

Register of Old Buildings
Macon County Historical Coordinating Council

Address: 580 Powers Lane

Legal description:

Assessor's Subdivision of a part of the W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec 15
Township 16 N Range 2 East of 3rd PM. S 100' of N 300' of Lot 10.

Date of original construction: 1909

1909 (est., assessor's office)

Architects - Leisy and Ludwick of Danville

Name of original owner: Benton Blackstone

History:

1. Data from available city directories:

1909 city directory. New, but unoccupied as of Oct. 1, 1909.
1910-1932 T. H. Benton Blackstone.
1933-1938 Mrs. Margaret H. Blackstone, wid, Benton.
1939-1954 Miss Marguerite E. Blackstone
1955-1963 Alvin E. Schaar
1964-1970 Edward B. Freyfogle
1970- William B. Hays

2. Data from the Decatur Township Assessor's office:

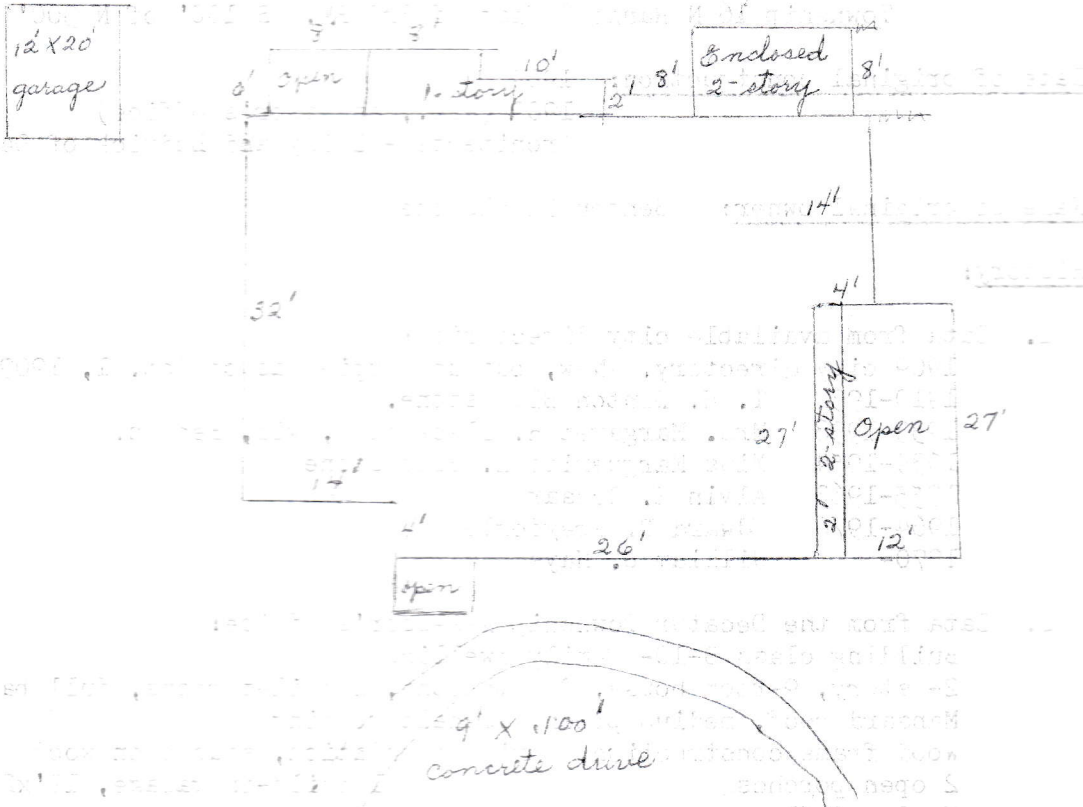
Building class B-10- family dwelling
2- story, 9-room house, 2 bathrooms, 2 toilet rooms, full basement
Mansard roof, medium pitch, asphalt roofing
Wood frame construction, brick foundation, stucco on wood
2 open porches 1 built-in garage, 12'x20'
Hardwood floors
Hot water heat
2 natural fireplaces

(See sketch on opposite page)

Present owner: Wm. B. and Virginia Hays.

History Cont'd.

2. Sketch:



(This sketch is not to scale)

3. Architectural description written by Bradford Cantrell, early 1976:
 The Blackstone-Hays home at 580 Powers Lane again incorporated several features of the Prairie style. Its vertical stripping on the second floor and under the eaves of the porch with the use of timber and stucco is a common Prairie characteristic. The dark wood sill line designates the first floor from the second as well as carries on the horizontal theme. Casement windows used in the second story are almost synonymous with Prairie architecture. The roof of the porch and main structure are low-hipped and the eaves project greatly. Dormers were not used in the Prairie Style; however, the existing dormers are slight and fit quite well into the sloping roof line. Even the chimney with its simple but noticeable lin is in character.

(This sketch is not to scale)

History Cont'd.:

4. See the following attachments:
 - a. Helen Beeson's write-up of a visit to the house and conversation with Mrs. Hays on January 24, 1976.
 - b. Obit, W. H. Linn, October 25, 1904, Decatur Review, half-brother, Benton Blackstone.
 - c. Two December 31, 1909 Decatur Review clippings referring to the house, one entitled Beautiful Home at End of Powers Lane.
 - d. December 26, 1932 obit, Benton Blackstone, Decatur Review and Herald.
 - e. August 6, 1938, obit, Mrs. Blackstone.

Notes on Blackstone-Hays House

On Saturday, January 14, 1976, I visited the house at 580 Powers Lane and met the Hays family: William H., Virginia and sons Bill, Scott and Marty. The whole family show a great interest in the house - especially Scott, who is junior high age.

