

October 31, 2005

Warm greetings to you both;

Wow! Another month to tear off of the calendar! Seems like it just began and now it has ended. Will time ever slow down again?

I am enclosing the pictures that I told you I would send. Yesterday Mel and I had Sunday dinner with some friends. She told me that she has lived in this area all of her life and is about 75 years of age. So, I asked her if she remembers where the "Ferris Hardware Store" was located. She did and she told us a story of how her father, who liked to do woodworking, sent her to the Hardware store one Saturday. She didn't say how old she was and I didn't ask, but she was old enough for her father to send her to get a piece of hardware for him. They lived on Spencerville Rd., which is here on the edge of town, just a short distance west of where we live in Dixon.

Marie said her father told her that he needed a "double edged file" and asked her to go and get one for him. He took her out back to his little shop and showed her what it looked like. He cautioned her to get the right file, and not bring back a wrong one.

She then walked to the Hardware (it's probably three blocks) to get it. When she went into the store, George Ferris greeted her and asked her what she needed. She told him her father had sent her to get a "double edged file". Mr. Ferris said "...there is no such of a thing", but she insisted that is what her father wanted. Mr. Ferris asked her if she knew what it looked like. She said she did. Her father had showed her one. Mr. Ferris then told her to go with him to look at all of the files he had for sale. When he pulled out the drawer with the files in it Marie said she pointed to the one that looked like what her father wanted, and said "...that's what my father wants." Mr. Ferris said, "...well, I never knew it to be called by that name. I guess we are never too old to learn." Marie said she thanked Mr. Ferris, paid for the file and took it home to her father. It was what he wanted.

Marie chuckled as she related the story. She said she still can remember the

surprised look on Mr. Ferris' face when she picked out the file that her father wanted. She said Mr. Ferris was always a friendly and helpful man who was well liked in the community.

Norm and Marie both agreed that the Geo. C. Ferris Hardware store (oldest picture with the horses and buggy's in it) was on the opposite side of High Street from where the Real Estate office is now. It was in a section of stores that now has The Craft Shop, Beauty Shop, Travel Agency/Jewelry Store, and possibly the Radio Shack store. It covered a large area. Later it moved across the street (the newest picture) to where the Posey Peddler store, Rosie's Restaurant and Real Estate offices are now.

Marie also talked some about a Walter Ferris, who she said was an Attorney here. It was interesting to hear her talk about the different persons. You would probably enjoy visiting with her.

Her male friend, Norman Cline, grew up here also, in the Mark Center area and made a remark about Jim Cole living out toward Mark Center on a farm. I didn't get a chance to follow up more on that story as Marie was talking a lot right then. Norm has a lot of local history here also. I love to listen to him.

Yesterday as we returned from the restaurant we were on Jericho Road, which leads into Hicksville, from the East and alongside of the Fair Grounds and then angles onto North Main Street. He showed us where he used to live as a boy and then where he lived later when married, before his divorce. He also described the 10 acre farm where he lived on the north side of Mark Center. That was where he lived when his father died when he was 13 years of age.

Marie Clark and Norm Cline are close friends of ours at Grace U.M. Church and we spend more time with them than anyone else. Marie is a widow and Norm is divorced. They go everywhere together, but are not married, and I doubt if they ever will get married. Not sure why....and never asked about their personal relationship. They each have their own residences, but when I see one I see the other one!

Marie still owns the farm of her husband and rents the ground out, but she lives in town in the house her Grandfather built years ago. Norm comes

from the old Cline family. His brother owns the grocery store behind our house on Rt. 49. His cousin owns an insurance company here. Other family members own lots of local farms. Norm worked for the Power Company until he retired a few years ago. He is about late 60's. Knows everyone....no matter where we go with them he knows someone there!

They are both real active in the Grace U.M. Church. He is head usher and on several committees as is she. They have been the persons who have made us feel the most welcome at that church. I'm sure that they would be a source of information for you on your family members who lived here if you ever had the opportunity to meet with them. Maybe next summer you could make a trip here and visit with them.

