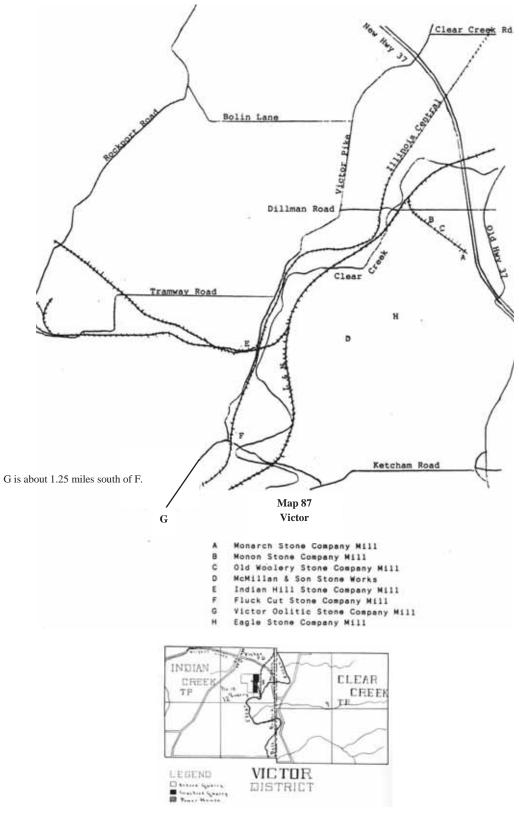
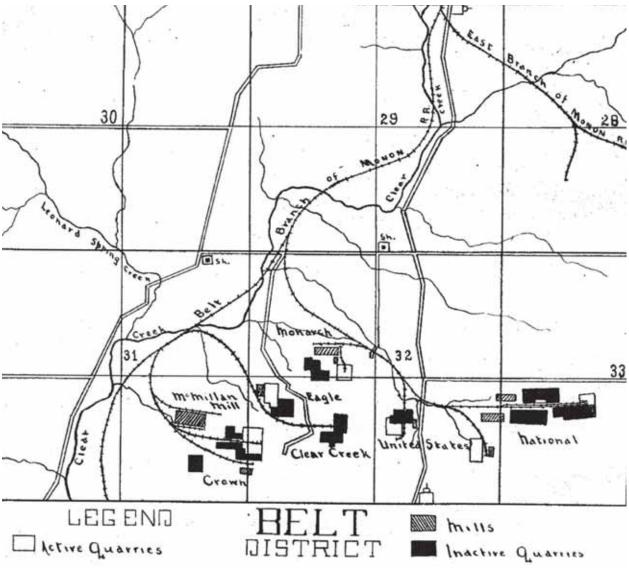
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Map 88 Blatchley, p 406.



Map 89 Blatchley, p 402

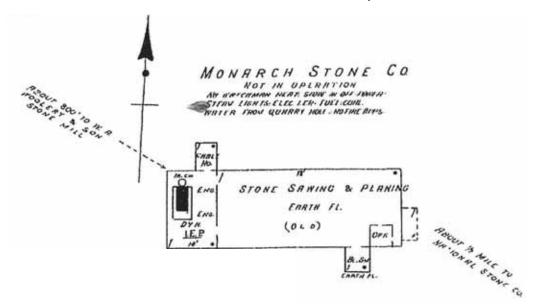
A MONARCH STONE COMPANY MILL

The Monarch Stone Company began operations in the Victor District in 1901 and built its mill in 1902. It was not in operation by 1927 and in 1989 only a few foundations remained. The site can be easily visited on the west side of Highway 37 south of Dillman Road. There is a drive into Hoosier Disposal and Recycling that turns off the highway to the west and the remains of the mill used to be within a few yards to the north of this driveway and just beyond the highway right-of-way.⁷² By 2016 the reconfiguration of the entrance to the facility has obscured the ruins.

⁷² Blatchley, p 403; Sanborn 1927 Sheet 28.



Fig. 188 This 1989 picture by the author is looking roughly west at the ruins of the old Monarch Stone Co. Mill. The site has since been obliterated by fill.



Map 90 This is from Sheet 28 of the 1927 Sanborn map.

B MONON STONE COMPANY MILL STAR STONE COMPANY MILL

The Monon Stone Company Mill was built sometime in the 1920s and for many years was the Star Stone Company. This company has no connection with the old Star Stone Company of Hunter Valley. Today it is the Clear Creek Stone Company. The mill sustained a major fire in the early 1950s and was bought shortly after by Joe Solomito. The mill can be easily seen just south of Dillman Road and west of Monroe County Tire and Supply.⁷³

⁷³ Sanborn 1947 Additional Sheet No. 29 of April, 1930; Joe Solomito interview.



Fig. 189 This picture from 1940 is looking slightly southeast at the Monon Stone Company Mill in the center and the Woolery Stone Company Old Mill above and to the south of the Monon Mill. Dillman Road runs along the left side of the picture and old Highway 37 is along the top.

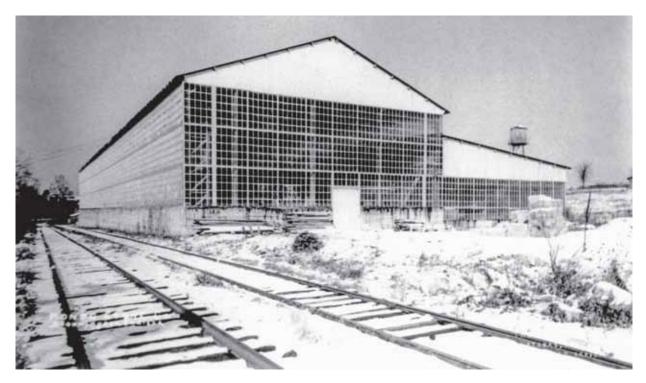


Fig. 190 This is an undated picture looking north at the Monon Stone Company Mill. The mill on the site today (2016) is that of the Clear Creek Stone Company.

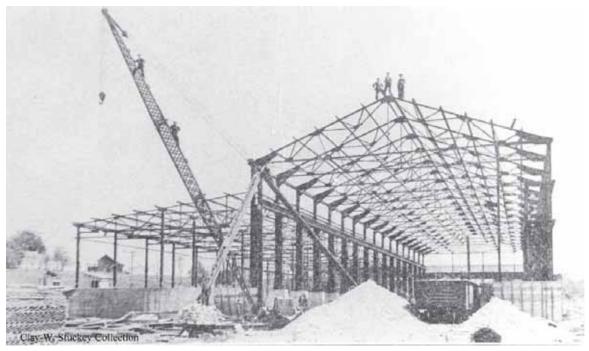


Fig. 191 This picture is from an undated booklet of the Bedford Foundry and Machine Company and the caption reads, "15-ton, 90' 0" boom Steel Stiff leg Derrick used in the erection of Monon Stone Company Bloomington, Indiana."



Fig. 192 This 2016 picture by the author is looking north at the Clear Creek Stone Company Mill.



Fig. 193 This 1988 picture of the Clear Creek Stone Company adorns its mill office. The view is looking northeast.



Fig. 194 This picture by the author was taken in 1989 and is looking southwest at what at the time was the Star Stone Company. Now it is the Clear Creek Stone Company Mill.

C A. H. WOOLERY STONE COMPANY OLD MILL

The Woolery Stone Company had two mills which were distinguished merely by the labels old and new. The Old Woolery Mill was built in 1913 and ceased operations in the mid 1950s. It was located southeast of the Monon Mill. I have not walked the site to determine if any foundations remain.⁷⁴ The company was actually the A. H. Woolery & Son Stone Company.



Fig. 195 This is the Old Woolery Mill. The A. H. Woolery & Son Stone Company would later move to the New Woolery Mill on Tapp Road. This mill was south of Dillman Road. This view is looking east.



Fig 196 This picture is looking east at the Old Woolery Stone Company Mill. The Monon Stone Company Mill is to the left.

⁷⁴ John Rogers interview; "Quarries of the District: A. H. Woolery & Son," *Quarries and Mills*, II (November, 1931), p 8. In the members supporting *Quarries and Mills* the company is listed as A. H. Woolery & Son.



Fig. 197 This view is looking west at the Woolery Stone Company Old Mill.



Fig. 198 This is a repeat appearance of Figure 189 but it fits among the other pictures of the Woolery Old Mill. The Monon Stone Company Mill is to the left and Dillman Road runs along the left side. State Highway 37 runs along the top.

H EAGLE STONE COMPANY MILL

The mill of the Eagle Stone Company was built in 1903 and was still operating when the 1923 fly-over occurred. There is no record of it other than the reference to its construction in Blatchley. It clearly does not still exist in any form other than mere foundations but I have been unable to locate the exact site to determine if any remain. As recently as 2016 I searched around the old quarry area but found nothing. The easiest way to get to the vicinity of the old mill site is to go south on the dirt road that leaves Dillman Road just east of the old Monon railroad grade.⁷⁵ Then walk east. You could also walk west from the new Highway 37.



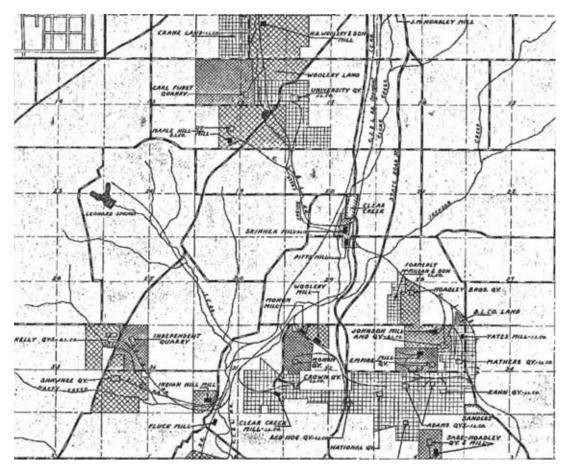
Fig. 199 This is a 1923 picture of the Eagle Stone Company Mill. The view is looking west.

Throughout this paper I have given directions for readers to walk to the sites of these old mills. "No Trespassing" signs are ubiquitous and I always asked permission when it was obvious which house belonged to the land. Usually, the signs are not encountered until well into the woods or it isn't clear who owns the land so they were ignored. In 30 years of walking quarries I encountered only one jerk who was neither interested in the history of his land nor sympathetic to this intruder. Be courteous and be careful. Walking abandoned quarries can be dangerous.

⁷⁵ Blatchley, p 403-404.

D W. McMILLAN AND SON STONE WORKS ILCO CLEAR CREEK MILL

The McMillan and Son Company built the largest mill in the northern end of the oolitic stone belt in 1904. This mill became the Indiana Limestone Company Clear Creek Mill after the merger in 1926. It is no longer there but the extensive foundations, parts of walls, and other remains make this an extremely interesting old mill site to visit (1989). Access is obtained by taking a dirt road that leads south from Dillman Road just east of the old Monon railroad grade. This road eventually comes to a dead end where quarry work is in progress (1989). The mill site is a few hundred yards in a southwest direction. An alternative and preferable route (given the quarrying operation) is to walk south on the railroad grade for about three-quarters of a mile and look closely for the old grade where the spur left the tracks and headed east to the mill. This can be followed to the site.⁷⁶ A visit in 2016 showed an encroaching glacier of a grout pile obliterating part of that wonderful old ruin.



Map 91 This is from the 1931 Map of Indiana Oolitic Limestone District...

⁷⁶ Blatchley, p 405. The McMillan firm was a large one with a complicated company history of acquiring other stone companies. See the author's "Origins of the Indiana Limestone Company," unpublished manuscript, revised edition, 2016, pp 136-159. Also, see p 261 in Appendix A.

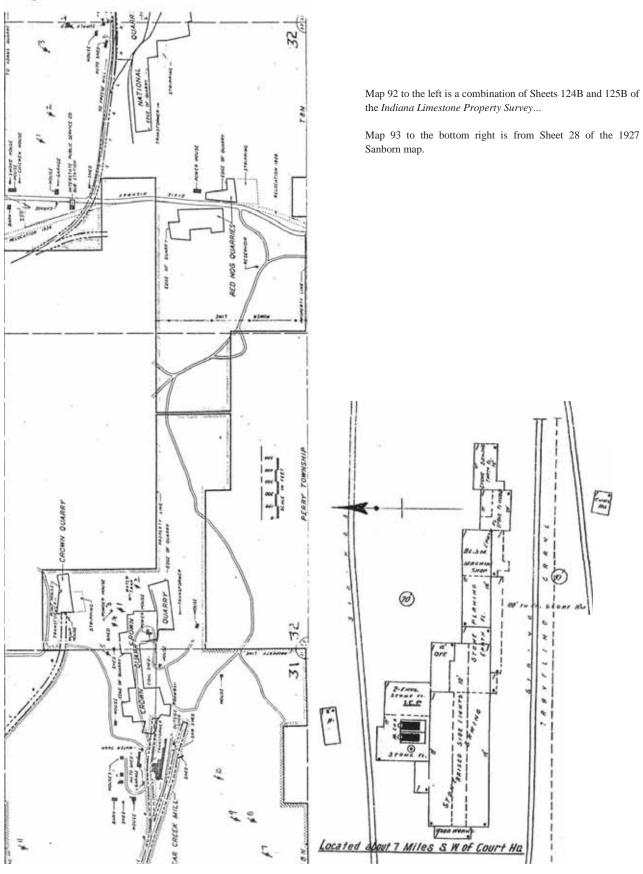




Fig. 200 This 1923 picture is looking roughly northeast at the W. McMillan and Son Stone Works. After the merger it became the Indiana Limestone Company Clear Creek Mill. Look to the right and above at the base of the white smoke for the Eagle Stone Company Mill.

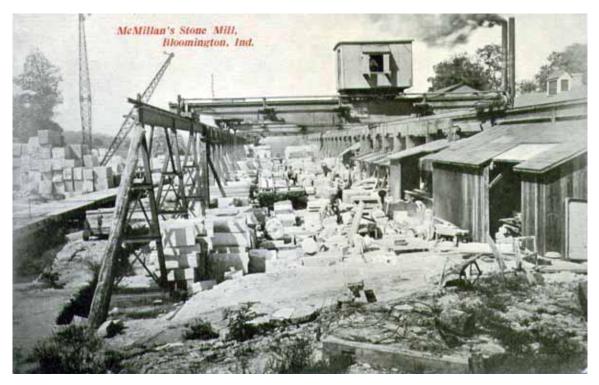


Fig. 201 This is from an old postcard and shows the McMillan Mill at an early date.



Fig. 202 The site of the old McMillan and Son Mill or ILCO Clear Creek Mill in 1989 had dramatic ruins as these pictures by the author show. Figs. 202 through 206 are from that visit.



Fig. 203 The site of the McMillan and Son Mill in 1989.



Fig. 204 The site of the old McMillan and Son Mill in 1989.



Fig. 205 The site of the old McMillan and Son Mill in 1989.



Fig. 206 I have no idea what this wheel was for. Its size can be estimated from my six and one-quarter inch scale. Later I smoked my scale.



Fig. 207 The W. McMillan & Son Mill in 2016.



Fig. 208 The W. McMillan & Son Mill in 2016.



Fig. 209 The W. McMillan & Son Mill in 2016.



Fig. 210 The W. McMillan & Son Mill in 2016

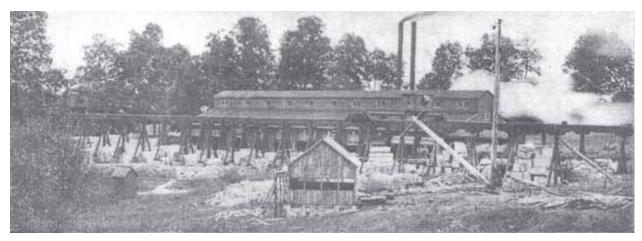


Fig. 211 This picture looking north at the W. McMillan & Son Mill is from p 31 of Rock Products, Vol. VI, No. 5, February 5, 1907.

E INDIAN HILL STONE COMPANY MILL 3D STONE, INC.

The Indian Hill Stone Company was organized in 1924 and the mill was presumably built shortly thereafter. It ceased operating about 1975.⁷⁷ By 1989 the mill and office building were deteriorating rapidly. In the last few years 3D Stone, Inc. has completely refurbished the mill and office and is doing business in the old mill again.⁷⁸



Fig. 212 This picture from 1940 is looking north at the Indian Hill Stone Company Mill. Victor Pike is the road running through the picture from top to bottom.

⁷⁷ Interview with Debby and Steve Reed, February, 2016.

⁷⁸ "Expansion of Indian Hill Co.," *Quarries and Mills*, *I* (November, 1929), p 45; John Edgeworth interview.



Fig. 213 This is looking northwest at the ruined hulk of the old Indian Hill Stone Company Mill. Pete Pedigo took this picture.



Fig. 214 This 2016 picture by the author shows how the folks at the 3D Stone, Inc., have salvaged the old mill for use as a modern mill.



Fig. 215 This 1989 picture by the author shows just how badly deteriorated the old mill was.



Fig. 216 The same scene as before but now the old mill is completely renovated. The picture was taken in 2016 by the author.



Fig. 217 This picture was taken in 1989 by the author and shows the office building for the old Indian Hill Stone Co.



Fig. 218 This 2016 picture by the author shows the refurbished office building.



Fig. 219 In 1989 when the author took this picture the old Indian Hill Mill was completely derelict.



Fig. 220 The same scene as before only now it is 2016. This picture by the author shows just how an old dilapidated stone mill can be refurbished.

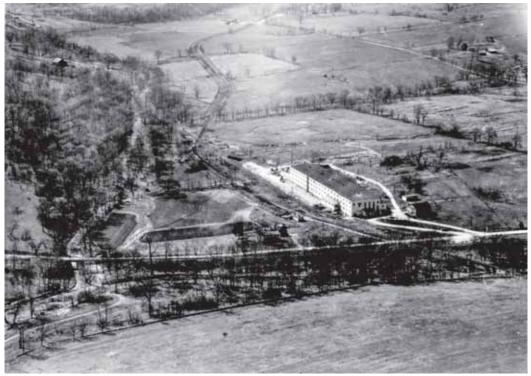
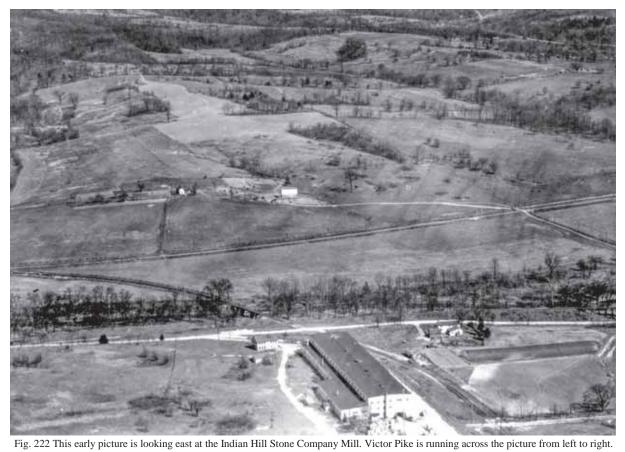


Fig. 221 This picture from 1940 is looking west at the old Indian Hill Stone Company Mill. Victor Pike is the road running across the picture.



F FLUCK CUT STONE COMPANY TEX A CON CUT STONE

Hugh W. and Arthur J. Fluck were Chicago brothers who moved their Chicago mill here in 1930-31. It has been in business more or less continuously since then and now is Tex a Con Cut Stone. It is located just east of the old Illinois Central Railroad spur on the northeast corner of Fluck Mill Road and Victor Pike.⁷⁹



Fig. 223 This 1940 picture is looking east at the Fluck Cut Stone Company Mill. Victor Pike runs across the bottom of the picture and Fluck Mill Road angles off to the east passing under the Illinois Central railroad trestle that is no longer there.



Fig. 224 This shows the original location of the Fluck Cut Stone Company Mill in Chicago, Illinois, before the mill was dismantled and rebuilt in Monroe County, Indiana, in 1930.

