

Noble County, Index for General Store Ledger from Bond County, Illinois, 1888, Found in Kendallville, Indiana

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The Indiana Historical Society's William Henry Smith Memorial Library houses a manuscript collection titled Jennie Baker Papers, 1884–1930.¹ Jennie Baker was born in Groveland, Putnam County, Indiana, on June 7, 1866. She was the daughter of John W. and Elizabeth Dooley and married William S. Baker, a native of Kendallville, on September 10, 1889. William and Jennie were the parents of two boys, Hugh and Lawrence D. Baker. Jennie Baker resided in Kendallville for forty-four years before her death, at the age of sixty-seven, in January 1934.²

The papers that Baker left upon her death include a leather-bound ledger. On the cover is scribbled “Koch Enloe, March 20 1888,” which has been marked through and changed to “Bartholomew Enloe.” Inside the ledger's front cover is written “SA Enloe.” The brittle pages within the ledger contain the entries for a general store dated March 20, 1888, to June 2, 1888. These entries include customer account numbers, names, items purchased or sold, and debit or credit totals. The remaining pages contain entries from the law office of Solon A. Enloe (1890–1894); entries for the office of S. [T./A.?] Enloe (1896–1897); entries for “Collections of Costs, Hendricks County”; entries for Enloe and Pattison (no year given; only names entered); entries for “ice sold by Enloe”; minutes from the 1921 meetings of the Cottage Association at Big Long Lake, which is located in LaGrange County, Indiana; and an unsigned essay titled “The Struggle of a Race,” which fills the last twenty-two pages of the ledger. Although the collection guide states there is no known connection between Jennie Baker and Solon A. Enloe, research has revealed that Enloe was married to Baker's sister, Cora.

Customer names from the general store portion of the ledger have been transcribed and are indexed below. The spelling of the names appears as it did in the ledger. Brackets are used to indicate names or portions of names that were unclear or illegible. For more information about the ledger and the customers named in it, as well as how it is known that the ledger comes from

Bond County, Illinois, see “Indiana–Illinois Connection: General Store Ledger from Bond County, Illinois, 1888, Found in Noble County, Indiana,” published in the Spring/Summer 2010 issue of *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections*.

Notes

1. Jennie Baker Papers, 1884–1930, M0434/BV 2144-2145, Indiana Historical Society, collection guide available online at http://www.indianahistory.org/library/manuscripts/collection_guides/m0434.html.
2. Obituary for Jennie Baker, January 13, 1934, Noble Records, Whan Collection, Noble County Public Library, <http://gen.nobleco.lib.in.us/Obituaries/Baa.htm> (accessed April 19, 2010).

Name Index for Bond County, Illinois, General Store Ledger, 1888

Bass, Henry	Ogden, W. S.
Bradsby, W./W. B.	Perryman, G./Geo.
Christian Church	Perryman, L./Lizzie
Denny, M. V.	Reed, Mrs. Ruth
Donnell, Jos.	Reid, J. B.
Ellingsworth, L. T.	Reid, W./J. W.
Ellis, Mrs.	Reidemann, E.
Enloe, E. L.	Reidemann, H.
Enloe, I. N.	Roth, Theo.
Enloe, S./Solon	Shouse, H./M.
Enloe, S. G.	Smith, J. F.
Grube, H.	Smith, N. T./T. N.
Gullick, A. J.	Spratt, S.
Greuter, B.	Tate, Peter/P. H.
Harvey, W. C.	Valentine, Jas. M.
Henry, S. J./[A. G.?)	Vance, Thos./Eld. Thos.
Hill, Lemuel	Vaughn, W. H. H.
Imes, Aug.	Wait, Mrs. S.
Kingsberry, J.	White, Sul.
Kingsberry, Mrs. J.	Williford, Jas./James/J. M.
Koch, Wm.	
Lindley, E.	
Lindley, Mrs. E.	
Lindley, Lewis	
Lindley, Moses	
[McAdam/McAdow], Jno.	
McClain, W. A.	
McGown, Mrs. S.	
McGown, Sam	