Now, it is time for me to stop and let you do something else. It's also time for me to think about supper. I am making Chicken Noodle Soup for supper and have my chicken cooked and ready to cut up and add the veggies. Cold weather here chills my bones, so soup warms me up.

We plan to leave for Florida on Wednesday so contact will be from there. I hope next summer Dianne will have some more pictures like this for us. She is a real resource for this area.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Darla

she is the
Local Historian.
Has so many postcards
and pictures of Hicksville.
She works in Post Office
- Young lady 30-40?



August 7, 2017

Dennis;

I found these on my computer and didn't know if these ever got to you in the box. Decided to send them to you just in case they are new information for you.

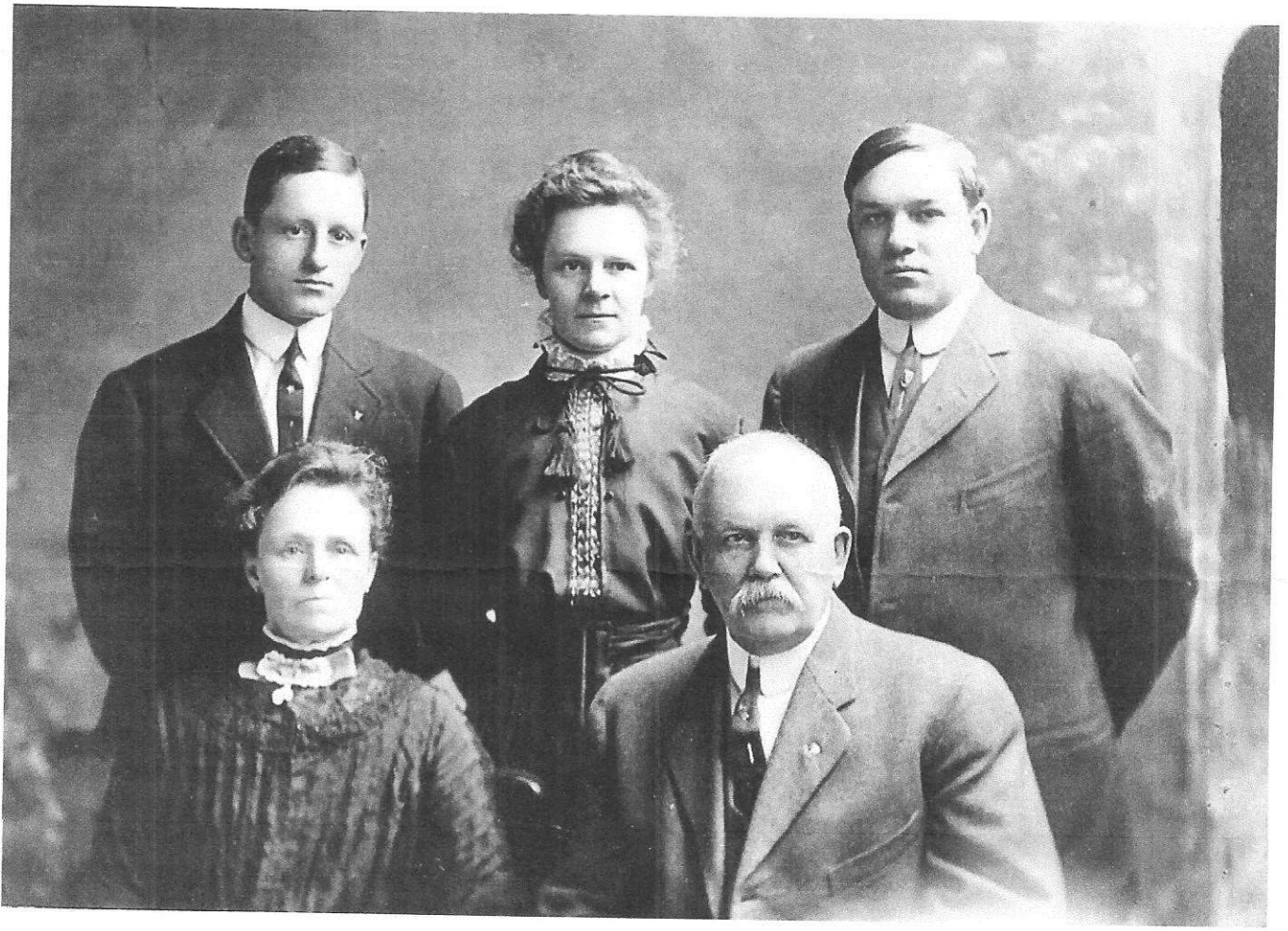
On August 15, 2017 I have a consultation at Moffitt Swallowing Center in Tampa with a specialist there. Was seen by him ten days ago. He ordered a CT Scan which was done here in Sarasota on the 27th of July. I will be taking a disc up for him to view on the 15th. Dr. Reichter has not viewed the Scan yet, but has the written report from Radiology here.