⁷⁹ "Office-Quarries-Mills," *Quarries and Mills, II* (January, 1931), p 15-16.

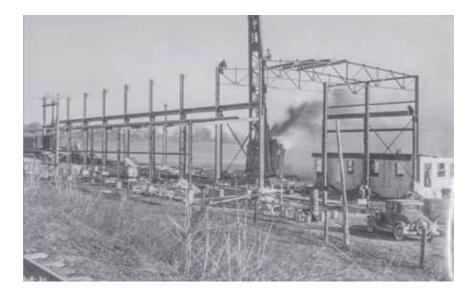


Fig. 225-227 show the construction of the Fluck Cut Stone Mill in Monroe County as it was being moved from its location in Chicago. Fig. 227 is dated (I think) 12-9-1930.

Fig. 226 in the middle is dated 12-16-1930.

Fig. 227 at the bottom is dated 12-23-1930.







Fig. 228 This is an early 1930 view of the Fluck Cut Stone Company.



Fig. 229 This picture of the Fluck Cut Stone Company is from sometime in the 1930s or possibly in the 1940s.

G VICTOR OOLITIC STONE COMPANY

The Victor Oolitic Stone Company Mill was built in 1927. It can be found by following Victor Pike for slightly over one mile south from the old Fluck Mill (in 2016 Tex a Con Cut Stone).⁸⁰ This company has been exclusively a quarry business for decades, at least since the 1950s, and in the last few years has been acquired by the Indiana Limestone Company.



Fig. 230 This wonderful undated picture shows the west side of the Victor Oolitic Stone Company Mill sometime in the 1920s.



Fig. 231 There are no mills in this picture but it is too good to pass up.

⁸⁰ John Edgeworth interview.

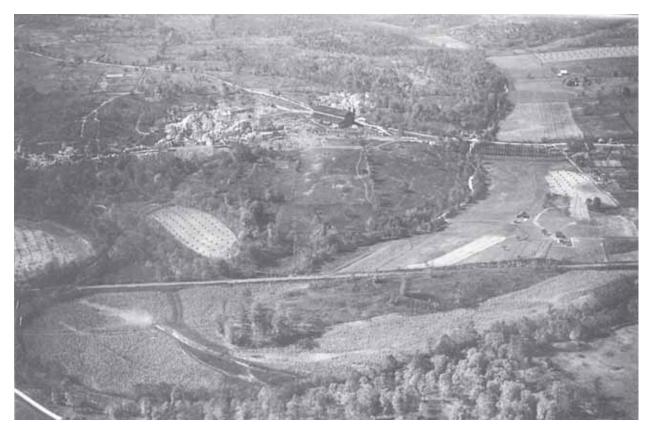


Fig. 232 This undated picture is looking west or southwest and shows the mill for the Victor Oolitic Stone Company. The large wooden railroad trestle shown in the right is a spur from the Illinois Central Railroad which went to the Victor area. Victor Pike is the road that runs just on the other side of the trestle and right by the mill. The main line of the Monon Railroad runs across the middle of the picture.

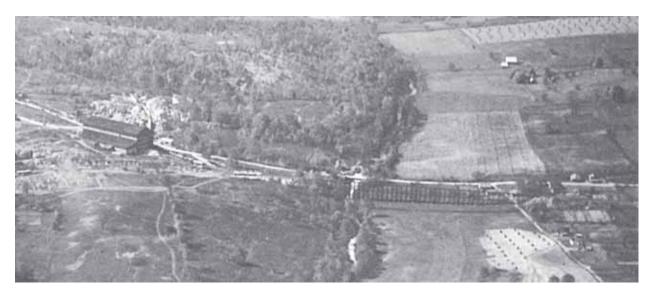


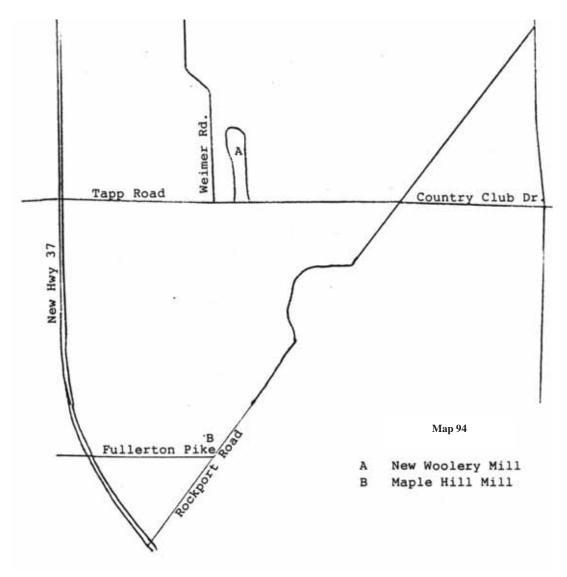
Fig. 233 This is simply a closer look at Figure 232 to better show the mill for the Victor Oolitic Stone Company and the wooden trestle.



Fig. 234 This section on limestone mills in the Victor area ends with a little ambiguity about this picture and it leads to a couple of larger points. The back of this picture was labeled "Reed-Powers" and certainly that company had quarry operations in the Victor area. The quarries in the very far left of Figure 232 were theirs. But there is no indication anywhere that that company had a mill in Monroe County. This picture shows a structure that might be thought to be a mill but I don't think it is. There is neither a tramway nor derricks close-by to handle the blocks at the mill nor are there stacks of blocks arranged in an orderly way awaiting cutting. The larger point to be made is that there are lots of smaller buildings in quarry fields that had to do with maintenance work or storage of equipment or a whole host of things. That doesn't make them cut stone mills. Finally, this picture is illustrative of the hundreds of wonderful photographs of quarry areas that do not contain cut stone mills and therefore aren't included in this work. Most of these pictures are not identified but many of them, especially the 1923 fly-over, are. They are not necessarily identified because they are labeled, but because the fly-over pictures covered enough land area that pictures overlapped enough to allow identifications to be made. Often it isn't easy, but it is fun.

In this work and others I have made disparaging comments about owners of merging companies who took the money and almost immediately started new companies. I have wondered about any non-competition clauses in the sell agreements. Bachelor, p 268, writes, "At the time of the sale of the companies, the promoters gave consideration to the insertion in the contract of a clause in which the purchasers promised not to re-enter the stone business for a period of five years. Because of uncertainty over the legal effect of the clause and of refusals to sign such a statement, it was finally included in the contract with only four companies."

MISCELLANEOUS MONROE COUNTY



A A. H. WOOLERY AND SON STONE COMPANY "NEW MILL"

The new mill of the A. H. Woolery and Son Stone Company was built in 1930 and was in operation in 1989. Sometime since then the company has gone out of business. During the 1950s the Sare-Hoadley Mill was dismantled and moved to expand the New Woolery Mill. It was located to the northeast of the junction of Tapp Road and Weimer Road.⁸¹

⁸¹ "Quarries of the District: A. H. Woolery & Son," *Quarries and Mills, II* (November, 1931), p 8.



Fig. 235 This undated picture shows New Woolery Stone Company Mill.

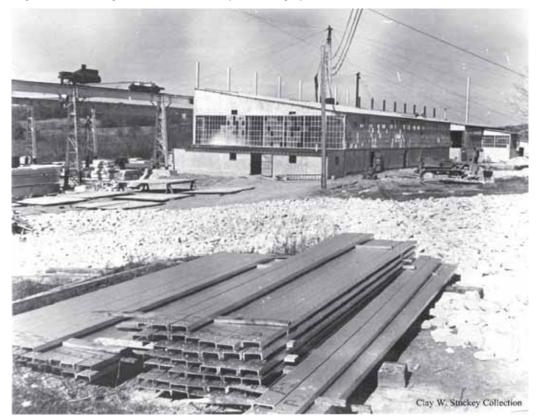


Fig. 236 This undated view is looking at the south end of the New Woolery Stone Company Mill and shows that portion which was dismantled from the Sare-Hoadley Mill in the 1950s and moved here.

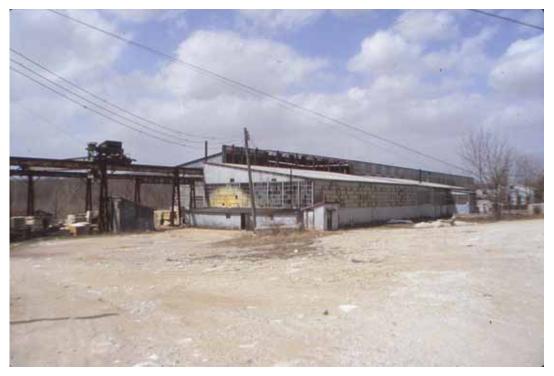


Fig 237 This picture by the author was taken in 1987 and is looking northwest at the New Woolery Stone Co. Mill.



Fig. 238 This 1987 picture by the author shows the New Woolery Mill as seen from Weimer Road.

B MAPLE HILL STONE COMPANY MILL C & H STONE COMPANY MILL

The Maple Hill Stone Company built this mill in the 1920s. It continues in business today (2016) under the name C & H Stone Company. In 1981 C & H leased it from the Bloomington Limestone Company and around 1985 bought the mill. It is located to the northeast of the junction of Fullerton Pike and Rockport Road.⁸²



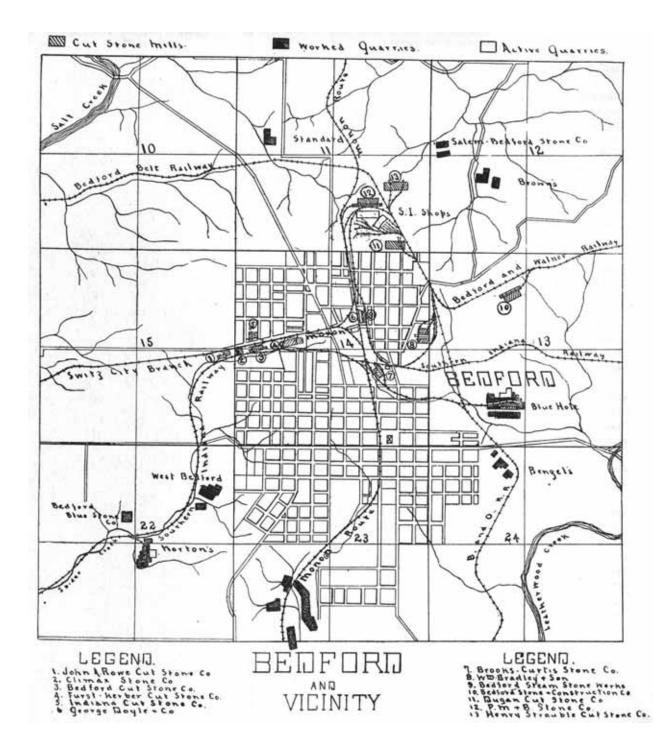
Fig. 239 This picture by the author in 1987 shows the C & H Stone Company Mill. It was the old Maple Hill Stone Company Mill. The view is looking north.



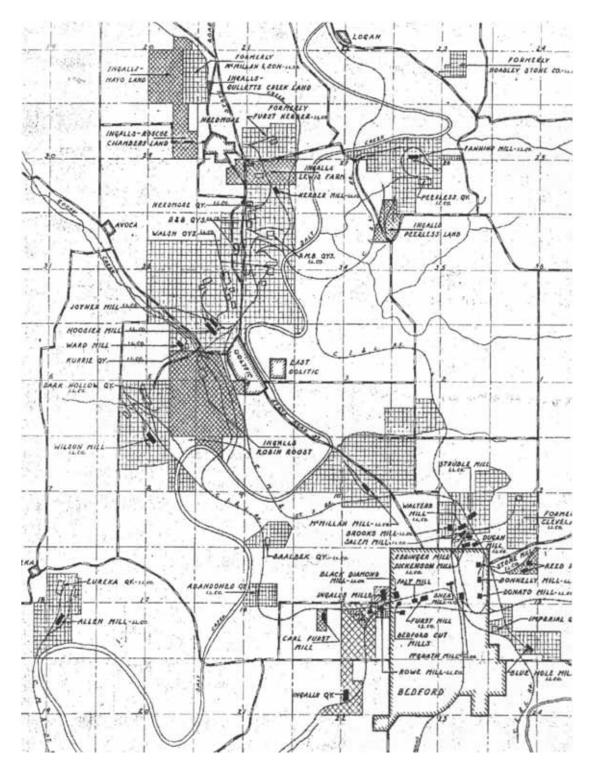
Fig. 240 In 1987 this picture by the author was looking west at the C & H Stone Co.

⁸² Interview with David Cline, Bloomington, Indiana.

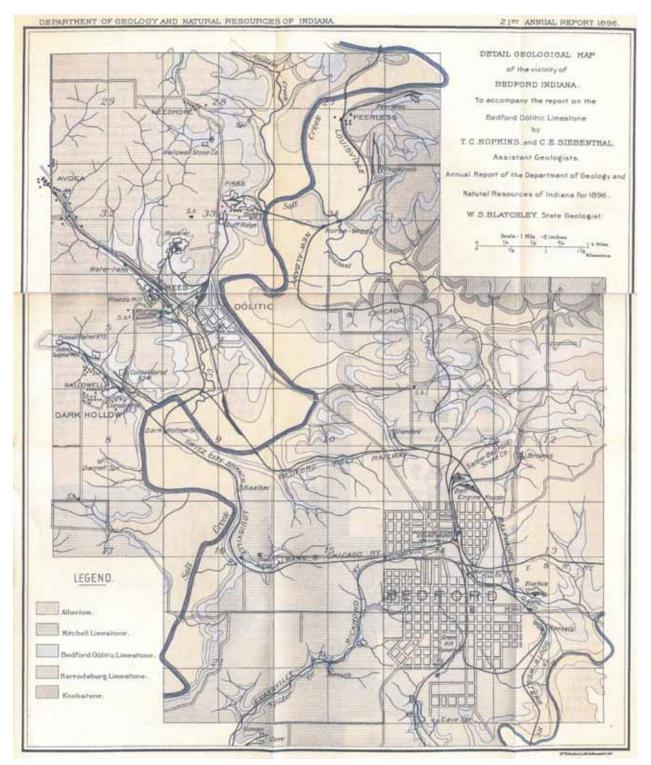
LAWRENCE COUNTY



Map 95 Blatchley, between pages 438 and 439.

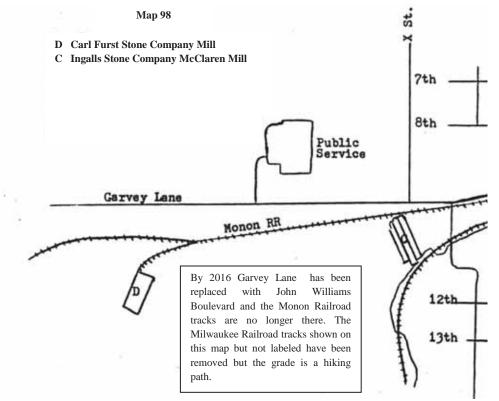


Map 96 This is from the 1931 Building Stone Association Map.



Map 97 This map from Hopkins and Siebenthal may be found between pages 378 and 379.

WEST JOHN WILLIAMS BOULEVARD



D CARL FURST STONE MILL SUMMITT AND EVANS STONE MILL EVANS LIMESTONE COMPANY MILL

The Carl Furst Stone Mill lies to the south of John Williams Boulevard about one mile east of new Highway 37. The mill is still operating as a cut stone mill. When the twenty-four companies merged in 1926 to form the Indiana Limestone Company, the Furst-Kerber Cut Stone Company was one of those who merged and Carl Furst and his son Phillip began construction of this new mill in October of that year. It was finished in 1927. It is not known to this author what kind of non-competition clause was in the agreement when Furst-Kerber sold out.⁸³ (See sidebar on page 167.)



Fig. 241 This is a 2015 picture by the author looking southwest at the north end of the Evans Limestone Company Mill.

⁸³ James Guthrie, A Quarter Century in Lawrence County, Indiana: 1917-1941 (Bedford, 1984), pp 133, 142.



Fig. 242 Here is the Carl Furst Stone Mill when it was new.



Fig. 243 This undated picture is looking roughly south and while it doesn't show the Carl Furst/Evans Stone Company Mill very well, it does show an area that became a prime piece of real estate. 16th Street is at the top running across the picture. The four lane Highway 37 has not yet been built.

C INGALLS STONE COMPANY McCLAREN MILL INGALLS MILL NO. 2 HARDING AND COGSWELL MILL

The Ingalls Stone Company McClaren Mill is located southwest of the intersection of U Street and John Williams Boulevard. It was operating in 1989 as a stone mill and was owned by Harding and Cogswell, Inc. In 2016 most of the building is used for purposes other than milling limestone. The mill was built not long after 1912.⁸⁴



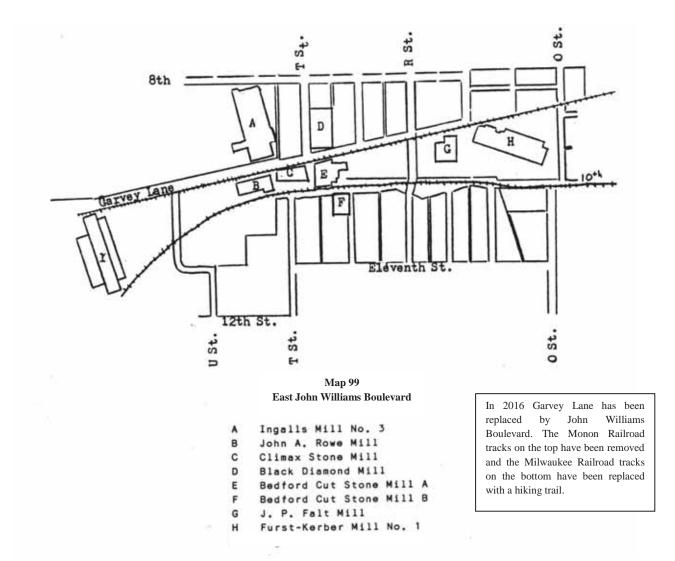
Fig. 244 This is looking west at the old building that was the Ingalls Stone Company McClaren Mill. Shortly after this picture was taken by the author in February, 2015, the older section of the building to the left was razed. It is no longer a stone mill. See Figure 249 for an old picture of this mill.



Fig. 245 After removing the dilapidated south part of the old McClaren Mill building, this modern business carries on in what used to be a stone mill.

⁸⁴ James M. Guthrie, *Thiry Three Years in the History of Lawrence County, Indiana: 1884-1917* (Bedford, 1958), p 55, writes that McClaren & Sons company had begun in 1912 and its mill in Bedford was sold to Ingalls in 1913. This was probably the mill. It does not appear on the Sanborn map of 1910 but does on the 1922 edition (Sheet 12).

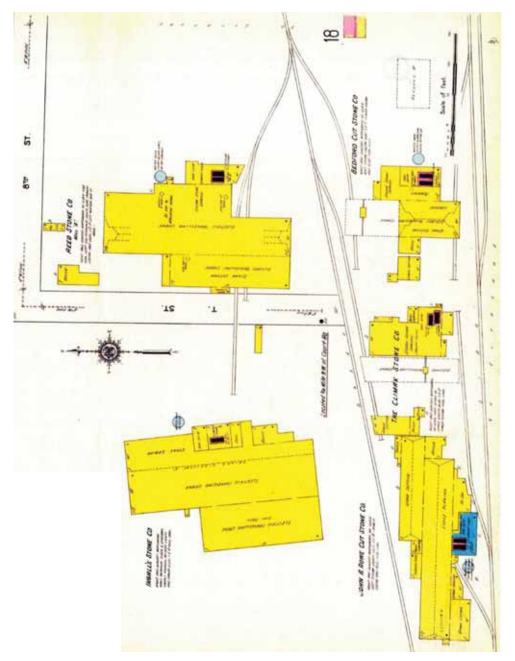
EAST JOHN WILLIAMS BOULEVARD



A INGALLS STONE COMPANY MILL NO. 3

The Ingalls Stone Company Mill No. 3 is located northwest of the intersection of John Williams Boulevard and T Street. An earlier mill on this site burned on September 10, 1918. A larger mill was built at the same place and was dedicated on September 20, 1920. The building is still there and being utilized for purposes other than the milling of stone.⁸⁵

⁸⁵ Guthrie, A Quarter Century, pp 21, 125.