Discussion of the Blackstones brought out the fact that Benton Blackstone's grave is within sight from a back window. It was also noted that the Blackstones were Christian Scientists. Issues of the Christian Science Monitor were used to wrap basement heating pipes as insulation. Virginia Hays wishes that they had made an opportunity to talk to Marguerite Blackstone before her death last year.

According to the abstract one of the Blackstone sons disappeared. The closing of his mother's estate was held up a long time while a search for him was in progress.

The land was originally owned by the Powers family. Charles Powers subdivided the area.

Blueprints signed by the architects, Leisy and Ludwick of Danville, are available as well as a complete set of building specifications.

The stucco is in perfect condition. Mr. Hays, who is an engineer with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, thinks this is because expanded metal lath was used under the stucco coat. His father knew the architects and says that they have a reputation for fine workmanship. The original boiler with a gas conversion unit is still in use.

Changes have been very slight:

1. The small back porch has been enclosed to provide storage space. Its floor is wood, not cement.
2. The area under the sleeping porch has been closed in, but the Hays plan to restore it to the original.
3. The original cedar shingle roof was covered with two layers of asphalt tile. Last summer the Hays removed it all, added a layer of plywood and new asphalt tile roofing. They would have liked to use cedar shingles, but learned that it would cost \$12,000.
4. A doorway between the master bedroom and the boys' room has been added.
5. A fresco on the east wall of the library has been removed. Evidence of a framework remains.

Notable features include:

1. Upstairs flooring is of beautiful hard maple and all door handles are of solid brass.
2. The two bedrooms at the east side of the house were planned for the two Blackstone daughters with a bath built between them. The walls of these two rooms have a panelled effect and many built-ins.
3. The sidelights at the entrance are of bevelled glass. It is possible that the door and inner door and windows also were of bevelled glass but replaced now with plain plates.

4. There are two fireplaces: a lovely, large natural one in the living room framed in wood with decorative dentils under the mantel and a red glazed brick front, and a small gas fireplace in the master bedroom.

5. In the dining room the original built-in buffet with drawers lined with felt for silver storage remains. All wood wainscoting and beams have been painted white.

The Hays family members are doing all of the work of renovation themselves and are making every effort to retain the beauty of the original construction.

Helen M. Beeson

580 Powers Lane



Fri., Dec. 31, 1909
Decatur Review

Beautiful Home At End of Powers Lane

AMONG the handsome dwellings erected within the last year, the Benton Blackstone residence at the south end of Powers lane is conspicuous. Artistic in itself, it is perfectly adapted to its beautiful site by its style. It is set advantageously so that the views from the window can never be cut off by houses that may be built in the vicinity in future years. Attracting much attention, it deserves all the attention that it attracts. It is a good example of the more artistic houses Decatur people have affected within the last few years.

INTERIOR CHARMING.

Inside the house is just as attractive as it is outside. The effect of spaciousness, much desired in nearly every house, is present and pleasant everywhere. The color scheme is harmonious, the frescoing and the hangings are dainty and suitable, the fixtures are unique and noteworthy.

The house is of stucco of a deep tan with the beams showing outside. Being one of the first all stucco houses in the city, it will be watched with interest by home builders and those who contemplate them.

The style of the house is early English. The house is an excellent specimen of that style. The plans were drawn by Lutz & Ludwick of Danville.

Altogether the house has nine rooms, the living room, dining room, library and kitchen downstairs and five bedrooms upstairs. In addition there are exceptionally large halls downstairs and up, a large butler's pantry, and two bathrooms.

EXTERIOR FIXTURES.

In porches the house is well equipped. The main porch is a veranda on the south side of the house with an entrance from the living room by French doors, which serve also as windows. It is as large as the living room itself, being 26 feet long and 16 feet wide. At the front is merely a small entrance porch. The third porch is off the kitchen. All these porches have concrete floors. On the second floor there is a small sleeping porch.

The Blackstone house is reached after a walk through a choice section of the city. It stands well back from the lane so that the visitor has opportunity to see and admire before he enters. The very colors of the house are inviting.

INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT.

From the concrete porch the visitor is admitted through a handsome oak door on which is an equally handsome bronze knocker to a small vestibule and thence into the large hall from which open all the living rooms downstairs.

The house faces west. On the south side of the first floor is the living room 28 by 18 feet. East of it is the dining

room. North from the dining room is the butler's pantry leading into the kitchen at the northeast corner of the house. Occupying most of the north side of the house is the handsome and comfortable library. The hall is as broad as many ordinary rooms, extends almost the length of the house. The living room and the library open from it by double doorways in which hangings take the place of doors and the dining room opens from the living room in the same way, throwing practically the whole downstairs together.

INTERIOR FINISH.

All the downstairs is finished in old English oak. A wide scaming mold at the junction of the walls and the ceilings distinguishes the house from others.

All the walls downstairs are covered with canvases. The color scheme is such throughout the downstairs rooms as to give an impression of size. In the living room the colors are putty and old rose and they make a beautiful combination. The hangings are all in old rose. The over curtains are of old rose casement cloth and the under curtains of net.

FITTINGS AND FIXTURES.

In the middle of the south wall is a huge fireplace of old rose Rockwood tile. The mantel is of old English oak surmounted by a three panel mirror. At one side of the fireplace is a large window with a window seat and at the other side is the French door leading out on the porch.

The lighting fixtures are a feature. The center light or chandelier is of hammered brass, bronzed, with five pentagonal globes suspended by as many rods. It is both unique and suitable, being just the thing for the house.

The dining room has a beamed ceiling and wainscoting. The decorations are in blue, grape leaf design being used.

The hall is in brown with an oak leaf frieze. The stairway is broad and light.

