brooklyn, N.Y.	1851	Soapville, Ind.	Pleasant, Ind.
Caroline Thomas	62	Hanover, Germany	1858	Bear Creek	Jay, Ind.

The following were not present but sent their names for membership:

Name	Age	Where Born	Came to County	Where Settled	Present Address
Elizabeth Melick	67	Cincinnati, Ohio	1831	E. Enterprise	E. Enterprise, Ind.
Sarah A. Patton	63	Switzerland Co., Ind.			Vevay, Ind.
Christena Brown	—	Virginia	1814[?]	Bear Creek	Aaron, Ind.
Samuel Wiseman	63	Berne, Switzerland	1839	Vevay	Chrisney, Ind.
Lucy Detraz	91	Vevay			Vevay, Ind.
Joel D. Davis	60	Quercus Grove, Ind.			Quercus Grove, Ind.
E. G. Seymour	62	Cotton Township			E. Enterprise, Ind.
Hiram Ogle	75	Switzerland Co., Ind.			Mt. Sterling, Ind.

Deaths 1896–1897

Name	Age	Date of Death	Where Buried
Nancy M. Dyer	81	Oct. 20, 1896	
Angeline Graham	74	Jan. 24, 1897	Slawsons
Jordan Wainscott	78	March 5, 1897	Slawsons
John Bakes	89	April 13, 1897	
Augustus Welch	85	May 5, 1897	Slawsons
Margaret Ford	72	July 19, 1897	
Elizabeth Smith	64	Sept. 4, 1896	Slawsons

**Switzerland County Old Settlers Meeting, 1899:
Deaths from Aug. 13, 1898, to Aug. 2, 1899**

Name	Age	Date of Death	Where Buried
Mary Griffon	79	October 20, 1898	Slawsons
Daniel Melick	72	November 2, 1898	Liberty
Joseph Voris	73	December 8, 1898	Pleasant
Delilah Colden	79	December 16, 1898	Jacksonville
James Anderson	75	February 15, 1899	Vevay
James B. Walden	64	March 19, 1899	Cotton Cemetery
Henry H. Cole	64	July 17, 1899	Cotton Cemetery
Mary Peters	73	July 13, 1899	Bushy [Brushy] Fork
Charles J. Ryan	77	July 19, 1899	Pleasant
Elizabeth Osborn	67	—	—

**Switzerland County Old Settlers Meeting, August 11, 1900:
Names of members who registered Aug. 11, 1900**

Name	Age
Louis Hydaman[?]	77
William Oak	73
John Wycoff	76
Martha Wycoff	77
Aaren Hankins	74
John Jester	67
Louis Cole	62
William Jaster/Jester	64
Nancy Dearwester/Dearmester	62
E. B. L. Ford	77

Name	Age
Betsey Vanice	83
Isaac Smith	72
Ann Hotchkiss	64
Wm. Whitton/Whilton	67
Frank Livings	62
Samuel Deweis/Dennis	63
Margarett Carnine	64
Mary G. Gardner (Died 7-9-1902)	73
D. C. Valentine	66
Lucy A. Valentine	68

Name	Age
Carline Ford	73
Mary Jane Livingston	63
J. M. Long	72
Nancy M. Long	66
John Neal	62
Henry Demaree[?]	66
F. W. Thomas	69
H. C. Waldon/Walden	67
Amanda R. Waldon/Walden	61
Elizabeth Paugh	64
William M. Paugh	66
J. W. Buchanan	66
Wm. McKin/McKinn	60
J. H. Irwin	63
Alhanan Lientz[?]	75
Frances Peabody	68
Sarah Peabody	63
Mary Voris	—
R. H. Smith	70
Ann Smith	67
Andrew Honze/Hinze	86
John L. Shadday	76
Frances Shadday	73
C. H. Thomas	65
J. W. Chittenden	76
Sarah Morrison	70
Philander Morrison	72
C. M. Newkirk	62
Elizabeth Jaynes	73
Cyrus Benam/Demam	60
S. H. Morrison	71
J. P. Marsh	77
Lucinda Vanosdol	65
Rachel Rodgers	77
Asa Newton (Died 5-18-1902)	81
T. N. Carnine	65
Jane Dalglish	78
Lean Morrison	70
Lana Vandiver	71
Cynthia Vandiver	61

Name	Age
E. S. Richards	75
Mariah Richards	76
Samuel Krall	65
Wm. Sutherland	75
S. A. Whitten	66
Caroline Gilliland	64
John N. Vandivere	64
Ann E. Carnine	61
Wm. M. Wycoff	66
F. J. Cole	62
S. W. Rochart/Rochat	70
Nancy Rochart/Rochat	68
L. J. Ake	62
Mary Glenn/Glenis	65
R. R. Stout	73
George K. Hotchkiss	60
James Turrell	63
John Stewart	73
C. L. Lee	61
Joseph Orem	69
L. P. Bradford	61
Leah Andrews	74
Elias Scudder	66
W. B. Chamberlain	68
Hannah M. Scudder	61
David W. Glenn	65
Jacob S. Cole	65
James Cole	86
J. W. Horton	61
W. H. Henry	60
James Culbertson	79
Joseph Rodgers	70
Mary Rodgers	73
James Jackson	70
J. B. Voris	64
James Paulley	70
Merlin/Martin Meyer	63
A. G. Jackson	65
B. F. Rodgers	67
Moses Halgarth	61

Name	Age
Sarah H.[A.] Miles	76
R. Post/Poske	70

Name	Age
Ira B. Picket	61
Mary Briston/Bristow	85

Deaths from August 10, 1901, to August 9, 1902

Asa Newton
 John Ransom
 Mary G. Gardne
 Wm. McKinn[?]

