Life History Of Mrs. Jane Acker As Told By Daughter

(By Miss Eva Acker)

Jane Smith Acker, truly a pioneer of Adams county in every sense of the word, was born to Suzanna McLelland and Zachariah Smith, one of the earliest families to settle in this county, on October 9, 1840.

She was born in a one room log cabin on the banks of the St. Marys river in St. Marys township. After residing in this cabin for a few years the family moved to a new double log cabin near the crossing of the Erie railroad on the Piqua road, which was then known as the Indian trail. This cabin was later removed by the railroad company when improving their means of transportation.

She was the seventh child in a family of nine children, and was deprived of a father at the age of three. The father was drowned in the St. Marys river.

The family from the first year of their residence in this county not only gave their support in its development, but also did their bit in a financial way, as they were property owners from their first year here.

She saw the county, which was then not only the county as we know it today, but one which embraced the territory now known as Wells, Blackford and a part of Allen county.

The family entered into all phases of the county's improvement. She saw the clearing and draining of the swamp lands, converting them into fertile and productive farms. This feat was accomplished by oxen of that time to the motor tractors of today. She witnessed the transformation of roads, much of the year impassable at that time, into the macadam roads of the present.

To her the home lighted by the open fireplace and a pine knot; the grease lamp, the home-made tallow candle and the coal oil lamp was a common sight.

The family was loyal to all patriotic, political and religious movements which moved toward the betterment of the county. Her father was the first sheriff of the territory then known as Adams county.

He was also a candidate for the state legislature, being defeated by the father of Frank McConnell by the margin of one vote.,

Their pioneer cabin was always open to the circuit preacher who traeled on foot and horseback through the country, and was often the meeting place for worship. The travelers were always welcomed in the home, stopping for a pleasant meal before their journey westward in their covered wagons.

The mother was widowed at the age of 32, with a family of nine children, the oldest being 12 years, and a farm to maintain which embraced 600 acres, all but 12 of which were wooded. Her sole ambition was to save this farm for her children, which with the exception of 80 acres used to pay an obligation, she was able to accomplish.

This meant each member of the family had their bit to perform, with the mother spinning and weaving. From the age of six Jane assisted in reeling the wool and flax for filling the quills, and by gathering underbrush and fallen limbs for fuel.

Her education was limited to only the means she herself acquired. She attended school seldom as she was a frail child, and at times had scant clothing to protect her from the bitterness of the cold. .

A great factor in her education was brought on when an old pioneer school master, known as "Dandy Jim" Smith, a cousin of her father, took an interest in her eagerness for knowledge, and spent much of the time teaching her the rudiments of reading. In time she became a proficient reader, a fairly good writer and almost an expert at mental calculations.

She never lost interest in the development of the community. After age deprived her of the faculty of sight to the extent that she could not read, she was kept informed by members of the family who read the newspapers to her. The radio given to her on her 90th birthday was the object of much wonderment and delight. By the radio she kept in touch with the political and religious phases of the country.

Radio celebrities who were admired by her included the Rabbi Tarshus, Dr. Myer, Dr. Cadle and Father Coughlin. To her the radio was a miracle, bringing to her ears that which she could no longer learn by reading.

She was a firm believer in the teacning of the Christian church, of which she was a member from early womanhood. She never resented the name "Campbell Light." Her family was reared in these teachings, ever impressed that the church meant nothing unless the life portrayed its teachings by a life loyal and in harmony with it.

On January 1, 1860, she was united in marriage to Irwin Acker, the son of a pioneer family who settled in the county one year after the Smiths.

The death of her sons caused her much anguished starting a decline in health until the time of her death. Samuel, the elder son died five years ago and Levi, three years ago this fall.

Life to her was sweet, seeing a kind and loving God in everything about her; and nature a marvel that portrayed its creator and she often remarked that of all God's handiwork, it seemed that man was the most ungrateful and rebellious.

The last page in the book of the life of Jane Acker was turned and sealed by the Great Creator at 10 o'clock a. m. May 9 to be opened and examined in the great beyond.

