

CHARLES W. FARIS

Born August 19, 1858 in Gillam township, he was a son of William and Mary Ann Robinson Faris. A good student, he attended the public schools, and a Normal Teachers College, teaching for nine years. He was especially well known for his beautiful penmanship and also made fine ink drawings, some of which are in the possession of his grandchildren to this day. He had a brother Paris E., born 1861 and sisters Lizzie B. b 1864 and Emma J. b 1871.

He was first married to Martha Lane in 1884, and they had sons Cecil and Guy Faris. Martha died July 22, 1899 at the age of 38 years and is buried in Independence cemetery, west section. There is another Faris marker beside her, which is too worn to be read. On the other side is Mary Robinson McCullough, wife of Thomas McCullough. he was married secondly to Jennie Logan. She is still living (1978) and will be 101 years of age on Oct. 28, 1978. They had five children, three were born in Indiana; Irvin, Flossie and Bonnie. Twins Leona and Charles were born in Oregon.

Charles Faris was a minister of the gospel. We turn to an old record of our church (1860-1890) "The Medaryville Church and Its Circuits," and find numerous references to him.

He was listed as a member of an early, undated, class of Independence, was baptized May 5, 1878 by sprinkling, at Pleasant Ridge by the Rev. A.W. Wood; appointed a Sunday School Supt. in September 1883; listed as a church member, from probation; was single, then married; received by Rev. Wood; was appointed an Exhorter in 1888; married to Mattie Lane April 3, 1884 by Rev. J.I.McCoy. He was listed as a Jasper county farmer, she as a resident of Jasper county.

Charles operated a grocery store in Medaryville for a time. He first preached at Catlin, Indiana in 1905, then Whitetown; Camden in 1907 and was then sent to Jordan Valley in Oregon. Here he preached until about 1911, and built a church there. He lived a number of years at Glenn's Ferry, Idaho. He died May 15, 1940 in Caldwell, Idaho, and is buried in Canyon Hill cemetery.