Map 100 This is from Sheet 18 of the 1910 Bedford Sanborn maps.

As geologically defined, Washington County lies within the Indiana Limestone District. After all, it was Salem that gave its name to the strata of limestone that was used for building and artistic purposes. But there were no mills, and according to Batchelor, (p 34), quarry activity near Salem was abandoned in the 1890s because of the thickness of overburden on top of the good Salem stone. Thus the expense of quarrying was prohibitive. The company working there moved to north Bedford.



Fig. 246 This picture is looking northeast at the Ingalls mill that burned in 1918.



Fig. 247 This picture is the same view as above but shows the mill after the exterior tramway was enclosed.



Fig. 248 This is looking northwest at the Ingalls Stone Company Mill No. 3 that replaced the mill that burned in 1918.



Fig. 249 This is the McClaren Mill shown in Figures 244 and 245. The view is looking northwest.



Fig. 250 This picture was taken by the author in the late 1980s and is looking northwest at the abandoned mill building of the Ingalls Stone Company Mill No. 3.



Fig. 251 This 2015 picture by the author is the same view as Fig. 250 but shows a modern business in the refurbished old mill building.



Fig. 252 Here we are looking southwest and the Ingalls Stone Company Mill No. 3 is in the lower left. In the upper left is the John A. Rowe Cut Stone Company Mill, and in the upper right is the Ingalls McClaren Mill. The Ingalls office building is in the center right. The Monon Railroad crosses the picture on the north side of the Rowe Mill and the Milwaukee crosses on the south side of it. All of these buildings have survived but none is involved in the limestone business.

B JOHN A. ROWE CUT STONE COMPANY MILL INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY ROWE MILL

Directly across John Williams Boulevard toward the south from Ingalls Mill No. 3 was the John A. Rowe Cut Stone Company Mill. John A. Rowe came to Bedford in 1890 and associated with Ferdinand O. Cross of Chicago. Their business was located on the northwest corner of Fifteenth and J Street (at that time these were named Locust and Railroad Streets, respectively). The Rowe Cut Stone Co. Mill was built about 1897. After the merger in 1926 it became the Indiana Limestone Company Rowe Mill. It was not in 1989 nor is it now involved in the stone business.⁸⁶

⁸⁶ Guthrie, *Thirty Three Years*, p 49; Blatchley, p 448 writes that the mill was built in 1900, but it appears on the Sanborn 1898 Sheet 9 as the as the John A. Rowe Rustic Monument Works. Guthrie states that the mill was operating in1897.



Fig. 253 To the left is the building of the John A. Rowe Cut Stone Company Mill. The picture was taken by the author looking west in 2015. It is no longer a stone mill. On the right is the old Ingalls Mill No. 3 in its modern garb.



Fig. 254 This picture by the author in 2015 is looking southwest at the building of the John A. Rowe Cut Stone Company. It is no longer a stone mill.

D BLACK DIAMOND MILL INDIANA CUT STONE COMPANY MILL REED STONE COMPANY MILL A INTERSTATE CUT STONE COMPANY MILL INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY BLACK DIAMOND MILL

Immediately across T Street to the east of the Ingalls Mill No. 3 was the Black Diamond Mill. It was built in 1906 by the Indiana Cut Stone Company. It has been identified by several names and was razed sometime between 1929 and 1935.⁸⁷

⁸⁷ This facility first made its appearance on the Sanborn maps as The Reed Stone Company Mill A (1910 Sheet 18). Then it was the Interstate Cut Stone Company (1922 Sheet 12) and finally the Indiana Limestone Company Black Diamond Mill (1929 Sheet 18). A map of the city found in City Hall made in 1931 and revised in 1935 does not show the mill; Blatchley, p 449.



Fig. 255 The Black Diamond Mill can be seen to the left just north of the Bedford Cut Stone Mill A on the right.

E BEDFORD CUT STONE COMPANY MILL A

Directly to the south of the Black Diamond Mill and across the Monon Railroad tracks was the Bedford Cut Stone Company Mill A. It was built in 1907 after C. S. Norton, Robert McKinley, Sr., and John A. Rowe established the Bedford Cut Stone Company in 1906. The Bedford Cut Stone Company was taken over by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in 1938 after it defaulted on a loan. By 1947 the mill was gone.⁸⁸



Fig. 256 This is looking at the west side of the Bedford Cut Stone Company Mill A. The south end of the Black Diamond Mill can be seen in the far left.

⁸⁸ Blatchley, p 448; Guthrie, *Thirty Three Years*, p 52; Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 139; The Sanborn 1947 Sheet 18 no longer shows the mill.

F BEDFORD CUT STONE COMPANY MILL B

The Bedford Cut Stone Company Mill B was located directly across the Milwaukee Railroad tracks to the south of Mill A. Mill B was built in 1931 and it has operated as a stone mill from time to time. In 2016 it is empty.⁸⁹



Fig. 257 This is the west side of the Bedford Cut Stone Company Mill B. Its Mill A is to the left.



Fig. 258 This is the west side of the Bedford Cut Stone Company Mill B.

⁸⁹ Guthrie, Quarter Century, p 135



Fig. 259 This is the east side of the Bedford Cut Stone Company Mill B.



Fig. 260 This 2015 picture taken by the author is looking southwest at the old empty Bedford Cut Stone Company Mill B.

C CLIMAX STONE MILL WEST BEDFORD STONE COMPANY MILL

Nestled directly between the Bedford Cut Stone Mill A and the John A. Rowe Mill was the Climax Stone Company Mill. The West Bedford Stone Company was formed in 1892 and built this mill. The Climax Stone Company was organized in 1895 and that year purchased the mill from the West Bedford Stone Company. It burned in January, 1918, and was not rebuilt. At the time of the fire it was owned by the Ingalls Stone Company but was not being used.⁹⁰ To my knowledge, there are no pictures of it. See page 256 for a picture of the old West Bedford Mill.

⁹⁰ Guthrie, *Thirty Three Years*, pp 47-49; *Guthrie, Quarter Century*, p 124; Blatchley, p 448; Guthrie writes that the mill burned completely in 1901 as well as in 1918. If true, the mill was rebuilt to the same plan and on the same spot because the Sanborn maps 1898 Sheet 9 and 1904 Sheet 9 show quite similar buildings there.

G J. P. FALT STONE COMPANY MILL

To the east of R Street between the now gone Monon Railroad tracks and the also now gone Milwaukee Railroad tracks (but now a hiking trail), was the J. P. Falt Company Stone Mill. If Q Street extended north of 10th Street it would run directly into the Falt Mill. It was built in 1909 and burned in March, 1936.⁹¹ It may be seen from above in Figure 265.

H FURST-KERBER CUT STONE COMPANY MILL NO. 1 INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY WHITING MILL

The Furst-Kerber Cut Stone Company Mill No. 1 was located directly to the east of the J. P. Falt Mill. It was to the northwest of the intersection of 10th and O Street. In 2016 it was to the southwest of the intersection of John Williams Boulevard and O Street. There are storage rental buildings on the site of the old mill. It was built in 1904 by the Furst-Kerber Cut Stone Company, which had been organized in 1899 by William L. Kerber and Carl and Henry Furst. After the merger in 1926 the mill was known as the Indiana Limestone Company Whiting Mill. In 1939 while being used for storage it was damaged by fire and torn down shortly after. The office building for the Furst-Kerber Stone Company was built just south of the mill and in 2016 is still standing. It has had various occupants from churches to dwellings.⁹²



Fig. 261 This is a 1923 view looking northeast at the Furst-Kerber Cut Stone Company Mill No. 1. Stalker School is in the upper left and O Street runs along the east end of the mill. The Monon Railroad is on the left side of the picture and the Milwaukee can just be seen in the lower right. The Furst-Kerber office building is in the foreground.

⁹¹ Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, pp 23, 128.

⁹² Blatchley, p 448; Guthrie, *Thirty Three Years*, pp 49-50; Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 140.





Fig. 262 This modern picture by the author is looking west at the old office building of the Furst-Kerber Cut Stone Company. Since those days it has been many things.

Fig. 263 Here is the office building for the Furst-Kerber Cut Stone Company when it was new. The view is looking northwest.



Fig. 264 This 1923 picture is looking east along Garvey Lane to the left and the Monon Railroad to the right of it. Both have been replaced by John Williams Boulevard. To the right is the McClaren Mill of the Ingalls Stone Company. Above it to the right of the railroad is the John A. Rowe Cut Stone Company Mill and then the Bedford Cut Stone Company Mill A. In the far distance can be seen the Furst-Kerber Mill No. 1. To the left of the railroad and road is first seen the Ingalls Mill No. 3 and then the Black Diamond Mill.

In the 1920s the limestone business was doing well and many companies built rather impressive limestone (what else) office buildings. When some of those who had done so merged to form the Indiana Limestone Company in 1926, those office buildings became redundant. Especially they became so after ILCO built a fine new office for itself. Those lesser office buildings have survived until the modern era and are serving as locations for other activities besides the stone business. I have shown some in this work.



Fig. 265 This 1935 Soil Conservation Department aerial picture should be compared with Map 99 on page 178 for the identification of the mills shown.

Map 101 Central Bedford



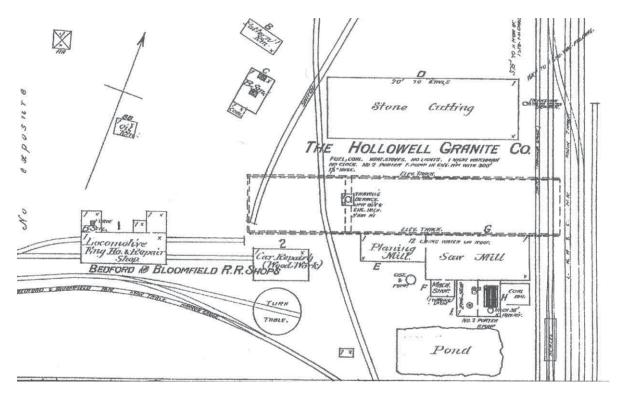
B SHEA & DONNELLY MILL A GEORGE DOYLE STONE COMPANY MILL HINSDALE-DOYLE GRANITE COMPANY MILL HALLOWELL GRANITE COMPANY MILL HALLOWELL STONE COMPANY MILL INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY SHEA MILL

The Shea & Donnelly Mill A was located about four hundred feet south of 7th Street and was oriented in an east-west direction with its east end adjacent to the main line Monon Railroad tracks. The most likely ancestor of this mill was built in about 1880 by the Hinsdale-Doyle Granite Company. It supplied stone for, among others, Chicago City Hall in 1882, the Vanderbilt mansion in North Carolina (Biltmore), and the Merchant's National Bank Building in New York City. The Hinsdale-Doyle Granite Company of Hallowell, Maine, was an eastern company and eventually was identified as the Hallowell Granite Company and the Hallowell Stone Company. (The town in Maine is spelled with an "a" but the Sanborn maps call it Hollowell.) The mill passed to the Shea & Donnelly Company about 1900. Shea & Donnelly participated in the 1926 merger and afterward the mill was called the Indiana Limestone Company Shea Mill. It was razed in 1939. The old Shea & Donnelly company office is still on the south side of 7th Street and is occupied by Stone City Products.⁹³

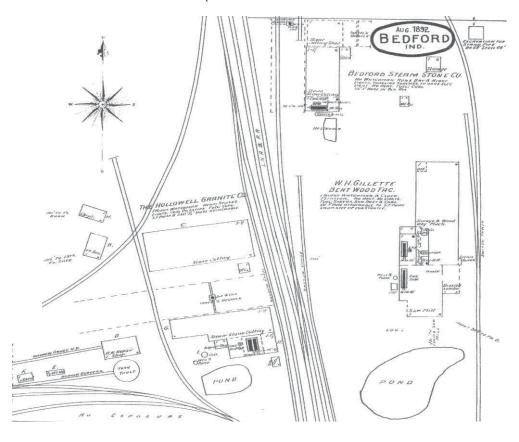


Fig. 266 This 1923 picture is looking northeast at the Shea & Donnelly Stone Company Mill A in the middle and the Thornton Mill perpendicular to it on the east end. In the bottom is the round house and turn table for the Monon railroad. The vacant lot to the north of the Shea & Donnelly Mill will be used for its new office building which in the modern era became part of Stone City Products.

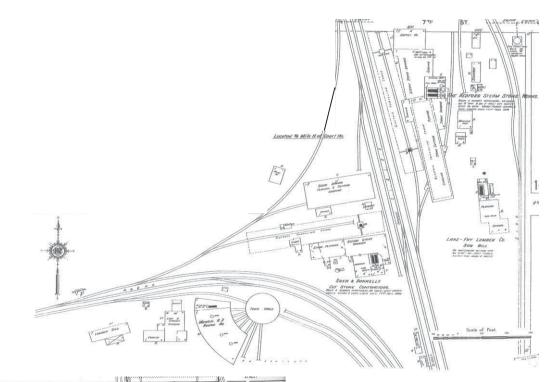
⁹³ Guthrie, *Thirty Three Years*, p 45; Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 140; Sanborn maps 1886 Sheets 2 & 4, 1898 Sheet 1, and 1910 Sheet 19. Guthrie writes in one place that the mill was erected in the early '90s and in another context he places a mill there as early as 1880. The Sanborn maps place a mill there as early as 1886 and there seems to be no reason to doubt the 1880 date. It is very easy to become confused in these early years of the stone industry. Even the normally reliable Sanborn in 1904 Sheet 1 labels this mill the Furst-Kerber Cut Stone Co. This is clearly a mistake. On the next series of maps, those of 1910, the mistake is corrected; Blatchley, p 451.

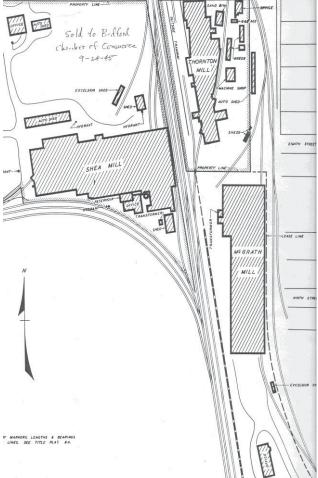


Map 102 This is from Sheet 2 of the 1886 Sanborn map.



Map 103 This is from Sheet 4 of the Sanborn 1892 map.





Map 104 above is from Sheet 19 of the 1910 Sanborn map. This series is a good example of how many of the stone mills grew in size over time.

Map 105 to the left is from Sheet 8B of the Indiana Limestone Company *Property Survey* 1928-1929.

Fig. 267 below shows the north side of the new office building for the Shea & Donnelly Company. It now (2016) is part of Stone City Products. This is the north side of the building and it faces $7^{\rm th}$ Street.



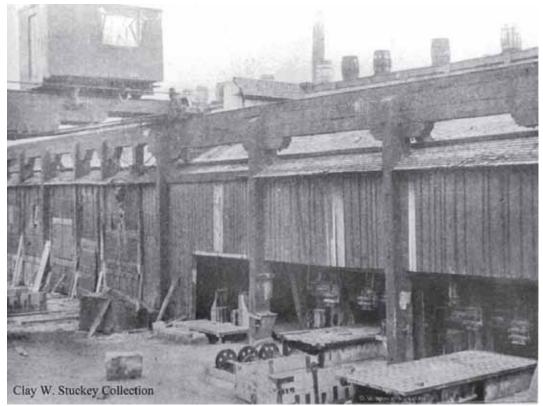


Fig. 268 From an 1895 issue of *Stone* magazine comes this picture of "THE HALLOWELL STONE CO.'S MILL, SHOWING PLANERS AND HEADERS." Note barrels of water for extinguishing fires.

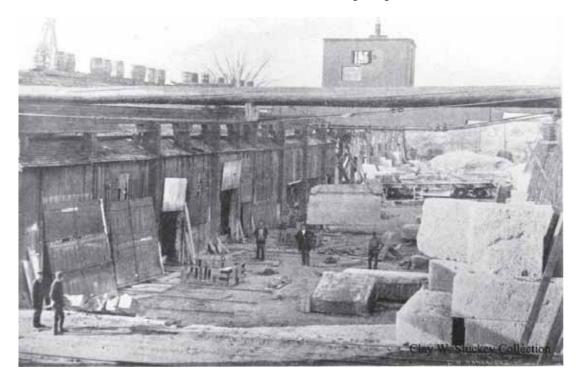


Fig. 269 From an 1895 issue of *Stone* magazine comes this picture of "THE HALLOWELL STONE CO.'S MILL, LOOKING WEST."

A INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY THORNTON MILL BEDFORD STEAM STONE COMPANY MILL BEDFORD STEAM STONE WORKS IMPERIAL STONE COMPANY

Directly southeast of the intersection of the old Monon Railroad tracks and 7th Street was the Bedford Steam Stone Company. The Bedford Steam Stone Works was established in 1888. By 1897 it was headed by Henry C. Thornton (president) and E. B. Thornton (secretary). The Imperial Stone Company was organized in 1905 by several men including E. B. Thornton. By 1922 the mill was called the Imperial Stone Company. After the merger it became the Indiana Limestone Thornton Mill. It was gone by 1935.⁹⁴ Figure 266 also shows this mill quite well.

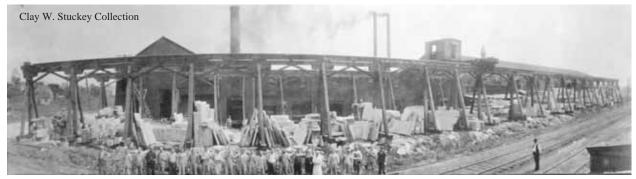


Fig. 270 This is looking east at the Indiana Limestone Company Thornton Mill. The city water standpipe can be seen to the left.

C INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY McGRATH MILL INTER-STATE CUT STONE COMPANY MILL

The McGrath Mill is located parallel to J Street along the main line of the now abandoned Monon Railroad. If 9th Street extended west of J Street, it would intersect the mill. It was built in 1924 by Maurice McGrath of the Inter-State Cut Stone Company. The mill in 2016 is used by Indiana Steel and Engineering, and the old company office, which stands just south of the mill, is also used by that firm.⁹⁵



Fig. 271 This is the new office building for the Inter-State Cut Stone Company. Now (2016) it is the office for Indiana Steel and Engineering.

⁹⁴ Blatchley, p 450; Guthrie, *Thirty Three Years*, pp 49, 52; Sanborn maps 1910 Sheet 19, 1929 Sheet 22; Soil Conservation Department aerial photograph of 1935.

⁹⁵ Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 140.

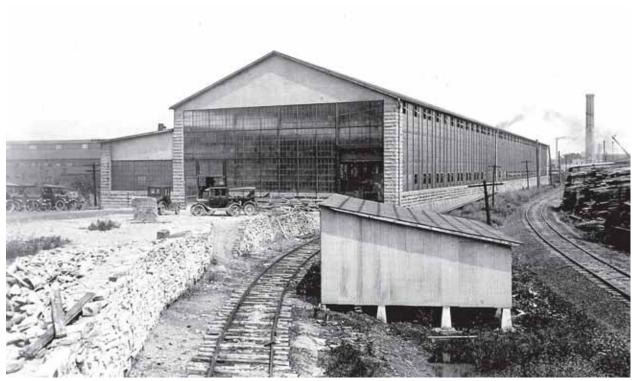


Fig. 272 This is looking north at the relatively new mill of the Inter-State Cut Stone Company. It became the McGrath Mill of the Indiana Limestone Company and in 2016 it is the factory building for Indiana Steel and Engineering Corp.



Fig. 273 This is the same scene as in Fig. 272, only the picture was taken by the author in the late 1980s.