Our prayers are for mercy and forgiveness. Yet, all who knew her are confident her goodness and devotion will outweigh the carnal and human, that all fall heir to.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

Rollator Refrigeration

Positive FOOD PROTECTION on the Hottest Day

THE SURPLUS-POWERED ROLLATOR COMPRESSOR

...smooth, easy, rolling power instead of hurried back-and-forth action. Result—more cold for the current used and an almost everlasting mechanism. Only Norge has the Rollator Compressor.

There is a *reason* why Norge is the *economical* refrigerator to use. It is the Rollator—simple, surplus-powered, efficient, almost everlasting cold-making mechanism. Because of its efficiency, it uses very little current. And, because of its surplus power, it provides the dependable refrigeration that enables you to buy food in money-saving quantities with perfect confidence. With Norge you *save*—up to $11 a month.

Come in. Let us give you the facts and figures to prove that Norge is the economical refrigerator to buy and to use. See the Norge before you buy.

Choose the Refrigerator with the Press Action Lazilatch ★ Combination Bottle and Dairy Rack ★ Sliding Utility Basket ★ Adjustable Shelf ★ Improved Automatic Flood Light ★ Closely Spaced Shelf Bars ★ Odor-Proof Door on Fast-Freezing Ice Compartment ★ Many other improvements and refinements.

★ ★ ★

TERM PAYMENTS AMOUNT TO AS LITTLE AS 14c A DAY

NORGE *Rollator Refrigeration* REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

Decatur NORGE Sales

K. of C. Bldg. W. Madison St.

Test Your Knowledge

Can you answer seven of these ten questions? Turn to page Four for the answers.

1. What is the A. N. P. A.?
2. Of what country is Newfoundland a colony?
3. In law, what is the name for a formal written accusation of crime against a person, presented by a grand jury?
4. In which city was the famous Libby Prison located, during the Civil War?
5. What is entomology?
6. What is another name for the chickadee?
7. Name the tallest office building in the U. S.
8. Who first applied the name Indians to the natives of America?
9. Which is the first permanent tooth in a human being?
10. Who was Antoine-Auguste Preault?

NOTICE OF FILING AND PENDENCY OF PETITION FOR VACATION OF AN ALLEY

STATE OF INDIANA,
COUNTY OF ADAMS, SS:
In the Adams Circuit Court, April Term, 1936

E. Burt Lenhart and Martha E. Lenhart, husband and wife, vs. The City of Decatur, Indiana.

To the CITY OF DECATUR and to the CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, ADAMS COUNTY, INDIANA, notice is hereby given that the undersigned plaintiffs have filed in the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, and the same is now pending there in their petition for the vacation of an alley in the city of Decatur, Indiana, west of the right of way of the Cincinnati, Richmond, and Fort Wayne Railway Company, now known as the Pennsylvania Railway Company, lying between inlots No. 559 and No. 560 in Glass and Rice's subdivision of Outlots No. 151, No. 154, and No. 155 in Joseph Crabbs Western addition to the town now city of Decatur, Indiana, and bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of inlot number five hundred fifty nine (559) aforesaid in Glass and Rice's subdivision of Outlots one hundred fifty one, one hundred fifty four and one hundred fiftyfive (151, 154, and 155) in Joseph Crabbs western addition to the town now city of Decatur, Indiana, thence easterly on the north line of said inlot 559 to the west line of the right of way of the Cincinnati, Richmond, and Fort Wayne Railway Company, (now known as the Pennsylvania Railway Company), thence north along the western boundary line of said right of way to the south line of inlot 560 as aforesaid, thence westerly along the southern boundary line of said inlot 560 aforesaid to the southwest corner of said inlot 560 aforesaid, thence south along the eastern boundary line of Eighth Street in the City of Decatur, Indiana, to the place of beginning.