The library is in green. The bookcases, built in, cover three walls. The fixtures are in bright brass of novel and beautiful design. The shades over the lamps are particularly beautiful.

The butler's pantry is equipped with dozens of cupboards and compartments.

CHERRY SECOND FLOOR.

Upstairs the effect has been entirely for light and cheer and it has been rewarded with complete success. The papers are all of light tones. The woodwork is done in white enamel and the doors are finished in oak gray.

The total investment in grounds and buildings may be stated as in the neighborhood of \$17,000.

The handsome margin of \$100,000.

The grand total for all buildings and permanent improvements for 1909 is \$2,616,969, as compared with \$2,135,498 in 1908, and \$2,480,762 in 1907.

SUMMARY.

Following are the figures that go to make up the record-breaking total for buildings and permanent improvements for 1909:

Business and factory buildings	\$ 399,172
Educational, religious and public	290,092
New residences	1,151,343
Remodeled jobs	63,265
Barns	1,410

Total buildings alone	\$1,905,282
Total other permanent improvements	711,687

Grand total buildings and improvements ... \$2,616,969

BUSINESS AND FACTORY BUILDINGS.

Citizens' Trust Co. building, Water street	\$135,000
Danzelsen Packing Co., two buildings on Merchant street	14,822
Danzelsen Packing Co., addition to packing house	6,000
Steinbach building, Merchant street	7,000
Phillips building, Merchant street	7,000
Post building, Merchant street	7,000
Leisy building, Merchant street	8,000
Remodeling Millikin National bank	40,000
J. R. Race building, Water street	\$250
J. W. Race estate, three buildings on Water street	27,750
Joseph Michl & Sons, Water street	8,000
H. Bachrach, Lincoln square	20,000
Dr. E. J. Brown, office building, Prairie avenue	15,000
Fisher estate building, East Main	7,000
Wood building, East Main	7,000
Myers building, East Main	7,000
Dr. H. W. Bell, office, North Water	1,000
C. S. Dickinson, 144 East Packard street	1,250
W. C. Snyder, 1575 North Water	1,500
Amos Wheeler, 225-227 West Wood	2,000
Corn Belt Drug store	600
John Ulrich building, Merchant street	15,000
Addition to Walrus factory	20,000
W. C. Harringer, 219 North Water	4,000
Fred Wilson, East North street	15,000
S. V. May, 762 West Harrison avenue	1,800
Miser & Cain, coal office, N. Broadway	200
F. P. Bents, 342 East Marion	500
Addition to Farles factory	5,000
Addition to H. Mueller factory plant	4,800
Total	\$399,172

EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS AND PUBLIC.

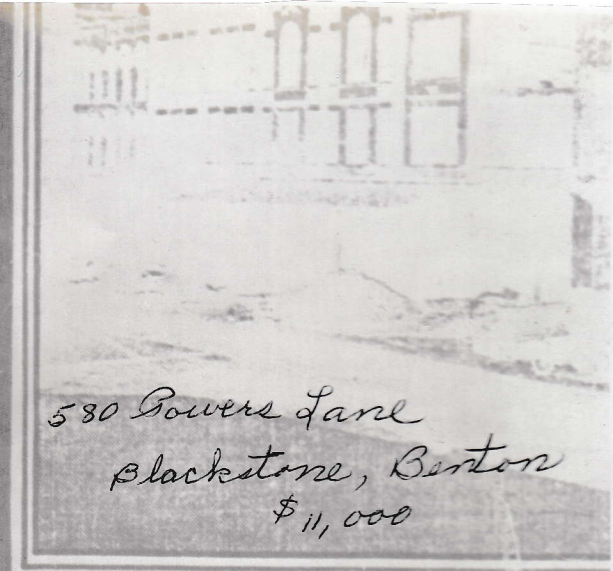
New high school (only for work actually done in 1909)	\$ 25,592
Warren street school addition	7,800
Pugh school addition	7,700
Power plant and new plumbing old high school building	23,000
Remodeling at James Millikin university	5,000
United Brethren church	41,000
Antioch Baptist church (in 1909 only)	2,000
St. Paul's German Lutheran church, repairs	1,500
Union mission, East Cantrell street	500
Y. W. C. A. building	50,000
Knights of Pythias home (in 1909 only, completing contract)	115,000
Total	\$290,092

OTHER PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

I. T. S. Belt Hse.	\$300,000
I. T. S. shops	100,000
Waterworks	95,125
Sidewalks, etc	17,350
City light plant	1,500
Street paving	67,753
Sewers	943
Railway & Light addition	100,000
By railroads in Decatur	25,009
Total	\$711,687

Following is the list of new residences as furnished by the various lumber dealers of the city:

435 RESIDENCES.			
Abel, T. J.	\$ 2,100	Andrews, F. W.	1,000
Adams, J. A.	1,200	Appenseller, F. J. (3)	4,200
Allen, W. L.	2,250	Ashenfelter & Garber	5,000
		Ayer, James	1,100
		Augustine, Mr.	250