Fig. 274 This is a 2016 picture by the author of the east side of the old McGrath Mill building.

W. L. KANN MILL W. L. KANN STEAM STONE CUTTING BROOKS-CURTIS STONE COMPANY STEAM STONE CUTTING BEDFORD STONE COMPANY MILL BEDFORD SAWED STONE COMPANY MILL

Originally J Street did not extend any further than one-half block north of 13th Street. Had it done so, it would have run directly into the W. L. Kann Mill which stood at what would be the junction of 12th and J Streets if only 12th extended to J. The name and history of this mill is especially confusing and even the spelling is not clear. I have chosen Kann rather than Kahn because it appears that way in slightly more sources. A brief discussion of this mill is necessary to illustrate the pitfalls of research into the early stone industry.

The Sanborn map for 1898 (Sheet 9) labels this mill the W. L. Kann Steam Stone Cutting. The map for 1904 (Sheet 9) shows the same mill as the Brooks-Curtis Stone Company Steam Stone Cutting. The 1910 map (Sheet No. 6) labels it simply as Stone Mill, W. L. Kann Owner. Guthrie writes that W. L. Kann came to Bedford in 1898 and entered the stone business. He also writes that the Brooks-Curtis Stone Company was formed in 1905 and bought the old Kann Mill. The Thirty-Second Annual Report of the State Department of Geology and Natural Resources says that the Brooks-Curtis Stone Company was organized in 1902 and established a mill near the Monon depot. Elsewhere Guthrie writes that the "Bedford Stone Company's mill was on J Street near the then new Monon depot." This company had been in business since at least 1893. Joseph Batchelor writes in his An Economic History of the Indiana Oolitic Limestone Industry that on June 30, 1897 the Bedford Stone Mill Co. was sold to W. L. Kann of the Bedford Sawed Stone Co. In still another context Guthrie writes that "In January, 1918...the Kahn [sic] Mill located just east of the Monon Depot and near the B & O station...had to be sold at sheriff's sale...Victor Albright and Walter Sherrill purchased the Kahn [sic] holdings, and in '20 dismantled the mill and moved it to Ohio to be rebuilt for production of sandstone." But there is the following also by Guthrie: "In late Summer '17 J Street north of 13th was opened and some improvements were made, but that necessitated demolition of the old Brook-Curtis Stone

Mill which projected into the right-of-way..." While it is conceivable that two mills are being discussed in all this, I believe there was just one mill that at one time or another could be referred to with justification as W. L. Kann, Brooks-Curtis Stone Co. Steam Stone Cutting, Bedford Stone Company Mill, the Bedford Sawed Stone Company Mill or some variation of these names.⁹⁶



Fig. 275 The Kann Mill building and its tramway can be seen in the far upper left corner. The depot for the B & O S W Railroad is to its right of the mill and the depot for the Milwaukee is directly above the other depot.



Fig. 276 This is merely an enlargement of the relative section of Fig. 275 showing the mill and tramway on the left.

G SHEA & DONNELLY MILL B WILLIAM BRADLEY & SON STONE CUTTING WORKS E. F. GIBERSON AND COMPANY STONE CUTTING WORKS INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY DONNELLY MILL

⁹⁶ Guthrie, *Thirty Three Years*, pp 46, 49, 52; Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, pp 73, 124; Blatchley, p 449; Sanborn 1898 Sheet 9, and 1904 Sheet 9, 1910 Sheet 6.

On the east side of H Street, opposite where Summit Lane ends, was the Shea & Donnelly Mill B. This mill originally was built sometime between 1902 and 1904 and was known as the William Bradley & Son Stone Cutting Works. Eventually E. F. Giberson acquired the mill and in about 1911 Giberson merged with Shea & Donnelly. After the merger in 1926 the mill was known as the Indiana Limestone Company Donnelly Mill. It had not been used for several years, when in February, 1936, the mill was destroyed by fire.⁹⁷

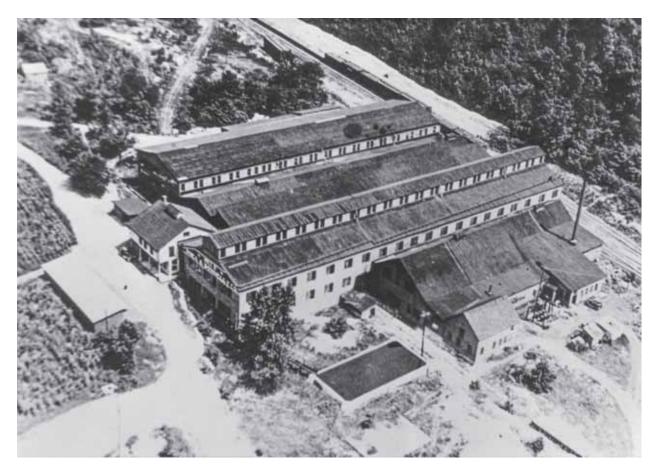


Fig. 277 This is a 1923 picture of the Shea & Donnelly Company Mill B at about 9th and H Streets.

When I wrote in 1989 I said there were one hundred and six mills identified. The new count is one hundred and eight. There were two in Owen County, sixty-six in Monroe County, and forty in Lawrence County. In some cases it depends upon how you count. Does the National Mill count as two? I thought so. As I have indicated, the Crescent Stone Company turns out not to have a mill.

⁹⁷ Guthrie, *Thirty Three Years*, pp 52, 54; Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, pp 23, 140; Batchelor, p 150; Blatchley, p 449; Sanborn maps 1904 Sheet 10, 1910 Sheet 14, and 1929 Sheet 24.

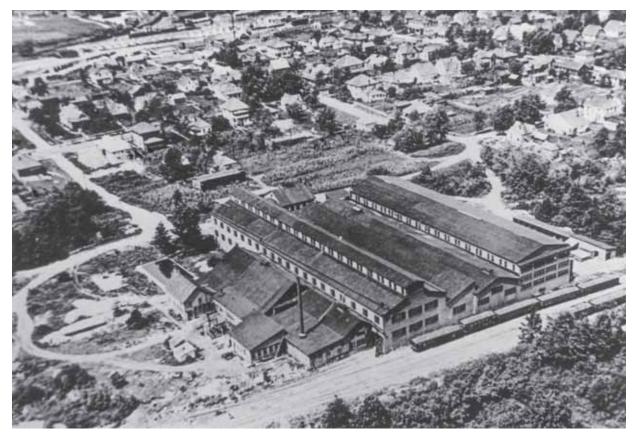


Fig. 278 This is another 1923 view of the Shea & Donnelly Stone Company Mill B at about 9th and H Street.

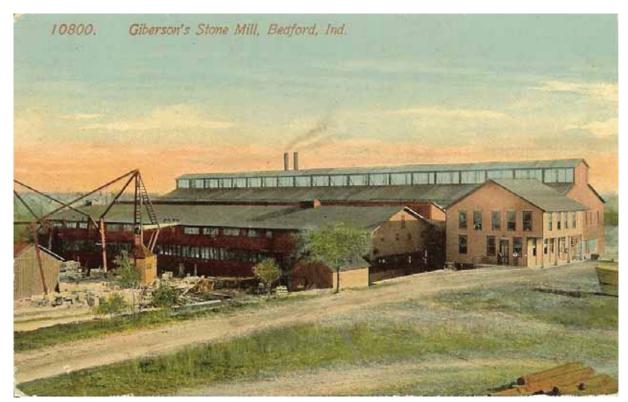
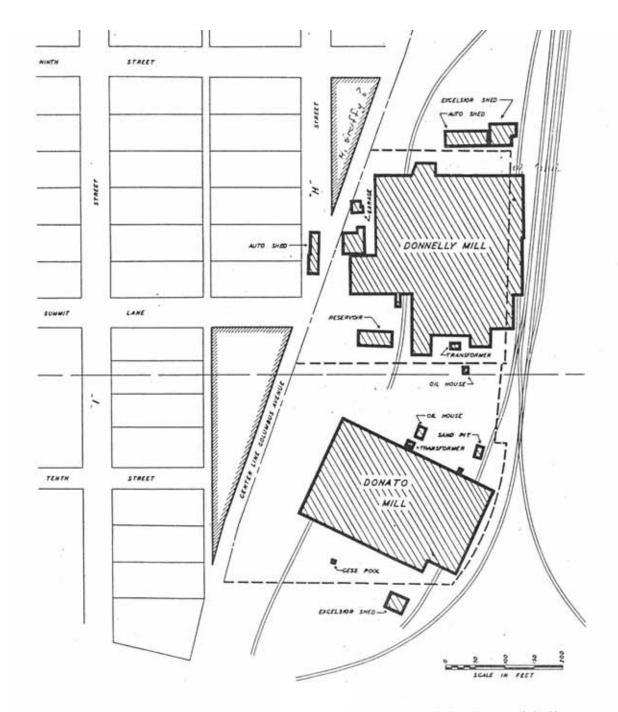


Fig. 279 This tinted postcard image of the north side of the Shea & Donnelly Mill B dates from an earlier period when it was the Giberson Stone Mill.



The ILCO Donnelly Mill is the old Shea and Donnelly Company Mill B and was originally, built in 1892 by William Bradley and Son. The ILCO Donato (later Purdue) Mill was built by the C. D. Donato Cut Stone Company in 1923. Neither mill has survived.

Map 106 This is from Sheet 7B of the ILCO Property Survey of 1928-1929.

F INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY PURDUE MILL INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY DONATO MILL C. D. DONATO CUT STONE COMPANY MILL

Just south of the Shea & Donnelly Mill B was the C. D. Donato Cut Stone Company Mill. It was built about 1923 and after the merger in 1926 became the Indiana Limestone Company Donato Mill. Later it was called the Indiana Limestone Company Purdue Mill. Mr. Donato took the money from selling out to the merger and almost immediately started a new mill. The new company wasn't about to continue naming his old mill after him. This sort of activity happened all too often by those selling out in 1926. By 1947 the mill was gone.⁹⁸

H HOOSIER CUT STONE COMPANY MILL INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY A. W. STONE MILL

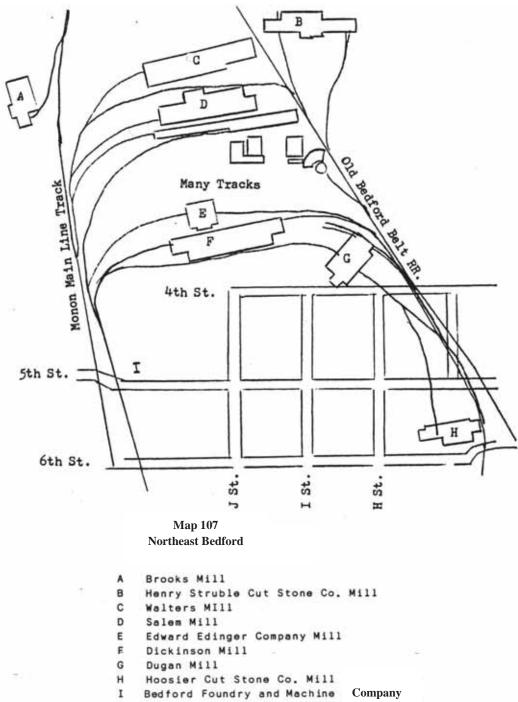
The Hoosier Cut Stone Company Mill was located on the north side of 6th Street where it jogs slightly before crossing the abandoned Bedford Belt Railroad. If G Street extended across 6th Street it would run through the mill. The Hoosier Cut Stone Company, (also see p 105), was formed in 1913 and the mill was built sometime prior to 1922. After the merger in 1926 it was called the Indiana Limestone Company A. W. Stone Mill. It was torn down sometime between 1935 and 1947.⁹⁹



Fig. 280 This is the Hoosier Cut Stone Company Mill. Later it was the ILCO A. W. Stone Mill. The Dugan Mill can be seen in the upper right corner.

⁹⁸ Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 129; *Deed Record* Vol. 85, p 146; Sanborn maps 1929 Sheet 24, 1947 Sheet 24; A map found in City Hall dated 1931 and revised in 1935. There seems to be no aerial picture of this mill—odd.
⁹⁹ Guthrie, *Thirty Three Years*, p 55; Sanborn maps 1922, Sheet No. 6, 1929 Sheet 24, 1947 Sheet 24; Soil Conservation Department aerial photograph of 1935.

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Fig. 281 This 1935 Soil Conservation aerial picture should be compared with Map 107 in order to identify the mills.

A BROOKS MILL INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY BROOKS MILL

The Brooks Mill was located midway between the now abandoned Monon main line tracks and M Street just below the level of 1st Street. If 1st Street extended across M to the east, it would have just touched the north end of the mill. The mill was built by Morton F. Brooks in 1895 and was not used for milling after the merger in 1926. In October, 1939, the mill burned. At that time it was being used for machinery storage.¹⁰⁰



Fig. 282 This is the ILCO Brooks Mill. It had been erected by Canadian Morton F. Brooks in 1895. It burned in 1939.

The following group of mills was located quite close together in a triangular area bounded by the now abandoned Monon main line on the west (M Street if extended north would be an approximation), the now abandoned Bedford Belt Railroad on the east (GM Drive closely approximates the old grade) and 4th Street on the south. No specific directions for each mill will be given but their relationship to each other can easily be determined from the maps.

¹⁰⁰ Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, pp 23, 140.

G DUGAN MILL GEORGE DUGAN STONE CUTTING SHED DUGAN CUT STONE COMPANY MILL CONSOLIDATED STONE COMPANY DUGAN MILL

The Dugan Mill was built in 1900 by George Dugan. The Dugan Cut Stone Company was eventually absorbed by the Consolidated Stone Company. In October, 1939, there was a fire that damaged the mill. It was gone by 1947. The original office building for the Consolidated Stone Company was either rebuilt, remodeled or burned and the next office building survived until the modern era when it was used by the Bedford Little Theatre. It burned in 1972.¹⁰¹



Fig. 283 This is the 1923 picture of the Consolidated Stone Company Bedford Mill. In the Upper right is the second office building for the Consolidated Company (the first one having been replaced) and the Dugan Cut Stone Company Mill which had become a part of the Consolidated Stone Company.



Fig. 284 This is the office building for the Consolidated Stone Company. It was replaced by the building shown in Figure 283. That building was later being used by the Bedford Little Theatre when it burned in 1972.

¹⁰¹ Blatchley, p 450; Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 24; Sanborn maps 1910 Sheet 17, 1922 Sheet 6, and 1947 Sheet 19.

F INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY DICKINSON MILL CONSOLIDATED STONE COMPANY BEDFORD MILL

The Consolidated Stone Company built this mill in about 1921. After the merger in 1926 it became the Indiana Limestone Company Dickinson Mill. As of 2016 the mill building continues to be the home of some modern business. For many years and up to at least 1989 it was Kaiser Aluminum.¹⁰²

E EDWARD EDINGER COMPANY MILL

The Edward Edinger Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, came to Bedford in 1928 and built its mill that year. It was located just north of the Dickinson Mill. In 1942 the mill was sold to the U. S. Navy and torn down. In 1945 Edinger bought it back and rebuilt the mill on its old foundations. The company and mill were in operation in 1989 but now the mill is gone.¹⁰³



Fig. 285 In the lower left is the office building for the Indiana Limestone Company. To the right of it is the second office building for the Consolidated Stone Company. The large mill in the center is the Consolidated Stone Company's Bedford Mill and above that is the Edward Edinger Stone Company Mill. By this time the Dugan Mill is gone.

¹⁰² Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 128.

¹⁰³ Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 133; Telephone interview with Mr. Robert Edinger on March 14, 1989.



Fig. 286 This is the south face of the Consolidated Stone Company Bedford Mill. Later it was ILCO Dickinson Mill.

D SALEM-BEDFORD (OR BEDFORD-SALEM) STONE COMPANY MILL INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY SALEM MILL PERRY, MATTHEWS, AND BUSKIRK STONE COMPANY MILL INDIANA QUARRIES SALEM MILL

The original Bedford-Salem Mill was built in 1891 and burned on July 30, 1922. The new mill was built on the same spot and was finished in late 1923. After the war it became part of the Allison Aluminum Castings Division of General Motors and today in 2016 it continues as part of the Central Foundry Division of General Motors.¹⁰⁴

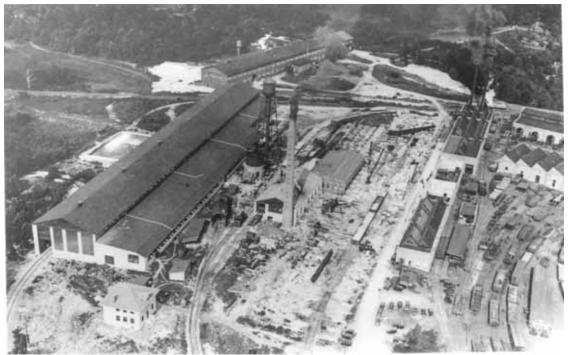
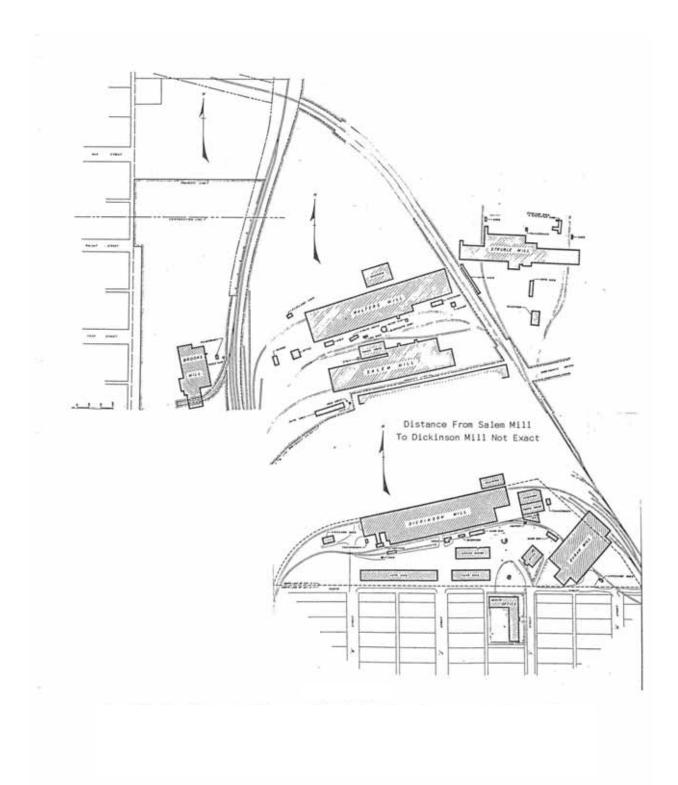


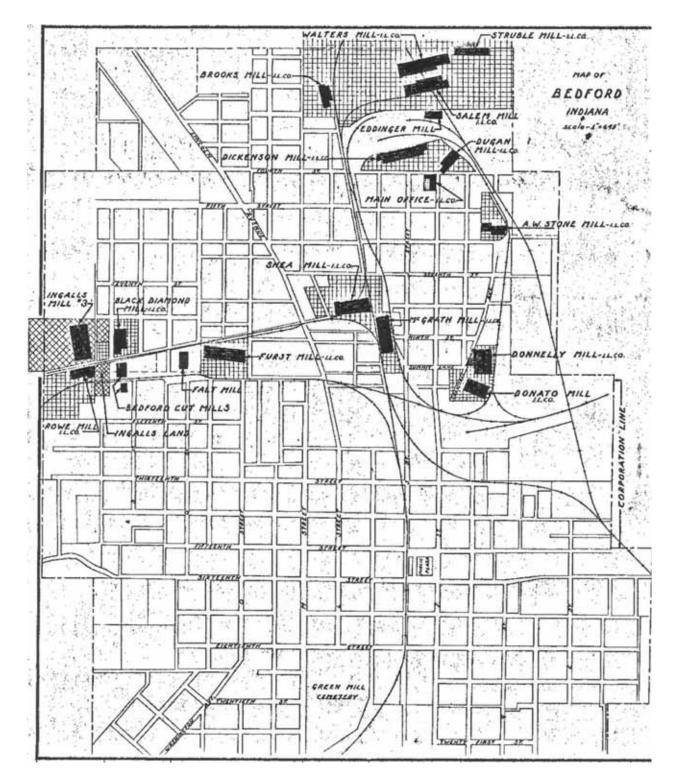
Fig. 287 This 1923 view looking slightly north of east shows the ILCO Walters Mill to the left and the Henry Struble Cut Stone Company Mill at the top. The site of the previously burned Salem Mill is to the right of the Walters Mill. The buildings to the far right belong to the Southern Indiana Railroad shops.