That said petition is now pending in the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, that the real estate and property to be affected thereby by such vacation are parts of inlots No. 559 and No. 560 in Glass and Rice's subdivision of Outlots 151, 154 and 155, in Joseph Crabbs western addition to the town now city of Decatur, Indiana, the right of way of the Cincinnati, Richmond, and Fort Wayne Railway Company, now known as the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and Eighth Street in the city of Decatur, Indiana, that said inlot No. 559 aforesaid immediately adjoins such part of said alley so proposed to be vacated on the south and that said inlot No. 560 aforesaid immediately adjoins such alley so proposed to be vacated on the north and that said right of way aforesaid immediately adjoins such part of such alley on the east side thereof, and that Eighth Street in the City of Decatur, Indiana, immediately adjoins such part of said alley as aforesaid on the west.

That said plaintiffs have set forth in said petition that such part of said alley is not of public utility and that the same is not now nor never was used by the public for public travel or use. That such part of said alley so sought to be vacated is not necessary to the growth of the city of Decatur, Indiana. That said vacation will not leave any owner of real estate within said city without ingress or egress by means of a public way or street. That such vacation will not cut off the publics access to any church, school, or other public buildings or grounds and that no person, firm or corporation will be injured or damaged in any way by such vacation of said alley as hereinbefore alleged. That said petition will be presented to the Adams Circuit Court on the 11th day of June 1936, and said petition and the matters and things in issue will be heard and determined by said court on said date.

E. Burt Lenhart
Martha E. Lenhart
Plaintiffs

Heller and Schurger,
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

May 14-21

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE NO. 2800

Notice is hereby given to the creditors ,heirs and legatees of Berchtold B. Ruf, deceased to appear in the Adams Circuit Court, held at Decatur, Indiana, on the 28 day of May, 1936 and show cause, if any, why the Final Settlement Accounts with the estate of said decedent should not be approved; and said heirs are notified to then and there make proof of heirship, and receive their distributive shares.

Ervin P. Ruf, Executor.
Decatur, Indiana, May 6, 1936.
Attorney Arthur W. Perry

May 7-14

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE NO. 3214

Notice is hereby given to the creditors, heirs and legatees of Solomon E. Nussbaum, deceased, to appear in the Adams Circuit Court, held at Decatur, Indiana, on the 27th day of May, 1936, and show cause, if any, why the Final Settlement Accounts with the estate of said decedent should not be approved; and said heirs are notified to then and there make proof of heirship, and receive their distributive shares.

Noah D. Schwartz, Executor
Decatur, Indiana, May 6, 1936.
Attorney C. L. Walters.

May 7-14

Flannel Coats Need Cleaning

Sheets Bros. CLEANERS Phone 359

For PEOPLE Who CARE.

SPRAGUE OFFERS

STUDIO COUCHES $18 to $49.50

Large selection Gliders $10 to $29.95

Big Reduction on all Furniture and Rugs.

SPRAGUE FURNITURE CO.

152 South Second Street Phone 199

GARDENING GUIDES FOR YOU

A packet of three of our Washington Service Bureau's new Booklets on all phases of flower gardening is ready for you. The titles of the booklets are:

1. FLOWER GARDENS: Preparations of beds, annuals, perennials, shrubs, bulbs, roses, fertilizing and general instructions for planting.
2. ANNUAL FLOWERING PLANTS: List of annuals for the garden with full descriptions and instructions for sowing seeds, transplanting and general cultivation.
3. PERENNIAL FLOWERING PLANTS: List of perennials with full descriptions and instructions for propagation, planting, soil and cultural care.

If you want this packet, fill out the coupon below, and mail as directed:

..... CLIP COUPON HERE .....

Dept. G-18, Daily Democrat's Service Bureau,
1013 Thirteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

I want the packet of three booklets on flower gardening, and enclose twenty-five (25) cents in coin (carefully wrapped,) money order, or unused postage stamps:

NAME .....

STREET and No. .....

CITY ..... STATE .....

I am a reader of the Decatur Daily Democrat, Decatur, Ind.

COURT HOUSE

Sale Approved

The report of the sale of real estate was filed in the petition brought by Anna Woodward and others against Edward F. Bucher. It was examined and approved. The deed was reported, examined and approved. The final report was filed, examined and approved. The commissioner was discharged.

