

Long Lost & Forgotten Places

A map drawn by early surveyor Jeremiah Smith in 1834 shows a number of places with names along the Kankakee River. The names were probably added to the map some years after it was drawn in 1834.

Governor's Island was a piece of land separated by the Upper and Lower Yellow Rivers where they drained into the Kankakee in Section 15 of Jackson Township. The island occupied most of section 15 and a large part of section 14.

Walles Cutoff and **Gross Bayou** were part of Governor's Island.

Goose Bayou was in section 21 of Jackson Twp.

Round Bayou and **Baxter's Pond** are nearby.

Going farther downstream in section 29 we find **Crane Heave**, **Rice Bayou**, **Eagle's Nest Bayou**, **Kash Island**, **Upper Divide**, **Lower Divide** and **Fletcher Cutoff**.

In section 30 we find **Bogus Lake**.

~More Islands~

Green's Island was located in the middle of the Kankakee River at the town of English Lake in section 36 Railroad Twp.

Indian Hill is located about ½ mile north-north-west of the intersection of 100 E and SR 8 in section 7 Center Twp.

White Woman's Island is located about ½ mile west of US35 on 900 N in section 3 Davis Twp.

Mt. Olympus is located on 250 W about ½ mile north of 250 S in section 27 Jackson Twp.

Grape Island is located about ¾ mile west of Brems on 250 N in section 1 Jackson Twp.

Jackson Island is the name first used for Brems. Later it was also known as **Nickel Plate** before becoming Brems.

Crab Island is located on the south side of 480 N about ½ mile west of 300 E in section 28 Davis Twp.

Lone Tree Island is located about ¼ mile south of 400 N where it crosses the Jain Ditch in section 33 Oregon Twp.

Spiker Hill is located where 200N crosses US35 near Gilsinger John Deere in section 10 Center Twp.

Laramore Hill is also located on US35 about 1/3 mile south of Spiker Hill in section 10 Center Twp.

Trotting Ridge is at 400 E and 850 S in section 35 California Twp.

Pigeon Roost Hill is along the north side of 900 S in section 35 California Twp.

The Leader on 9-20-1989 also mentioned these places of unknown location: **Dutch Island** and **Eagle Point**.

~Lakes~

Manitou Lake was located in sections 13 and 24 North Bend Twp on the Starke-Marshall county line. It was drained in the 1880's.

Black Lake was located in section 25 North Bend Twp.

The Pocket at Bass Lake was located in section 14 California Twp on the north side of CR 210 across from what some call **Muck Shores**. It dried up when the road cut it off from the lake, and the outlet for the lake was moved south to where the DNR public access is now located.

~Mills~

Koontz Mill was located on Clear Creek the outlet for Clear Lake (now Koontz Lake).

Muskrat Mill was located on Cedar Lake Outlet (now Craigmile Ditch) in section 12 Wayne Twp.

McCumber's Mill was located on the Yellow River in section 21 Washington Twp.

Barber's Mill was located on Eagle Creek in section 28 Washington Twp.

~Settlements & Places~

Piqua was an early settlement located on Bogus Run in section 23 Wayne Twp.

North Bend was an early settlement on the north bend of the Tippecanoe River in section 33 North Bend Twp.

Brandtwood was a community about a mile northwest of North Judson in section 8 Wayne Twp.

Northstar was platted in section 6 Oregon Twp northeast of 800 N and 600 E. It only existed on paper as a way to obtain enough property owner signatures to construct Robbins Ditch in 1891.

Dawson on the 1898 Plat Map was located at the north-west intersection of today's SR 8 and Range Roads one and a half miles south of Brems. Its purpose may have been the same as Northstar, or it may have been a cattle holding facility associated with the railroad at Brems.

Lake City was what Winona at Bass Lake was first called in section 7 North Bend Twp.

Lake Park was the name given to the business district at the south end of Bass Lake.

Shakopee was a railroad stop in section 35 Wayne Twp.

Canton was a community about ½ mile west of Hamlet along the railroad tracks.

Starke Station was a railroad stop about 1 mile west of Hamlet.

Rye was a name used by the railroad for Toto between 1910 and 1930.

Davis Station also known as **Kankakee** was located about ¼ mile east of the Kankakee River along the railroad tracks in section 18 Davis Twp.

Bass Station was located about 2 miles south of Bass Lake along the railroad tracks in section 35 California Twp.

Four Corners was said to be a unique place in all of Indiana where the counties of Starke Fulton, Marshall and Pulaski meet.

Walnut Corner was located at the intersection of 250 E and 350 S in section 4 California Twp.

Henpeck was the northeast corner of North Judson bounded by Main, Oakwood, Lincoln and the RR tracks. It would be the area northeast of the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum. American Oak has taken up a big part of it since 1930 or so. Not much there now - just a few houses on Simmons, North, Main and Oakwood Streets.

Stringtown was located along Indiana Ave. (500N) just east of Starke Street (600E) in Hamlet.

Coon Ridge was located in the upper half of section 13, Davis Twp about a mile north of Hamlet.

Shingletown was south of Indiana Ave. (500N) across from Division Street in Hamlet.

Garden City was a farmer's stop on the NYC Railroad near Hamlet.

Smith and Roper Corner (Greenleaf) was at US35 and 400 S in section 10 California Twp.

Jamison Ranch (1899-1904) was located in sections 14, 15, 22 and 23 Davis Twp.

Sheridan was probably a work camp for the never completed Plymouth, Kankakee and Pacific Railroad in section 10 Washington Twp.

Cobbler Station may have been a post office or stage coach stop near Bass Lake.

Wayne was a community on Bass Lake's east side.

White City was an early amusement park at Bass Lake. It was located in today's beach campground.

~Roads~

Winamac Trail was an early state road surveyed across Starke County June 1, 1841. It ran from the Pulaski County line near what was later Ora up to the north side of Bass Lake and continued north across the Yellow River just east of Knox, then it ran northeast across Hailstorm Creek west of Grovertown and crossed Clear Creek just west of Koontz Lake to the St. Joseph County Line.

Yellowstone Trail entered Starke County on the west side along what is now 600 N then along what is now Old US 30 into Hamlet, then south down Starke Street out of town to 400 N, then east along 400 N to Donaldson.

Liberty Way followed what is now SR10 through San Pierre and North Judson to Bass Lake, then south along what is now US35 to Winamac.

Golf Course Road is 500 S. in California Township, so named because it went by the Bass Lake Golf Course.

White Front Road is 100 E. in California Township, so named because Dan Zingarelli's former general store at the north-east corner of 100 E. and SR 10 had a white front.

Corrections and additions are always welcome – Marvin Allen.