530 Bowers Lane
Blackstone, Boston
\$11,000

Decatur Review
Dec. 31, 1909

NEW HOMES OF SIX YEARS

1904	312
1905	426
1906	550
1907	577
1908	496
1909	470

Ayers, S. D.	1,000
Bailey, Will	1,500
Baker, Hugh (2)	3,000
Baker, W. B.	4,200
Baldridge & Sons	5,500
Baldwin, Frank	2,500
Bamer, Mr.	1,200
Banfield, W. M.	1,200
Boltz, Paul	1,200
Barnett, Harry	2,650
Bartlett, S. M.	3,000
Bartlett, S. O.	2,000
Basssey, Mrs. E. C.	5,000
Blatzbaker, Wilhelm	2,000
Blackstone, Boston	11,000
Boardman, C.	2,100
Bobb, Bert	3,000
Bobb, George (6)	10,000
Bodkin, K. W.	1,500
Boltz, Paul	3,500
Boone, Elwood	1,500
Borchers, C.	1,450
Botts, I. D.	1,500
Bourne, Mrs. Maria	2,500
Borchert, Louis	1,500
Brabham, David	1,600
Brandon, Dr. M.	4,000
Brewner, J. E.	2,500
Brightbill, Al	1,500
Brooks, Mary	1,000
Brown, Ed	1,500
Brown, G. A.	700
Brown, Travis	2,500
Brownlow, Luther	1,250
Bryan, W. W. (2)	2,500
Bullard, D. E.	2,400
Bundy, William (2)	4,000
Burnett, Mr.	1,500
Bursteln, Sam	1,250
Burtschi Bros. & Schoenle & O'Mara (25)	2,900
Camp, Logan	2,900
Carlyle, Anton	1,250
Cassell, Thomas (4)	10,000
Cassidy, C. L. (3)	2,900
Catlin, C. L.	1,400
Chandler, I. J.	2,500
Christy, H.	900
Cochran, M. C.	3,500
Cockrell, G. M.	1,500
Colbeck, F. E.	1,500
Collins, Dr. O. G.	4,000



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Mrs Jennie Durfee
 De... Golden
 Thomas I. Watson
 James Allen
 Charles G. McCrae
 Fred G. Thompson
 Mrs Lullia Clary

TO CHAMPAIGN, URBANA AND DANVILLE via INTERURBAN

883 Isaac W Hampton*
 Miss Sh...
 Miss Mary L...
 Mrs Lillie T. Re...

588 1916 DECATUR CITY DIRECTORY

JAN DeGRAFF, District Manager
BELL - 2455 and 2891
AUTO - 1755
OVER 102 EAST PRAIRIE AVE.
Make Warm Friends"

Powers Lane—Continued

- 487 George H Post*
- 505 Charles A Ewing*
- 510 Theron A Power
- 555 Edward G Powers*
- 560 Frank Shlaudeman*
- 580 T H Benton Blackstone*
- 595 Frank S Powers*
- 600 Dr Everett J Brown*



PRAIRIE AVENUE—EAST

East from 200 North Main

(Take any Loop Car 100 to 300; Depot or Eldorado Cars 100 to 600; Riverside Cars 400 to 1000; Eldorado Cars 100 to end)

- 100 Wm H Muzzy**
- 101-103 I N Irwin & Co**
- 102 J S Campbell**
 - George F Bruce**
 - D A Barackman**
 - Thomas W Cann**
 - Wm A Holman**
 - Jan De Graff**
 - Holland Furnace Co**
- 104 Prescott Music House**
- 108 Jesse E Yohe**
 - (over) Electricians Hall
- 112 Daut Bros**
- 112½ Mrs Jane A Hardy
- 116 Union Pacific Tea Co**
- 120 Wm B Dunlap**
- 122 White & Terry**
 - Wm S Shirey**
- 124-128 Louis D Barbey**
- 127 Peter H Brueck**
 - Johnson & Dimock**
 - Johnson & Bobb**
 - 3d fl Douglas Mullen
- 130 Rogeokos & Malleos**
- 133 Cahill Realty Co**
 - Samuel H Jameson**
 - Richard A Wilson**
 - Louis C Waltens**
 - Wm E Reid**
- 134 Durfee & Durfee**
 - Mutual Home & Savings Assn**
 - Theodore Fisher**
 - R S Bohon**
 - W C Bohon**
 - (over) Dr James S C Cussins**
- 135-137 Mrs Annie Greenberg**
- 136 Frank A Roswell**

Prairie Avenue, East—

- 405 St Pauls German Luth
- 412 Mrs Eva St Clair
- 418 L Edmond Borchers
- 421 Mrs Susanna E Neill
- 427 Mrs Anna M Jones*
- 430 Bowman Bros**
- 432 James Bowman*
- 449 J Frank Yeaw
- 502 Mrs Samantha E Moon
 - Lynn A Weedman
- 507 C Henry Bouchie
- 508 Henry C Butzien*
- 511 Alva B Hampton
- 512 Harry Butzien
- 516 Earl W Eschbaugh
 - Charles Davis
- 517 Mrs Laura L Davis
 - David A Wagner
 - W L Peak
- 526 Frank E Ransford
- 544 Mrs Margaret Harpstrite
 - Miss M E Harpstrite*
- 800 Robert S Hart
- 808 Robert C Hart
- 815 James Q Snyder*
- 818 David Dix
- 824 Fred Moser*
- 831 George B Patrick*
- 832 Frank W Arnold*
- 838 Lesander Wilson
 - Roy Wilson
- 839 Ed M Perry*
- 843 Wm Dietz*
- 848 Alex J Reid
- 861 Harris I Doren*
- 862 Henry W Grebe
- 863 Howard W Eilers
 - James Eilers*
- 902 Arthur Pendlay
- 904 Roy East
- 905 Edward Mullen
 - Wm Mullen
 - Mrs Lena McKinney
- 908 John W Loftus*
- 909 Herbert R McCann*
- 915 Wm O Parmenter*
- 918 Edward A Clark*
- 925 Joseph R Adams
- 926 John J Curran*
- 933 Franklin J Watkins*
- 936 Coleman Adams*
- 943 Albert E Banta

W. W. LINN DIED MONDAY EVENING

Death Had Been Expected
for Some Days.

A STRANGE DISEASE.

Was Head of the Linn & Scruggs Company.

Will W. Linn, president of the Linn & Scruggs Dry Goods and Carpet company, died at 5:15 Monday afternoon at his home, 103 West Main street, of Hodgkin's disease.