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Guthrie, Quarter Century, pp 22, 129; Sanborn map Sheet 4.



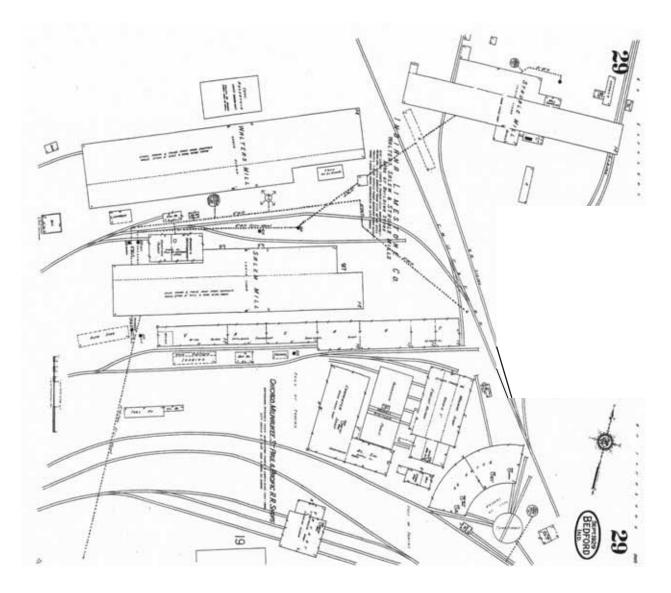
Map 108 This is from Sheets 3B and 4B of the ILCO Property Survey of 1928-1929.



Map 109 This is from the 1931 Building Stone Association Map.

C INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY WALTERS MILL

The Indiana Limestone Company Walters Mill was built sometime around 1923 or 1924. It is now in 2016 a part of the Central Foundry Division of General Motors.¹⁰⁵



Map 110 This is from Sheet 29 of the 1929 Sanborn map.

 $^{^{105}}$ Sanborn maps 1922 Sheet No. 2 and 1929 Sheet No. 29.

B HENRY STRUBLE CUT STONE COMPANY MILL INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY STRUBLE MILL

The Henry Struble Cut Stone Company Mill was built in 1906. It burned in March of 1939 but was empty at the time.¹⁰⁶



Fig. 288 This 1923 picture is of the Henry Struble Cut Stone Company Mill.



Fig. 289 This is the south side of the Henry Struble Cut Stone Company Mill on August 10, 1910.

REED-POWERS MILL BEDFORD STONE & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

(Note: This mill does not appear on any maps herein.)

The Reed-Powers Mill was located about six hundred feet south of the Heltonville Road (Ind. 58) on what is now a short dead-end street called Spring Drive. Spring Drive is about sixtenths of a mile east of I Street on 5th Street or Ind. 58. The mill was built in 1907 and became the Reed-Powers Mill in 1922. It was present in 1947 but not in operation. Nothing now remains of it. ¹⁰⁷

¹⁰⁶ Blatchley, p 450; Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 23.

¹⁰⁷ Blatchley, p 450; Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 125; Sanborn map 1947 Sheet 30.

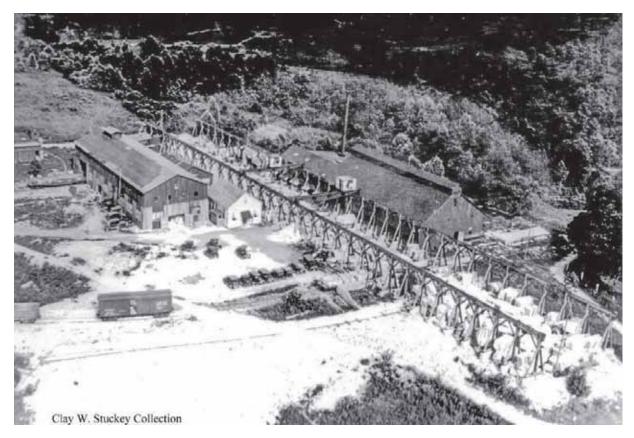


Fig. 290 This 1923 picture is looking slightly south of east at the Reed-Powers Mill.

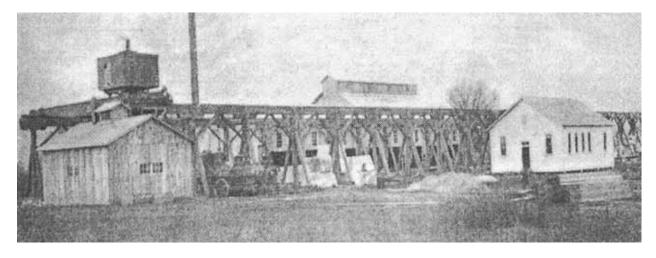
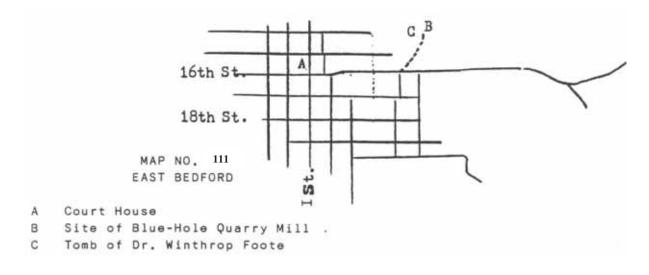


Fig. 291 This picture is looking southeast at the Reed-Powers Mill sometime prior to the 1923 aerial picture in Figure 290.

MISCELLANEOUS BEDFORD



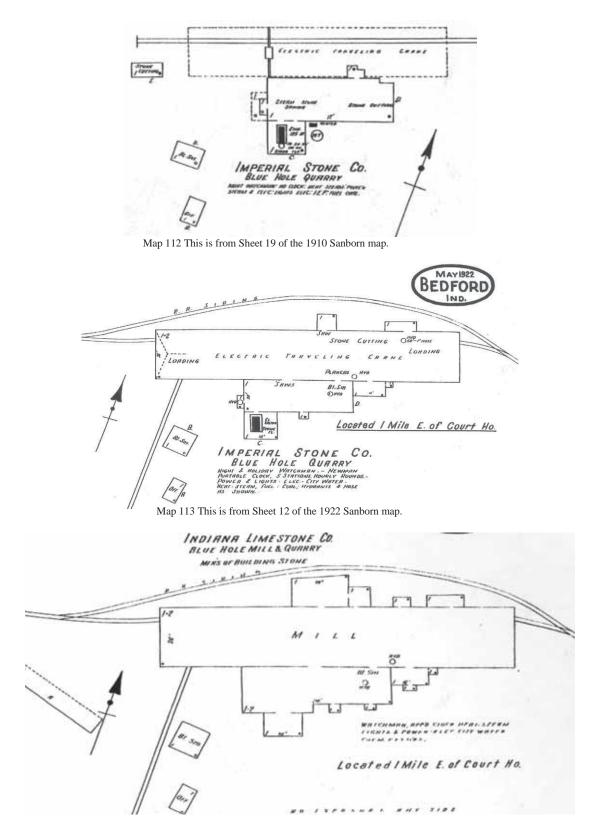
BLUE-HOLE QUARRY MILL CHICAGO & BEDFORD STEAM STONE QUARRY BLUE HOLE QUARRY, H. L. THORNTON PROPRIETOR IMPERIAL STONE COMPANY BLUE HOLE QUARRY

The mill of the Blue Hole Quarry was located about nine hundred feet north of East 16th Street (U. S. Highway 50) and slightly more than one-half mile east of I Street. There is a city street that turns off 16th Street to the north and provides access to the tomb of Dr. Winthrop Foote, one of the pioneers of Lawrence County as well as of the limestone business. From his tomb a short walk takes the visitor to the site of the old mill. Only parts of the foundation remain. The quarry in the vicinity of the mill was one of the oldest in the county. The mill was present by 1898 and the building survived until the 1970s.¹⁰⁸

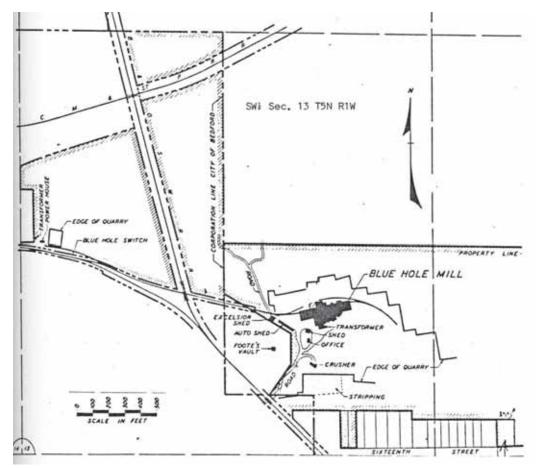


Fig. 292 This is Dr. Winthrop Foote's tomb.

¹⁰⁸ Sanborn map 1898 Sheet No. 4.



Map 114 This is from Sheet 18 of the 1929 Sanborn map.



Map 115 This is from Sheet 25B of the ILCO Property Survey of 1928-1929.



Fig. 293 This picture taken by the author in 1987 shows the site of the Imperial Stone Company Blue Hole Quarry and Mill. The view is looking slightly east of north.



Fig. 294 This picture by the author in 2015 shows the site of the Imperial Stone Company Blue Hole Quarry and Mill.

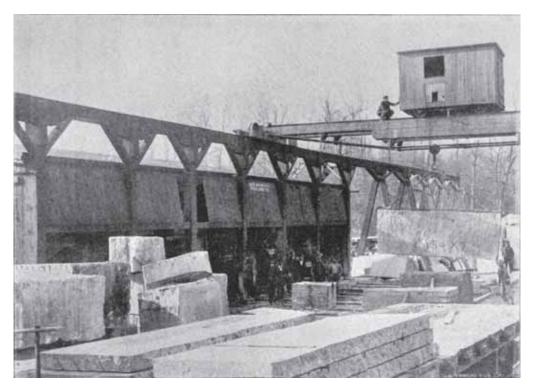
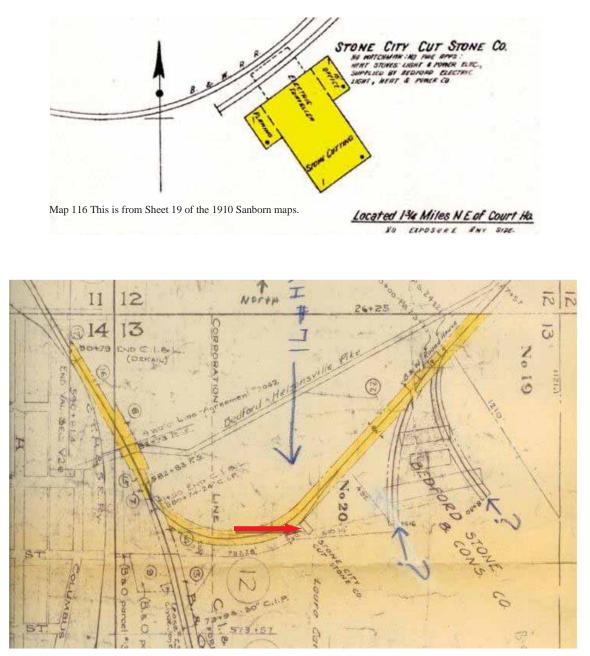


Fig. 295 This picture from *Stone* magazine in an 1895 issue was labeled "BLUE HOLE MILL'-CHICAGO AND BEDFORD STONE CO."

STONE CITY CUT STONE COMPANY MILL

The Stone City Cut Stone Company Mill was a short-lived one. It was formed in 1910 and a quite small mill appears on the Sanborn map for 1910. The business was sold and abandoned in 1916.¹⁰⁹



Map 117 This is from the Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society. The mill is indicated by the red arrow. For its location be guided by the previously described Reed-Powers Mill which on this map is called the Bedford Stone & Cons. Co.

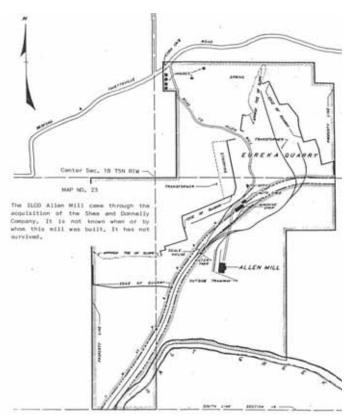
¹⁰⁹ Blatchley, p 445. Clay W. Stuckey, "Abandoned Railroads of Bedford: A Photographic Atlas, Vol I," unpublished manuscript (Bedford, 2014), pp 28-32. When the gazetteer was first written in 1989 I did not know where this mill was located. The railroad work has more information about the location of the mill.



Fig. 296 This picture by the author taken in 2013 shows some of the limited ruins of the Stone City Cut Stone Company Mill.

EUREKA (There is no letter designation because it doesn't appear on the larger map.) INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY ALLEN MILL

In about 1907 E. F. Giberson opened a quarry at Eureka and in 1911 he merged with Shea & Donnelly. One of the small mills at this quarry was called the Allen Mill. It was located about one thousand to twelve hundred feet southwest of the New Union Church which is on Ind. Highway 58 or the Fayetteville Road. It is no longer there.¹¹⁰



Map 118 This is from Sheet 21B of the ILCO Property Survey of 1928-1929.

¹¹⁰ Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 140.



Fig 297 This 1923 picture is of the "Shea Donnelly Co. old and new Quarries and stacking yard." It is at Eureka. This building became a machine shop after the merger. It might have been used for that before.



Fig. 298 This 1923 picture was mislabeled "Shea Donnelly Dark Hollow property from the south west." It is actually the Eureka property and what later became the Allen Mill after Shea & Donnelly became part of ILCO. The Allen Mill is in the upper left and the building in the lower middle became a machine shop if it wasn't already used for that purpose.

INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY McMILLAN MILL W. McMILLAN AND SON McMILLAN MILL INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY HIGHWAY MILL

The McMillan Mill was built during 1926. The W. McMillan and Son Company was one of the many that merged in 1926 to form the Indiana Limestone Company. This mill became the newest and one of the largest of the new company's mills. It is located on the west side of old Highway 37 between Bedford and Oolitic. It is about one-half mile north of 1st Street and is no longer a stone mill.¹¹¹



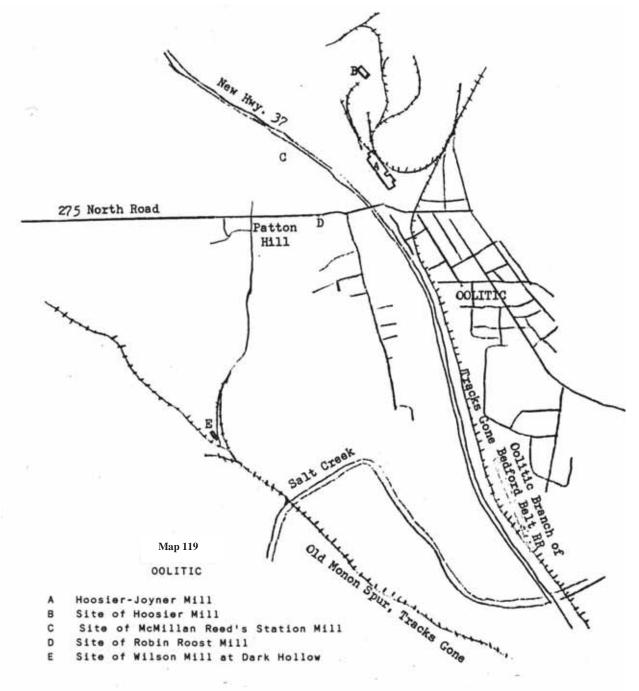
Fig. 299 This is looking west at the Indiana Limestone Company McMillan Mill along old Highway 37 between Bedford and Oolitic.

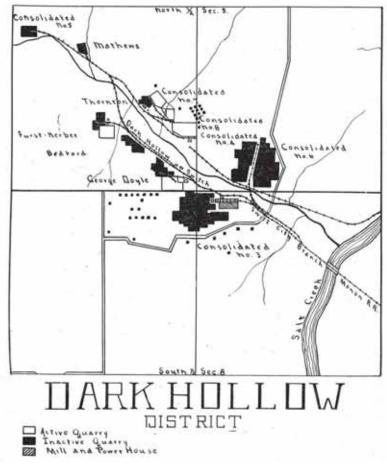


Fig. 300 This is a view of the south end of the Indiana Limestone Company McMillan Mill.

¹¹¹ Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 131.

DARK HOLLOW/OOLITIC





Map 120 This is from Blatchley, p 434.

E CONSOLIDATED STONE COMPANY DARK HOLLOW MILL CONSOLIDATED STONE COMPANY MILL NO. 3 INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY WILSON MILL

The location of the Wilson Mill is best seen on the map. The site is about six hundred yards northwest on the old railroad grade after it crossed Salt Creek. The tracks are no longer there but the grade can still be seen. The mill is gone but elaborate foundations remain. Dark Hollow is an extensive quarry area and one of the oldest in the district. Stone for the Indiana State Capitol came from here. More derelict old equipment remains within the encroaching forestation of the old parts of this quarry than in any other area in the stone district.¹¹²

¹¹² Sanborn maps 1904 Sheet No. 16, and 1947 Sheet No. 33.



Fig. 301 This 1923 picture is looking roughly northwest at the Wilson Mill of ILCO. It was the old Consolidated Stone Company Mill No. 3 or Dark Hollow Mill.



Fig. 302 This 1923 picture is looking southeast at the Wilson Mill.



Fig. 303 Here is yet another picture of the Wilson Mill. It is in the upper left corner. We are looking slightly north of west.



Fig. 304 This undated picture is looking south at the Wilson Mill. Compare it to the next two pictures.



Fig. 305 This is the same scene as Figure 304. The picture was taken by the author in 1987.



Fig. 306 This is the same scene as the last two but the picture was taken by the author in 2014, standing closer to the slanted mill block.

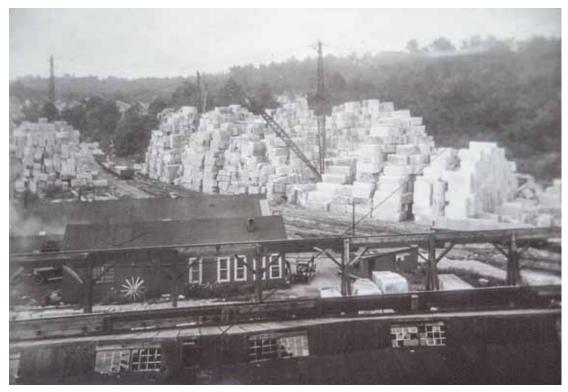


Fig. 307 This undated picture is looking roughly north over the roof of the Wilson Mill at Dark Hollow.



Fig. 308 This picture by the author in 1987 shows some of the ruins of the Wilson Mill at Dark Hollow.



This page shows many examples of old quarry equipment that still are present in the Dark Hollow Quarry. There are many more derricks, both metal and wooden, and several more machines for working the derricks. There is even an old tramway derrick or traveler.