**Switzerland County Pioneers Association
 Names Registered August 9, 1902**

Name	Age	Where Born	Present Address
James H. Gibbs	78		
D. Vanosdol	63	Jefferson Co., Ind.	Madison, Ind.
John Walters	60	Switzerland County, Ind.	Craig, Ind.
R. H. Smith	72	Dillsboro, Ind.	Jay, Ind.
Anna H. Smith	69		Jay, Ind.
H. W. Demaree	68	Monroe County, Ind.	Jay, Ind.
Mary S. Demaree	61		Jay, Ind.
Chas. W. Lee	61		Cross Plains, Ind.
E. Lamb	63	Jefferson Co., Ind.	Lamb, Ind.
J. W. Buchanan	67		Aaron, Ind.
Wm. Clevenger	73		Center Square, Ind.
Aaron Hankins	76	Jefferson Co., Ind.	Bennington, Ind.
Mary E. Hankins	68		Bennington, Ind.
John Stewart	75	Penn.	Center Square, Ind.
Elias Scudder	69		Cross Plains, Ind.
Margeret —	68	Jeff. Co.	Correct, Ind.
Abraham Wycoff	70		Cross Plains, Ind.
Hannah Wycoff	62		Cross Plains, Ind.
F. Rodgers	69	Ohio County, Ind.	Bennington, Ind.
D. C. Valentine	69	Penn.	Bennington, Ind.
S. H. Morrison	73	New York	Jay, Ind.
Lean Morrison	72		Jay, Ind.
G. Jackson	67		Bennington, Ind.
John Jackson	79	Boone County, Ky.	Jay, Ind.
O. H. P. Sedam	62		East Enterprise, Ind.
T. N. Carnine	67		Pleasant, Ind.
R. R. Stout	74		Aaron, Ind.

Name	Age	Where Born	Present Address
J. M. Smith	75	Pendleton County, Ohio	Bennington, Ind.
James P. Cole	68		Bennington, Ind.
Peter Wycoff	70		Dayton, Ky.
Lucinda Wycoff	64		Dayton, Ky.
Sarah A. Miles	78	Shelby Co., Ky.	Gardner, Ind.
Hannibal Farrell	60		Bennington, Ind.
John L. Shadday	78		Bennington, Ind.
Frances A. Shadday	75	Georgetown, Ky.	Bennington, Ind.
Casper H. Thomas	67	Prussia	Jay, Ind.
Carrie Vandiver	65	Madisonville, Ohio	Sugar Branch, Ind.
Robert Scott	68		Moorefield, Ind.
Joseph C. Wells	72	Gallitan Co., Ky.	Gardner, Ind.
Manual Furwood/Farward	71	Beaver, Penn.	Bennington, Ind.
Joseph Rodgers	72		Pleasant, Ind.
W. H. Henry	62		Pleasant, Ind.
Calvin Rawlston	60	Jeff Co.	Sugar Br., Ind.
Lewis Cole	64		Hicks, Ind.
E. S. Richards	80		Sugar Br., Ind.
Frederick Wellincamp	80	Hanover	Jay, Ind.
E. R. Protsman	68		Moorefield, Ind.
Martin Meyer	64	Hanover	Gardner, Ind.
Mary J. Rodgers	75		Pleasant, Ind.
F. W. Cole	61		Bennington, Ind.
J. W. Crittenden	78		Bennington, Ind.
Cy Demaree	62		Lawrenceburg, Ind.
J. J. Goodner	63		Aaron, Ind.
J. R. Hewitt	60		Brooksbury, Ind.
Wm. H. H. Turner	62		Bennington, Ind.
John Vanosdol	65		Cross Plains, Ind.
Lucinda Vanosdol	67		Cross Plains, Ind.
Mary Whitton	62		Pleasant, Ind.
C. W. Johnson	66		Moorehill, Ind.
Sarah E. Turner	60	Cincinnati, Ohio	Bennington, Ind.
Jane Jackson	72		Aaron, Ind.
Mrs. C. W. Johnson	56		

Deaths from Aug. 9, 1902, to Aug 8, 1903

Name	Died
Nancy Rochat	Aug. 29, 1902
Mary E. Poske	—
Matild Lantz	—
Abel Stout	Jan. 14, 1903
Matilda Welch	Feb. 7, 1903
Rev. J. J. Goodner	May 27, 1903
John O. Smith	

Name	Died
Wm. Foulk	June 3, 1903
Wm. Culbertson	—
Hannah Scudder	—
Mrs. Abel Stout	Jan. 17, 1903
Burrows W. Clark	June 2, 1903
Debora Brown	July 3, 1903
C. W. Johnson	July 10, 1903

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