On the 15th. I will be meeting with Dr. Reichter and a Surgeon. I have a large Hiatal Hernia and into that hernia has progressed my stomach and part of my liver; pushing the esophagus to the left by the 1 ½ inches. The result of all of this is what is causing my swallowing difficulty.

These two Doctors will tell me if surgery is possible to correct the abnormality. If they are unable to surgically repair it I don't know what my prognosis will be. If they are able to surgically repair it I don't know if my body can survive the surgery. I know it will be my decision but they will guide me in making the decision.

What I am saying is I am glad that you have been able to digitize my genealogies, especially the Cole one now that my future is uncertain. I will let you know after I have more information.

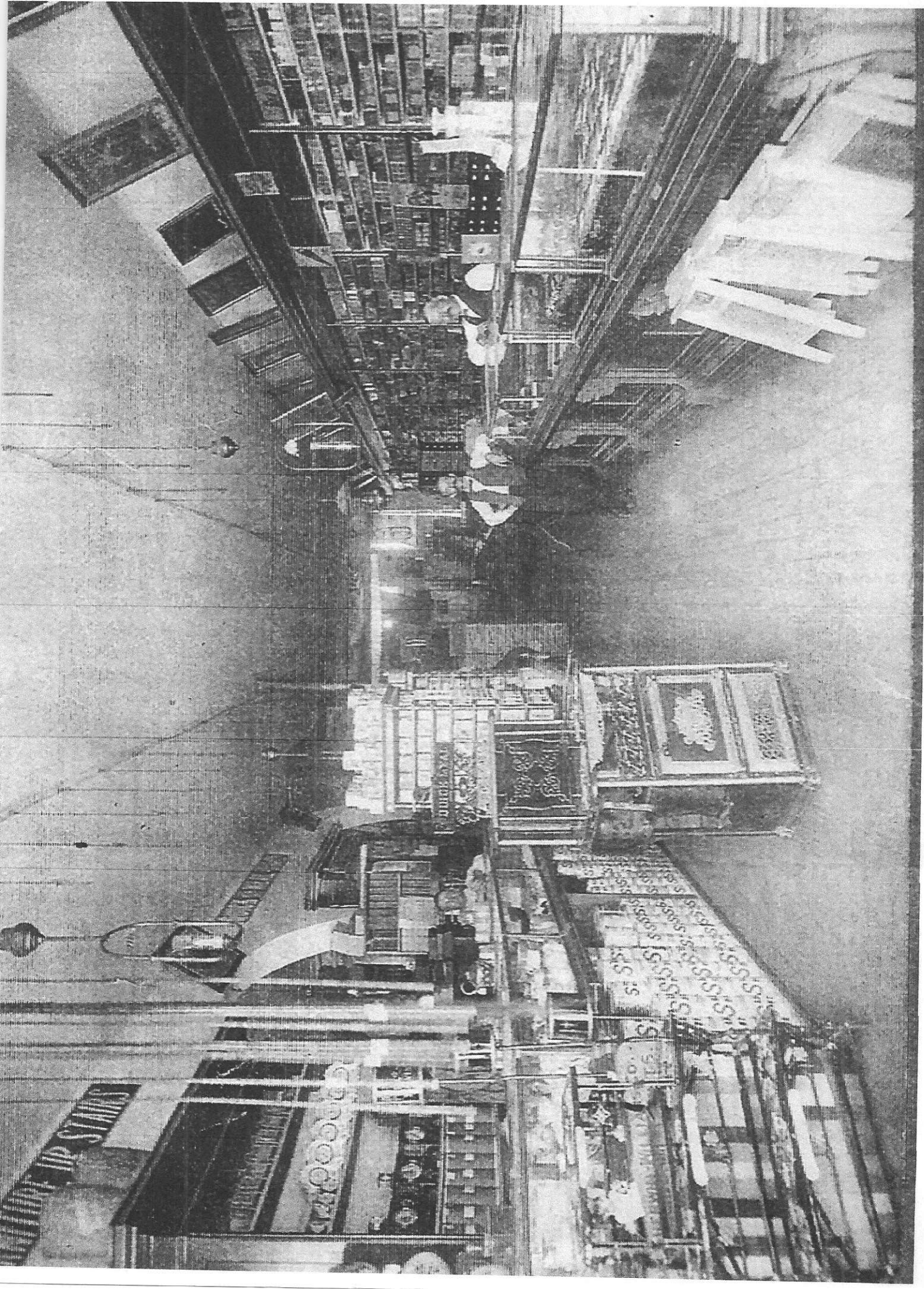
Again, thanks for all your help.



