In 1837 John Harris received the land patent (original purchase) from the government for the quarter section containing what would become 516 E. Main Street. The next owner that appears, on the 1865 map of Lincoln Township, is a N. Baxter. There appears to be a structure on the property, but there is no way to tell if this is the old farmhouse under the drywall, or if it was replaced by later owners.

The next owners to appear, on the 1878 map, were Christopher and Caroline Trucksess. Immigrant farmers from Germany, they owned a parcel of farmland on a more developed East Main Street. It is possible the old farmhouse belonged to them, as their residence is indicated on the 1878 Lincoln Township map. After Christopher Trucksess' 1904 death the land went to their son French Edward Trucksess, who built the house at 530 East Main (see photo) that stood where the Papa John's building is now. French E. Trucksess became a singing evangelist and his son (French) Clement Trucksess went to the Heron art school before joining the faculty at the University of Colorado.

Tax records indicate the French Trucksess began selling off his land around 1936. Records are sketchy for a time, but by 1943 the parcel upon which 516 East Main stands was owned by Lloyd V. Pedigo and his wife Mamie. Lloyd owned a service station in Brownsburg, before moving to Plainfield in 1949 and opening a Marathon station.

After 1943 ownership records are clear. Russell and Mary Hardesty purchased the property in 1951, followed by Earl and Pearl Neese in 1963. The Neeses or their descendants owned it until 2004, when it was sold to the Mark IV Company. In 2005 M&G Ventures, the owner before you, purchased it.

No. 22. 660.

# United States

# To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Thereas, John Haris, of Hendricks County, Indiana, has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Executive Is will a whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Julin Hinnes, according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "Non act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for The north East quarter of the South West quarter and Morth West quarter of the South last quarter of Section eleven, in Township sixteen Morth, of Range one, last, in the District of lands subject to sale according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said John Hurrs.

NOW KNOW YE, That the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and, by these presents, do give and grant, unto the said Juhin Huris, and to his heirs, the said tract above described:

To Have and to Hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereunts belonging, unto the said John Haris, heirs and assigns forever. and to his

In testimony whereof, I, Martin Van Burer

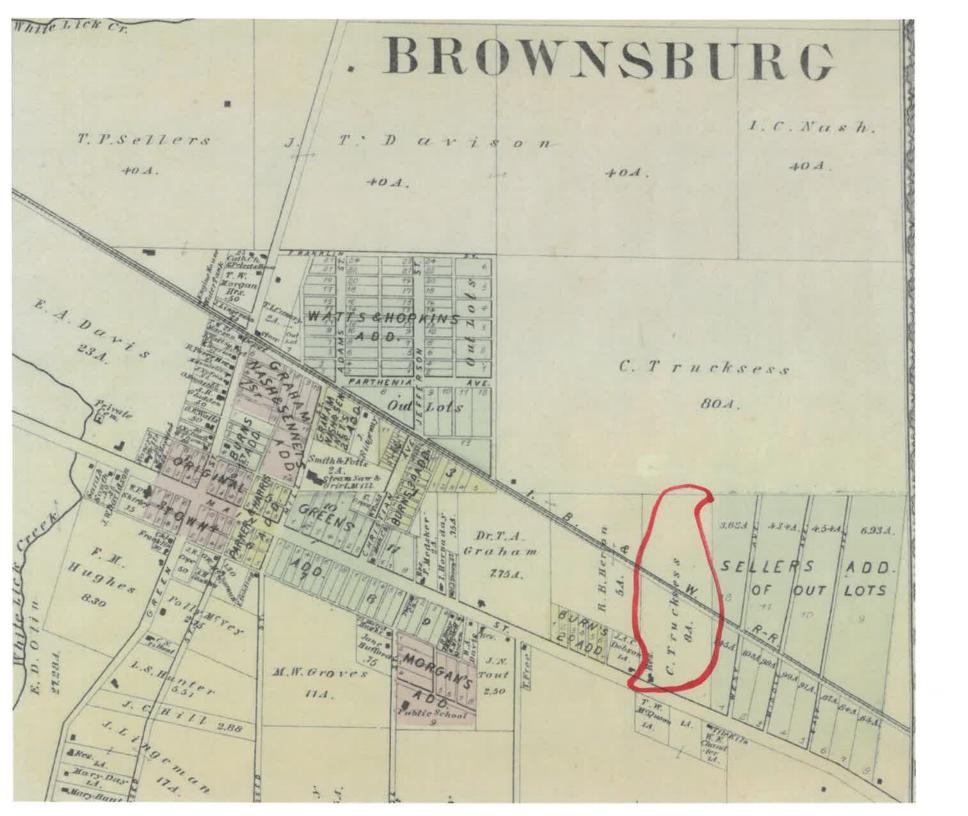
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

