

# Genealogical Section

## AN OLD RECORD BOOK

contributed by

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During the summer of 1939, while searching for some genealogical material in the Museum of the Jackson County Historical Society, in the Jackson County State Forest, my attention was directed to an interesting old record book. It is entitled *Book No. 1, Record of Marks* and is the original record kept by the Recorder of Jackson County, Indiana, from 1817 to 1878 of the marks used by the pioneers on the ears of their hogs.

In early days there were few fences, and hogs roamed at will through the woods to fatten on beech mast and acorns. It was therefore necessary to have some system of marking as proof of ownership. To avoid duplication and to protect themselves in case a question arose concerning ownership, the settlers registered their marks with the County Recorder. Even in Territorial days, hog raising was important enough that laws were made providing punishment for theft of hogs, alteration of marks, and failure to report strays.

Mrs. Anna Borders, curator of the Jackson County Museum, graciously gave me permission to copy these old entries to assist me in my search for some pioneer ancestors. Recently it occurred to me that this list really serves as a rough directory of Jackson County in early days, and might be valuable to many persons seeking proof of residence of their ancestors. I copied only the names and the dates of recording with an occasional description to show the variety of styles in which hogs wore their ears in those days. The pages of this old book are loose, and since they are not numbered there is no way of telling if any are missing. Some entries seem to have been made in the spaces between earlier entries—possibly to save paper.

### Book No. 1

#### Record of Marks

##### Demsey Moris' Mark

A swallow fork in right ear and crop and half-crop  
in the left

Jacob Morris  
Lewis Rogers

6th May 1817  
6—June—1817  
7—June—1817

William Newland	7—June—1817
James Smith	24—June—1817
Wm. Kelley	5—July—1817
Michael Beem	8—July—1817
Solomon Cox	12—July—1817
Michael Beem, Sr.	16—July—1817
Millington Jackson	8—Aug.—1817
Abraham Huff	14—Aug.—1817
Jabez Crane orders his mark transferred to Jonas Crane	10—Sept.—1817
Asa Crane	10—Sept.—1817
Job Carter	28—Sept.—1817
John Parkes	27—Dec.—1817
James Tagert	7—April—1817
Isaac Williams	7—April—1817
William Wilson	25—April—1817
Jesse Butler	25—April—1817
Edward G. Jacobs	25—April—1817
John Ritter	12—May—1817
Edward Cooley	30—May—1817
Thomas Cooley	30—May—1817
Thomas Newby	8—March—1817
William Tabour	18—March—1817
John Craig	18—March—1817
Noah C. Willis	26—March—1817
Peter Herrington	6—April—1817
John Hover [Hoover?]	7—April—1817
Rebecca Bright	22—Jan.—1818
John Griffith	24—Jan.—1818
John Stephens	26—Jan.—1818
Thomas Cox	9—Mar.—1818
John Dopson	May—21—1818
John Arther	July 13—1818
Martin Douglass	Aug. 19—1818
George Jones	20—Oct.—1818
William Jones	20—Oct.—1818
George Iseminger	21—Oct.—1818
Jabes Crane	Nov. 2—1818
Peter Lyster	Nov. 16—1818
Stephen McCoy	Nov. 28—1818
Thomas Smith	7—Dec.—1818
William Russell	7—Dec.—1818

William Standerford	Dec. 19—1818
Thomas Whitson	Dec. 19—1818
Peter Johnson	Dec. 19—1818
Andrew Johnson	Dec. 28—1818
John Mapes	Jan. 14—1819
Levi Spring	Jan. 14—1819
Adam Miller	Jan. 22—1819
Joseph Goss	Jan. 28—1819
William Cockerham	Jan. 28—1819
Jesse Tabour	Jan. 28—1819
George C. Brightman	Feb. 9—1819
Obediah Walker	Feb. 15—1819
Jehu Mash	Feb. 17—1819
Jonathan L. Right [Wright?]	Feb. 26—1819
James Dudley	Feb. 27—1819
Smith Wright	March 11—1819
Gabriel Newby	April 10—1819
Elijah Olds	April 12—1819
John Robertson	17—April—1819
Joshua Moore	10—May—1819
Solomon Cox	10—May—1819
John Blair	10—May—1819
Jesse Tuel	22—May—1819
John Weathers	11—June—1819
William Flinn, Jr.'s Mark	
A smooth crop of the left ear	25—June—1819
Abraham Keller	13—July—1819
Caleb Elliott	30—July—1819
David Benton	23—Aug.—1819
John Standfield	24—Aug.—1819
James Hamilton	25—Sept.—1819
John Jacobs	30—Sept.—1819
John Kindred	2—Oct.—1819
John Whitkinnack [?]	2—Sept.—1819
Daniel Weddle's Mark	
A swallow fork in each ear and an under bit in each	2—Sept.—1819
Elias Day	13—Oct.—1819
Robert Holmes	20—Oct.—1819
Wm. H. Smith	26—Oct.—1819
Andrew B. Holland	Nov. 1—1819
Abel Findley	29—Nov.—1819