Final Report Filed

The final report was filed by the receiver in the suit to foreclose a mortgage brought by the department of financial institutions against Thomas J. Durkin and others. It was examined and approved and the administrator discharged.

Claim Compromised

A petition filed by the special representative for the Old Adams County bank to compromise a claim against C. O. Manley was filed, submitted and sustained.

Petition Granted

A petition was filed by the special representative for the Peoples Loan and Trust company to pay preferred claims uncalled for, amounting to $32.78, to the clerk of the Adams circuit court. It was submitted and sustained.

Estate Cases

The proof of mailing of notice was filed in the estate of Elizabeth Schwartz. The report was submitted finding the net value of the estate to be $7,192.25 and no tax due. The assessor was allowed $10.80 which was ordered taxed as costs.

A petition to determine the inheritance tax was filed in the estate of Ida M. Everhart. It was referred to the county assessor.

The current report was filed in the estate of Daniel N. Erwin. It was examined and approved. The trust was closed.

The current report was filed in the estate of Mantie Erwin. It was examined and approved. The trust was continued.

New Case

A suit to vacate an alley was filed by E. Burt Lenhart and Martha Lenhart against the city of Decatur. Summons was issued to the sheriff of Adams county for the defendant, returnable June 11.

Bridge Record Claimed

Berkeley, Cal. — (UP) — John Drucquer claims the distinction of having participated in the first bridge game ever played in England The game was played in London 52 years ago when Drucquer was 12 years old. His brother-in-law, he states, introduced the game from Holland where it was known as "Dutch Whist."

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE NO. 3148

Notice is hereby given to the creditors, heirs and legatees of Andrew Bailey, deceased to appear in the Adams Circuit Court, held at Decatur, Indiana, on the 10th day of June, 1936, and show cause, if any, why the Final Settlement Accounts with the estate of said decedent should not be approved; and said heirs are notified to then and there make proof of heirship, and receive their distributive shares.

William Bailey, Administrator
Decatur, Indiana, May 14, 1936.
Attorney Nathan C. Nelson.

May 14-21

Markets At A Glance

Stocks strong; American telephone up 5 points.

Bonds higher and more active.

Curb stocks strong; quiet.

Chicago stocks higher.

Call money 1 per cent.

Foreign exchange irregular; sterling lower, French francs higher.

Cotton 6 to 14 points higher.

Chicago livestock: hogs strong; cattle steady to strong; sheep steady to weak.

Grains: wheat off around 1 cent. others unchanged to fractions lower; rubber 11 to 13 points higher.

Silver, New York bars 45¼, up ½ cent.

ROBINSON IS

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

"We—his mother and I—are bitter toward no one," he said. "In fact, we think Tommy received the fairest treatment that could be hoped for. And although we love him, who know he has not been treated unjustly in any sense of the word.

"I think the words of Judge Hamilton this afternoon when he passed sentence on our boy was a perfect example of the true processes of justice. He could not have done otherwise and still discharge his duty to society."

"To what do you attribute your son's present predicament."

"My boy," said Robinson sadly, "is a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hide. He has a dual personality that makes him do things at odd times that he wouldn't dream of doing normally. Doctors and lawyers have a long term for it, but I can"t think what it is. I call it a split-mind."

Young Robinson had involved his young wife, Frances, and his father in the Stoll kidnaping to the point where they were indicted and tried on a charge of complicity, but were acquitted.

Captured in Glendale, Cal., after a 19 month search, Monday night, he was brought here by airplane, and today at 9 a. m. he will be "dressed in" at Atlanta.

N. A. BIXLER

OPTOMETRIST

Eyes Examined, Glasses Fitted

HOURS

8:30 to 11:30 12:30 to 5:00

Saturdays, 8:00 p. m.

Telephone 135.

Dr. Eugene Fields

DENTIST

X-RAY LABORATORY

Phone No. 56

127 N. 3rd st.

GILLIG & DOAN

Funeral Directors

24 Hour

Ambulance Service.

