



# Silver Hills Historical Society, Inc.

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*Two Sketches In Sepia*

*Ole Tom*

Lank and black and stooped with age  
Be-Spectacled, too, and almost blind;  
Ole Tom is something of a sage  
On Silver Hills. He knows who's kind,  
Who's nice to work for and who's cross,  
He knows a lot 'bout his white folk's woes,  
As he goes his rounds with his bony "hoss"  
And tumble-down cart. Or else he throws  
His scythe 'cross his shoulders, and trudges to seek  
A job, not too hard, where the mowin's light,  
Where cash is on hand at the end of the week  
To be paid out in full, come "Sattiday" night.  
Have you work to be done, just any old kind?  
Call Tom! He'll agree with all you say.  
Your orders he'll promise to keep in mind,  
Then he'll work out the job in Ole Tom's way.

*Silver Hills Anthology*  
*By Alpha Starr Pouch*  
*ca. 1955*

Alpha Starr Pouch moved to Silver Hills in 1916. They lived in a house on Highland Avenue. The Pouch family purchased the land from the Louisville & Southern Indiana Traction Company, property that was formerly part of Scenic Park On Silver Hills. Alpha Pouch put pen to paper and wrote a series of delightful poems about Silver Hills and its residents over the course of her life on the Hill.



Photographs Courtesy  
Pam Peters

## Fall Pig Roast & Dawson's Hollow Historic Presentation

The Silver Hills Historical Society Pig Roast and historic presentation Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, drew an estimated 117 people who brought the most delicious desserts filling two eight foot long tables.

The historic presentation about Dawson's Hollow on Silver Hills and those who lived in Dawson's Crossing from 1904 to the early 1960's, brought to light for the first time names and faces of individuals and families who lived in the Hollow. Pam Peters of New Albany was our keynote speaker. Pam captivated the crowd with the story about the owners and their families who lived in the small community of Dawson's Hollow.

William Frank Dawson and his wife, Elizabeth Yarbrough Dawson



removed to Floyd County around the turn of the century. Frank bought 40 acres of land in New Albany on April 18, 1904. The property was located

on the west side of Silver Hills. It was accessed by a dirt road from the end of Adams Street.

Frank Dawson enlisted in the Civil War September 9, 1864. It's not known if Frank was a slave who fled the south to join the Union or was a free man but when President Lincoln declared that "Union troops begin to enlist blacks", Frank answered the call. Frank Dawson died July 24, 1933 and is buried in the New Albany National Cemetery.

Dawson's Hollow was home to many Dawson children and their in-laws. Those who lived in the Hollow at one time or another included: William Frank Dawson, Sr. and his wife, Allie Dawson. Their children: Julius Dawson, William Frank Dawson, Jr., Rosie

Dawson Finch Edwards, Ellie Helen Dawson Brown and two boys from Allie Dawson's previous marriage, David Johnson and Henry Johnson, Jr.

Julius Dawson and William Dawson, Jr. both served in WWI. Julius is buried in the New Albany National Cemetery and William Frank is buried in West Haven Cemetery.

Rosie Dawson's second marriage was to Thomas Edwards. She had one child from her first marriage, Edna Mae Finch Lewis and one child with Thomas Edwards, Mary Edwards Garvin Mimms.

Mary was born in Dawson's Hollow on May 20 1932. She lived in the Hollow for 12 years. After her first marriage to Marvin Garvin, Mary and

her husband, Marvin moved back to the Hollow in 1951. Marvin died and Mary married Rev. Stephen A. Mimms.

Mary Edwards Garvin Mimms is the last living descendent to live in Dawson's Hollow. Mary was our special guest at the Pig Roast and historical presentation. She has many memories of growing up in the Hollow, there being a particular hill, which she called her "mountain".

Susan Scott Downs was a young child when she lived at 1515 Sunset Drive half a block from Adams Street and the road to Dawson Hollow. Susan recalls sneaking down to the Dawson encampment on a dare at a young age and upon entering she recalls there were three or four small cabins that had front porches and one straight back chair on each. In the center of the

village there was a cooking fire with a large iron pot suspended over it.

Mary's father, Thomas Edwards was frequently seen riding his horse drawn cart up the roads to Silver Hills and down to Dawson's Hollow. "Ole Tom" sought work by doing odd jobs for the residents on the Hill. He is remembered well in a poem written by Alpha Starr Poutch, a resident of Silver Hills. Tom is buried in Dawson's Hollow.