William Findley	29—Nov.—1819
William Summers	4—Dec.—1818
Caleb White	27—Dec.—1819
Maxilian [?] White	27—Dec.—1819
Thomas Wright	3—Jan.—1820
Basel Prathers	15—Jan.—1820
Edward Weddle's Mark	
A under stope in the right and crop and slit in the left	25—Jan.—1820
Henry Benton	26—Jan.—1820
Walter Benton	2—Feb.—1820
Isaiah Hornaday	2—Feb.—1820
James Slead [?]	22—Mar.—1820
James Copland	23—Mar.—1820
James Hanam	23—Mar.—1820
David Crane	5—Apr.—1820
William Robertson	Apr.—7—1820
Rufus Amans [?]	Aprile 27—1820
John Hubard	no date given
William H. Ewing	2—Nov.—1820
Joseph Hiett	2—Dec.—1820
David Kelley	18—Dec.—1820
David Kelley, Jr.	18—Dec.—1820
Jacob Hiatt	12—Apr.—1821
Alexander Howard	20—Sept.—1821
James Kelley	17—Nov.—1821
Jacob C. Baldwin	Dec. 12—1821
George Thompson	Dec. 12—1821
Jacob Scott	Jan. 1—1822
Nehemiah Whelen	Jan. 15—1822
John Newby	Jan. 15—1822
Asa Ketchell	Jan. 15—1822
Joel Williams	Jan. 21—1822
George Kress	Jan. 26—1822
John Ewalt	Jan. 29—1822
George Smallwood	Feb. 13—1822
Alexander Thompson	Feb. 13—1822
William Congleton [?]	Feb. 13—1822
John Chilcott	Mar. 19—1822
Samuel C. Tate	Apr. 3—1822
James Woodmansee	Apr. 7—1822
Joel Grantham	Apr. 27—1822

William Morgan	May 24—1822
Samuel Standfield	June 3—1822
Jonathan Crums	29—Sept.—1822
David Weddel's Mark	
A smooth crop of each ear and under bit in each	29—Sept.—1822
Solomon Watson	4—Nov.—1822
George Wagoner	28—Nov.—1822
William Marshall	28—Nov.—1822
Robert Gillaspie	5—Dec.—1822
John Marling	5—Dec.—1822
Absalom Parker	Jan. 17—1823
Luther Bedel	Mar. 18—1823
David Burr	Dec. 10—1823
Gabriel Woodmansee	Mar. 6—1824
Patrick Karnes	6—Mar.—1824
William Goforth	10—Mar.—1824
David Johnson	23—Mar.—1824
James Johnson	23—Mar.—1824
Elisha Sanderson	27—Mar.—1824
Ebenezer Henderson	8—Apr.—1824
John Reed	5—June—1824
James Brown	15—Oct.—1824
Hugh Brown	15—Dec.—1824
William Johnson	16—Dec.—1824
William Moore	Jan. 7—1825
James Wheeler	30—Jan.—1825
John Weathers	Feb. 5—1825
Moses Sewell	Mar. 25—1825
William Cardale	Apr. 26—1825
James Wilson	5—Oct.—1825
John C. Vermilya	10—Oct.—1825
Aaron Holman	24—Dec.—1825
John Hanners	12—Jan.—1826
John C. Barnes	22—Apr.—1826
John L. Jones	17—June—1826
Samuel Prather	17—June—1826
Stephen Cox	21—Aug.—1826
Hiram Noe	7—Aug.—1826
Isaac [?] Dixon	12—Aug.—1826
David Cordale	20—Oct.—1826
Uriah Hicks	31—Jan.—1827

Orange Monroe	17—Feb.—1827
Benjamin Draper	10—Nov.—1827
Solomon Ruddick	14—Mar.—1828
William Shields	15—July—1828
Thomas Collins	21—Jan.—1829
Matthew Tanner	21—Jan.—1830
George Keller	25—Jan.—1830
Joseph Goss	26—Jan.—1830
John A. Weddle	26—Mar.—1830
Willis Owens	20—Nov.—1830
John Owens	20—Nov.—1830
William Baldwin	6th—Dec.—1830
Jacob Watson	12th—Jan.—1831
Alexander Sweaney	Jan. 29th—1831
Willis Morgan	May 4—1831
Stephen Cockerham	24—Sept.—1831
Francis Elliott	Jan. 21—1833
George Standfield	Feb. 23—1833
John Powell	July 15—1833
Gabriel Chamlin [?]	Aug. 17—1833
George Kindle	Nov. 9—1833
Medy [?] W. Shields	Dec. 2—1833
Jacob Goutrey [Guthrie]	Apr. 22—1834
William Swine [Schwein?]	Jan. 30—1835
Nathan C. Rucker	Apr. 6—1835
Daniel Weddle	Feb. 28—1837
Josephus Crenshaw	Aug. 4—1837
Coleman Comstock	Dec. 30—1837
James Dudley	Dec. 30—1837
Henry Lyser [?]	Feb. 9—1838
Frederick Barkman	23rd April—1838
Dancil [or Daniel] Phifer [?]	9—Jan.—1838
Henry C. Dalton	Feb. 10, 1873

[These last two entries, 35 years later than the previous one, are both on the last page.]

Adam Heller	Mar. 15—1878
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