Lady Attendants.

Phone H. M. Gillig 794 — Phone J. M. Doan 1041

MARKET REPORTS

DAILY REPORT OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN MARKETS

Brady's Market for Decatur, Berne, Craigville, Hoagland and Willshire. Close at 12 Noon.

Corrected May 14

No commission and no yardage. Veals received Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

100 to 120 lbs.	$ 8.20
120 to 140 lbs.	8.30
140 to 160 lbs.	8.80
160 to 230 lbs.	9.10
230 to 270 lbs.	8.70
270 to 300 lbs.	8.50
300 to 350 lbs.	8.30
Roughs	7.75
Stags	5.75
Vealers	8.25
Spring lambs	10.50
Clipped lambs	9.00
Yearling lambs	5.00

EAST BUFFALO LIVESTOCK

East Buffalo, N. Y., May 14.—(U.P.)—Livestock:

Hogs, 900; 10c higher; weights above 220 lbs., showing maximum upturn; desirable 160-220 lbs., $9.85 to largely $9.90; 260-lb. butchers, $9.60.

Cattle, 200; steady; odd lots medium steers and heifers, 7-$7.25; low cutter and cutter cows, active, $4-$4.85; fleshy offerings, $5.25.

Calves, 150; vealers unchanged; good to choice mostly $9.50; some $10.

Sheep, 800; better grade lambs active, steady, others dull; good to choice shorn lambs, $10.50; medium and mixed, $9-$9.75; plainer offerings, $8-$8.50.

INDIANAPOLIS LIVESTOCK

Indianapolis, Ind., May 14.—(U.P.)—Livestock:

Hogs, 3,000; holdovers, 128; mostly 15 to 20c higher; 160-225 lbs., $9.65-$9.75; top, $9.80; 225-260 lbs., $9.50-$9.60; 260-325 lbs., $9.20-$9.40; 325 lbs., up, $9-$9.20; 130-160 lbs., $9.15-$9.65; 100-130 lbs., $8.40-$9.15; packing sows mostly $8.00-$8.50.

Cattle, 700; calves, 600; relatively few steers sold but undertone firm; one load steers, $8.10; several small lote, $6.75-$7.50; heifers and cows fully steady; heifers mostly $7.25-$7.50; top, $8.25; beef cows mostly $5-$5.75; cutter grades $3.75-$4.75; vealers 50c higher; good to choice $9-$9.50.

Sheep, 2,000; lambs fully steady, top and bulk clipped lambs, $10.50; few spring lambs $11 down; slaughter ewes, $3-$4.

CHICAGO GRAIN CLOSE

	May	July	Sept.
Wheat	.92⅝	.85⅛	.84¾
Corn	.62¼	.60¼	.58⅜
Oats	.25¾	.26⅛	.26⅜

FORT WAYNE LIVESTOCK

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 14.—(U.P.)—Livestock:

Hogs, 20-30c higher; 160-180 lbs., $9.65; 180-200 lbs., $9.55; 200-225 lbs., $9.45; 225-250 lbs., $9.35; 250-275 lbs., $9.20; 275-300 lbs., $9.10; 300-350 lbs., $8.85; 140-160 lbs., $9.25; 120-140 lbs., $9; 100-120 lbs., $8.75.

Roughs, $8; stags, $6.25.

Calves, $9; lambs, $11.

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET

Corrected May 14

No. 1 New Wheat, 60 lbs. or better	84c
No. 2 New Wheat, 58 lbs.	83c
Oats	18 to 20c
Good dry No. 2 Yel. Soy Beans	70c
New No. 4 Yellow Corn, 100 lbs.	50c to 80c
Rye	45c

CENTRAL SOYA MARKET

Dry No. 2 Yellow Soy Beans.... 70c
(Delivered to factory)

FOR SALE — Cabbage, tomatoe, mangold and cauliflower plants, 5c doz. Henry Houck, 204 S. 10th st., phone 677. 115t4x

FOR SALE—3 Fordson tractors 1-15-30. Fordson 1-10-20. McCormick-Deering. Farmall 12. John Deere tractors. 2 tractor plows. 6 double discc. 4 culti-packers and hose. At a reduction. See new Fordson Tractor on display. Craigville Garage. 113t4x

Wool Wanted— Highest market price. BURK Elevator Co.