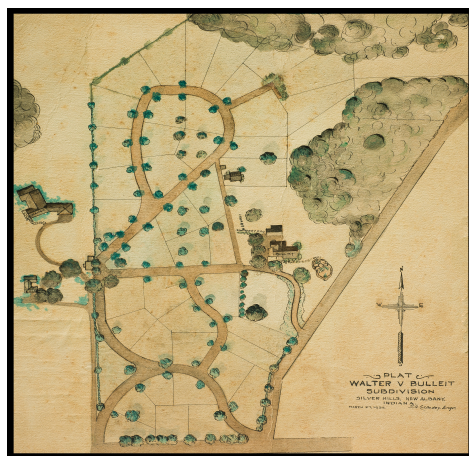
The last members of the Dawson family to live in the Hollow were Edna Lewis in 1952, Rosie Edwards in 1957 and Helen Brown in the early 1960's.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*Dawson's Hollow An African American Community in Floyd County, Indiana* by Pam Peters

## Mary Jeanne 'Mame' Crowhurst Garner (1931-2015) Joe Oscar Erni (1921-2015)

**Mary Jeanne Crowhurst Garner** passed way March 29, 2015. She was 83. Mary was the wife of the late Dr. William Garner, Jr. of New Albany. Mary was born September 17, 1931 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Silver Hills Historical Society. Mary Jeanne Garner was fondly nicknamed "Mame".

Mame and her husband, first lived at the top of Spring Street Hill Road in the old Cletis Endris home. In 1960 they purchased one of the last few lots remaining in the Walter V. Bulleit plat and built a lovely split level house where they raised no less than nine children. Mame lived in Florida and at her home on Silver Hills.



Walter V. Bulleit Plat ca. 1932  
Courtesy Lizzie (Bulleit) Wilson and Mike Wilson

The Walter V. Bulleit plat was property first owned by John Owen Greene and his wife, Elizabeth Greene. John Greene developed a large orchard of some 2,000 pear trees and raised dairy cattle. The farm was appropriately named Greenland Fruit

Farm. The Greenes had one child, Alice Greene. Alice was the founder of the Silver Hills Alpha Club ca. 1895. Walter and Elizabeth Bulleit bought the property and house from the Greene family in 1915. In 1932 the Bulleit family subdivided the property into individual lots. Lizzie Bulleit Wilson and Mike Wilson were kind to donate the original artist rendering of the plat to the Silver Hills Historical Society, published here for the first time.

Mame Garner is survived by nine children: Lisbeth Bone Garner, Williams H. Garner, Mary Jo Garner, John Garner, Kathryn Garner, Paul Garner, James E. Garner, Anne Offutt Garner and Thomas Garner, 38 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.



**Joe Oscar Erni**, formerly from Silver Hills and a member of the Silver Hills Historical Society, passed away at his home in Sun City,



*Photograph Courtesy  
Alice Erni Wolfe*

Florida June 18, 2015. Joe was 93. They first moved to Silver Hills in 1949. He and his wife, Betty, purchased a house and property owned by an aunt located at the end of Adams Street where Adams turns into Highland Avenue. The property was once part of the Morris McDonald/Terestegge estate. Morris McDonald built a lovely three story house on the property in 1888. The house was given the name The Towers. The property was subdivided in 1916. The house the Ernies were living in burned down in 1951. Joe and Betty moved to Crestview on Westwood Lane. In 1960 the Ernies built a new house on the property where their first home burned. There, Joe and Betty raised

a family of three children.

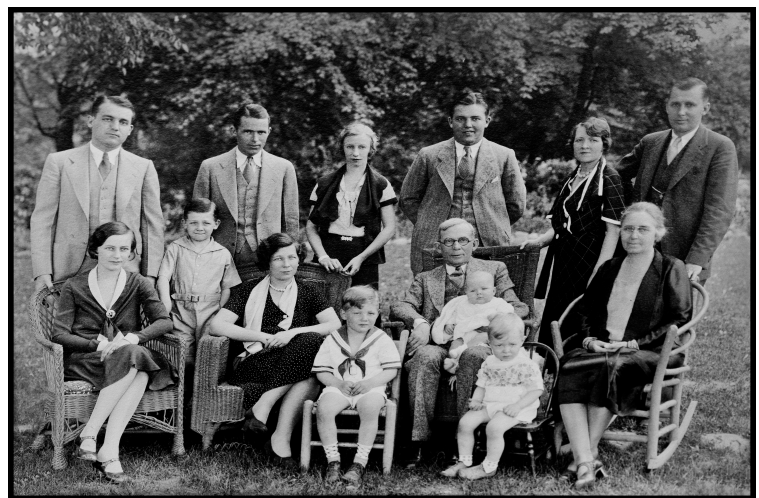
Joe was born in Sellersburg, Indiana in 1921. He attended Purdue University and entered WWII where he served as First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, field artillery. He saw action in the Pacific and received awards of four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to his Air Medal. Joe came back to New Albany and managed the New Albany Inn, formerly the Windsor Hotel, for 25 years. He eventually bought the hotel from his uncle, C. Pralle Erni, the longest standing mayor of New Albany (1948 – 1963). Joe is survived by his wife of 67 years, Betty Erni, three children: Alice Wolfe, Joe Erni, Jr., Pralle Erni, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Last Kelso Descendent Leaves Silver Hills (1888 – 2015)

**Denton Needham** and his wife, Roz, removed to Indianapolis, Indiana. Denton Needham is the oldest son of the late Janis and Richard (Dick) Needham of Silver Hills.