Fig. 309



Fig. 311



Fig. 313



Fig. 310



Fig. 312



Fig. 314

DOYLE STONE COMPANY MILL AT DARK HOLLOW

See the entry for the Shea & Donnelly Mill A for a possible Doyle Mill on that spot. There is a reference in the literature to the "George Doyle Corporation's mill at Dark Hollow...in November '21, turning the largest one-piece columns ever produced on lathes."¹¹³ An advertisement in *Stone* magazine wrote about those columns produced by one of the biggest lathes in existence, "now at the Doyle Quarry."¹¹⁴ My conclusion is that the Doyle Stone Company only had this lathe and scabbling equipment at Dark Hollow, not a genuine full-blown cut stone mill. However, the presence of that lathe merits a mention in this work.

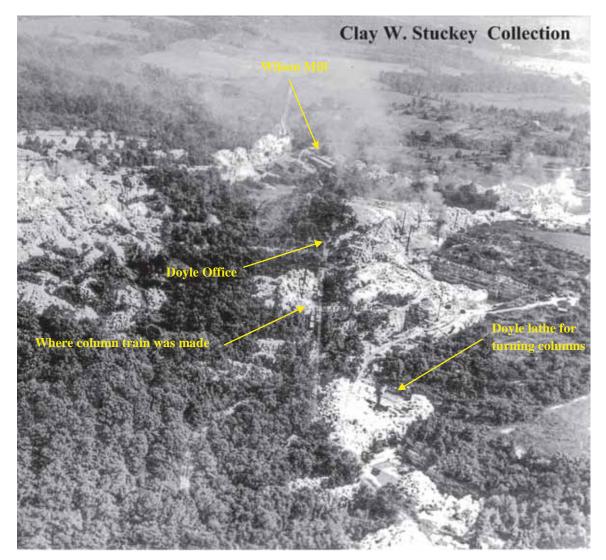


Fig. 315 This 1923 picture is looking east at the old part of Dark Hollow Quarry. The notations of significant features were made by Pete Pedigo and I agree with his labels.

¹¹³ Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 128.

¹¹⁴ *Stone*, (March, 1922), p 115.



Fig. 316 This and the following two pictures are iconic in Bedford local history. See Figure 319 for the explanation. This picture was taken in 1922 in Dark Hollow.

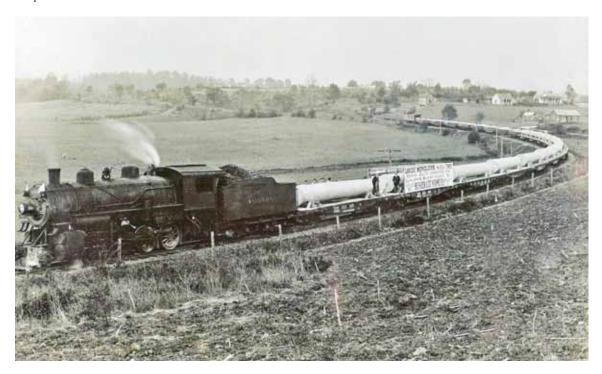


Fig. 317 This picture was taken at Horseshoe Bend in 1922 and shows the columns headed to Harrisburg, Pa.

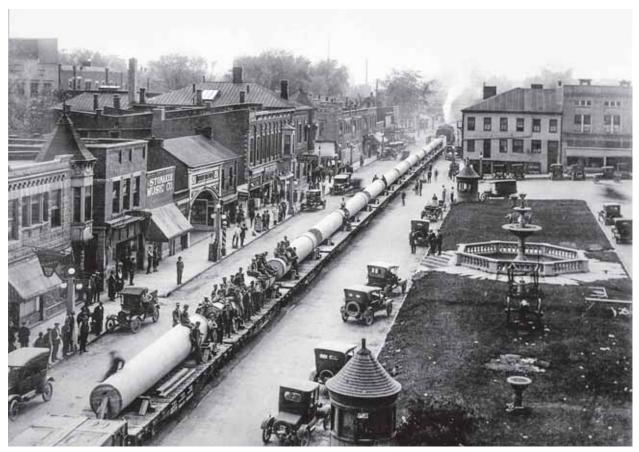


Fig. 318 This picture was taken in downtown Bedford in 1922 and these columns are on their way to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for installation in one of the buildings in the state capitol building complex. For this picture to be taken the train would have had to back into the square. The picture is looking slightly northwest. J Street is the street on which the railroad tracks run.

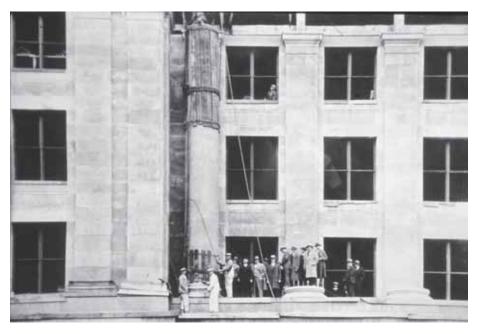
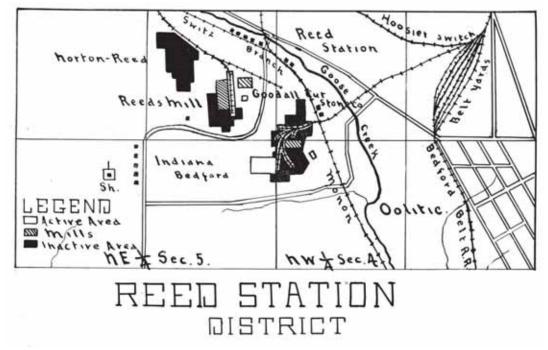


Fig. 319 Here one of those columns is being installed at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



Fig. 320 This is the finished building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with its row of Bedford limestone columns.



Map 121 Blatchley, p 427

C McMILLAN REED STATION MILL NORTON-REED STONE COMPANY MILL REED STONE COMPANY MILL B INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY WARD MILL DAVID REED MILL AT REED STATION The site of the Reed Station Mill was about four to six hundred feet west of new Highway 37 at a point about even with the north end of the Hoosier-Joyner Mill of ILCO. The mill was there at least as early as 1883 and was no longer there in 1947. The site of the mill has been heavily quarried.¹¹⁵



Fig. 321 This close-up part of a 1935 aerial photograph from the Soil Conservation Department shows the relationship between the Hoosier-Joyner Mill of ILCO and the Reed Station Mill.



Fig. 322 This 1923 aerial photograph is looking northwest at the McMillan Reed Station Quarry and Mill. Patton Hill Road is to the left. The town of Reed Station is to the right. There is simply no consensus on whether it is Reed's Station or Reed Station but the train schedule and seemingly authoritarian maps simply called it Reed or Reed Station. I will go with that. Newspapers tended to use Reed's or Reeds and Guthrie uses Reed's.

¹¹⁵ Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 134; Sanborn map 1947 Sheet 33.



Fig. 323 Regardless of how it was spelled, Reed Station grew up as a little settlement on the Bedford, Springville, Owensburg, and Bloomfield Railroad (the B & B). That was before there were any people in what became Oolitic. The latter community was originally called Limestone. This 1923 view is looking over the roof of the Indiana Quarries Company Oolitic Mill and is actually a close-up of Figure 332 on page 239.



Fig. 324 This is Reed Station during the 1913 flood. No remains of this little community exist. I could never find a single foundation stone. If there had been anything to be seen, the four-lane Highway 37 would have obliterated it.

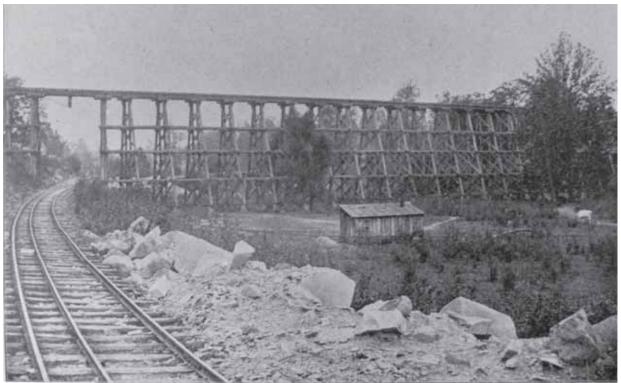


Fig. 325 The railroad with three rails is the old B & B after its acquisition by the Monon. It added a third rail in 1887 to the narrow gauge to facilitate stone traffic from Oolitic to Bedford. Both narrow and standard gauge cars could then use the tracks. The trestle was the connection between the Bedford Belt Railroad and the Robin Roost and Reed Mills.



Nettie (Davis) Magnus, her sister Lottie Davis, & Friend on the old rr trussell next to the old Magnus Grocery Store ending at the old Hoosier Mill

Fig. 326 This c1924 picture is looking east across the trestle. It is from Dan Meno and contains his original caption. I believe the mill was the Indiana Quarries Company Oolitic Mill and not the Hoosier Mill as indicated.



Fig. 327 This picture is looking southwest at the McMillan Reed Station Mill.



Fig. 328 This picture is looking south at the McMillan Reed Station Mill.



Fig. 329 This obviously (from the label) is the same mill we have just seen. The view is looking north. Any differences are because the previous pictures were taken thirteen years later. Mills changed as owners upgraded their facilities.

D ROBIN ROOST MILL INGALLS STONE COMPANY MILL NO. 1 INDIANA-BEDFORD STONE COMPANY MILL CRIM-DUNCAN STONE COMPANY MILL

The Robin Roost Mill was located directly south of Patton Hill Road west of Oolitic. It was approximately one thousand to twelve hundred feet west of new Indiana Highway 37. The mill was built by the Crim-Duncan Stone Company in 1893 and was destroyed by fire in November of 1933.¹¹⁶ It is interesting to me that the fly-over in 1923 got three pictures of the Reed Mill but none of the Robin Roost Mill and yet they were quite close. The area has been heavily quarried, obliterating any remains of the mill.

A INDIANA LIMESTONE COMPANY HOOSIER-JOYNER MILL HOOSIER-JOYNER MILL HOOSIER STONE COMPANY MILL BEDFORD QUARRIES COMPANY MILL BEDFORD QUARRIES COMPANY OOLITIC MILL INDIANA QUARRIES COMPANY OOLITIC MILL

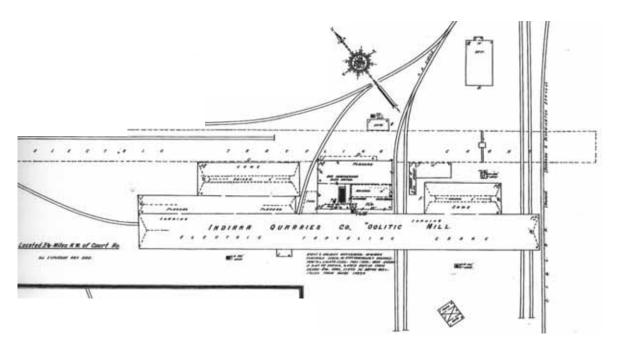
This mill is now called the Hoosier-Joyner Mill of the Indiana Limestone Company. That firm gave the two names to two parts of the same large mill. The Bedford Quarries Company

¹¹⁶ Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, pp 23, 137.

was formed in about 1893 and became one of the biggest. It eventually merged in about 1910 with the Perry, Matthews, & Buskirk Company and the new firm was called Indiana Quarries Company. See Map 124 on page 238. The mill burned in the early 1960s and was rebuilt on the same location.¹¹⁷ The new owners of the previously bankrupted Indiana Limestone Company have ceased their activity in the cut stone business and have concentrated on quarrying stone. It remains to be seen what they will do with this now empty mill building.

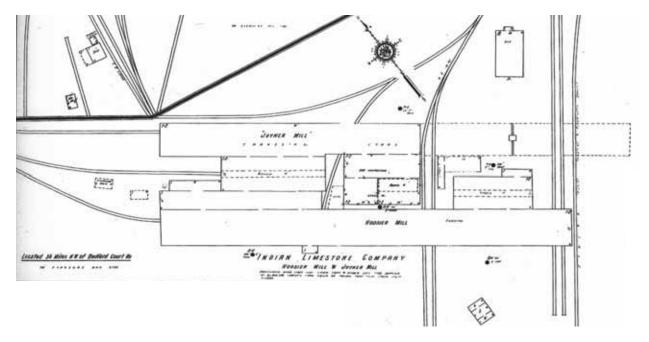


Fig. 330 This 1910 postcard is labeled "Hoosier Mill Bedford, Ind." I believe this is misleading because I think it is actually the Bedford Quarries Co. Oolitic Mill, albeit in an earlier configuration. The Hoosier Mill is in the distance.



Map 122 This is from Sheet 29 of the 1922 Sanborn map.

¹¹⁷ Guthrie, *Thirty Three Years*, pp 47, 55; Batchelor, p 149, writes that it was the Cleveland Stone Company that in 1910 bought the Bedford Quarries Company and merged it with the P. M. & B., calling the new subsidiary the Indiana Quarries Company; Blatchley, p 423.

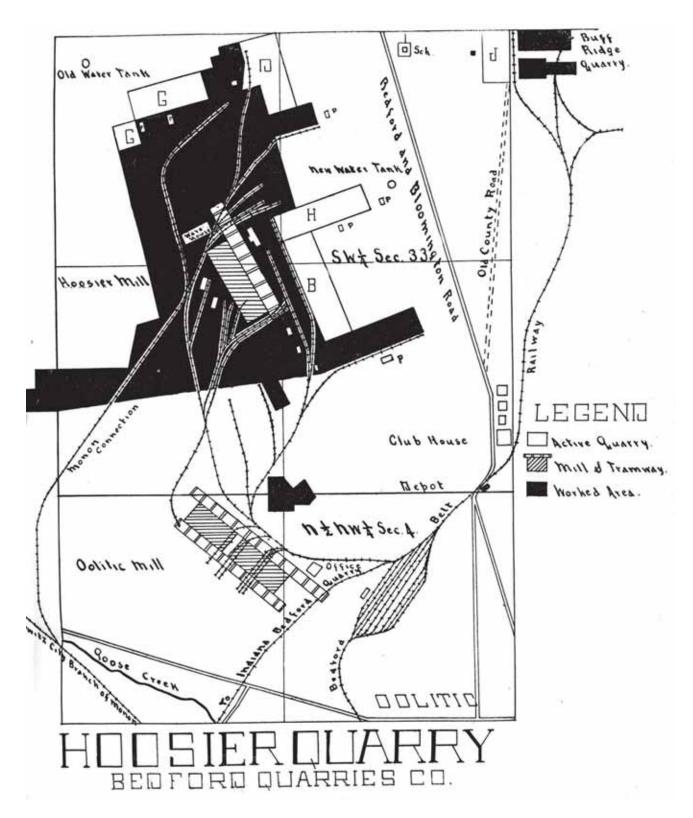


Map 123 This is from Sheet 33 of the 1929 Sanborn map.

These two maps illustrate the evolution of the Hoosier-Joyner Mill at Oolitic. Earlier, when the 1922 map was made, the Hoosier Mill was an entirely separate mill. See the map on the next page. By 1929 the Hoosier Mill was gone and the Indiana Quarries Oolitic Mill had expanded to become the Hoosier-Joyner Mill of the Indiana Limestone Company.

A Note about Names

In the earlier days of the stone business, the limestone mills were often named or referred to by the name of the company that owned them. That could be the name of the owner, especially if the company owned but one mill. No doubt the Matthews Brothers Stone Company Mill was always referred to as the Matthews Mill. The Henry Struble Cut Stone Company was the Struble Mill and so forth. After the merger in 1926, many of the mills now owned by the Indiana Limestone Company were given names of their previous owners or of officials in the company (often one and the same). Thus ILCO had the Yates, Donato, Wilson, Leonard, etc. Mills and the Bloomington Limestone Company did likewise. Sometimes those names soon changed when the former owners almost immediately went back into the stone business and began to compete with ILCO. Their names were quickly removed from the ILCO mills and new names assigned. The process had been going on for years as companies changed owners over and over. It can be quite confusing.



Map 124 This is from Blatchley between pages 420 and 421.

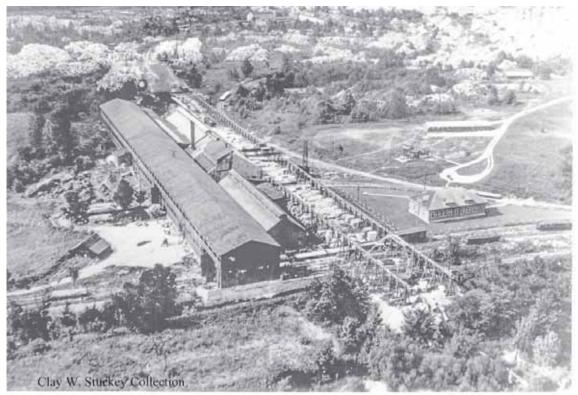


Fig. 331 This 1923 picture shows the Indiana Quarries Company Oolitic Mill. The Indiana Quarries Company Hoosier Mill can just be seen at the very top center.

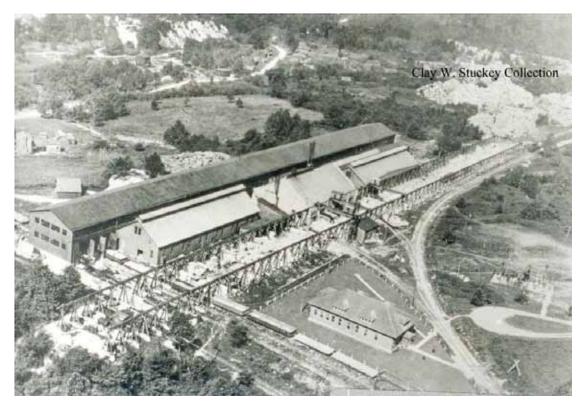


Fig. 332 This 1923 picture is looking northwest at the Indiana Quarries Company Oolitic Mill. Reed Station is in the upper left. Figure 323 on page 232 was actually a close-up of this picture.

B HOOSIER STONE COMPANY MILL BEDFORD STONE QUARRIES COMPANY HOOSIER MILL BEDFORD QUARRIES COMPANY HOOSIER MILL INDIANA QUARRIES COMPANY HOOSIER MILL

There is certainly justification for confusion in the use of the names Hoosier and Joyner. The original Hoosier Mill no longer exists. It was located about two thousand feet almost due north of the present Hoosier-Joyner Mill at Oolitic. It was there as early as 1898 and the building was there in 1947. By the latter date it was identified as the Indiana Limestone Company Walsh Machine Shop and Heating Plant.¹¹⁸



Fig. 333 This 1923 picture is looking southwest and shows the two mills of the Indiana Quarries Company. The Hoosier Mill is in the foreground and the Oolitic Mill is at the very top of the picture.



Fig. 334 What the purpose of this building was is a mystery. It certainly is a fine limestone structure and a lovely companion to the Hoosier Mill, also a well built limestone building. Mills themselves were rarely built of limestone. The date over the door is 1899.

¹¹⁸ Sanborn maps 1989 Sheet No. 10 and 1947 Sheet No. 33; Blatchley p 423.

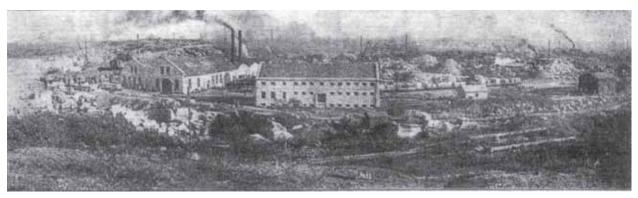


Fig. 335 This picture from Rock Products shows the Hoosier Mill and the mysterious building together.

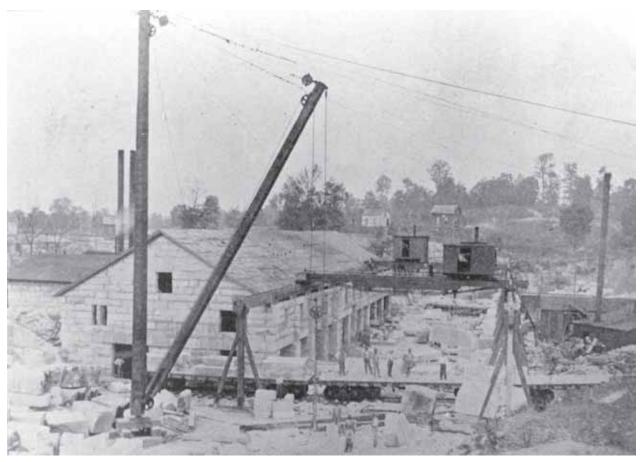


Fig. 336 This is the Indiana Quarries Company Hoosier Mill.

