

**Bartholomew County, Name Index to the Account Book of
David McClure Branham's General Store, 1893–1897**

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David McClure Branham was born in North Madison on June 5, 1860, the son of William Hickman Branham and Livia K. Branham. In 1879 the family moved to Elizabethtown in Sand Creek Township, Bartholomew County, nine miles southeast of Columbus.¹ Primarily a small farming community, Elizabethtown developed along the tracks of the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad in 1845.² Here, Branham became a clerk at the store of Edward Springer and Sons in 1880, later owning the business. He married Nettie A. Springer, daughter of Edward and Nancy Springer, on May 10, 1881.³

Branham continued to operate the general store in Elizabethtown and work as a farmer until his sudden death on January 9, 1931.⁴ The manuscript collections of the Indiana State Library include twenty volumes of his account books, spanning the years 1893–1929.⁵ The first volume, which is indexed for this article, covers the years 1893–97 and contains the names of 297 customers. Items commonly purchased during this period included hardware and farm supplies, such as sickles, oil, oil cans, twine, canvas, tension springs, sisal, wool, whips, ducking, cold chisels, sway bars, nails, hay carriers, rivets, and knives.⁶

Branham roughly indexed his customers' names at the beginning of the account book. Often, though, the name given on the account page is more complete and easier to read than the name in the front of the book. For this index, the most complete version of the name is used. Account entries include the date, item(s) purchased, and amount paid.

Notes

1. "D. M. Branham, Elizabethtown, Dies Suddenly," *Evening Republican*, January 9, 1931.
2. *History of Bartholomew County, Indiana, 1888: An Annotated Edition* (Columbus, IN: Bartholomew County Historical Society, 1976), 168.
3. "D. M. Branham, Elizabethtown, Dies Suddenly."

4. “D. M. Branham, Elizabethtown, Dies Suddenly.” Branham was listed as a merchant in the 1910 and 1930 U.S. census and as a farmer in 1920. See 1910 U.S. census, population schedule, Bartholomew County, Indiana, Sand Creek Township, Elizabethtown, ED 24, sheet 1B, dwelling 29, family 29, David M. Branham household; digital image, Ancestry.com; citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 340; also 1920 U.S. census, population schedule, Bartholomew County, Indiana, Sand Creek Township, Elizabethtown, ED 20, sheet 3A, dwelling 60, family 60, David M. Branham household; digital image, Ancestry.com; citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 422; also 1930 U.S. census, population schedule, Bartholomew County, Indiana, Sand Creek Township, Elizabethtown, ED 23, sheet 1B, dwelling 32, family 32, David M. Branham household; digital image, Ancestry.com; citing NARA microfilm publication T626, roll 577).
5. Eric Pumroy, *A Guide to the Manuscript Collection of the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana State Library* (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1986), 226.
6. David McClure Branham, *Account Book, 1893–1897, Vol. 1, Manuscript Collection*, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis.

Name Index to David McClure Branham Account Book, 1893–1897

A

Arderly, Bert
Adams, H. H.
Adams, Joe & Mrs.
Adams, Samuel
Akins, Tom
Anderson, Chas.
Anderson, J. B.
Arbuckle, Lewis
Arderly, William
Arnholt, Henry
Arnholt, Herman C.
Arnholt, Herman Sr.
Artis, Henry
Asmuth, Chas.
Asmuth, John

B

Barbour, Frank
Beatty, John
Beatty, Josiah
Beggroholtz, Henry
Benge, William
Beshears, Will
Biggerton, Will
Blackester, Will
Boody, Chas.
Boshen, John
Boyd, Harvey
Boyer, Chas.
Boyer, John
Boyer, Lyman
Boyer, Stephen
Bradford, Burr
Branham, E. F.

Breeding, Isaac
Breedlove, William
Brown, Dixon R.
Brown, James
Brown, John
Brown, Nathan
Burns, Brice
Burns, Calvin
Burns, Chas. Sr.
Butler, Thomas

C

Campbelle, Samuel
Carson, James Jr.
Carson, Simeon
Carter, Jonathan
Case, Oscar
Chambers, Jake

Collier, James
Cook, S. B.
Cormer/Comer, William
Cox, J. P.
Cox, James
Cox, Joseph R.
Cressel, Nicholas
Crippen, Ansel
Cristman, John
Cristman, Joseph
Cristman, Lon
Crump, Frank
Crump, John S.

D

Dauforth, Horton
Daugherty, George
Daugherty, James
Daugherty, Sam
Daugherty, William
Daum, John
Davis, Albert
Davis, Elijah
Davis, Jacob
Davis, John M.
Davis, Lewis
Davis, Nate
Davis, Tom L.
Day, Alvin
Day, Bros
Day, William
Dean, David
Dillman, J. A.
Dinkins, Fred
Doty, William
Doyle, Peter W.
Dunn, David
Durland, C. E.