DEATH EXPECTED.

His death was no surprise. He had been gradually dying for several days and his dissolution was looked for at any hour. His physicians even wondered that he could have such vitality. He was conscious and talked with those about him up to within a very short time of his death. Everything possible was done for him throughout his illness, but it was known from the time the nature of his illness became apparent that there was not more than one chance in a thousand that he could recover, and for a week his friends and the public have been expecting him to die at any minute.

SINCE JULY.

It was some time last June that W. W. Linn realized a serious disease had hold of him. At no time during the illness did he suffer pain to any extent.

He went to Michigan on a fishing trip last July. He did not want to take that trip, but was finally persuaded to do so. When he came back from it he reported that he was feeling better. However, in a very few days thereafter he realized that his condition was getting serious.

He stayed on his feet and was around town some until about the 15th of October. He was kept indoors at his home only after he collapsed completely.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the residence. The funeral will be private and will be in charge of Rev. Mr. Atchison of St. John's Episcopal church. The interment will be at Greenwood.

HIS LIFE.

He Was Born in Belleville, Ills., July 21, 1861.

William Walton Linn was born July 21, 1861, in Belleville, Ills. It was in 1869 that he with his father and mother moved to Decatur. The family lived on Prairie avenue, at the place where O. B. Gorin's house now stands, for eight to ten years.

LAW GRADUATE.

Will Linn attended the ward schools in Decatur, from those he went to Cornell. Later he went to Harvard college where he graduated in the law de-

Mrs. M. A. De Forest, a half-brother, Benton Blackstone, all deceased.

A QUIET LIFE.

William Linn traveled very little during his life, in fact not at all except as he was called by business or school. He had been urged several times to make a trip to Europe, but never could be got to do so.

He was a quiet man in his manner and did not seek acquaintances. There are very few people, if any, outside his family with whom he was intimate.

HODGKIN'S DISEASE.

It is a Rare Malady and It is Always Fatal.

Hodgkin's disease the one that carried William W. Linn away, is something seldom met by the physicians, and they can do nothing for it. Dr. William Barnes says that this is the third case of that disease he has seen in fifteen years, and it is the first one in Decatur. One of the other cases was from Tuscola and another from Arthur.

MISTAKEN FOR IT.

There have been cases of leukaemia in Decatur, and some of the physicians have called these Hodgkin's disease. The two are somewhat similar, and yet they are not the same thing. There is a story that Attorney I. D. Walker died with Hodgkin's disease, but he had leukaemia. That can be cured sometimes, but not Hodgkin's disease.

NO RECOVERIES.

The medical books say that it is very rarely that a patient recovers after being afflicted with Hodgkin's disease. Dr. Barnes thinks there are no recoveries and that where one is reported there was a mistake in the diagnosis.

CAUSE NOT KNOWN.

The doctors know as little about the cause of Hodgkin's disease as they do about a remedy. In no instance are they able to say what brought on the disease. It comes so rarely that there has been little opportunity to make a continued study of it.

DESTROYS THE FILTERS.

The disease is a swelling of the lymphatic glands. Those glands are in the lymphatic system, which runs through all the body. That system takes the waste from the blood and disposes of it. Along the lymphatic system are what might be called filters, these remove the impurities from the waste. These filters are the lymphatic glands. In Hodgkin's disease they get out of order and soon cease to do the work assigned them and then the blood becomes impoverished and goes wrong.

SECONDARY TROUBLES.

This impoverished blood brings on a general weakened condition of the system, and then a secondary trouble, one or more, is sure to follow. Usually the secondary trouble hastens death, but it would come with the Hodgkin's disease, uncomplicated by anything else.

KNEW HE WAS DOOMED.

William W. Linn was afflicted with this disease for about six months. Some time ago he was told what was his trouble, and he was also advised there was no cure for him.

Got Bob Glenn.

Deputy Sheriff Pritchett went to Springfield last night and brought back Bob Glenn, wanted here for wife abandonment. Information had been filed against him in the county court.

LASHLEY RELEASED AND STEEN CALLED.

Changes in Presbyterian Pastorates Are Announced

Springfield, Ills., Oct. 25.—The executive committee of the presbytery of Springfield Monday released Rev. E. E. Lashley from the pastoral charge at Maroa and granted him permission to work outside this presbytery. Rev. D. J. Mitterling has closed his work at Petersburg and with a view to

GRAY GETS NEWS FOR REPUBLICANS

Fairbanks Slated to Speak
Half Hour Wednesday,
About 11:15.

Tuesday morning Chairman M. F. Kanan telegraphed to Chicago to learn if it is really true that Senator Fairbanks is to come to Decatur. Captain Kanan saw such a statement frequently in the papers, but as he had not been advised he could not be sure about it. At any rate he had none of the particulars, and he thought it would be advisable for headquarters to advise the Decatur people.

GRAY MADE THEM TELL.

J. M. Gray was in Chicago Monday and after he arranged the little matter of getting a speaker for the Democrats he thought he would go around to Republican headquarters in the Great Northern and learn something about Fairbanks' reported visit. When Mr. Gray got there and made his business known the state committee folks thought that Senator Fairbanks was to be in Decatur Wednesday, and that is all they did know. Mr. Gray told them the people of this town were anxious to have just a few of the particulars, and he urged them to get busy and learn something. Then the men at state headquarters called up those at national headquarters and got some information.

HERE FOR A HALF HOUR.

The story as Mr. Gray learned it after making this special effort was that Senator Fairbanks will reach Decatur at 11:15 Wednesday morning, that he will give a half hour to this town, that probably he will speak at the station because of the short time he can be here, and then he will go on to Springfield, reaching that town at 1:05, where he will make a talk of an hour.

