Martindale Family Developed Close Friendship With Indians

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John Martindale built a fort-blockhouse on his farm four miles west of Greens Fork, at the time of the Indian disturbances in Indiana Territory.

He was assisted by his sons, Elijah and C. William, and by neighbors, among them Charles Morgan, Reynolds Fielder, Jacob Gallian and Jonathan Shaw.

Shaw later saw the murder of Charles Morgan and the two Beasley boys, who were Morgan's half brothers. They were making maple sugar in a grove.

The Martindale fort was on the northern part of a strip of land that was known as Walnut Level. Instead of antagonizing a small group of Indians encamped nearby, the Martindale family encouraged their friendship.

Elijah Mendenhall, who later became an elder of the "New Light" Church, in his autobiography said he was born in the Laurence district of South Carolina, Nov. 10, 1783, and that he was 18 years old when the family moved to Wayne County.

John Martindale had to cut away trees and shrubs so that a horse hauling a wagon could proceed to the land which he had entered. He first settled near a large spring of water, but later built a cabin on the banks of a stream which received the name Martindale Creek.

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Earlham Gets Resignation Of Museum Head

Franklin Wallin, president of Earlham College, has accepted the resignation of Myron Vourax as Director of Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement, effective Jan. 1, 1977.

James Cope, director of the Earlham College Joseph Moore Museum, will serve as interim director while a successor is sought.

Conner Prairie is a historical restoration, near Noblesville, which is operated as a museum program of Earlham College.

Wallin expressed appreciation for the energy with which Vourax has developed the museum program at Conner Prairie in the five years of his directorship.

Off With The New, On With The Old

HAWI, Hawaii (UPI) — A considerable thief struck the boys' lavatory at the Halaula School annex.

Police said that he stole a new toilet seat from a stall and replaced it with an old one.

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