Throughout the course of this work we have seen very few limestone mills actually made of limestone. The A. J. Thompson (or Eclipse) Stone Company mill in Ellettsville was another exception.



Fig. 337 This is another picture of the Indiana Quarries Company Hoosier Mill.

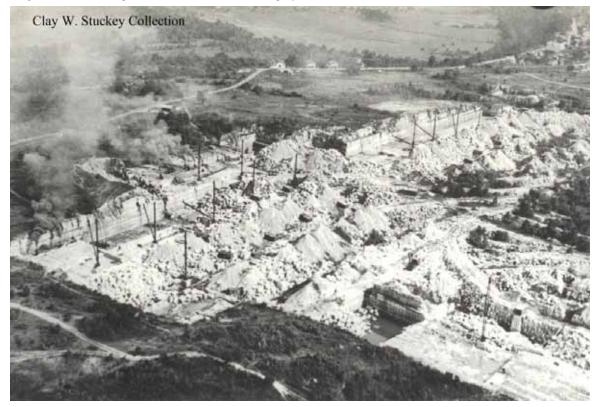
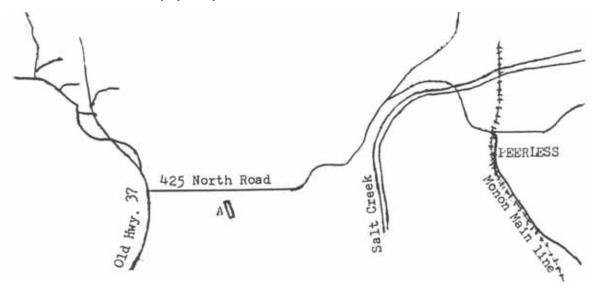


Fig. 338 There are no mills in the picture but it is an excellent view of the famous Hoosier Quarry in 1923. The quarry was just north of Oolitic and along the top of the picture is the old Dixie Highway. The Indiana Quarries Company Oolitic and Hoosier Mills would be just out of the picture to the right.



Fig. 339 The date of this picture is unknown and it shows the Hoosier-Joyner Mill of ILCO. Dixie Highway has been improved from its appearance in the previous photograph. Note that it now bypasses the houses on its east side. The Hoosier Quarry is on the west side of the highway and the Perry, Matthews, and Buskirk Quarry (P.M.&B.) is on the east side at the very top of the picture.



Map 125

A FURST-KERBER MILL NO. 2

A FURST-KERBER MILL NO. 2 FIRST-KERBER NEEDMORE MILL

The Furst-Kerber Needmore Mill is located on the south side of Peerless Road about one quarter mile east of old Highway 37. The mill was built in 1911 and is now used for purposes other than stone milling.¹¹⁹

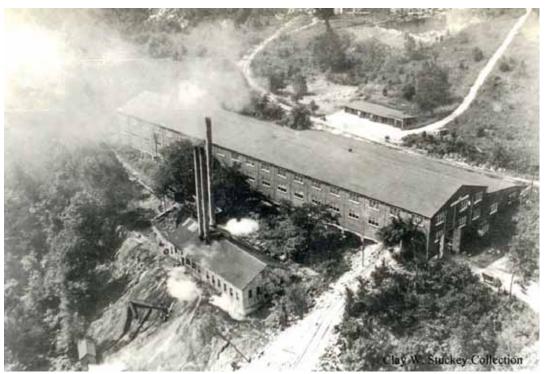
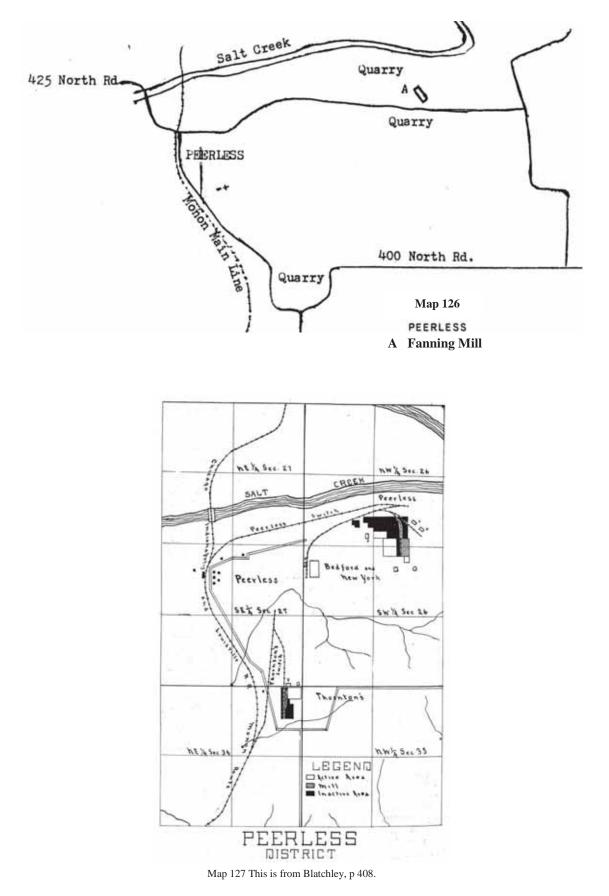


Fig. 340 This 1923 picture is looking southwest at the Furst-Kurber Mill No. 2.



Fig. 341 This view of the Furst-Kerber Mill No. 2 is looking north.

 $^{^{119}}$ Sanborn maps 1989 Sheet 10 and 1947 Sheet 33; Blatchley, p 423.



A W. McMILLAN & SON MILL AT PEERLESS FANNING MILL PEERLESS STONE COMPANY MILL BEDFORD BUFF STONE COMPANY MILL

The Peerless Road leaves old Highway 37 about 500 yards before the latter ends at the quarry north of Oolitic. Go east on the former road. The site of the Fanning Mill can be found by continuing east on a poorly maintained road at Peerless rather than turning sharply right or south on North Road. After traveling for three-quarters of a mile east from Peerless you can see the foundations of the mill to the left or north side of the road. The area has been heavily quarried. The mill was built in 1907 and torn down about 1946.¹²⁰ As of 2016 you must walk east from Peerless itself which is where the road turns sharply south.

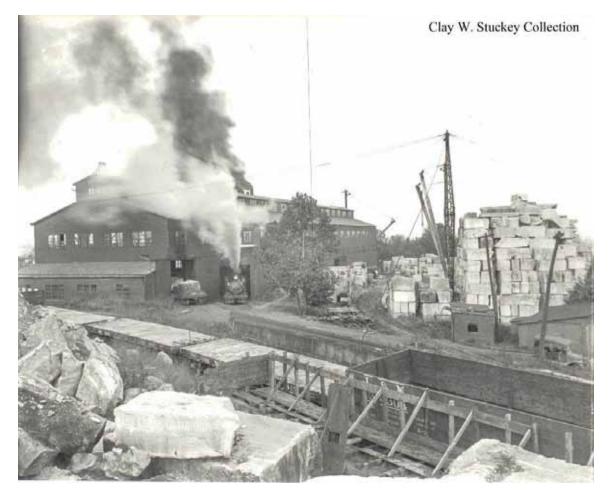


Fig. 342 This undated picture is, in the opinion of the author, artistically the finest photograph ever taken of a limestone mill. It should have won a prize. It is looking northwest at the Fanning Mill at Peerless.

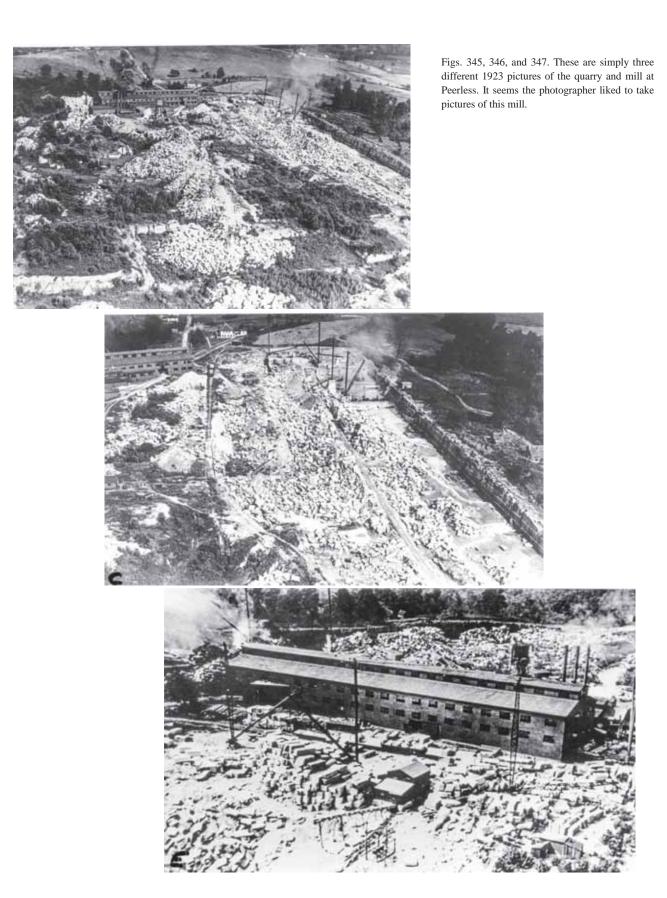
¹²⁰ Blatchley, pp 407, 409.

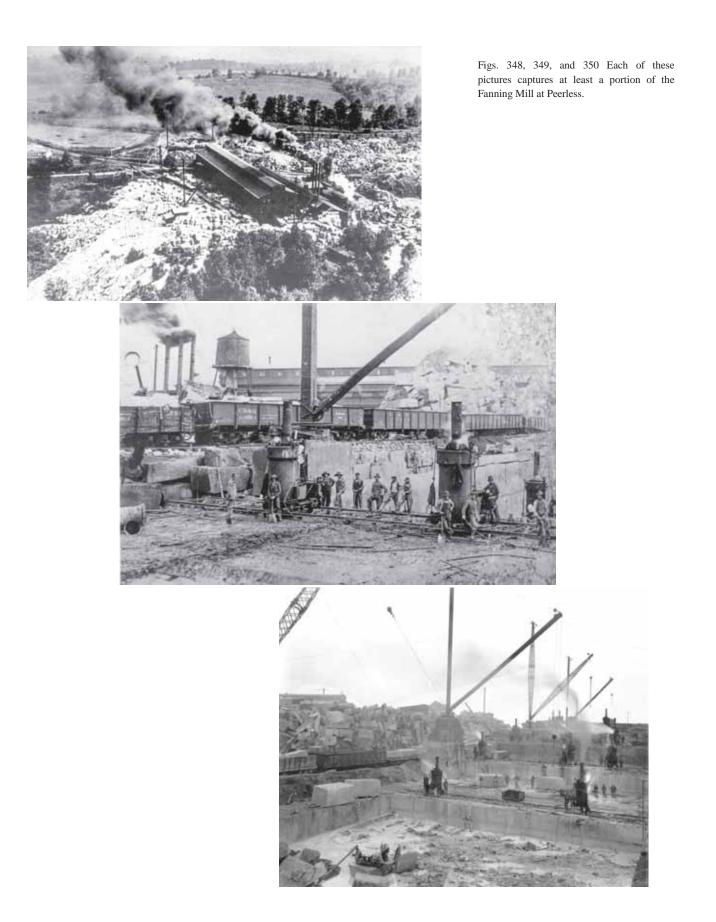


Fig. 343 The camera is closer to the mill than $% \left({{{\rm{T}}_{{\rm{T}}}}_{{\rm{T}}}} \right)$ in the previous photograph.



Fig. 344 Here is a 1923 picture of the Fanning Mill at Peerless. The view is looking slightly south of east.





MISCELLANEOUS LAWRENCE COUNTY

HELTONVILLE LIMESTONE CORPORATION MILL DONATO-WALLACE STONE MILL

The site of the Heltonville Limestone Corporation Mill can be reached by turning east onto Highway 58 from Highway 446 at Heltonville. Almost immediately there is a turn-off to the north the leads to the site of the mill in about three thousand feet. I think the facility is now a crushed stone business. The mill stopped around 1973 but it I believe that at some time after that it reopened as a stone mill.¹²¹ The building was razed in the winter of 2012-13.



Fig. 351 This picture of unknown date shows the mill at Heltonville.



Fig. 352 This picture of unknown date shows the mill at Heltonville.

¹²¹ Guthrie, *Quarter Century*, p 131.



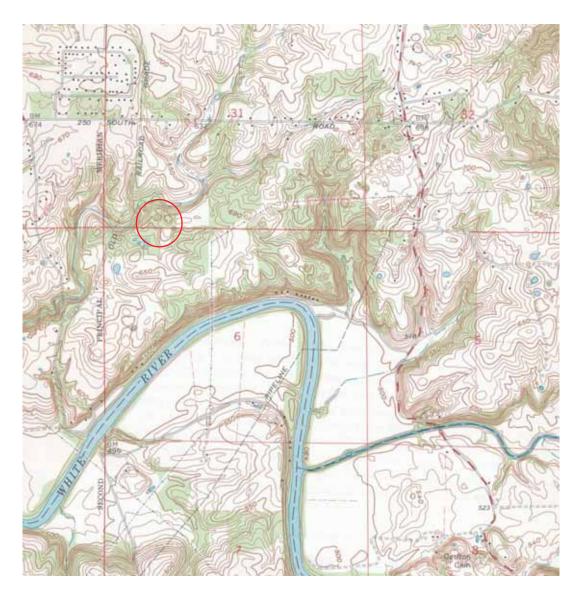
Figs. 353, 354, 355 Here are three pictures of the mill at Heltonville. The bottom two were taken by the author in the late 1980s when the mill was abandoned.





TANYARD CREEK MILL

The Tanyard Creek Mill was an obscure and short-lived mill. It was built by the Tanyard Creek Stone Company about 1890 on Tanyard Creek just north of Palestine Station on the old B. & O. S. W. Railroad. The company was sold to the White River Stone Company in 1892 and sold again under foreclosure in 1895 to the Bedford Sterling Stone Company. The quarry in the area was abandoned in 1898 and nothing more is heard of the mill which, presumably, also ceased production.¹²²



Map 128 This is the East Bedford Quadrangle of the 7.5 Series (Topographical) map of the U. S. Geological Survey. The Tanyard Creek Mill and Quarry area are circled in red.

¹²² Guthrie, *Thirty Three Years*, p 46; Elmer G. Sulzer, *Indiana's Abandoned Railroads*, *Part I-Abandoned Railroads of Bedford* (Indianapolis, 1959), p 34.



Figs. 356, 357, and 358 are pictures taken by the author in 2013 of some of the remains of the Tanyard Creek Mill. This would have been a very primitive affair. Note the iron rods sticking up in Figure 358. These are always indications where equipment had been anchored.





AMERICAN QUARRIES COMPANY STONINGTON MILL STONINGTON MILL

Nothing remains but a rare foundation stone of the mill at Stonington. It was built about 1901 by the Cleveland Stone Company and it named the enterprise the American Quarries Company. It operated until about 1914-17. The site can be seen by traveling south from Lawrenceport about one and one-half miles to the first county road to the left or east. Take this road, 900 S, east for about one-half mile and on the bluff to the left or north, where high powered electrical lines cross, was the site of the mill on the east side of the creek. The installation of those power lines sometime in the 1970s obliterated most of the old foundation stones for the mill.¹²³



Fig. 359 The Stonington Mill would have been on the flat area at the top of this hill where the trees have been cleared for a high-powered electrical line.



Fig. 360 This is a post card picture of the Stonington Mill.

¹²³ Sulzer, *op. cit.*, p 46-47.



Fig. 361 This is a picture of the mill at Stonington.



Figs. 362, 363, and 364 There is scant evidence of the site of the old mill at Stonington. These pictures by the author were taken in 2013. When the high-powered electrical line was built, the remains of the mill were pushed over the hill by earth moving equipment. Figure 362 to the left is an example of such a foundation pushed aside.





WEST BEDFORD STONE COMPANY MILL (Picture and additional information) CLIMAX STONE COMPANY MILL

The West Bedford Stone Company built this mill in 1892 and in 1895 it was purchased by the Climax Stone Company.¹²⁴ They moved the facilities to the location dealt with earlier in this work. The site is easily reached along the hiking trail that was the old Milwaukee Railroad. Walk about 400 yards south from the 16th Street Bridge along the trail and the mill site will be to your left or east in a little valley. There are obvious foundation stones for the mill. You can also reach the area by going to the National Guard Armory and taking the path down to the hiking trail from there.



Fig. 365 This is looking north at the West Bedford Stone Company Mill. In the center you can see the old Milwaukee Railroad tracks which are now a hiking trail.

¹²⁴ Hopkins and Siebenthal, op. cit., p. 385-86.



Fig, 366 This picture taken by the author in 2013 closely duplicates the previous picture of the West Bedford Stone Company Mill.



Fig, 367 Here are some remains of the mill. This and the next picture were taken by the author in 2013.



Fig. 368 Here are some more remains of the mill.



Fig. 369 This is the office building for the Indiana Limestone Company that was built shortly after the merger. It is located on the southwest corner of 4^{th} and I Street. This view is looking southwest. It is no longer used by a stone company.



Fig. 370 This is the office building for the Ingalls Stone Company. It was built in 1952 on the southeast corner of 8th and X Streets in Bedford. At the time the locals thought it much too big to be completely used by Ingalls. The building is no longer used by a stone company. This picture was taken by the author in the late 1980s.

THE END

APPENDIX A

The following are the twenty-four companies which merged in 1926¹²⁵ to become the Indiana Limestone Company. Some of these were involved in quarrying, some in milling, and some in both. Some worked exclusively in Owen, Monroe, or Lawrence Counties and some worked in multiple counties.¹²⁶

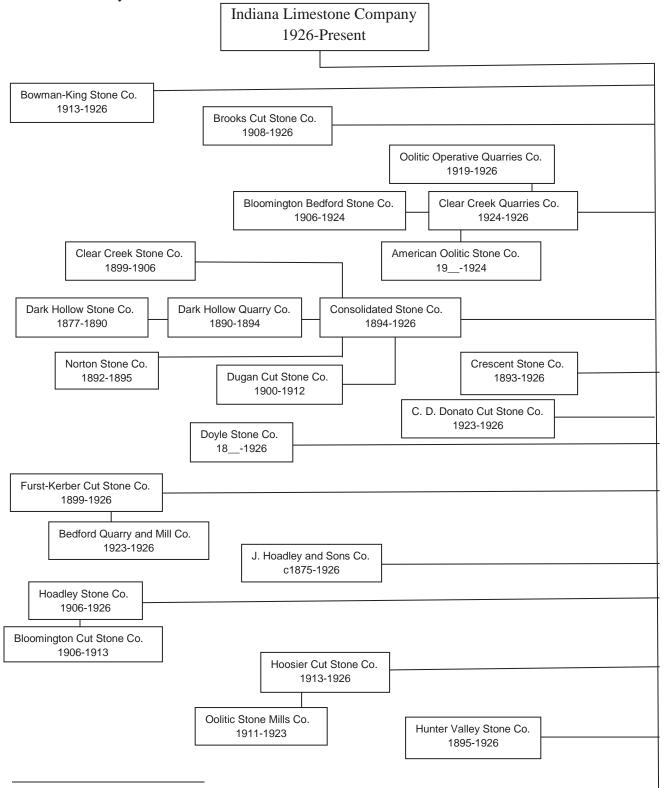
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These twenty-four companies represented between 85 and 90 per cent of the total capacity of the forty-two companies operating in 1926.