The senator is booked for a half hour in Decatur, but if he has to speak from the tail of a train at the station and against the noise of locomotives and in the cold he will think the time plenty long.

FAIRBANKS' BIG TOUR

Has Broken All Previous Republican Records.

When he finishes the itinerary mapped out for him, Vice Presidential Candidate Fairbanks will have broken the record of all Republican campaigners, and closely approach that of Bryan made in 1896.

Sixty days of continuous travelling and speaking, Sundays only excepted, nearly 20,000 miles railroad travel, and in the neighborhood of 300 speeches delivered, will be the record of the Indiana senator.

The last itinerary dates from Oct. 24 and takes the senator through Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Missouri. He arrives at St. Louis Oct. 23. He will then go to Indiana and put in a week in his own state.

The senator started speaking Sept. 6

Cured of Asthma

After Years of Terrible Suffering.

Mary Josephine Bezy, Floyd Knob, Ind., writes: "After suffering untold agonies

and did his first work in Then he toured all the No state, including New York gina and Maryland. Then on the western tour, which San Diego, in California, the nineteen days he made 1 Then he spoke in Chicago s kee and started east. auspices of the eastern but been speaking since Oct. Literally night and day.

Now he is back for a to the states above named. H up to the 6th of November, be an even two months on car. The remarkable thing tour is the fact that up to Senator Fairbanks has not y to cancel a date owing to a disability. His voice showe ness and he appears as free to all accounts, as the day

Yate Cancels Arcola

Arcola, Ills., Oct. 25.—Yate canceled his speaking engagements for today. He has voice has nearly failed him he compelled to cancel all of The rally which was to-hav here has in consequence off. The Republicans will t by Attorney General Ham cola Friday.

Roosevelt Odds Now

New York, Oct. 25.—Odds veit lengthened to 5 to 1. the close of the curb mark A limited amount of Herrick offered on the curb at odds Sheffield & McCullough of even that Roosevelt would state by 50,000 plurality. I Adse offered \$1,000 to \$50 gins would be elected gov

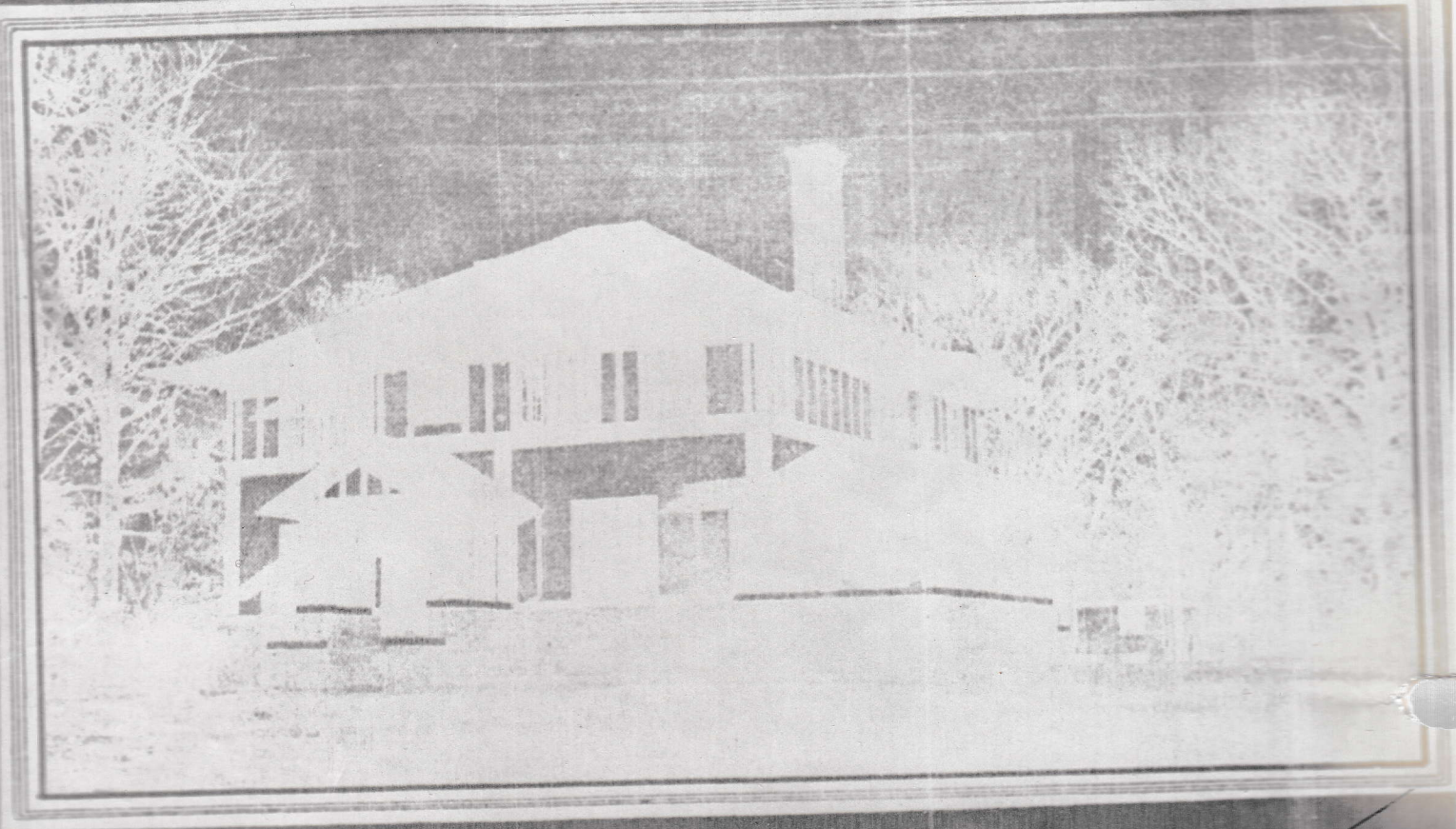
Mathew

Chief of Police Mathew Louis is sending out postal taking a picture and det Edward Riley, photographer of campaign bu disappeared from his home let Oct. 22, 1902. He is of arter. His age is 26 years, feet six inches tall, has h hair, hazel eyes, and we pounds. When last seen, dark blue suit and gray g has a scar in the center o head and when last at hom ferred from malaria. A re ferred for information conce

THE

DAILY

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Benton Blackstone's New House.