E

Elliott, Geo.
Elliott, William
Emmert, A. J.
Evans, Oscar

F

Farmer, Allen
Fecker, Conrad
Fishel, L. S. & Bro.
Fisher, John D.
Fisher, William
Foster, I. N.
Foster, Robt.
Foust, John
Fulton, William

G

Galbraith, W. W.
Gannon, Ed
Gaut, Henry
Getz, George
Getz, John
Glick, Adam
Gow, E. W.
Grass, Nick
Guinn, Joe
Guinn, Thomas

H

Hacker, Arlie
Hacker, John W.
Hailway, Henry
Hall, Joe
Hall, Morton
Hall, Otto
Ham, John
Hamblin, Jobe
Hamblin, Wm. P.
Hargis, F. A.
Harris, Chas. E.
Harris, Henry
Harris, Joe
Hartman, John
Haskell, Lewis
Haynes, Joseph
Hazzard, Milton
Heflen, B. T.
Hege, George
Helt, Chas.
Henry, Clarence
Henry, Howe

Henry, John W.
Herron, Albert
Hodler, Chas.
Hodler, Samuel
Holke, Fred
Holke, Henry
Horman, William
Howe, Henry
Hughes, George
Hughes, Ham
Hughes, S. C.
Hunter, Frank
Huntsman, Wm.

I

Irwin, Elsworth
Irwin, Jos. I.

J

Jones, Ed

K

Keller, John H.
King, Fidelas
King, G. G.
King, Geo. W.
Knott, Oliver
Krause, John

L

Lambert, Henry W.
Lane, J. J.
Lortz, Henry
Lawrence, Samuel
Lee, Howard
Leeke, William
Leighton, Albert
Lindley, Chas
Lindley, Elwood
Lindley, William
Littigan, John
Little, Myram
Long, George
Long, John
Louden, A. B.
Louden, Albert

M

Malson, J. A.
Marquette, Eli
Marr, Henry
Marsh, Jasper
Massey, Chas.
May, Thomas
McClintic, Daniel
McCormick, P. H.
McCurry, Stephen
McHenry, Frank
McKinney, James
McKinsey, Mike
McMillen, Joseph
McQueen, A. S.
McSweeny, Edgar
Merrill, James
Merritt, Frank
Miller, Henry
Misner, Frank
Moffat, William
Moor, Q. C.
More, Bros.
Morris, Albert*
Morris, James
Morris, Ollie
Morris, William
Morrison, James H.
Morrison, William
Muir, John
Muir, William
Myer, Christ
Myers, August

N

Neal, Sherman
Newby, E. B.
Newsom, Albert
Newsom, D. T.
Newsom, Jesse R.
Newsom, Joel S.
Newsom, Luke W.
Newsom, Nathan
Newsom, Nathan H.
Newsom, Penn
Newsom, Summer

Newsom, William T.
Noland, Thomas

O

Oaks, Allen
Oberlies, Frank
ONeal, Dick
ONeal, Herrod
Osborn, George
Ott, George
Ott, John
Overmark, Henry

P

Parker, Ed
Parker, Joda
Parker, Joel
Parker, Willis
Pearce, John W.
Peel, Ed
Peoples, Henry
Perkinson, A. J.
Perry, Glant
Pierce, John
Piercefield, George
Poland, Wm. F. M.
Powel, Thomas
Powell, Tom
Pruitt, Richard

R

Reddenbaugh, John
Redding, Henry
Reed, Nathan
Reed, William
Retherford, Albert
Retherford, Jacob
Retherford, Sampson
Rhodes, A. L.
Ritz, Chas.
Rogers, Grant
Rohman, Henry
Roland, Marshal
Russell, Willis

S

Shafer, Nelson
Shinerer, John
Shultz, Chas.
Silverkoph, Benjamin
Singer, Jacob
Slater, J. A.
Smith, Andy
Smith, Sandy
Snyder, Senica
Speaker, John
Spray, Fred
Springer, R. C.
Spurgeon, A. B.[†]
Spurgeon, Lon[†]
Staley, John
Stevens, F. M. & Co.
Sweet, Lewis

T

Talkington, Bowley
Talkington, Mat
Talley, Samuel
Teiman, Herman
Thayer, Lincoln
Thomas, Luke W.
Thompson, John M.
Thompson, John R.
Toberen, William
Treadway, R. R.
Treeman, M. R.
Trentman, Henry
Tripp Bros.

V

VanCamp, John

W

Ward, John
Ward, Oscar
Weaver, Ben
Weaver, Philip
Webb, Smiley
Whipker, William
White, Joe
Wiggs, John

Wilber, Moses	Z
Williams, John	Zurbric, Cristopher
Wilson, Joel	Zurbric, Godfory
Winhorn, George	Zurbric, Peter
Wisenburg, Liam B.	Zurbric, Solomon
Wolf, John	
Wright, James	
Wynn, J. M.	

*Listed in the account book twice.

† Spurgeon, Lon appears in the index, but the name on the account page is Spurgeon, A. B.

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