George
Ferris



Hicksville Hardware
Owned by George Ferris



Hicksville Hardware
George Ferris - Owner

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Hello Bob,

Please accept my apology for not getting back to you sooner. The problem with my reply stems from the fact that the e-mail address that I had for my cousin, Ron. One letter in his address was in error so I kept getting my letters to him back. Today, I took the time to go back through my files and I found his phone number, called it and spoke direct with him. It's been 8 years since we last were in contact so it was an exciting time for both of us to talk!

Now, about your question of why the U of KY professor initiated the "archeological dig" at the Cole homestead in Anderson County. Ron put his wife on the phone and she remembered that a Lawrenceburg Public Utilities company asked for permission to put those waste water tanks on the property, but, because there was a cemetery on the property they were denied the permit. In their search for finding an owner they turned to the University for help. Professor Madsen and his wife, also a Professor at UK, were contacted and they initiated the "dig". Ron and Susan said those tanks WERE NOT THERE on the property when they viewed the cemetery and foundation of the home in 2004.

Ron has part of the Madsen's report of the "dig". Ron and Susan both accompanied the Madsen's to the homestead after the "dig" was completed and part of their report was made. Professor Madsen promised Ron that when the final report was submitted that Ron would receive a copy. However, Ron told me today, that he has never received a copy of the final report. Several years after their visit to the site with the Madsen's he tried to contact Professor Madsen, but found that the Professor was no longer "on staff at U of KY". It seems there was some discord between the University and the Professor. Both Professor Madsen and his wife left U of KY. Ron said he contacted the Madsen replacement at U of KY, seeking a copy of the final report of the "archeological dig", but to this day he has never received it, or any reply. Ron says that because of the significance of the "dig" on an historical piece of property that he feels certain that a copy of Professor Madsen's final report should be somewhere in the Archives of the University and also perhaps in the archives of Anderson county. Somewhere that final report is preserved. I would suggest that perhaps you contact the person who worked on your genealogy at first to determine if they can locate that final report. Maybe, it is preserved in the archives of the Lawrenceburg Water Works Department, since the "dig" made it possible for them to locate their tanks on that piece of real estate.

If you are able to locate that report both Ron and I would like to have a copy of it.

I have other genealogy information to share with you, but it will take additional time to record it for you and I don't have the time tonight. I am caregiver for my husband who is in the early stages of Alzheimer's and I need to care for him. But, I will work on this at another time.

I hope this information answers your current question regarding the search on our ancestor's homestead. I look forward to hearing from you again in the near future.

Best regards,
Darla