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Corner Halterman Family  
Written June 26" 1940

Many years ago when this prosperous land of ours was yet young, even before we were yet a country, and were still under the rule of mother country Great Britain, a man dreamed of a new land, a man having adventure perhaps visioning, that here was a land to be destined to be the land of opportunity and dreams come true. He left his green carpeted Ireland, and bearing a name which has always signified a long with the Shamrock, the ancestor of its bearers, Maurice Corner sailed for the new land, found a home to as he sees a man adventures.

fire tempered yet endowed with  
 a keen sense of ~~umor~~ humor  
 bearing these characteristics  
 a heritage to future generation  
 of consumers. as a gift of old  
 a. Erin to his ancestors. and  
 many who are here today. we  
 find humor in all we find  
 the temper. and in at least  
 one a heritage the color of hair  
 for which Ireland has been  
 famous. Virginia was the first  
 home of this forefather of ours.  
 it was here he first met and  
 married a german or Dutch  
 woman. to them North Carolina  
 offered a better home. a (500)  
 five hundred acre plantation  
 and the possession of negro slaves  
 to carry on the work and up  
 keep of the place. here they lived  
 for many year

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to them were born (2) two children John Comer and Maria Comer Haines. Sometime later they returned to Virginia, home of the wife's parents, they still retained the North Carolina plantation and made many trips to visit it. as list of places seemed to indicate that this was the route taken on his journey. on one of his trips Maurice Comer disappeared and was never again heard of.

Means of communication was limited to letters carried on horseback, and the wife left with her small children watched and waited for a message for his return

at last she gave up hope of hearing from him. and after some years when she with two children traveled to North Carolina to see the old home they found it with the slaves had been sold for Taxes.

Maria Comer the daughter was married to William Haines.

John Comer was married to Susanna Marryer. in Virginia they decided to make their home in Virginia and located on a farm in Shenandoah Valley. another farm of theirs one half mile over the mountains was used for pasturing cattle which John Comer raised to reach this farm it was necessary to travel two mile around to avoid the steep mountains.

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When cattle was to be marketed a long journey over the mountains with nights spent in camping in the woods. was necessary when traveling they carry an ax to blaze a trail through the Forest. grain was carried to mill in a sack in front of them on a horse. after 3 o'clock in the afternoon the sun did not shine on them as the mountains loomed so high to the west. from the side of the Dewberries and Huckleberries were gathered. Peaches grew in abundance and were used in making Peach brandy. the children of that day did

(10)  
not have the opportunity for an  
education, as they have today  
there was no public schools at  
that time. some person that  
was educated conducted a so  
called perscription school.

terms lasting from six weeks  
upward. a receipt found shows  
John Conner paid William

Adams three dollars for teaching  
two scholars two months. the

Conners was well educated

considering the opportunity offered.

the family always spoke German  
until they came to Ohio

John Conner and wife was the  
parents of nine children.

~~Adam~~ born Abram born 1806

Adam 1808 Sarah 1810 Elizabeth 1813

Catharine 1815 John 1817 Leah 1819

David 1821 Noah 1823

(7)

Sarah married Fredrick M<sup>c</sup>. Intuff  
Elizabeth married Ephram Clem  
Catherine married Abram Long  
Leah married German Hall  
David married Rhoda Evans and  
Delphena Jane Houseman and  
Margaret Haltermann.

David Commer was (14) Fourteen  
years of age when they emigrated  
to Ohio. in wagons drawn by  
oxen a chest brought on this  
journey is now in the M<sup>c</sup>. Casher  
home. the first home of the  
Commer family was on a farm  
(3) three mile east of Rosewood  
as what is known as the  
Harden Hall farm. the first house  
was a cabin built of logs

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the boys slept in the loft of the cabin. which they reached by ladder on the outside. often in winter they would be covered with snow.

David Conner was married (3) three times his first wife was Rhoda Evans to this union was born

(12) twelve children

Harriet Conner was born May 23" 1842

Benjamin " " " Sept 9" 1843

Demaris " " " Dec 19" 1844

John " " " Oct 31" 1846

Noah " " " Aug 4" 1848

Susan " " " Sept 26" 1850

Rhoda " " " Sept 26" 1850

Leah " " " Oct 26" 1852

Abram " " " Sept 14" 1854

Michael " " " April 8" 1856

David " " " April 24" 1858

Marion " " " July 27" 1861

one son David still survives

Deceased Dec 1942



his second wife was Jane Pine Houseman. he married for his third wife Margaret Halterman she was the daughter of George and Elizabeth Kesrood Haltermen who were of German decent.