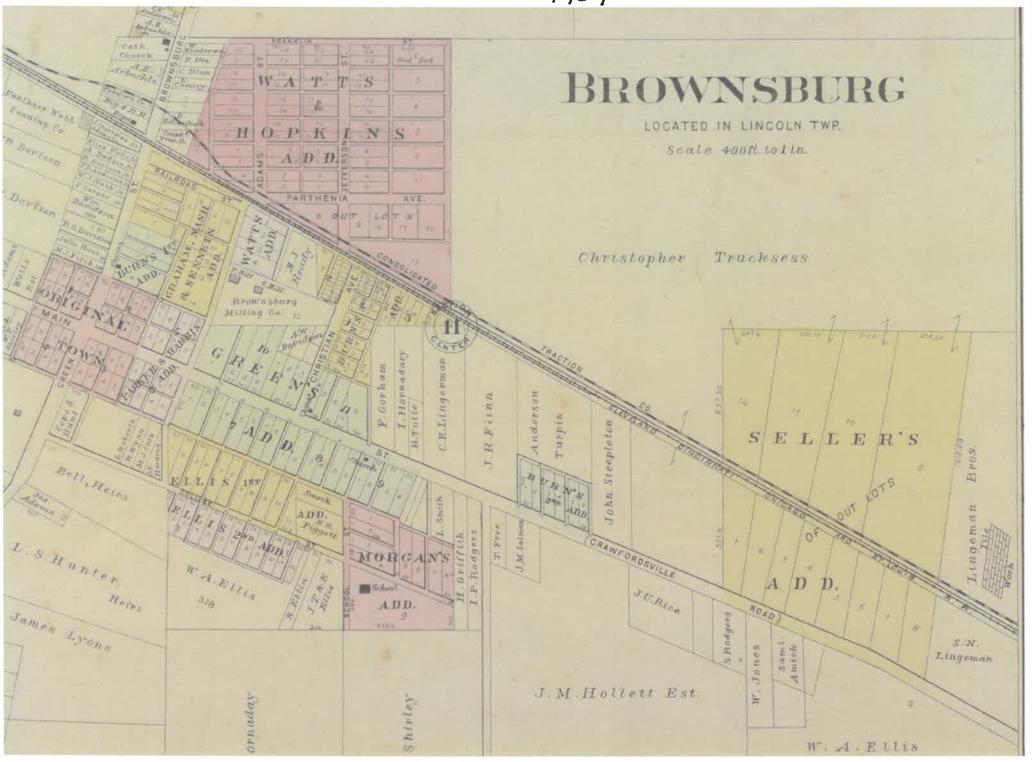
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# Beacon™ Hendricks County, IN

## Summary

Parcel ID Bill ID 32-07-11-415-028.000-016 014-111611-415028 Reference #

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516 E Main St Brownsburg, IN, 46112 Pt Nw Se 11-16-1e 0.7 Ac 14.71-8-1 (Note: Not to be used on legal documents) COMMERCIAL AUTO SALES & SERVICE **Brief Legal Description** Class

Town Of Brownsburg
79 - Advertised Tax Rate
67 - Commercial Tax District Tax Rate Code Property Type Mortgage Co Last Change Date N/A



## Owner

Deeded Owner ASH VENTURES LLC 1274 River Ridge Dr Brownsburg, IN 46112

## **Taxing District**

County: Township:

Hendricks LINCOLN TOWNSHIP 016 BROWNSBURG TOWN

State District Local District: 014

BROWNSBURG COMMUNITY 4991450 Town-Excellent-AC-14 School Corp: Neighborhood:

## Site Description

Topography: Public Utilities: Street or Road: Area Quality: Static
Parcel Acreage: 0.7

## Land

Land	Soil	Act	Eff.			Adj.	Ext.		
Type	ID	Front.	Depth	Size	Rate	Rate	Value	Infl. %	Value
PRIMARY		0	0	0.70	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\$140,000.00

## **Commercial Buildings**

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Description		C/I Building 1			Use Area	660	4,224
	SB	В	1	U	Not in Use	0	0
Wall Type		1	1		Use	Utility / Storage	Utility / Storage
Heating		660	810		Floor	2	1
A/C		660	810				
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#### Plumbing RES/CI TF TF Total

## Improvements

			Year	Eff				Nbhd	Mrkt
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## Transfers

Date	New Owner	Doc 1D	Book/Page	Sale Price
11/18/2021	ASH VENTURES LLC	WD		\$382,700.00
5/6/2005	M&G VENTURES LLC		0/0	\$0.00
7/29/2004	MARK IV COMPANY		528/857	\$0.00
7/29/2004	NEESE, JERRY L		528/854	\$0.00
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## **Transfer History**

Date	Transfer From	Instrument	Book	Page	Doc Nbr
11/18/2021	M & G VENTURES LLC				WD
5/6/2005	MARK IV COMPANY				CWD
7/29/2004	NEESE JERRY L & MARK IV COMPANY	QCD	528	857	
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Valuation					
Assessment Year	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017

# Deaths in Brownsburg

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BROWNSBURG, Ind., Jan. 25.—(Spl.)—D. S. Gorham, township assessor; died of heart trouble while sitting in a chair at his home. He was well known in Hendricks county.