Major James Vance Kelso, a leading attorney in New Albany, and his wife, Helen Kelso, purchased the Seth Tuley home and property on Highland Avenue in 1888. The house stands today at the corner of Highland and Dent Avenue. Dent Avenue is named after Helen and James' son, **Charles Denton Kelso**. Born in Madison, Indiana in 1835, Maj. Kelso moved to New Albany with his parents. James Kelso was appointed Quartermaster, with the rank of Major, of the Thirty-eight Indiana Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War, on June 13, 1863. He, with Josiah Gwin and Capt. Jon Peters, founded the New Albany Standard Ledger newspaper, later to become the New Albany Ledger. James and Helen raised five children: Mary, Matilda, Charles, Nellie and Hettie Kelso.

**Charles Denton Kelso** and his wife, Mary Kelso built the lovely three-story house at the corner of Highland and Ridgeway Avenue. There they raised a large family of six children: Robert, Jean, Richard, **Francis**,



*Pictured Above - Front Row: Francis Kelso Needham, David Needham, Jean Kelso Katterjohn, Richard Needham, Charles Denton Kelso, Robert Aikman Kelso (in lap), Charles Davidson Kelso (sitting) and Mary Kelso. Back row: Reed Kelso, Richard & Dorothy Kelso, Russell Kelso and Lessie & Robert Kelso*

*Photograph Courtesy Robert Kelso of Indianapolis*

Russell and Reed Kelso. Francis Kelso married David Needham and they had two boys: David and Richard (Dick) Needham. Dick and his wife, Janis had three boys: Denton, Gary and Doug Needham, all of whom lived on Dent Avenue and the Kelso home on the corner of Highland and Ridgeway Avenue.

In time, one by one, the Kelso family died or moved from Silver Hills. Denton Needham was the last of five generations of Kelsos to live on Silver Hills.

**Looking Ahead** The Silver Hills Nature Trail initiative is on schedule for a grand opening in the Spring of 2016. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a public hike along the old Market Street Hill Road ca. 1870 to the old stone column, the center support for the iron bridge crossing Falling Run Creek, and along Falling Run Creek to the Highland Railway trail. A reception for Silver Hills Historical Society members will be held on Silver Hills after the ribbon cutting ceremony, date and location to be announced. Plan on another great Fall historical event at the Silver Heights Parnelle Center, date and subject to be announced.

**Silver Hills Historical Society** celebrated its third year anniversary October 12, 2015. In the course of three years the Society has established a website, hosted six historical presentations, published six newsletters filled with historical information and is currently developing the Silver Hills Historical Nature Trail at the foot of Spring Street Hill Road. The trail will illustrate two historical roads unique to Silver Hills: Market Street Hill Road ca. 1870 and the Highland Railway trolley car line ca. 1891. The Society's Board of Directors and Officers would like to thank all of the members for their wonderful support as we work to preserve and illustrate the historical heritage that is unique to Silver Hills.

## **2015 Membership List**

### **Mary C. Tuley (\$500 - \$1,000)**

Caesar, Robert & Jean  
Carnighan, Harry E.  
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Cicarella, Ann C. Carnighan  
Everbach, Nancy & George  
Limeberry, Barbara & David  
Means, Mary (Terstege)  
Stein, Nicholas F.  
Tuley, Eugene  
Westbrook, Linda (Tuley)  
Wolff, Carla & Tom

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Minnich, Alex  
Thorton, Mary Anne  
Wilson, Elizabeth & Michael R.

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Hammer, Helen "Bunny" Shaw  
Hess, Gloria  
Irvine, Rebecca & Robert  
James, Julie M.  
Kraft, Dottie & Kurt  
Krupski, Annette K. & Kevin J.  
Sonne, Irvin & Daine  
Sprecher, Kristen & Jeremy J.

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Roberts, Dorice  
Stein, John E. Jr.

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Becht, Miranda & Philip  
Bedan, Fran & Rick  
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Berry, Mia & Sebastien  
Blunk, Lurene, Richard  
Bonn, Candice  
Bourdeau, Jerry Jordan Ellis  
Bowling, Stanley & Beth  
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Breece, James E. Jr. & Jane  
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O'Daniel, Deanna  
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Peters, Pam & Kurt  
Price, Christina & Tim Hobbs  
Pruitt, Betty  
Rahe, Steven  
Randolph, Barbara

Rider, Barbara  
Robinson, William & Donna  
Roos, Tammy & James  
Ruckman, David  
Schroeder, Greg & Marcia  
Schultz, Mike & Jenifer  
Scott-Downs, Susan Jane  
Senn, Rita & Bob  
Shope, Gregg Kaiser  
Sidebottom, Janice & Jamie  
Sisk, John R. & Elsa Haddad  
Smith, Ruth  
Smith, Sara  
Spears, Stella  
Stein, Jim & Gail  
Stein, Louis & Paula  
Stein, Nancy  
Stein, Pete & Martha  
Stern, Walt  
Streepey, Robert & Helen  
Stumler, Irv & Pat  
Summers, Edward  
Sutter, Katie & Chris  
Tate, Patricia & Michael  
Trinkle, Lore & Bob  
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