

1830. The original log house contained four rooms, two upstairs and two downstairs. Some time later rooms were added in back and in front, and the handsome two-story porch was built across the front from which there was a magnificent view. The house when finished was mainly in the Federal-style of architecture, although, according to Wilbur Peat, in *Indiana Houses of the Nineteenth Century*, the two-story gallery was not common in this area.

One curious feature is that the house was built exactly astride a section line. Legend has it that Mr. Erskine did this on purpose because he did not want to live adjacent to a public road. This prevented the extension west of what is now called Millersburgh Road.

The house passed into the Swope family through a series of untimely deaths. In 1856 William H. Erskine, the eldest son of the builder, married Sarah Ann Hormby. Before he died three years later (age thirty-two), he fathered one son, Henry Erskine, who became the sole heir to his grandfather's property upon the death of the old gentleman in 1864. In 1867 Henry's widowed mother married Albert A. Swope. Then, before Henry reached his twenty-third birthday he died, leaving the property to his mother and stepfather. After a few more years the mother died, and the estate went to her husband, Mr. Swope, who later married a second wife, Margaret Whitehead.

After the Swope family finally abandoned the house in the 1940s, it was occupied by renters for several years and then stood empty, finally falling into complete ruin. The old barn, which was also part log, was torn down about 1955 and the house finally came down in 1957.

FROM PAULA SUE SWOPE

Hello Everyone!

We have been busy since the last News Letter! I have several horses in for training, including 3 miniatures. They sure are cuties.

Tim, Richard's youngest son, got married to a longtime sweetheart, Rae Ann. They tied the knot right after Christmas while Tim was home on leave from the

Army. March 24th we went up to Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri to watch him graduate from MP school and bring him back home to spend 20 days with the local recruiter. The middle of April, he and Rae Ann will be moving all their belongings to Ft Myer, Washington, DC where Tim will be stationed. He will be attached to the Honor Guard for 3 years. Maybe we will see him on TV.

Ric and Deloris, Richard's oldest son, are blessing us with another grandchild. Richard is really a proud grandpa.

Richard has really gotten into cooking and has taken a job at a boys ranch (drug and alcohol). He cooks 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday every week. It would not surprise me if he started his own restaurant.

I'm still building web pages and training horses. I have gotten two clients that I am excited about, one is the McCurdy Plantation Horse Association and the other is a local radio station.

The winter has been mild and we are getting a lot of rain this spring. That is good, seeing our stock tanks, ponds, are almost dry. Three years of drought is hard on everything.

I am starting another horse class this next month at the community college. I'm not sure how many classes I've taught there, but I always look forward to starting a new class.

Everyone, please don't forget that our parents' 50th wedding anniversary is this year. We (Karen, John, Vicki and myself, with lots of help from others) are going to celebrate with a reception at the Methodist Church in McCutchanville, where Mom and Dad got married August 6, 1950. The reception will be from 2-4pm on Saturday the 15th of July. We decided to have the reception the day before the reunion so more family members might be able to attend. Please mark your calendars and come by to visit.

I'm looking forward to the reunion this year, Dad has been contacted by other Swopes from around the country and some may attend this year. It will be fun to meet "new" family members.

Love, Paula Sue (Cross Roads Texas)

JAMIE SWOPE LOYD

Hey. Some news of my immediate family! Brianna turns 1 on July 3, and my son, Blake, turns 2 on July 15. We are still happily married, and plan on moving to Chattanooga in about 2 to 3 months. I hope to see everyone at the family reunion! Love everyone!

FROM PAUL & SUE SWOPE

I am in good health yet, retired now eight years. Sue is not doing to good and don't get out of the house much. She has a very hard time walking. Our watch dog (8 LB. 4 oz) rules the house.

Sue's brother, Dan Rogers, received a new kidney January 30th. He is doing fine and says he hasn't felt this good in years.

John, our son, is still working at the plumbing/pipefitting trade. He is presently working for Sterling Boiler at GE in MtVernon.

Beth, Johns wife, has had her laceral tear drain worked on for the third time. This time by a Dr in Indianapolis. They are to take out the tube on Good Friday. They hope it works this time.

J.P., Johns son, is still in Tallahassee Florida. He is trying to work and go to school at the same time. He is working for a company that washes windows in high rises.

Our children are getting together a 50th wedding anniversary open house for us. We would like to extend an invitation to every one to join us. The date is July 15, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the McCutchanville Church Education Building. We would like to see you there and the next day at the reunion.

FROM NANCY GLACKMAN

Grant and Carolyn Glackman have moved from MtVernon to 15900 Volkman Road. grant is the son of Nancy Swope Glackman and is associated with Olive Accounting in Evansville. Their daughter Eva is a sophomore art major at I.U.

FROM EVELYN FRANCE

Curt and Ruth France paid a short visit one Saturday recently and left Sunday morning with a box full of 13 peeping chickens.

Evelyn France learned that ticks were out early this spring, 3 bites by one and one blood sucker on her leg-----EEEEK----(Having to have antibiotics)

Kenny and Lislle Cooksey are new grandparents of a grandson. Mother is Leslie's daughter, Gwen Galles. William Dowell was born October 5th, 1999. He weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces, and measured 21 inches.

David Cooksey, Kens son, is a "Young Life" leader. He plans staying in Evansville during the summer if job works out as planned. He is a student at U of E.

FROM THE EDITOR

The next issue of the news letter will be right after the July 16 2000 reunion. At a reunion gathering it was decided that three times a year would be often enough to issue a News Letter. This is our third since the last reunion.

As you can see there are now 54 on the mailing list. The only publication costs is for the printing and stamps. There are 6 pages, plus the mailer, times 5 cents plus 33 cents for a stamp. This comes to 68 cents a copy or a total \$36.72 for this mailing. We have been adding to the mailing address list which I think is a good thing as long as the donations keep up to the mailings. Not to worry, the donations at the reunions have been keeping up with the cost. As long as I get information from the family I enjoy putting this together. Paul



Albert A. Swope
Father of Albert E.

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