Mrs. Christopher Truckses died, Friday, after a long illness. Her husband is in a critical condition from cancer of the face.

Indianapolis Sun, Indianapolis, Indiana, US January 25, 1902, Page 6

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## **NEWSPAPERARCHIVE**

# Over the County.

Plainfield proposes to stop Sabbath opening of groceries and drygoods stores.

W. R. Jewell, of Danville, Illinois, will be the Memorial day speaker at Brownsburg.

Christopher Trucksess, formerly of Prownsburg, lies at the point of death in a Lafayette hospital from cancer.

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Danville Republican, Danville, Indiana, US May 12, 1904, Page 4

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# TO WED AT VALLEY FORGE.



MISS FRANCES HOAR.



CLEMENT TRUCKSESS.

The marriage of Miss Frances Hear of Philadelphia, Pa., and Clement Trucksess, formerly of Brownsburg, but more recently of New York, both well known in Indiana art circles, will take place at 11:30 o'clock this morning in the chapel of the Washington Memorial at Valley Forge, Pa., the ceremony to be performed by the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, Episcopal clergyman in charge of the chapel.

Mr. Trucksess's father and mother and brother went to Philadelphia the first of the week to attend the marriake ceremony.

Mr. Truckses was an honor student in the Herron art school, and after his graduation was for some time an assistant in the deaprement of drawing. He had a scholarship from the school to do advanced study years under Eugene Savage in the cation.

art school of Yale, where he won several awards. Upon his graduation he received a scholarship from Yale entitling him to one summer's study in

Mr. Trucksess opened a studio in New York and among his commissions was that of mural painting for churches.

This fall Mr. Trucksess will take up his new work in the West as a member of the faculty in the art department of Colorado university.

Miss Hear came to Indianapolis several years ago to teach design in the Herron art school, having received her art training in Philadelphia, her home 1 town. She also took the place of Miss Ethelwynn Miller, who had a year's leave of absence, as head of the teachers' training department. Her work in the Herron summer school at Winona Lake brought her prominently before many art teachers over Indiana who 1 in New York and studied for two studied in her classes during their va-

LLOYD V. PEDIGO, 84. Brownsburg, died Saturday. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg, with calling from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. today. He owned Pedigo Car Sales 20 years, retiring in 1979. He was a member of Faith Congregational Church. Survivors: wife, Mamie Smith Pedigo: daughters, Gertrude Griner and Joyce Newby; sons, Robert and Charles W. Pedigo; sisters, Crystal Sering and Bernice Wilson: 14 grandchildren: 30 great-grandchildren.

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Plainfield Oil Co., Inc. Mr. Meridian, Indiana New Castle Tire Store New Castle, India 1.1. 101

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valued at \$1291.00 equipped with low pressure tires, rear view mirror automatic windshield wiper, four-wheel brakes, and the new doublefocus headlights; an all-expense-paid trip to Yellowstone National Park; a \$135 Freshman Radio receiving set; a \$110 diamond ring; and numerous cash prizes." On March 13, prizes were awarded. The winners were: Kathleen Canary of Pittsboro, first; Mrs. Powell, second; Edna Neal, third; Leota Neal, fourth; and LaRuth Scherer, fifth.

Campbell was forced to retire in 1936 due to failing health. Levi P. Anderson became the new owner. Anderson made use of many local pictures in his paper and his column "round the 'Burg 'n' this 'n' that" became quite popular. He changed the publication day to Thursday since it was better for housewives to get the grocery ads before doing their Friday evening marketing. Anderson was forced to retire due to ill health. In March 1953, he sold The Record to Don Campbell, the son of George Guy Campbell.

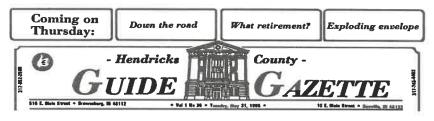
Don Campbell and wife Jean purchased the paper along with Don's brother Bob and wife Maxine. In 1954, Don was promoted to business manager of The Indianapolis Star and found his two jobs to be too much responsibility. He turned his interest in The Record over to his brother Bob and sister-in-law Maxine. Eventually, Don became Real Estate Feature Writer and Consumer Columnist for The Los Angeles Times.

