

Pike County, Account Book of Robert Logan, Highbanks, Indiana, 1850

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Highbanks, a town once located nine miles east of Petersburg along the south side of the White River, was the second community established in Pike County, Indiana. Families from North Carolina, Virginia, and Kentucky moved into the area as early as 1813, and six years later Highbanks officially became a town. Highbanks's decline in the mid- to late-nineteenth century began after a nearby railroad line bypassed it. By 1963 the town no longer existed.¹

One of the commercial establishments found in Highbanks during the early 1850s was Robert Logan's general store. Logan (1808–1872), a native of Scotland, arrived in Pike County in the 1830s from Virginia. He married Elizabeth White (1813–1873), who was born in England. The Logans had approximately nine children—Mary Elizabeth (1830–1847), wife of Henry Gray (1819–1856); Sarah J. (1834–1850); Amanda Eliza (1840–1858), wife of Jesse L. Thomas; Robert W. (1844–1878); Andrew Jackson (1846–1858); Allas/Alice? M. (abt. 1849–aft. 1870); Linda (1851–1851); Albert (abt. 1852–aft. 1860); and Joseph W. (1854–1872). Besides owning a store, Logan butchered and cured meat that he shipped by river to New Orleans. He also served as a state representative for Pike County in the Indiana General Assembly throughout the 1840s as well in 1869 and 1871. Logan and his wife Elizabeth moved to Washington, Indiana, in neighboring Daviess County, about one year before his death in 1872.²

Logan's account books provide insight into the items purchased in the early 1850s and confirm the presence of the area's inhabitants. The types of merchandise sold by Logan cover a wide range of items for personal, household, and barnyard use, such as shaving soap, combs, shoes, paper, slate and lead pencils, sugar, salt, coffee, rice, allspice, tobacco, spoons, Irish linen, calico, buttons, a mahogany mirror, tin lamps, wood buckets, horse collars, axes, and nails. The following alphabetized list includes the names of those who purchased items from Logan on credit, made payment for a previous debt, or paid a portion of another's debt between January

and March 1850. To determine what each patron purchased and how much he or she paid or owed, consult the complete account book. Owned by great-grandson Foster Logan, Otwell, Indiana, Robert Logan's account books for 1850/51 and 1853/54 were microfilmed in 1967. The Indiana Historical Society's William H. Smith Memorial Library houses both books on two microfilm reels: reel F0010, 1850–1851; reel 356, 1853–1854.³

Notes

1. Ruth Miley McClellan, comp., *Pike County History: Bicentennial Edition 1776–1976* (Petersburg, IN: Pike County Historical Society, [1976]), 178, 184.
2. McClellan, *Pike County History*, 178, 181–84; Rebecca A. Shepherd, et al., comp. and ed., *A Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly, vol. 1 (1816–1899)* (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1980), 240; 1850 U.S. census, Pike County, Indiana, Jefferson Township, page 63B, dwelling 58, family 58, Robert Logan household, NARA microfilm M432, roll 65; “Logan Cemetery, Algiers, Pike County, Indiana,” Find a Grave (<http://www.findagrave.com/>; accessed 21 July 2010); “Logan Cemetery,” Pike County Gen Web, (<http://www.ingenweb.org/inpike/Jefflogan.htm>; accessed 21 July 2010).
3. Robert Logan Account Book, 1850–1851 (F 0010), Indiana Historical Society.

List of Patrons at Logan's General Store, Pike County, Indiana

Abbott, David	Case, Thomas
Adams, William	Case, Washington
Allen, Josiah	Casse, Hiram
Boid, Joseph	Chapeman, Reasen S.
Brown, John W.	Chappell, Mrs. Jobe
Capehart, George	Chew, Marcelus
Capehart, James	Claton, Daniel
Capehart, Jas.	Clayton, Daniel
Capehart, Martha	Coleman, Jesse C.
Caphart, Cullen	Colwell, William F.
Caphart, James	Conn, Hiram
Carter, Benjamin	Conn, Marion
Case, R. M.	Craton, Solomon
Case, Reuben M.	Debruler, Micajah G.

Debruler, Richard E.	Kinman, Hamilton
Debruler, Wesley/Wesley	Kinman, William
Debruler, William G.	Kinman, William H.
Debruler, Wm. G.	Kinman, Wm.
Debuler, William G.	Kinney, James
Debuler, Wm.	Kirkland, S.
Denson, Miss ———	Kirkland, Samuel
Decker, Hester Ann	Kirkman, Joseph J.
Dodes, Timothy	Lemmond, Elijah
Dodes/[Dolles?], Williams	Logan, Robt.
Eavans/[Eavan], Wiley/Wyley	McCain, Alexander
Foster, Robert	McCain, Green, Sr.
Fowler, Mrs. ———	McCain, Greene
Fowler, Warren	McCain, H.
Gears, William	McCain, Hugh
Geay, William	McCain, Thomas
Gray, Henry	McCain, William
Gray, James	McCane, William
Gray, John	Merrick, John A.
Gray, McCrillus	Miley, George
Gray, Spencer/Spencer	Miley, Henry
Gray, William	Miley, Perry
Gray, Wm.	Miley/[Mileys?], Samuel
Hammond, Lester	Miley, Samuel, Jr.
Hammond, Mrs. Jane	Miley, Willsey
Hargrave, L. R.	Miller, Marama
Hargrave, Lemuel R.	Morgan, Charles
Hargrave, William E.	Morgan, Josiah
Hargraves, Thomas, Sr.	Palmore, Jacob
Hays, Allen	Palmore, N. P.
Hays, Ezekiel G./S.?	Parker, ———
Hays, Ezekiel G., Jr.	Payne, Nathaniel
Hays, T[w?]ily	Postethwright, Mrs. Mary
Henders, James A.	Preston, Asom
Hurst, A. W.	Pride/[Paile/Paisle?], Burrel
Hurt, A. W.	Pride, Thomas
Hutchens, Thomas	Pride, Thomas G.
Hutcheson, Thomas	Pride, Willey
Johnson, Abner	Pride, William
Johnson, James	Pride/[Prille?], Willsey [S.?)
Johnson, Laban	Price, Lu[vc/r]i[c/r]a
Johnson, Lebanon	Rhodes, Lewis
Jones, Thomas H.	Ro[dg]er, Mrs. ———

Scraper, Jasper
Scraper, John
Scraper, Mrs. Heddy
Scraper, Mrs. Huldy
Shuler, Martin
Stewart, James
Stewart, Robert
Striklard, John
Strong, Joel
Traylor, Elias D.
Traylor, Jesse
Traylor/[Trayler], Madison
Traylor, Mathew
Traylor, Mrs. Martha
Traylor, Sandford
Traylor, Thomas J.
Trlor, Thomas J.
Walton, William
Weademan, Jacob
Weademan/Weedeman, Johnathan
Webber, Henery
Whaley, Thomas
White, Clinton
White, Elias
White, Elizabeth
White, Samuel
Williams, J. C.
Williams, Joseph C.
Wood, Ephaim E.
Wood, Ephrai[g]m E.

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