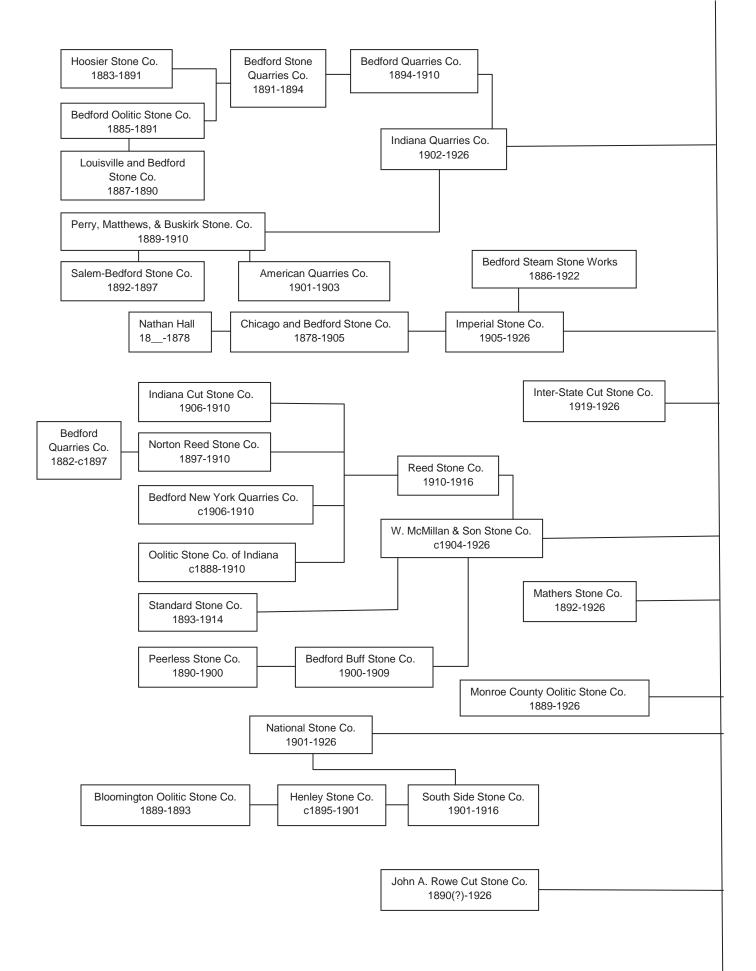
¹²⁵ For over thirty years I have used the date 1926 for the merger. Then one day recently I was driving and saw an Indiana Limestone sign that said the business was established in 1927. They ought to know, but I based the 1926 date on Bachelor, p 268, where he writes that "Operations were begun under the new name May 21, 1926." I will continue to use 1926 as the year for the merger. The 85-90 per cent figure also comes from Bachelor, p 268.

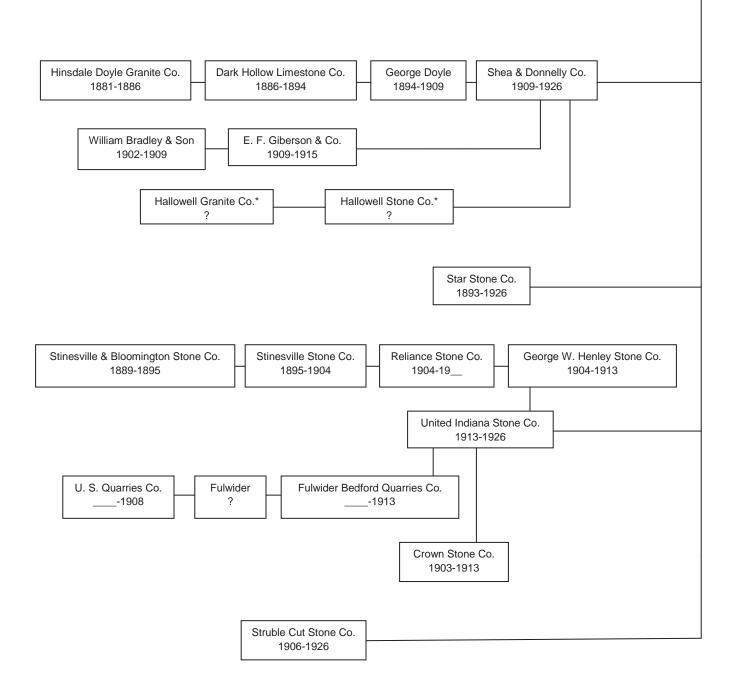
¹²⁶ From a loose-leaf undated booklet of the Indiana Limestone Company, Bedford, Indiana.

Those twenty-four companies actually represented over seventy companies that ultimately came together to form the Indiana Limestone Company. The following flow chart traces that history:¹²⁷



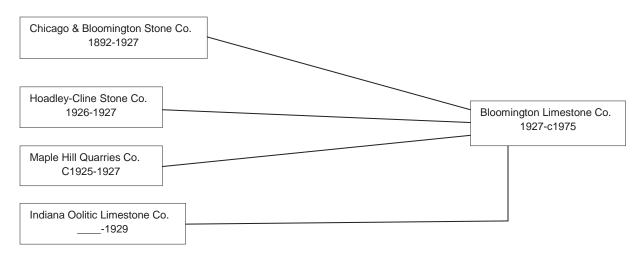
¹²⁷ Clay W. Stuckey, "Origins...," op. cit. pp 198-199.



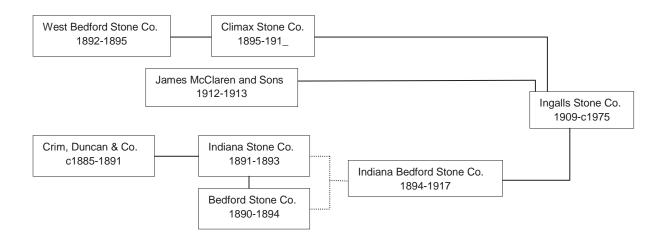


*On further reflection since 1990, I believe that somehow the Shea & Donnelly Company acquired the assets of the Hallowell Stone Company. I don't know if this was directly or through another company that acquired them before it was in turn acquired by Shea & Donnelly. The Hallowell Mill became Shea & Donnelly Mill A. The predecessor company for Hallowell was the Hallowell Granite Company.

The merger in 1927 that created the Bloomington Limestone Company was not nearly as complicated: 128



While it is not considered a merger, the Ingalls Stone Company certainly represented the coming together of multiple companies:¹²⁹



¹²⁸ Clay W. Stuckey, "Bloomington Limestone Company," in "Selected Limestone Articles," unpublished manuscript, Bedford, Indiana, 2016, p115.

¹²⁹ Clay W. Stuckey, "The Ingalls Stone Company: A Brief History," in "Selected Limestone Articles," unpublished manuscript, Bedford, Indiana, revised edition, 2015, p 87.

APPENDIX B

Some of the limestone mills in Bedford took a major hit about eleven o'clock on Saturday night, November 11, 1911 when a tornado wreaked major damage on the Shea & Donnelly, Salem, and Struble Mills and lesser damage to others. *The Bedford Daily Mail* of Monday, November 13, 1911 recounts the tale:¹³⁰

At the Shea & Donnelly Mill, which was formerly the Hallowell Mill, the entire housing of the plant was practically demolished. The place had recently been rebuilt and enlarged at great expense and all of the tramway and machinery had been put under cover. That part of the building, which covered the long tramway, was torn out and thrown to the floor below. A part of the debris was hurled across the Monon tracks, which run alongside the east end of the building and traffic of the railway was blocked for hours...

The Indiana Quarries Company mill, better known as the Salem or P. M. & B. mill, was wrecked to such an extent that it will not be fully running for at least four weeks or longer... The tramway housing, which extended many feet beyond the other sections of the building, was razed to the ground and twelve bents of the tramway at the western end torn down.

At the end of the wrecked tramway had stood two heavy travelers, which, when the hurricane came were shoved one hundred feet east on the tramway. One of the heavy trucks was torn from one of the travelers as they were driven to the east by the wind, and was hurled a dozen feet from the side of the tramway, which relieved of their weight, was torn out and thrown to the ground.

The roof and the sides of the tramway housing were wrecked for a distance of probably 200 feet. Though much of the machinery of the plant was covered by the debris, it was stated that there had been but little damage from this source. Three of the four smoke stacks at the plant were also torn down and a part of the engine room badly wrecked. ...

While to all appearance the wreck of the Struble Cut Stone Company's mill is not as great as some of the other plants, it is much more of a loss than it appears because of the damage, not only to the building, but to machinery. In addition to other machinery, one of the fine new electric travelers was thrown to the floor, where it lay a partial wreck. More than half the house built around the tramway was torn out and wrecked...

The long article described the damage to several other mills. There appeared to be no loss of life during the storm. The next day an article stated that "…all the five plants, the Dugan Cut Stone company, Struble Cut Company, P. M. & B. mill, Shea & Donnelly Cut Stone company and the Furst-Kerber Company, so badly damaged, will be going within ten days." It was reported that the Shea & Donnelly plant would not only be restored, but have an additional one hundred feet added to the main building.¹³¹ By Wednesday, the fifteenth, the paper was reporting that all the mills would be running within a week.¹³²

¹³⁰ *The Bedford Daily Mail*, Monday, November 13, 1911, p 1.

¹³¹ *Ibid*, November 14, 1911, p 1.

¹³² Ibid, November 15, 1911, p 1.

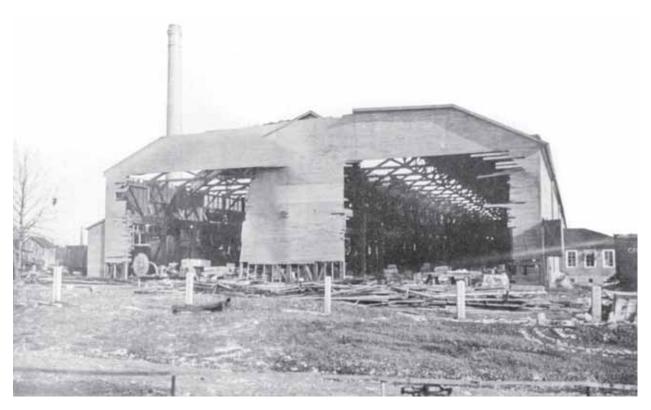


Fig. 371 Of the photographs of the tornado damage that I have located, only two were labeled and one clearly has the name of mill the on the ruins in the picture. This one was labeled "Damage to Furst & Kerber Mill No. 1 by the tornado of November 11, 1911."



Fig. 372 This picture was labeled "Damage to the Shea & Donnelly Mill A done by the tornado on November 11, 1911."



Fig. 373 There is no doubt that this is the Dugan Cut Stone Company Mill.



Fig. 374 When trying to identify which mills are in these other pictures, we must remember that all pictures are by definition moments in time. There is no reason to assume the mill looked like it did in the few other pictures we might have. It would be more helpful to compare the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for these mills in the 1910 edition. At least that would give the relationship of the railroad spurs to the mill buildings. I will leave the identification of the pictures to the reader and point out that the two labeled photographs are not necessarily correctly labeled.

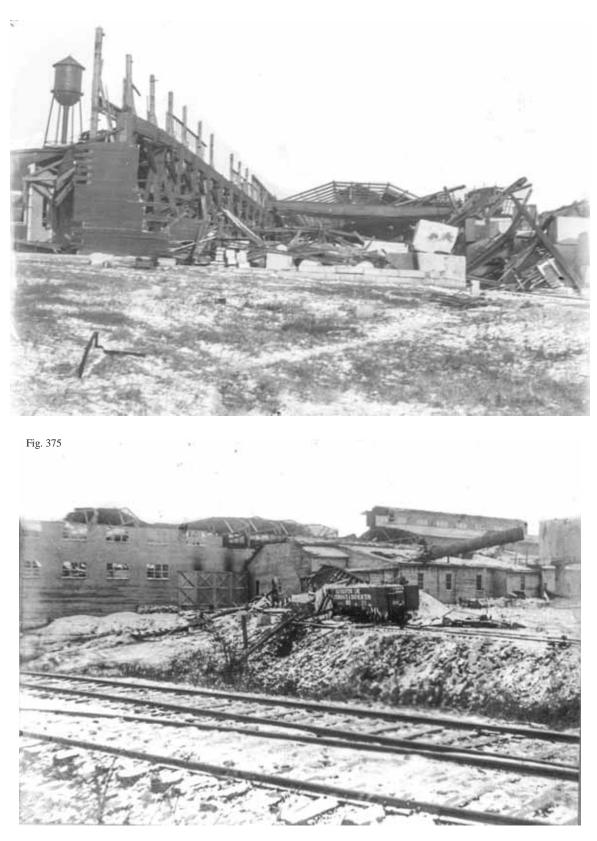


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APPENDIX C

The major local auxiliary industry to the limestone industry was the company that produced the major equipment that was needed in both the quarries and mills. That business in Bedford provided the channeling machines, derricks, traveling cranes, lathes, joiners, diamond saws, planers, etc. without which stone could not be quarried or milled. Guthrie writes, "In 1892 John G. Emery, E. T. Clark and Dr. Harry J. Clark, purchased the Strout Machine Shop in north Bedford and renamed it the Bedford Machine Company...In '02 Edward A. Sohn, Charles Gunder, Charles Sohn and Joseph Crimmins, all of New Albany, purchased the plant and gave it the name Bedford Foundry and Machine Company."¹³³ Long before there was a Central Foundry Division of General Motors in Bedford, when old timers referred to the "foundry" it was this business to which they referred. It no longer is in business but the company's descendent is the Indiana Steel and Engineering Company.



Fig. 378 This is one of the early company names and facilities (see note below) that became the Bedford Foundry and Machine Company. It was located on the northeast corner of 5^{th} Street and the Monon Railroad tracks. To the left in this picture is the main part of the traveler or traveling crane that would move along the tracks supported high above the stone yard adjacent to the mill.

¹³³ Guthrie, *A Quarter Century*, p 106. It is hard to reconcile the picture on this page which clearly has the initial factory building labeled the "Stone City Steel Construction Company," with this brief history. Guthrie simply writes the name of the latter firm and then parenthetically "(1907—by J. A. Coleman, E. A. Sohn and C. S. Norton.)" Regardless, the firm was obviously changing hands in that period of time and whatever the timing and name changes, the facility eventually became the Bedford Foundry and Machine Co.



Fig. 379 The Bedford Foundry and Machine Company can be seen in the lower half of this picture. The company office is in the lower right corner. 5th Street runs on the right and the Monon Railroad runs along the bottom. In the upper left is the Dickinson Mill of the Indiana Limestone Company and in the upper right is the company office of ILCO. After this picture was taken, the "Foundry" expanded to the east along 4th Street toward the ILCO office building doubling the size of the twin-roofed structure on the north side.



Fig. 380 This 2015 picture by the author shows the office building now used for other purposes. It appears in the lower right corner of Figure 379.

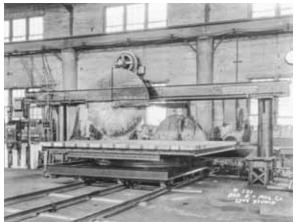


Fig. 381 This and the next seven pictures are from an advertising brochure showing the products of the Bedford Foundry and Machine Company.

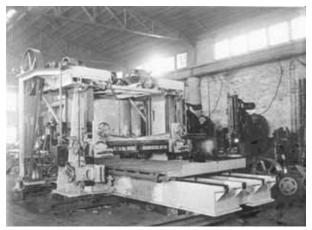


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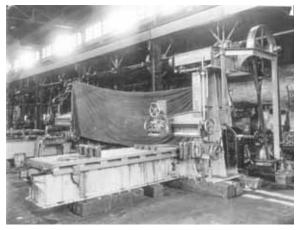


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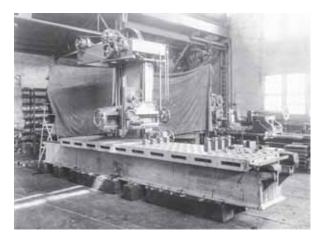


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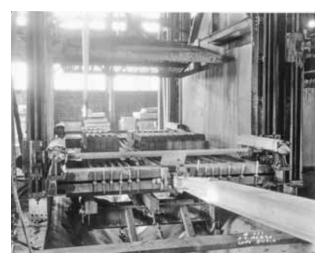


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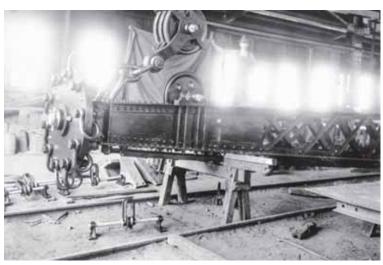


Fig. 387 Note the man standing behind.

Fig. 388 Note the man holding the cloth to block out the light from the windows.

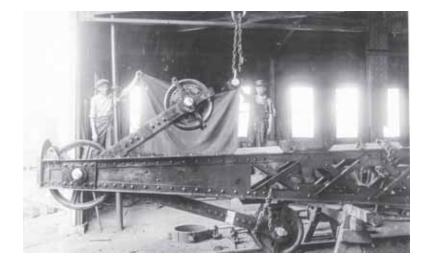




Fig. 389 This picture to the left shows part of a quarry derrick.

Fig. 390 This picture is taken looking north behind the office building for the Bedford Foundry and Machine Company and shows one of their traveling cranes.

This company became one of the major manufacturers of this kind of equipment throughout the United States and even made sales abroad. One need only read the nameplate on abandoned equipment that still is in old quarries to realize how important this company was to the limestone business.

APPENDIX D

Another major business that grew in Bedford to support the limestone industry is the W. F. Meyers Co., Inc. It specializes in the manufacture of diamond saws and cutting tools and has been in business since 1888 when Willard F. Meyers started the business in Brooklyn, New York. In 1911 a plant was opened in Bedford and the company has grown to be a world leader in the manufacturing of diamond saws. That company developed the modern replacement for the old channeling machine. It has grown to occupy the north half of the block bounded by 13th,14th, J and K Streets in Bedford.¹³⁴



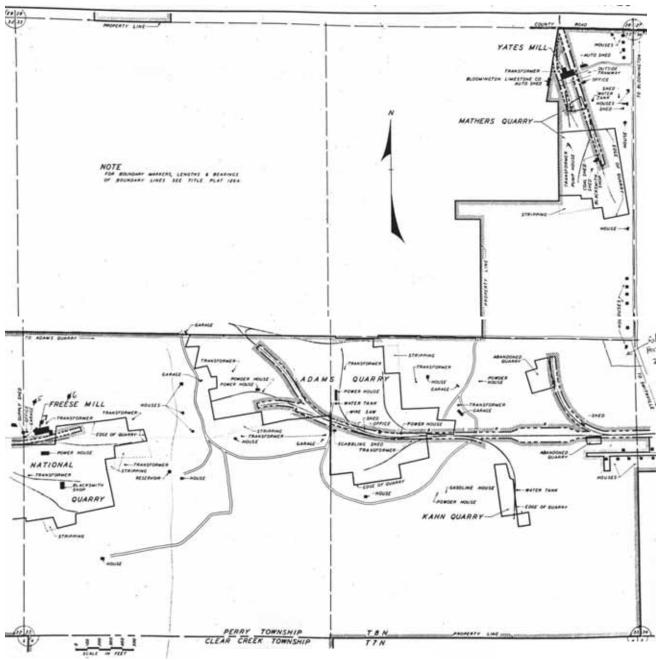
Fig. 391 "This building housed the company offices and plant from 1916 to 1941. The site, at 1011 13th Street, is to the rear of the company's present headquarters." This and the following picture are from the brochure noted below.



Fig. 389 This picture shows the modern diamond belt saw developed by the W. F. Meyers Company and used throughout the world as the replacement for the old channeling machines or wire saws that were used in quarries before.

¹³⁴ Brochure W. F. Meyers Co., Inc. A Century of Progress, Bedford, 1988. Pages are not numbered.

APPENDIX E



Map 129 This is from Sheet 126 B of the ILCO *Property Survey*. It should have gone on page 119.

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