Floyd Hufford worked for The Record in 1964. To demonstrate the difficulty in publishing the paper, it was Hufford's responsibility to take the copy after it was ready for publication to Zionsville to be set in Friden's. In other words, it was typed in columns and then taken on to Franklin for the paper to be put together and shot by camera, a process taking three to four hours. At that time The Record was eight to twelve pages in length.

Mid-State Newspapers purchased the eighty-four-year-old Brownsburg Record in December 1965. Its last issue was in January 1966 when it then merged with The Brownsburg Guide. The last editor was Don Siebert.

## The Brownsburg Guide/The Guide

The Brownsburg Guide, the first tabloid newspaper in Hendricks County, began publication on April 10, 1963 by Earl Neese. Don Richer was the founding editor. The town's newest periodical described its goal as "stressing local in-depth news, hard-hitting editorials, pictures, politics, controversial news and the complete elimination of personals such as who visited who for Sunday dinner." It used the newest in printing techniques — web-offset printing and the Polaroid camera. The sixteen page first issue was distributed free to 3000 readers. By the end of the year the paper had 3000 paid subscribers. Climbing to a paid subscribership of 5000, it soon became the largest paid circulating, weekly newspaper in the county. The parent company, Mid-State Newspapers, was comprised of five stockholders, Earl Neese, Jerry Neese, Don Richer, M. Dale Palmer, and Harlan Hinkle. Neese Printing Company later became a subsidiary of Mid-State Newspapers, Inc. In



February 1966, after absorbing The Brownsburg Record, both papers were replaced by *The Guide*.

The Westside Messenger, a free circulation newspaper from the Haughville area in western Indianapolis, was purchased by The Guide in 1968 and moved to the Speedway/Ben Davis area. Jerry Neese, Earl's son, assumed ownership of the newspapers in 1970 when Earl retired.

Through the years the publication went through many changes including size, distribution, name changes, and acquisitions, such as the purchase of The Danville Gazette. In the late 1980s, Earl Neese regained control of the paper and, shortly thereafter, sold it to Gary North. North operated it until 1993 when he sold it to Fred Davidson, who published it only one year. Davidson closed it down with the December 21, 1994 issue. There was, however, an ad in the last issue asking for subscribers.



## **Hendricks County Flyer**

The Hendricks County Flyer, originally a Plainfield single, tabloidsized shopper publication, was begun by Thomas L. and July Holznecht in March 1965. Lynn Hopper was hired to handle the editorial department in January 1973. The Flyer opened a Brownsburg office in the 1980s.

## Other Newspapers

Some papers where short lived but notable. These included The Centennial in 1914, with editor/publisher Virgil S. Watson and at the time piloted by Charles Sedgewick; The Brownsburg Voter, edited by Jean Campbell; The Reporter written by the Campbell's ten-year-old son; The Eaton Gaslight; and The Brownsburg Christian, published in 1923 by the Christian Church and delivered free to 500 homes in the community. During World War II, The American Legion published the Legionaire that was printed by the Jamestown Press. The County

Earl W. Neese



81, Port Richey, FL, formerly of Brownsburg, IN, passed away October 5, 2003. He was born August 6, 1922 in Brownsburg, IN to the late Earl B. and Lillie Irene

(Hamilton) Neese. Earl was a member of the United Methodist Church of Hudson FL, Elks Club in Hudson FL, Murat Temple and Scottish Rite in Indianapolis and the Brownsburg Masonic Lodge #241, where he was past master and a fifty year member. Earl was very proud to have served in the Army Air Corps in World War II as a tail gunner and he received many ribbons and medals including the bronze star.

He owned Neese Printing Co. from 1951 to 1963. In addition, he owned The Guide Newspaper from 1963 to 1969; he retired in 1969 and his son took over the operation. During his tenure at The Guide, other acquisitions included the Westside Messenger, The Brownsburg Record, Danville Gazette and the Brownsburg Shopper's Guide. After moving to Florida and following retirement, he worked for the Tampa Tribune Newspaper for ten years, and retired from there in 1982. While living in Florala, AL, Earl served as a City Councilman and was elected Mayor in 1995.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Margaret Jenkins Neese; one son, Jerry L. Neese of Ladoga, IN; one daughter, Joy Neese Leppert of Indianapolis, IN; three step-daughters, Connie Leone Lee of Freeport, FL,† Bonnie Lu Prescott of Lockhart, AL,†and Joyce Lynne Oaks of St. Joseph, IL;†one step-son, David Lawrence†Boston of Cloverdale, IN; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Earl's life will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday in Leppert Mortuary, Nora Chapel, with visitation from 10 a.m. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. in Solsberry (IN) Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Masonic Home for Widows and Orphans, 525 N. Illinois St. Indianapolis, IN

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