Erected in the natural Forest at the south end of Powers' lane, admirably fitting in with its surroundings it is one of the handsomest new houses of the year.

Learned In Building

Washington fir, unstained and uncolored, makes a beautiful woodwork, particularly for the second floor of a dwelling. Is the experience of a Decatur man who has lately completed an attractive house. This house, by the way, derives a good deal of its attractiveness from the foresight used in planning it and in evolving schemes for small improvements.

UNSTAINED FIR.

Fir is nothing more or less than a sort of pine, which can be bought at any lumber yard. It is much used for woodwork, but usually it is stained or painted, after which it is sometimes grained to imitate itself.

This particular householder wanted something not only beautiful and useful, but also reasonable in price. He heard of unstained fir, asked furniture men about it, and was assured that it would be perfectly satisfactory. Examples were cited to him of Grand Rapids, Mich., furniture men who had used unstained fir to good effect.

SAVED ON COST.

If the builder had thought of the scheme earlier, he would have saved 100. As it was, he saved \$25.00 by changing his specifications after his painting contract had been let. The

unstained fir required simply a coat of shellac and a coat of ordinary furniture wax.

The shellac and the wax united in bringing out a grain that is just as handsome in its way as is the grain of oak. The shades of color in the wood are certainly beyond anything oak can offer naturally. The wood darkens with age, but it is not too light at the first. For the sleeping rooms and the halls it makes a bright, cheerful finish.

In the kitchen fir is also used, except where it is carefully varnished instead of waxed. That is because steam affects the wax polish.

CONVENIENCES.

This house has any number of improvements that interest the housewife. One view just what thought was expended on the building. For instance, the kitchen sink is set a few inches higher than usual, the bottom being thirty-one inches from the floor. Is it a success? All the women who see it exclaim at it. It keeps whoever washes the dishes from stooping over, and bending over a sink three times every day in the year is no fun.

The kitchen is equipped with a hood over the kitchen range to carry off the

fumes and smokes of cookery. It is something seldom seen in a small kitchen.

SMALL KITCHEN.

The cook can stand in the middle of the kitchen and be not five feet from anything she wants and not over two or three feet from either the range or the sink.

A kitchen cabinet and table was built in the house with great success. It has drawers and compartments for everything, even the lids that are usually kept in odd corners of the kitchen. The same cabinet has a cold closet with openings to the outside of the house that make it an out-door refrigerator in which to keep eatables in cold weather and thus out the ice bill. The table is covered with zinc for reasons every housewife knows. For one thing, it does away with a bread board that otherwise would have to be scoured.

CONVENIENT.

That kitchen is doubtless the most convenient in the city, and yet it has no furniture in it but what was built into the house, except the gas range. It is fully equipped with cupboards and closets and recesses, too. Worthy of note is the fact that all the panels in the kitchen are flush panels with no ledges in which dirt can lodge to make trouble and work.

BASEMENT FEATURE.

In the basement is a room devoted to the children. It has a fire place of ma-

dium size which can be used on occasions to broil a steak. Tradition has it that a steak broiled over a wood fire over open coals is always better than that broiled over a gas flame, and may be tradition is true. Anyhow, steaks broiled there are good.

The room has been named the play cave, and it is the joy of the child of the family. They say they may make much noise as they like. On the occasion of one gathering recently, only rule announced was:

"Any boy that if not noisy will put out." There was some noise.

NEW FORM OF ROOF IS TRIED

A new form of roof in Decatur will be watched with much interest being put on the new houses to be erected in the west side of the city. North Edward street, for Mrs. H. Sherry and Karl Merritt, is a of heavy shingles and is said to be better than shak, asbestos, or any other best material we have ever seen.

This roof costs \$10 a square, against \$12 for the best shak, but weighs only 20 pounds to the square against 40 for shak and is said to be everlasting, without the breaking shales that occasionally make the

Dec. 26, 1932

TO 4,000 FAMILIES

RESIDENT OF DECATUR FOR 60 YEARS DIES

12/26/1932

Benton Blackstone, 83, Well Known Among Members of Older Generation

HERE AS YOUTH

Benton Blackstone, 83, member of one of the city's oldest families, died Sunday in his home 300 Potomac Lane following a lingering decline in health.

Benton Blackstone retired from active business life in 1907 but maintained as long as his health would permit, social activities which endeared him to a wide circle of friends in his own and neighboring communities.

Known to Scores

He came to Decatur from St. Louis in 1888 when he was a youth of 20 years. He became associated with his step father, W. H. Linn who with W. F. Scruggs had established the firm of Linn & Scruggs. Upon the death of Mr. Linn in 1893 Mr. Blackstone shared with Mr. Scruggs the management of the store.

It was in this capacity that he became known to scores of persons in Decatur and surrounding communities. Mr. Blackstone took a personal interest in the employes of the store and they repaid his interest with loyalty and devotion.

Mr. Blackstone was one of the founders of the Decatur Country club. A golfing enthusiast in days when golf was regarded as a "queer" game he made superintending of the club greens his hobby and in the club management, assumed responsibility for their appearance. He was also one of the early members of the Decatur club and took an active part in the management of the club's affairs.