Decatur phone 25.

Monroe phone 19.

WANTED

WANTED — Barber. Inquire at Lose Barber Shop. 115k3t

WANTED TO RENT—Five or six room house about June 1st. Phone 933. 114a3tx

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment Couple without small children preferred. Mrs. John Myers, 228 North Fourth street. 113t3

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS BUSINESS CARDS AND NOTICES

RATES

One Time—Minimum charge 25c for 20 words or less, 20 words, 1¼c per word.
Two Times—Minimum of 40c for 20 words or Over 20 words 2c per word the two times.
Three Times—Minimum of 50c for 20 words or Over 20 words 2½c per for the three times.

FOR SALE

Poultry Raiser Save money, r better chicks .. BECO Starter Grower, $1.98 pe lbs. Burk Elevat phone 25.

FOR SALE At Mac-Reed Supply strong transpla low resistant cabbage doz., 3 doz. 25c.

FOR SALE—All kind of p doz. John Steffen, 1 m 1¼ mile south of Kirkl school.

FOR SALE—2 slightly us rackets. 2 first basem Fielder's glove. Englis Parts.

SEWING Machines, used like new, $10. Singer and Vacuum Cleaners terms. Repairs for all New line of white hats. Shop.

FOR SALE — 100 pound Leonard refrigerator. Le en, phone 724.

FOR SALE—40 white ho ers Friday at the Decat side Sales.

FOR SALE — Fine gra feathers. Mrs. Jacob A No. 3.

FOR SALE—House trailer Inquire 410 S. 5th St.

FOR SALE — Sweet potat Mrs. Charles Bittner, Pho 21-36.

FOR SALE — Garden to flower plants 5c per d old hardy flowers 2 & 3 Ethel C. Teeter, R. 2.

PLANTS FOR SALE — To Tomato, Cauliflower, to per dozen. Sweet potat later. Arthur Miller, 801 avenue.

FOR SALE—English Bro and early Irish Cobbler Good for planting. 75 cents bushel. John H. Burger, ville. Craigville phone.

FOR SALE — Chester white hog, serviceable age. Ab rel mare, coming 4-yr. old half mile west, three and north of Preble. Adolph meier.

FOR SALE—Used merch Two living room suites conditions, $20 and $35. room chairs, good shape. A number of springs and es, $1 each. Sprague Furni 152 South Second St. Phone

FOR SALE — Fine grade feathers. Mrs. Jacob A No. 3.

FOR SALE—Ten bushel toes. $1 per bushel. Phone E. Florian Geimer.

FOR SALE — 135 acre farm miles north of Decatur state road 27. Good bu Price reasonable. Part cash gage for balance. Also 80 good farm land in Union miles from Lutheran church mile from Methodist church from Dixon, Ohio. Good bu Excellent farm. Price right Suttles-Edwards Co.

FOR SALE — Yellow ma cabbage, cauliflower, tom mangoes, pimentoes, yams Wakefield cabbage, 5c a Meibers, 1127 West Monroe.

FOR SALE — Used machi McCormick-Deering Farm Fordson tractors; 3 corn pl 1 John Deere 5-ft. mower; bottom 14-in. tractor plows; botton 12-in. tractor plows; row corn cultivator; 3 single corn cultivators; 2 spring harrows; 1 spreader; 1 Mod. A Ford truck; 1 side rake; 1 6-ft. grain binder; grain binder. These machines been completely overhauled are in A-1 condition. McCor Deering Store.

FOR SALE — Hen house with 11 double windows, room and feed bins, complete feeders, fountains and nests Miller, phone 863-C.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

THIMBLE THEATER — NOW SHOWING—ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE — By SEGAR