Highlan Co Virginia was their early home. and they like the Conner family. feeling the call of the wilderness. Made the rough and perilous journey over the Mountains to Ohio

at this time they had one daughter Eleanor. the mother carried the child up the mountains. to spare the horses the extra burden. on reaching Ohio they chose a farm one mile east of what is now Rosewood

they had (8) eight children.

Elenor Hatterman Blakley born	1821
Samuel .. .. .	1822
Isaac .. .. .	1825
Sarah .. Walton ..	1826
Jane .. Coverstone ..	1829
twins Margaret Hatterman corner born	1833
Lewis .. .. .	1833
Elizabeth .. " M <sup>r</sup> Alexander ..	1835

the mother died when the children were quite small. a small one room cabin was the home of this family. the father George Hatterman also had his cooper shop in part of the one room cabin. fires were not as easily started as they are today, so the family economized by keeping fire in the fireplace at all times. cooking made this a necessity. as all cooking and baking was done by the fireplace

it was told as the truth by some of the children. the house was so cold when the end of a long piece of wood was placed in the fireplace there would be fire on one end and icicles on the other. the washing was done by placing the clothes on a block of wood then pouring hot water on them pounding with a paddle full of holes. the ~~old~~ clothes was then ironed by heating an iron wedge in the fire. Clothing was all made at home by the women of the family. Flax and wool were the material used. these were made in the land and the cloth were made at home

the amusements of that day were quite simple. quilting and log rolling were quite common. the quilt was placed in frames and to mark lines for quilting a line was bet in dough water and stretched across. when orchards were matured apple cuttings were quite popular. these events were always followed by supper and dance on the Halterman farm was located a wonderful sugar camp. by which was made barrels of maple syrup and maple sugar. life was very uncertain for the early pioneers. Diseases and cold. fights against the forest and wild animals often endangered their lives to escape from wolves while.

the men were away. the women would climb to the loft of the cabin. Cattle belonging to the Haltermann family. were kept as what was known as the round knob farm. now known as the Shafer farm. it was here they had to go after their cattle each morning. at that time the nearest market was Urbana Clara Ellen Conner Rider was born July 25 " 1867

Emma Glendora Conner Pinsett was born Dec 28 " 1869

Mary Filetta Conner Mc. Casher was born Sept 6 " 1871

Martha Filitia Conner Moore was born Sept 6 " 1871

Ida Alice Conner Harves  
was born July 26 " 1873

Hettie Maud Conner Brown  
was born Aug 7 " 1876

twins infant sons born  
Oct 15 " 1868

Died Oct 17 " 1868

David Conner Born  
May 14 " 1821

Died Sept 1905

Margaret Hatterman Conner  
Born March 1833 Died  
1914

Emma Glendora Conner  
Pinsett. Died January  
14 " 1944. in Rosewood. O.

Clara Ellen Conner Rider

Died Dec 18 " 1944

Hetta Maud Conner Brown

Died October 13 " 1945

Like all family stories handed down through the generations, this document undoubtedly contains a mixture of fact and myth.

This document was written anomalously in, as it says, 1940. There are additions of later events to October, 1945. These later additions seem to be in the same handwriting as the original document.

This document was given to M. Paul Hawes by his father, Orville W. Hawes who probably received it from his mother, Ida (Conner) Hawes. The question of the author did not come up until recently. No one alive today knows who wrote it. Virgil Hawes and Dorothy (Hawes) Friend speculate that it was written by Ruth Rider (1904-?) or her mother, Clara (Conner) Rider (1867-1944).

A comparison of letters known to have been written by Ruth Rider shows a different style of penmanship than is in this.

It seems likely that this document was written by one of the children (all daughters) of David Conner (1821-1905) and Margaret (Halterman) Conner (1833-1914). As of the last entry in 1945, there were three daughters alive:

Martha (Conner) Moore (1871-1954)

Mary (Conner) McCashen (1871-1955)

Ida (Conner) Hawes (1873-1952)

Ida was not particularly literate and had been blind for several years before her death. Martha had 13 children. Mary had no children, but raised Ruth Rider.



The most likely candidate for having written this seems to be Mary (Conner) McCashen. Perhaps someone has an example of Mary's handwriting so that it can be compared.

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