Delay Arrangements

Mr. Blackstone was married to Margaret Betzer, Jan. 23, 1873. He leaves his widow, two daughters, Miss Margaret Blackstone, Decatur and Miss Adele Blackstone, New York city. A son, William B. died in 1908.

Funeral arrangements have not been made pending arrival from New York city of Miss Adele Blackstone, who is expected Monday.

SPECIAL SERVICE IN FIRST U. B. SUNDAY

Children Give Program In Morning; Cantata at Night

A children's program in the morning and a cantata at night were the Christmas services Sunday in the First United Brethren church. The children presented the first half of their program at 9:30 a. m. and at 10 a. m. the pastor, Rev. G. W. Bonebrake, spoke from "The Savior, Redeemer of the World." The second half of the program was given by the choir.

Veteran Carrier Dies



Reuben Coble, veteran rural mail carrier and member of the Army of the Potomac in the Civil war, died at his home here late Saturday night.

REUBEN COBLE HEART VICTIM

Civil War Veteran Was Well Known Rural Mail Carrier

Reuben Coble, 84, Civil war veteran and former rural mail carrier, died at 10:15 p.m. Saturday in his home at 641 East Decatur street. He had been in failing health since early October. Death was attributed to heart trouble and complications.

Mr. Coble had been a Macon county resident since 1876, residing from that year until 1883 in Oreana. Later he came to Decatur and for many years was a millwright at the Decatur Milling company. When his health began to fail, he received an appointment as a rural mail carrier, serving from 1901 to 1920. He was said to be the first carrier to be retired on a pension.

Pennsylvanian

Born in Elizabethtown, Pa., April 20, 1848, Mr. Coble was married to Miss Elizabeth Osler, who died in 1912. In September, 1913, he was married to Miss Martha J. Bennington, in Decatur. Besides his wife, he leaves seven children: Mrs. U. S. Lyons, Rockford; Mrs. Elsie Hoengdorf, Mrs. O. E. Keller, F. Ray Coble, all of Decatur; Robert, of California; Rev. Earl Coble, Brookville, Ind.; and Clarence Coble, Danville. A sister, Mrs. Marcus Reichert, Elizabethtown, Pa.; 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

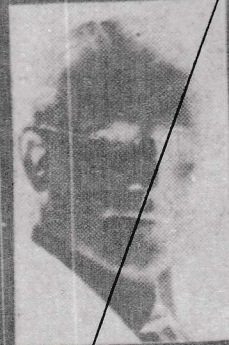
During the Civil war, Mr. Coble served as a member of the Army of the Potomac, having enlisted in the 207th Pennsylvania Infantry regiment, at the age of 16. He was for many years a member of the A. R. and held honorary membership in the Spanish War Veterans, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post here. He was a mem-

ROBERT I. HUNT MAY BE NAMED AS U.S. ENVOY

Senator Lewis Says Decatur Democrat Likely to Get S. American Post

TO REWARD ILLINOIS

Robert I. Hunt of Decatur is under consideration for appointment as minister to a South American country or the Orient.



ROBT. I. HUNT

This was known by Senator James Hamilton Lewis in an interview in Washington regarding probable appointments of Illinoisans to important positions after Governor Roosevelt is inaugurated President on March 4.

Mr. Hunt was sub-treasurer for the United States in Chicago during the second term of President Woodrow Wilson.

Senator Lewis said Democrats will not deal with Republicans after March 4 in making federal appointments, casting aside speculation that some of the recess appointments made by President Hoover might be confirmed as a result of "party deals."

Raps Bipartisan Deals

"I am absolutely opposed to anything that sounds like bi-partisan dealing," he declared. It was in this connection that he mentioned Mr. Hunt and other prominent Illinois Democrats to prove his point that the Democratic party in Illinois is too rich with capable men and women to need to turn to the Republican party.

Senator Lewis ran through the names of Mayor Cerniak of Chicago, Melvin Traylor of Chicago, V. Y. Dallman of Springfield, Mr. Hunt of Decatur, Bruce Campbell of East St. Louis, Benjamin Rosenthal of Chicago, Mrs. George Bass and Mrs. Kellogg Fairbank of Chicago to illustrate the ability which may be found in the Democratic party.

Campbell For Cabinet

Bruce Campbell has been mentioned as either attorney general or solicitor general. Senator Lewis said, "Mr. Hunt has been talked of as a minister to either South America or the Orient, as an aid to commerce. Mrs. Bass and Mrs. Fairbank are possible appointees as directors of women and school affairs bureaus in Chicago.

He said Mayor Cerniak is mentioned for secretary of commerce, and Melvin Traylor as secretary of treasury. V. Y. Dallman, he suggested, may become assistant secretary of the navy.



and pork roasts and peaches follows were routed over the city files. —Herald & Review Photo.

MRS. DRUCILLA SCOTT DIES; ILL SIX WEEKS

Resident of Decatur For Past 13 Years Passes Away Saturday

Mrs. Drucilla N. Scott, 76, widow of W. E. Scott, died at midnight Saturday night at her home, 1535 North Edward street. She had been ill for the last six weeks.

Mrs. Scott was born in Springfield Aug. 13, 1857. She and W. E. were married in Christianburg in 1895. Mr. Scott died several years ago. Mrs. Scott had resided in Decatur for the last 13 years. She was a member of the Central Christian church, the W. R. C. and the Rebekahs. She leaves the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. C. E. Barnhart, Rice, Radford; Henry, Radford; Mrs. Miss Julia Radford, all of Decatur; Mrs. May Dutch, Fresno, Ca.; and William F.

