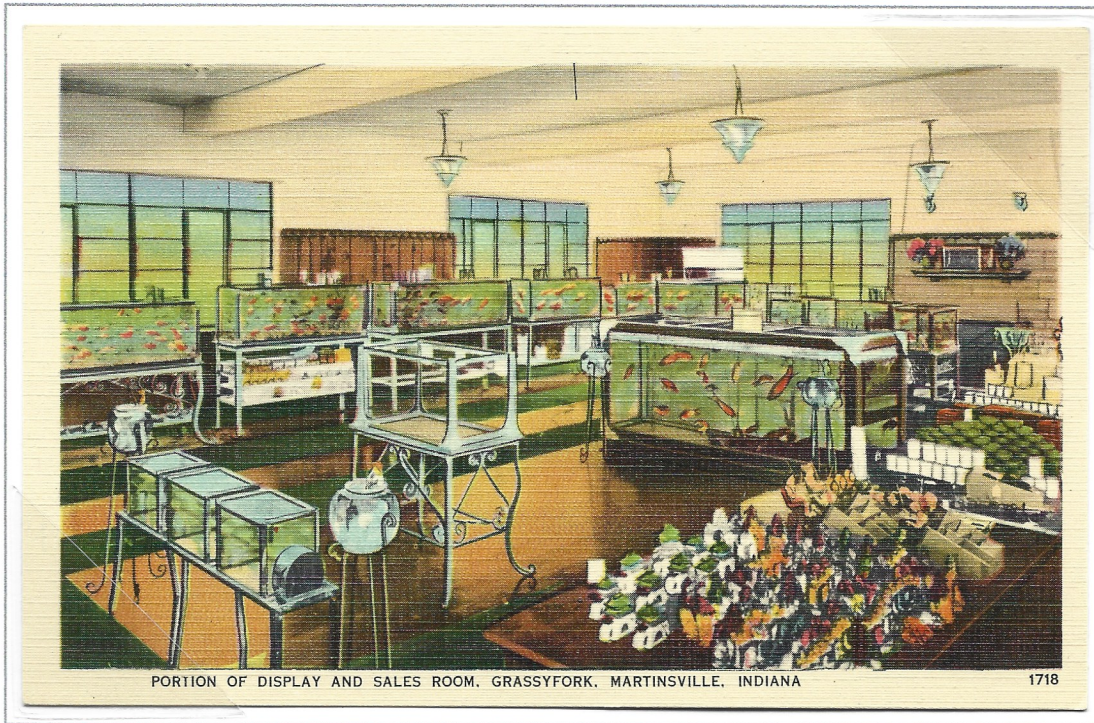




Fancy Goldfish by Susan B. Jones

Goldfish descend from a drab greenish-brown carp native to southern China. Chin Dynasty breeders (265-420 CE) noticed that carp occasionally appeared with red scales. By ca.1300 they had produced silver, black, gold, and mottled fish which became popular pets. In the 1500s and 1600s variations in fin shapes, color patterns, body forms, and eye shapes appeared. Interest in goldfish eventually spread around the world, reaching Western Europe in the 1700s and North America, Australia and New Zealand in the 1800s.



PORTION OF DISPLAY AND SALES ROOM, GRASSYFORK, MARTINSVILLE, INDIANA

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Postcard advertising Grassyfork Fisheries, established 1899.

With operations located in Southampton, England; Toronto, Canada; Saddle River, New Jersey; and Martinsville, Indiana (pictured).

Exotic Goldfish Issue of 1960, People's Republic of China.

Row 1: Bubble eye, Black-back dragon eye, Nostril bouquet, Blue dragon eye.

Row 2: Pearl scale, Red tiger eye, Purple cap, Red cap.

Row 3: Skyward eye, Red dragon eye, Red-and-white dragon eye, Red head.

